

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, October 28, 2022

As always, we have had a busy week at Amity Regional High School, with Quarter 1 ending, Quarter 2 starting, and several of our athletic teams participating in the SCC tournament competition. In addition, sign-ups for Parent-Teacher conferences began yesterday, and the instructions for reserving your meeting times were emailed home on Thursday morning. We hope to see you all at the in-person conference day on Nov. 10 or at one of our two virtual conference dates on Nov. 16 or Dec. 7.

Our students are constantly engaged in positive events and activities that don't always get the publicity that they should, and today I am happy to share links to two of them with you. The first is our One Book, One Amity *Day of Dialogue* that happened in mid-October, and the link to a short video about it is here: <https://app.peersuma.com/player?id=680>. The second is our Science Research Program, a multi-year opportunity to students interested in a career in research, which was featured on WTNH Channel 8's "What's Right With Schools" program this Tuesday. To hear about it directly from some of our students and faculty, check out the video here: <https://www.wtnh.com/on-air/whats-right-with-schools-on-air/whats-right-with-schools-students-take-on-research-projects-at-amity-high-school/>

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Safe Driving is for everyone:** We have a few safe driving reminders for adults entering ARHS from Newton Road in the morning. If you are turning from Newton into the school parking lot, please remember to use your turn signal so that the officer directing traffic knows how to direct you. In addition to being safer, it will get you into the parking lot faster. And if you are dropping your child off for school, remember that the appropriate location to do this is at the North Pease Road entrance, not along the side of Newton Road or Old Mill Road. These locations require students to cross through traffic, which is not a safe alternative with the volume of morning traffic in this area.

- **Chipotle Fundraiser:** The Class of 2023 is having a Chipotle Fundraiser on November 5th, in Milford, from 5:00pm-9:00pm. Please show [this flyer](#) when you check out. Thanks for your support, Amity!
- **Homecoming Dance Tickets:** The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 7:00-10:00 pm. Tickets for the dance cost \$22, and they will be on sale until Nov. 13. Tickets can be purchased through the “Forms” function of PowerSchool. Information on dance expectations and parameters can be found on the Homecoming Ticket Form in PowerSchool. Students can purchase tickets for guests from other schools as space permits. Students bringing a non-Amity guest must complete a Homecoming [Permission Slip](#) (available at this link) that must be completed and returned to their administrator by Monday, November 14, 2022.
- **Interested in Science or Teaching as a career?** Consider enrolling in Science Mentorship, a 0.5 credit science elective that meets 2:30-3:30 each Wednesday from Nov 30 to April 19th. Interested students should get an application from Mrs. Nork (room 253) or Mrs. Nevolis (room 274) or see the bulletin board in the science hallway. Applications are due by Friday, Nov 18th!
- **Eighth Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night:** *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. 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](#).

Senior Happenings

- **SENIORS - are you applying to any of the following colleges?**
 - SOUTHERN CT STATE
 - UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
 - SUNY/STONY BROOK
 - CENTRAL CT STATE
 - SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY**
 - QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
 - EASTERN CT STATE**
 - WESTERN CT STATE
 - ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE

College representatives will be HERE to host ON-SITE ACCEPTANCE DAYS in late November/early December. ON-SITE DAYS are like EARLY ACTION applications; you will receive an admissions decision that day. (** will conduct INTERVIEWS ONLY.) Applications MUST be submitted to the college at least 2 weeks before the event. [REGISTER HERE](#) to attend ANY of these upcoming events.

College and Career of the Week

[Roanoke College](#) (RC) is in Salem, Virginia just outside the city of Roanoke, and is surrounded by the Appalachian and Blue Ridge mountains. RC enrolls approximately 1,900 students and offers a wide range of [liberal arts programs](#). RC promotes the idea that learning should be fun. Beginning in freshman year, RC’s [core curriculum](#) allows students to choose core courses that are specific to their major or area of interest. Students enjoy a variety of [clubs](#) and activities on campus and there are 23 NCAA-D3 [athletic teams](#) that compete in the [Old Dominion Athletic Conference](#). Annual [tuition, room & board](#) is \$52,140 (2023-2024). Merit aid is based solely on GPA, and the average financial aid award ranges between 10-

21K per year. To learn more, please visit RC's [admissions website](#), check out their "[at a glance](#)" page or take a [virtual tour of campus](#).

"[School psychologists](#) are uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach. They apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior, to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. [School psychologists](#) partner with families, teachers, school administrators, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community" (National Association of School Psychologists, 2022). To become a school psychologist, one must complete a master's degree in school psychology, perform extensive field work/internship hours and become [certified/licensed in the state](#) in which they work. The national average salary for [all psychologists](#) is \$81,040 and *average* job growth (6%) is expected through 2031 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). To learn more, visit the following websites: the [National Association of School Psychologists](#), the [Connecticut Association of School Psychologists](#) and [general career information HERE](#). Also, it's NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK from November 7-11, 2022!

Some colleges that offer programs in psychology/school psychology include:

Roanoke College	Southern CT State Univ	Hofstra University
University of Connecticut	UMASS/Boston	Univ of Rhode Island
Temple University	Plymouth State University	Penn State University
Rutgers University	University of Hartford	Fairfield University
UMASS/Amherst	SUNY/Oswego	Worcester State Univ
Adelphi University	Marist College	Kean University (NJ)

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Seniors:** Seniors who need first quarter grades sent to colleges will need to complete the Google form sent via school email earlier this week. First quarter grades will begin being sent out the week of November 14th.
- **Sophomores:** ARHS will sponsor two sophomore students to attend the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar to be held June 2-4 at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven. Students spend the time engaging in leadership development activities, collaborating with like-minded students from throughout the state, and exploring leadership from three perspectives: individual, group, and society. For more information about HOBY, please visit their website here. Interested students should complete the application sent to their school email or posted in Google Classroom. Applications are due by Sunday, 11/6/2022. Please be aware that the selected students are required to stay overnight at the location of the event under the supervision of HOBY for the entire duration of the event. Please see your counselor if you have further questions.
- **COLLEGE APP - FREE APPLICATION FEE DAY! NOVEMBER 15th** to UCONN, CCSU, ECSU, SCSU and WCSU.
- **Need help/questions with the financial aid process?** For general assistance or to log in to a virtual help session, visit [fafsact.org](#) . Also, refer to this [family FAFSA guide here](#).
- **College Visits:** Visits from college representatives will conclude on November 11th. Here is a list of the remaining visits: [see list HERE](#).

- **JUNIORS & SENIORS:** An upcoming **Alumni College Panel** will be held during the school day on **Wednesday, November 23rd**, (the day before Thanksgiving) in the Brady Center. This event is for current juniors and seniors. Recent Amity alumni will share their college experiences and offer insight into the college process.
- **Counselor Lessons to Juniors:** The Counseling Department will be conducting developmental counseling lessons to all juniors during their English classes. Every student will complete the Do What You Are personality-type inventory in Naviance. Students will discover their four-letter Myers-Briggs personality code, an explanation of the various codes, strengths and blind spots pertaining to their personality codes, and potential careers of interest. **Lessons will begin the week of Nov. 14th.**
- **Interested in taking the ASVAB?** Amity will host another **ASVAB test** in the **spring of 2023** IF enough students register! Please [register here if you would participate](#) in the ASVAB this spring. Please note that taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test does not obligate students to enlist! For more information about ASVAB [click here](#).
- **U.S. AIR FORCE VISIT-** A representative from the United States Air Force will be visiting Amity High School during all lunch waves on **Monday, Nov. 14th from 10:30am to 12:30pm**. This visit will be set up outside of the cafeteria to chat with interested students.
- **Are you interested in Careers in the field of Public Health?** The HOSA: Future Health Professionals (Health Care Occupations Students of America) Club, will host guest speaker Dr. David Paltiel, Professor of Public Health at Yale University on **Wednesday, Nov. 9th** at 2:30 in the Media Center. ALL students are welcome to attend!
- **Yale New Haven Hospital is accepting applications for their 2023 Spring High School Volunteer Program.** Students interested in learning more about the healthcare field, giving back to their community, and exploring possible career paths are invited to apply. Students must be 15 years of age and fully vaccinated for COVID-19, including the booster. Students need to be available to commit to the 11-week program (1/30-4/14/2022) and volunteer a minimum of 20 hours to the hospital. You will be assigned one day during the week at either the York Street Campus or Saint Raphael Campus and volunteer a total of two hours per week (3 p.m. - 5 p.m.). Upon receipt of your application, you will be invited to a virtual informational interview. If you are interested in applying for the 2023 Spring Volunteer Program, **please carefully review the [Spring High School Volunteer Information Guide](#), and complete the [application](#)**. Submit your application to volunteerservices@ynhh.org **by Nov. 19, 2022**
- **Information about the BSA Exploring Program:** Exploring is a career-education program based on a unique and dynamic connection between youth and their communities. Local organizations are matched to the interests of young people using this career interest survey. If you think you may be interested in BSA Exploring, you can go to www.exploringyourcareer.com to select career interest topics. Your response to the survey may result in an invitation from a local business or organization to participate in a hands-on career program based on your interests.

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

- 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
- Fundraise with us! Clean out your closets for the Booster Club. We have begun collecting gently used and new shoes, sneakers and cleats. We will be collecting through the Thanksgiving Day game on 11/23. Adult and children's shoes accepted. There are 2 drop offs: the entrance to the stadium on game day and in the front hallway at the high school. The collected shoes and sneakers will be recycled.
- Available now! Amity "A" decal stickers. Get them while you can. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. Cash or PayPal payments accepted. We will drop off to you or arrange a pick up at the high school.
- Catch the Spartans Spirit! Good luck this weekend Amity athletes!

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Support us!:** Help the PTSO and your student by joining us today! 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!
- **Donate through Amazon Smile:** Donate to the PTSO 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.
- **Join our Facebook Group:** Be a part of our virtual community by visiting [this page](#) and answering the security questions required to gain access.

