

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, 9/30/2022



Getting involved in school activities is one of the best ways for students to make high school a positive experience. Today we got to see that on display at Amity Regional High School's annual Club Day. This Spartan tradition gives student representatives from all of our co-curricular activities a chance to demonstrate who they are and what they do for the rest of the school, and it gives everyone else a chance to learn about and sign up for clubs and activities. We had more than 75 student-led organizations participating this year, and they represented a tremendous variety of ways for students to get involved with community service, pre-professional, social activism, academic, and hobby-focused activities. I hope you all take a few minutes this weekend to talk with your kids about what they learned at Club Day and how they plan to get more involved in the Amity community this year.

We will not have school on Wednesday, October 5, in observance of Yom Kippur. For those of you who observe the holiday, we wish you all a meaningful day, and "*G'mar chatimah tovah.*"

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **AP exam registration is officially open!** Use this link to register and pay for AP exams: <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>. College Board is strict about deadlines for registration, so please sign up on time! Registration is open from Friday, September 30, 2022 - Friday, November 4, 2022.
 - AP Exam Fee: \$102 per exam
 - AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees: \$150 per exam
 - Late Fee: Registration will reopen from November 18, 2022 - March 8, 2023 but will have a \$40 extra late fee (as set by College Board, not ARHS)

- Cancellation Fee: If you cancel by March 8, 2023, \$40 of your registration fee will go to College Board and the remaining will be refunded
- **Music In Motion is back and live on stage!!** We are so excited to bring to you this year's production entitled *Streaming!* Come join us for a fun night of music and movement with the Amity High School Band, Choir, Jazz Band & Percussion ensemble! Music from some of your favorite streaming TV shows and movies will be performed and we will be bringing it all to life for a fun evening for the whole family! Come experience a music theater production unlike anything you have seen before! Click [HERE](#) for tickets!! 7th and 8th grade students are free with a paying adult! We hope to see you there!!
- *Are you interested in marine biology and like to be outdoors? Would you enjoy a hands-on learning experience on the coral reefs of Bermuda?* If the answer was “YES” to any of these questions, come learn more about this course running from February through June 2023. Join us in BERMUDA! Come for an overview of the course, **Subtropical Environments (Bermuda)**, a 0.5 credit high school course, on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. We will meet in the lecture hall at Amity High School from 7-8 pm. The course is open to graduated 8th graders through grade 12.
- **The Homework Help Center** provides homework support and tutoring from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in the career center every Tuesday and Thursday on full school days. Peer tutors are available for help, and snacks are provided. Students can also request a one-to-one tutor to work with during study hall, SSP, or after school using this google link: <https://forms.gle/UjdkshG53Lu44PqD9>
- **October 12th PSAT programming:** Students in grade 9 will be taking the PSAT 8/9 during the school day. No registration will be needed. Students in grades 10 and 11 will be taking the PSAT during the school day. No registration will be required. All students in grade 12 will not be required to attend school and should use the day to make a college visit or work on college applications or other post-secondary plans.
- **Buy Your Yearbook:** The 2023 edition of Embers is now officially on sale! The current, special Back-to-School price is \$75, but hurry – this is a limited time offer! The cost will increase to \$85 on October 1st – that is tomorrow! Visit www.amityembers.com to reserve your copy today! Please be advised that the yearbooks are scheduled for a summer 2023 delivery.

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Rhode Island](#) is a public university, originally established around 1890. The [main campus](#) (one of five) is located in Kingston, Rhode Island, approximately 90 miles from the BOWA area and 8 miles from Narragansett Beach. A major research university, URI enrolls over 14,400 undergraduate students - 52% from Rhode Island. Students are offered over 100 [academic programs](#) and has a 17 to 1 student-faculty ratio. Campus life is active with over 130 [clubs and organizations](#) to choose from. URI is an NCAA-D1 university with 17 [sports teams](#) that compete in the

[Atlantic 10 Conference](#). [Annual tuition, room & board](#) is about \$48,000 (2022-2023) for out-of-state students. For more information, please visit URI's [admissions website](#), check out their [quick facts](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

“[Pharmacologists](#) study the effects of drugs and other chemicals on animals, humans and plants” (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, ucas.com, 2020). They are different from pharmacists, who prepare and dispense medicines/drugs. Simply put, pharmacists use the knowledge gained by pharmacologists, who create medicines/drugs. “[Pharmacology](#) is the science of how drugs act on biological systems and how the body responds to the drug” (aspet.com, 2022). The current [median salary](#) for pharmacologists is \$82,434 (payscale.com, 2022). According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, [medical scientists](#) can expect to see ***MUCH faster than average job growth at 17% through 2031*** (BLS,2021). For more information, please visit the [American Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics](#), the [American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics](#) or check out [this video](#).

Some colleges/universities that offer graduate and PhD programs in pharmacology include:

Univ of Rhode Island	U of North Carolina/Chapel Hill	U of California/San Diego
University of Washington	U of California/San Francisco	Johns Hopkins University
Mass Institute of Technology	Stanford University	University of Michigan
Duke University	Rutgers University	University of Pennsylvania
Yale University	University of Pittsburgh	Baylor University

Senior Happenings

- **Senior Yearbook Quotes:** Members of the Class of 2023 have been offered the opportunity to submit quotes that they feel represent them for inclusion alongside their senior portraits in the 2023 edition of *Embers*. Students may submit up to two quotes: a first and second choice. All quotes must meet the yearbook's standards, which can be found [here](#). Any quotes that do not meet these standards will not be printed in the yearbook. All submissions are due on October 31.

- **Yearbook Grad Ads:** Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers* 2023 yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! Visit amityembers.com for details!
- **Last Call for Senior Portraits:** "Last Chance" senior portraits will be taken on Wednesday, October 19th, and Thursday, October 20th. If your child didn't make an appointment over the summer, this will be the very last opportunity to have a portrait taken in time to be included in the yearbook. All students in need will receive appointment cards in the coming weeks. We want all our seniors to be in the yearbook, so please note that THERE IS NO CHARGE for this single-pose sitting. For multiple-pose sittings, please contact Robert Taylor Photography at (203)377-0739 to schedule an appointment at the studio. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org.

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Financial Aid Night Presentation:** The presentation from Financial Aid Night is available on the website. Please click [here](#) to access it.
- **Fall College visits are back!** We encourage Seniors to register for in-person visits through Naviance. See steps on how to register below:
 - Click on COLLEGES - RESEARCH COLLEGES - COLLEGE VISITS
 - Scroll through the listing of colleges
 - REGISTER for those visits you would like to attend
 - Obtain your pass from the Career Center
- See a list of [upcoming week's visit listing HERE](#). *This year we will limit each student to no more than 8 visits.* Visits are 30 minutes in length. If you unable attend a visit, updated notes will be posted on Naviance.
- **SENIORS - COULD YOU USE SOME HELP WITH THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS? ATTEND one or more of the 20-minute WORKSHOPS** (held during SSP times) and learn how to get started with your COMMON APP, using NAVIANCE with college applications, resume writing and how to send SAT or ACT TEST SCORES to colleges. **ALL sessions will be held in the CAREER CENTER during SSP periods on the following dates:**
 - COMMON APP Workshop - Mon 10/3, and Wed 10/19
 - Using NAVIANCE Workshop - Tues 10/4, and Mon 10/17
 - RESUME Writing Workshop -Thurs 10/6 and Fri 10/21
 - SENDING SAT or ACT SCORES to COLLEGES Workshop - Monday 10/24
 - [REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND!](#)
- **Attention Seniors & Families:** Need help with understanding the Free Application for Student Aid, aka the FAFSA? Want to learn more about need-

based financial aid? Join a live virtual event on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022 @ 7pm**. Learn helpful tips and valuable information on how to complete the FAFSA. [REGISTER HERE!](#) If you unable to attend, you can still register, and a link will be sent to you for the recording of the event.

- **Upcoming/Local Volunteer Opportunities!**

- **Woodbridge Club fundraiser event on Saturday evening, October 15th from 5:00pm-9:30pm**. Please email Mrs. Conley, School Counselor, at lisa.conley@amityregion5.org or sign up with Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **Beecher Road Elementary School** is looking for volunteers for their annual **Halloween Hoot on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022**, from 11am-3pm. Rain date will be Oct. 23rd. Please sign up in the Career Center.
- **Bethany Harvest Festival** is looking for volunteers to help out from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 2. You can use this QR code to learn



more and to sign up to help out:

- **Are you 16 yrs. or older and interested in working part-time?** If so, many jobs have become available within your community. Check out recent job opportunities posted outside of the Career Center window. If you have questions, please stop by the Career Center and speak with Mrs. Vallie.
- **The ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School **on Tuesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:30 am** in the Lecture Hall (room 138). Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be offered through an online format. **Students may [register to take the test by signing up here](#)**. While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test*. **Taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test does not obligate students to enlist!** Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).
- **For students who are interested in attending the Military Academy at West Point:** The USMA at West Point is hosting an information session at the University of Connecticut on Wednesday evening, October 5, 2022 at 7pm. Click here for detailed information about this event. Here is the RSVP link for quick reference: <https://forms.office.com/r/wdXx1dehuh>.
 - CLICK [HERE for October 1st](#) (9am-12noon) event at the HARTFORD CAMPUS
 - CLICK [HERE for October 22nd](#) (9am-1pm) event at the STRATFORD CAMPUS

Athletics

- The QR code for athletic event ticket sales is here, or you can use the following link to purchase your tickets: <https://gofan.co/app/school/CT17350>



Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Membership sign ups have begun! Join here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxdB1gAEQ-ukkACc3cB76EgXfC3rAxeuQYtZZ7gZfawF8AFg/viewform>
- For PayPal payment: https://www.paypal.me/AthleticsBoosterClub?locale.x=en_US
- The Booster Club is a parent run organization that prides itself with supporting the athletes, coaches, and our trainer. The support we give through volunteering and fundraising help contribute towards equipment needs, facility updates and scholarships, to just name a few. Please join us for our monthly meetings at 6:30pm in room 501. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 6. You will hear about our upcoming events and can share any ideas you have with us.
- Please like and follow us on Facebook at Amity HS Athletics Booster Club for complete up to date info and upcoming events.
- Soon, we will begin our first fundraiser. We will be collecting gently used and new shoes and sneakers. More info to come.
- Available now! "A" decal stickers and yard signs are back. Decal stickers are \$5 each and "Amity Proud" yard signs are \$15 each. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. Look for us at home games, too!

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- Some of the financial classes at Amity High School are attending the Connex Credit Union Financial Reality Fair on October 18th at Cheshire High School. Parent volunteers are needed to help out from 7:30 to 2:30 or whatever your schedule allows. If you are interested please email Cindy Visnic at cindyvisnic@gmail.com.
- **Join the PTSO:** Support your student(s) and the school by joining the PTSO today! To access our membership form, please visit our website amityptso.org, click on Membership, and then Click Here to join!
- **Attend our monthly meetings:** Please join us on Thursday, October 20th at 7pm for our next meeting in the school's media center. We hope to see you there!

- **Donations through Amazon Smile:** Support us every time you shop, at no cost to you, by visiting [this site](#) and selecting Amity High School PTSO Inc as the charity of your choice.
- **Volunteers needed:** If you are interested in helping out with activities and events throughout the school year, please send an email to arhsptso@gmail.com.