

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, October 14, 2022

There are so many good things happening every week at Amity Regional High School that sometimes it is hard to figure out which ones to focus on for each week's Community Happenings newsletter, but this is not one of those weeks. Over the course of this week, we have hosted a series of events that all had one thing in common: each highlighted members of the school community coming together to build a more connected community and to make the lives of others better.

It started on Tuesday, when our National Honor Society members and advisors partnered with the Red Cross to host a blood drive that collected more than 30 pints of blood. Some came from first-time student donors while other donations came from faculty and staff members who may have donated blood a hundred times or more. What they all had in common was that each donor is a literal lifesaver, and that there was so much interest in donating that we ran out of appointment spots to fill.

Then on Thursday afternoon our turf field was the site of a five-team Unified Soccer tournament hosted by ARHS. Unified Sports provide opportunities for students with significant disabilities to compete in interscholastic athletics, and those of you who have been fortunate enough to attend a Unified Sports event in the past know that the joy is contagious and that you will never see a better display of pure sportsmanship than when the Unified athletes and partners take the field. The list of faculty, staff, and students who worked together to make the tournament a success is too long to list, but the football, girls' soccer, and girls' cross-country teams all deserve a specific shout-out for joining and serving as a cheering section when their practices ended Thursday afternoon.

And this afternoon our Link Crew leaders will be hosting the 9th grade tailgate party before the football game, just another example of our Amity students putting in the extra effort to make sure everyone at ARHS has a welcome place in the Amity Army, and another reason I am proud to serve as their principal.

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Underclass Portrait Distribution:** Portrait packages for students in grades 9, 10, and 11 were distributed during first period on Tuesday, October 18. Students who do not have a first-period class or who have physical education first period received their packages in their English classes. Those students whose families did not order portrait packages should have received electronic proof cards with instructions for how to place an order online—it's not too late to do so! Parents who ordered digital downloads should have already received their download codes via e-mail at this time. All proofs and download codes were sent from "The Image Connection." If you believe you may be missing either or both e-mails, please check your spam folder.
- **Underclass Photo Makeups and Retakes:** Underclass photo makeup and retake sessions will be held on Thursday, November 3, in the library. No appointments are necessary; students may drop by during either their SSP session or a study hall period. Makeup sittings are free for any students who were absent on their original picture day in September, but there is a \$5 fee for retakes; checks should be made out to Robert Taylor Photography. Students desiring retakes will also need to return their original photo packages, including all photos.
- **Eighth Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night:** Interested in purchasing a grad ad? Not sure where to begin? Our eighth annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the ARHS library media center (conveniently scheduled on the same night as parent-teacher conferences). Take care of everything at once—complete all the paperwork, pay (cash or check), scan your photos, sit down with a yearbook staff member to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior, and approve it right on the spot. You can sign up on the yearbook website, or by clicking [here](#). Sample ads from previous ads are also available for viewing [here](#).
- **Lunch on Early Dismissal Days:** Amity Regional School District is making lunch available for all students on half days and early dismissal days (ex. Inclement weather early dismissal). The meal provided will be a brown bag lunch that students will take with them as they leave for the day. Students will need to check out through the cafeteria lunch line to scan or enter their ID number. Meals remain free through the end of December. Meal service on half days and early dismissal days is a permanent change. Brown bag lunches will be available for purchase on half days or early dismissal days once the free meal provision ends. A la carte offerings will not be available at dismissal in order to expedite students through the cashier line. Students should take the meal home with them. Students should not consume the meal on the bus or discard the trash on the bus.
- **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!

Senior Happenings

- **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
- **SENIORS – Could you use some help with sending your SAT or ACT SCORES to COLLEGE?** Join our 20-minute workshop (held during SSP) in the Career Center on Monday 10/24! REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND! 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](#).

- **Senior Yearbook Pose Selection:** Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by Tuesday, November 1st. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found on the [senior FAQ page](#) on the yearbook website, [amityembers.com](#).
- **Senior Yearbook Quote Submissions:** Members of the Class of 2023 have 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. Students can access both the standards and the submission form in the Class of 2023 Google Classroom. All submissions are due on October 31.
- **Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook:** The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for inclusion in *Embers* 2023. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! Visit [amityembers.com](#) and click "Submit Photos" beneath either the "For Seniors" or "For Parents" tabs. Please send only high-resolution photos and note that we cannot print any copyrighted professional portraits. Please keep submissions to just one per student. If you submit more than one, the yearbook staff will select a single photo for inclusion in the yearbook. All photo submissions are due on Friday, December 16. Write to embers@amityschools.org with any clarifying questions.
- **Senior Throwback Photos for the Yearbook:** The yearbook staff is collecting "throwback" photos of current seniors to be featured in the yearbook. The inclusion of these photos is an opportunity for seniors to highlight their shared experiences and memories from "back in the day" with some of their oldest friends—fellow seniors who they've known for many years, possibly going back to the very beginning of their education (or before). Please send in your photos using the submission form on the yearbook website, [amityembers.com](#). Submissions are due on Friday, December 16.

College and Career of the Week

[Lasell University](#) is a private university located in Newton, Massachusetts, approximately 8 miles outside of Boston. LU enrolls about 1,300 undergraduate students and offers over [60 academic programs](#). Despite the program, all undergraduates must complete at least one [internship](#). Most popular programs include business, communications, psychology, fashion design & production, and tourism. 74% of LU's students live on campus and participate in the many [clubs](#) and activities offered. There are 17 NCAA-D3 [athletic teams](#) that compete in the [Great Northeast Athletic Conference](#). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) is \$39,500.00 (2023-2024). To learn more, please visit LU's [admissions website](#), read their [fast facts](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

"[Fashion designers](#) create clothing, accessories, and footwear", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Fashion designers](#) typically work for apparel and manufacturing companies, design firms, and arts organizations such as the film industry. Most jobs in this occupation are in New York or California and a bachelor's degree is usually required for entry level positions. The average salary is \$77,450 and *slower than average* job growth (3%) is expected through 2031 (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [Council of Fashion Designers of America](#), the [American Apparel and Footwear Association](#), and the [International Textile and Apparel Association](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in Fashion Design include:

Lasell University
UMASS/Dartmouth
Fisher College
Marist College
St John's University
CUNY/College of Tech

Fashion Inst of Tech
Sacred Heart University
Drexel University
LIM College
Univ of Rhode Island
California Coll of the Arts

RI School of Design
Bentley University
FIDM-Los Angeles
Maine Coll of Art & Design
So New Hampshire Univ
Johnson & Wales Univ

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices.

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **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.
- **U.S. NAVY VISIT-** A representative from the United States Navy will be visiting Amity High School during all lunch waves on Wednesday, October 26th from 10:30am to 12:30pm. This visit will be set up outside of the cafeteria to chat with interested students.
- **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.
 - **Orange Volunteer Fire Dept. Haunted Firehouse-Friday, Oct. 28th, Saturday, Oct. 29th 6-10pm.** Must be willing to dress up and act for the haunted house. Please email Jessica Simone at jsimone@orange-ct.gov.
- **SUPER SUNDAY at WCSU!** The Department of Theatre at Western Connecticut State University will be hosting **"Super Sunday"** on **Sunday, October 30th from 8:30am to 4:30pm**. Super Sunday is a free event and great opportunity for students to visit their facilities to tour the WCSU state-of-the-art Visual and Performing Art Center as well as a variety of interactive workshops like Scenic Painting, Props and Lighting, Stage Management, Acting and Auditioning, Stage Design, etc.; Included is a free matinee of their mainstage musical ***Bat Boy: The Musical***. Please visit their [website](#) to register. Registration ends Oct. 24th!

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

- **SNEAKER & SHOE FUNDRAISER, Fall 2022:** Amity High School Athletics Booster Club is holding a sneaker and shoe drive fundraiser from October 21 to November 25. Collection boxes will be inside of the stadium and in front of the school. The Booster Club will earn funds based on the total quantity of gently worn, used, and new sneakers and shoes collected. GotSneakers, a social enterprise, will issue funds in compensation for the collected sneakers. Those funds will benefit our student athletes and coaches. Anyone can help by simply donating gently worn, used, and

new sneakers and shoes. GotSneakers has developed a unique fundraising program that asks communities to reach into their closets, not their pockets! The sneaker recycling program helps keep sneakers and shoes out of landfills, which has harmful effects on our environment. The program is truly a win-win! Learn more about GotSneakers by visiting their website at www.gotsneakers.com. Thank you for your continued support!

- 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 shoes, 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. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. Cash or PayPal payments accepted. 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

- **Support us today!:** Join the PTSO to support your student and the school! To access our membership form, please visit amityptso.org, click on Membership, and then Click Here to join!
- **Attend our monthly meetings:** Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 17th at 7pm in the 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.

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