

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, October 14, 2022

Our annual Club Day two weeks ago was a great success, with student representatives from more than 70 clubs and activities providing information for their peers about ways to get involved in school activities. If you want to learn more about it, we have a video about the day posted on our school website at <https://www.amityregion5.org/arhs>, or you can access the video directly with this link: <https://app.peersuma.com/player?id=648>.

We had two special scheduled days this week. The first was on Wednesday to give our students in grades 9 – 11 the opportunity to take the PSAT assessment and to give our seniors the opportunity to spend the day working on their post-secondary planning and college applications. After that we held the *Day of Dialogue* on Thursday. This was Amity's sixth annual *Day of Dialogue*, and our activities focused on this year's *One Book, One Amity* theme of "Going Global". Our students attended a keynote presentation from IRIS, Connecticut's largest refugee resettlement agency, and two workshops of their choice selected from more than 30 options presented by a combination of ARHS faculty members and volunteers from the community.

Sadly, on Thursday we also learned about the tragic deaths of two members of the Bristol Police Department. Today we observed a schoolwide moment of silence in their honor following this dedication that was announced to the school:

By now most of you have probably heard the tragic news regarding the three Bristol police officers who were shot in the line of duty, two of them fatally, late Wednesday night while responding to what they believed was a report of domestic violence. Here at Amity, along with schools throughout the state, we are flying our flags at half-mast, and we will continue to do so until the two slain officers' funerals, as a sign of respect and appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

The importance of that service and sacrifice were summed up by Bristol Police Chief Brian Gould yesterday, who had this to say about his officers:

"The men and women of the Bristol Police Department are privileged and honored to serve on the front lines protecting and serving the community of Bristol, and that's what these heroes did last night. They answered a call to duty, and they responded without hesitation. That's what they did every night before that, and that's what all our officers do and will continue to do day after

day. And to all of those that serve on our front lines, we thank you for the outpouring of support, and thank you for what you do on a daily basis.”

I ask that you all please join me now in a moment of silence to honor the memories of Sgt. Dustin Demonte and Officer Alex Hamzy.

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Class of 2025 Monthly Bottle and Can Drive:** The Class of 2025 class council will be out in the bus loop this Saturday between the hours of 10 - 1 to collect redeemable bottles and cans. Monthly drives will be held on the third Saturday of every month, and the proceeds benefit the Sophomore Class.
- **9th Grade Tailgate:** Attention Ninth Grade Parents and Class of 2026! Link Crew is hosting its annual Ninth Grade Tailgate on Friday, October 21, for all students in the Class of 2026 before the Amity home football game. The tailgate will be held on the practice football field from 6—7 pm. Ninth graders who attend will also be allowed into the football game afterwards free of charge. The tailgate features music, free food, games, and fun with the Link Leaders. Ninth graders are encouraged to wear Amity gear and come out for an evening of school spirit. There is no charge for the Class of 2026 to attend this annual event!
- **Educators Rising** is sponsoring their 2nd annual "Increasing Educator Diversity Symposium" at Quinnipiac University on Wednesday, November 16, from 8:15am to 1:30pm. Students are invited to attend. If interested, please see the attached [flyer here](#) for additional information.
- **Music In Motion is back and live on stage on Friday, Oct. 28!!** Come join us for a fun night of music and movement with the Amity High School Band, Choir, Jazz Band & Percussion ensemble! 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:** 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 cost for a yearbook is now \$85. This price will remain in place for the remainder of the school year. Visit 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

[Keene State College](#) (KSC) is a public, liberal arts college located in Keene, New Hampshire, about 140 miles from the BOWA area. KSC enrolls approximately 2,900 undergraduate students - 51% are from outside of New Hampshire. Students can choose from over 40 [academic programs](#); a few of the most popular majors are business, journalism, nursing, film studies, architecture and criminal justice. Campus life is active with many social events and over 60 [clubs and organizations](#) to participate in. KSC's 20

NCAA-D3 [athletic teams](#) compete in the [Little East Conference](#). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is \$39,071.00 (2022-2023). **KSC is a test-score optional college and admission applications are FREE!** For more information, please visit KSC's [admissions website](#), register [HERE for the November 4th Open House](#) event or take a [virtual tour](#) of the campus.

“[Occupational health and safety specialists](#) and technicians collect data on and analyze many types of work environments and work procedures”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Occupational health and safe specialists](#) and technicians work to promote safe environments for workers and to prevent accidents. To obtain an entry level job in this field, most must earn a bachelor’s degree in Occupational Health & Safety or a related field. The average salary is \$74,870 and average job growth (5%) is expected through 2031 (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Society of Safety Professionals](#), the [American Biological Safety Association](#), and the [American Industrial Hygiene Association](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in Occupational Health & Safety include:

Keene State College	UMASS/Lowell	University of New Haven
Thomas Jefferson Univ	UNC/Charlotte	NC A&T University
Rochester Inst of Tech	University of Akron	University of Houston

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **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**. Register at [fafsact.org](#)
- **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](#).
- **College Visits!** See a list of [upcoming week’s visit listing HERE](#). Visits are 30 minutes in length. If you are unable to 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 **ALL sessions will be held in the CAREER CENTER during SSP periods on the following dates:**
 - **Using NAVIANCE Workshop - Mon 10/17**
 - **COMMON APP Workshop - Wed 10/19**
 - **RESUME Writing Workshop - Fri 10/21**
 - **SENDING SAT or ACT SCORES to COLLEGES Workshop - Monday 10/24 REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND!**
- **Upcoming/Local Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - **Bethany Middle School Halloween Spooktacular**-Friday, October 28th 6:00pm to 9:30pm. Email Nancy Pfund at npfund@woodbridgect.org or call 203-389-3464.
 - The **Funtober at High Plains Community Center**-Saturday, October 22nd, 12-4pm. Rain date–Oct. 23rd. 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**-Friday, Oct. 28th and Saturday, Oct. 29th 6-10pm. Must be willing to dress up and act for the haunted house. Please email Jessica Simone at jimone@orange-ct.gov.
- 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.

Athletic Department

- As a part of our increased effort to provide a safe environment at football games, backpacks and any other large storage bags or containers, as well as outside food and beverages, will no longer be allowed into the stadium during football games. This includes water bottles, jugs, or other containers (coffee cups, etc....). A full menu of food and beverages will be on sale at each game, which supports our local youth football program. Thank you for supporting us in our efforts to provide a safe and enjoyable environment at our large events and supporting the youth of our district.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Some people were not able to access the QR code in the Athletics Booster Club message that went out earlier this week, so we are including that message as a pdf attached to the Happenings newsletter. If you need the membership QR code, you can access it in the attachment.
- 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 at AHS room 501 at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 3rd.
- 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.
- At the home football game on October 21st, we will begin collecting gently used and new sneakers and cleats. We will be collecting through the Thanksgiving Day game. There are 2 drop offs: the entrance to the stadium and in the front hallway at the high school.
- 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 it off to you within a day or 2.
- 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 this Tuesday, 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:** Join the PTSO today to support your student and the school! To access our membership form, please visit our website amityptso.org, click on Membership, and then Click Here to join!
- **Attend our monthly meetings:** We hope to see you at our next meeting this coming Thursday, October 20th at 7pm in the media center!
- **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

[Athletic Booster Club newsletter - Oct 2022.pdf](#)

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