

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, 9/30/2022

After taking next Monday off from school, we will have two special scheduled days next week, and both will follow an early dismissal schedule for our students.

The first is Wednesday, October 12, when our students in grades 9-11 will be taking their grade-level-specific version of the PSAT test and students in grade 12 will have the opportunity to spend the day exploring their post-secondary plans. Detailed information about the day is provided in the next section of the Community Happenings message.

That will be followed by the Day of Dialogue on Thursday, October 13, which is part of the One Book, One Amity program. The day will start with students attending class for Periods 5, 6, and 7, after which they will have the opportunity to attend workshops and presentations on a variety of topics connected to the OBOA theme of "Going Global." This is sure to be an informative event, and we want to thank all the parents, community members, and organizations that have volunteered their time and resources to help ensure that it is a success.

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **October 12th PSAT programming:** Students in grade 9-11 will be taking the PSAT 8/9 during the school day. All students and parents in these grades received an email from the Counseling department on Thursday with information on what to bring, how to prepare, and room assignments for the day. Dismissal will take place at 12:12 pm. 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.
- **Support for Hurricane Fiona Relief:** The National Spanish Honor Society is collecting monetary donations for a Relief Fund to help Puerto Rico after Hurricane Fiona. We will have a movie night

event Friday 10/14 and a table during all lunch waves. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

- **Updating Your Child's Health Information:** Parents, please take a moment to update your child's health information on file with us, and if you have already done so for this year, please check to make sure it was complete when you submitted it. You can do this by logging into the PowerSchool Parent Portal, clicking on Forms on the left-hand side of your child's page and filling out the new information under the "Health Information Form" section called Health Information Addendum. This form includes parent permission for Tylenol and Calagel along with listing any medications your student may need such as epi pens or inhalers. If your student carries their epi pen or inhaler, we still must have a medication authorization on file. The medication authorization form can be found within the form as well. If you are having trouble logging into the PowerSchool Parent Portal contact helpdesk@amityregion5.org. Please have this information updated by Friday, October 7, 2022. Thank you!
- **The National Art Honor Society** is about to end their annual Calendar Sales. This award-winning calendar is filled with beautiful artwork and all the district dates you need. The cost is \$10. If you would like to purchase a calendar, please contact Jessica.zamachaj@amityregion5.org. The money supports the visual arts program at ARHS.
- **Attention Junior Class Parents – a message from the Junior Class Officers:** Our Class of 2024 apparel is here and is officially on sale. We encourage all members of the junior class to purchase class apparel, as it funds class events, increases school spirit, and helps our class come together as a community. Sales will be closing on Friday, October 21st. Please consider purchasing one for your junior. Please see the attached form titled "Junior Class Apparel Form" for ordering information and apparel options.
- **Class of 2025 Monthly Bottle and Can Drive:** The Class of 2025 class council will be out in the bus loop next Saturday between the hours of 10 - 1 to collect redeemable bottles and cans. Proceeds benefit the Sophomore Class.
- **AP exam registration is officially open!** Use this link to register and pay for AP exams: <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>. The 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.
- **Music In Motion is back and live on stage on Friday, Oct. 28!!** 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!!
- **Bermuda Program Information Night:** *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.
- **Buy Your Yearbook:** The special back-to-school yearbook sale has now ended, and the regular sales window is now open. The cost for a yearbook is now \$85. This price will remain in place for

the remainder of the school year. Visit amitymembers.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

[Marywood University](#) (MU) is a private, Catholic institution located in Scranton, Pennsylvania, about a 3-hour drive from the BOWA area. MU enrolls approximately 2,000 undergraduate students who choose from over [50 academic programs](#). Most popular or unusual majors include architecture, business, nursing, criminal justice, aviation management and art therapy, as well as some 4+1 (BS/MS) programs. Campus is always active with over 100 [clubs and organizations](#) and 25 [club](#) and [intramural](#) sports teams to choose from. MU's 23 NCAA-D3 [sports teams](#) compete in the [Atlantic East Conference](#) and includes an [Esports](#) team. Annual [tuition, room & board](#) is approximately \$53,000 (2022-2023). Merit scholarships are available to all accepted students, ranging from 17K to 24K per year. For more information, contact MU's [admissions office](#), check out their [fast facts](#) or attend an upcoming Open House on [10/29/22](#) or [11/12/22](#).

"[Architects](#) plan and design houses, factories, office buildings, and other structures", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). While most of their time is spent in an office, [architects](#) do make visits to job sites during various stages of construction. To work in this career, architects must complete a bachelor's degree in architecture, gain work experience through jobs and/or internships, then pass the [Architect Registration Exam](#) (ARE). The average salary for architects is \$80,180 and slower than average (3%) job growth is expected through 2031. However, job openings are expected due to transfers and retirements (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites; the [American Institute of Architects](#), the [American Institute of Architecture Students](#) and the [National Organization of Minority Architects](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in architecture include:

Marywood University
College of Holy Cross
SUNY/Stony Brook
Ithaca College
Coll of the Atlantic
Rutgers University

University of Hartford
Keene State College
Boston Architectural Coll
UMASS/Amherst
UMAINE/Augusta
Unity College

Univ of Rhode Island
Univ of Central Florida
Drexel University
Wentworth Inst of Tech
Rensselaer Poly Tech
Roger Williams Univ

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Senior Happenings

- **FEE-FREE DAY for college applications at all CT state universities:** November 15 is Application Fee-Free Day with all 5 of our CT State Universities, so apply on November 15th and save money! This includes: UCONN, Southern CT, Central CT, Western CT, and Eastern CT.
- **"Last Chance" Senior Portrait Appointments:** "Last Chance" senior portraits will be taken on Wednesday, October 19th, and Thursday, October 20th. All students in need should have received appointment cards in their math classes this week. These indicate students' appointment dates and times as well as provide additional information regarding their sittings. They also serve as students' passes to leave their study hall, SSP, or class for their sittings. Students can also view the full schedule of appointments using the link posted in the Class of

2023 Google Classroom. Please note that THERE IS NO CHARGE for these single-rose sittings. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark, and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org.

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **College Essay Writing Workshop!** Are you feeling daunted by the task of writing your college admissions essay? Receive help with a one-on-one Yale graduate student volunteer! Whether you are in the early brainstorming stage or want another set of eyes on your final draft, this will be an opportunity to get personal feedback!
- **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 - Wed 10/19**
 - **Using NAVIANCE Workshop - Mon 10/17**
 - **RESUME Writing Workshop - Fri 10/21**
 - **SENDING SAT or ACT SCORES to COLLEGES Workshop - Monday 10/24** [REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND!](#)
- **SENIORS - need help filling out your FAFSA?** New Haven Promise is joining forces with the State Department of Education and others to host a series of FAFSA and college access workshops for the Class of 2023. ***Financial aid professionals will be on hand to help students and families complete the FAFSA*** and learn about the process of need-based federal aid. Those who register will receive a checklist of items that they will need to have during the workshop to successfully complete the process. Zoom call details will be sent in advance of the meeting. **OR** check out this YouTube video-[How to file a FAFSA form](#). **VIRTUAL WORKSHOP DATES ARE: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**
 - 10/13 @ 6PM
 - 10/18 @ 6PM
 - 10/26 @ 6PM (in Spanish)
 - 11/5 @ 11AM (Saturday)
 - 11/10 @ 6PM
 - 11/16 @ 6PM
 - 11/26 @ 11AM (Saturday)
- **JUNIORS & SENIORS** - If you are interested in learning more about NROTC scholarships for college, please attend a **brief meeting on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25th at 11:00 OR 11:30am in the Career Center**. Sgt. Andrew Dahl of the US Marine Corps will conduct a brief session on NROTC scholarships and how to apply for them. For more [information, click here](#).
- **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 are unable to attend a visit, updated notes will be posted on Naviance.

- **Upcoming/Local Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - **Turkey Hill School Harvest Hoot** is looking for volunteers for their Harvest Hoot Event at **Treat Farms** in Orange on Friday, October 14, 2022. If you are interested in helping please click [HERE](#).
 - **Beecher Road Elementary School** is looking for volunteers for their annual **Halloween Hoot** on **Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022**, from 11am-3pm. The rain date will be Oct. 23rd. Please sign up in the Career Center.
 - **Bethany Middle School** needs volunteers for their **Halloween Spooktacular** on Friday, October 28th from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. Please contact Nancy Pfund at npfund@woodbridgect.org or call 203-389-3464.
 - The **Funtober** at **High Plains Community Center** needs volunteers from 12-4pm. Students will help with games, passing out water/food, etc. Please email Jessica Simone at jsimone@orange-ct.gov.
 - The **Orange Volunteer Fire Dept. Haunted Firehouse** event on Friday, Oct. 28th and Saturday, Oct. 29th from 6-10pm needs volunteers who are willing to dress up and act for the haunted house. Please email Jessica Simone at jsimone@orange-ct.gov.
- **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](#). **The deadline to sign up for ASVAB is Wednesday, Oct. 12th.**
- Interested in becoming an **Aviation Technician**? Check out these upcoming **OPEN HOUSE EVENTS** in Hartford and Stratford, sponsored by the [Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians](#), a division of the Bristol Education Center. CLICK [HERE for October 22nd](#) (9am-1pm) event at the STRATFORD CAMPUS.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Membership signups are going on now! Help us to support ALL athletes by becoming a member today! Join here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxdB1gAEQ-ukkACc3cB76EgXfC3rAxeuQYtZZ7gZfawF8AFg/viewform>
- For PayPal payment: https://www.paypal.me/AthleticsBoosterClub?locale.x=en_US
- Please join us for our monthly meetings! We meet the first Thursday of every month in AHS room 501 at 6:30pm.
- Please like and follow us on Facebook at Amity HS Athletics Booster Club (<https://www.facebook.com/goamityspartans>) for complete up to date info and upcoming events.
- In mid-October, we will begin our first fundraiser. We will be collecting gently used, new shoes and sneakers. More info to come.
- Available now! "A" decal stickers and yard signs are back. Decal stickers are \$5 each, "Amity Proud" yard signs are \$15 each and yellow or black pom poms are \$1 each. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. We will drop off to you within a day or two.
- Catch the Spartans Spirit! Good luck this weekend Amity athletes!

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Volunteers needed:** Some of the financial classes at ARHS are attending the Connex Credit Union Financial Reality Fair on October 18th at Cheshire High School. Parent volunteers are needed from 7:30am to 2:30pm or whatever your schedule allows. If you are interested in helping, please email Cindy Visnic at cindyvisnic@gmail.com.
- **PTSO needs your support:** Support your student 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.

Attached Files

[NSHS movie night 2022.pdf](#)

[Junior Class Apparel Form.pdf](#)

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