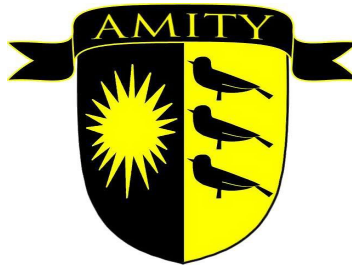


ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Senior Happenings

- **Seniors:** Seniors who are eligible for the Connecticut Automatic Admissions Program (CAAP) were notified via a letter sent to their parent/guardian through SwiftK12 this week. For more information about the program, please see the [State website](#).
- **January 1 College Deadline:** Just a reminder that students who have a Jan. 1 deadline for college admission must submit a transcript request no later than Dec. 9th. As a reminder, school counselors do not work during school vacation days so all transcripts will need to be processed prior to vacation.
- **2023 Senior Yearbook Questionnaire:** The senior yearbook questionnaire, due Friday, December 16, is now live on the yearbook website and in the Class of 2023 Google Classroom. This questionnaire provides seniors with an opportunity to share various information—which includes a list of all their activities, leadership roles, awards, and other accomplishments—with the yearbook staff. This information is then featured in the yearbook alongside their senior portraits. The questionnaire also offers seniors the chance to vote for the recipient of this year's yearbook dedication. Because the yearbook's publisher imposes deadlines on the *Embers* staff, it is extremely important that all seniors complete this form on time; late submissions will not appear in the yearbook. Families, please encourage your seniors to complete this form on time!
- **Yearbook Grad Ads:** Calling all senior parents! Time is running out! 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! All orders are due on Friday, December 16. Visit amityembers.com for details!
- **Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook:** The yearbook staff is currently 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 also 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

The [University of Maine at Farmington](#) is a [nationally ranked](#), public, liberal arts college. Located in [downtown Farmington](#), UMF is close to mountains, lakes and ski resorts. There are approximately 1,300 undergraduate students who choose from over 40 [majors and programs](#). Students enjoy many varied [outdoor activities](#) and [organizations & clubs](#) on campus. Athletes can participate in 19 different [NCAA D3 teams](#) that compete in the [North Atlantic Conference](#). Annual tuition, room and board is [\\$33,516 \(2022-2023\)](#), comparable to UCONN at [\\$33,056](#). To learn more, visit UMF's [admissions website](#), check out [fast facts](#) or watch this brief [video HERE](#).

“[Actuaries](#) use mathematics, statistics, and financial theory to analyze the economic costs of risk and uncertainty” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). Most [actuaries](#) are employed in the insurance industry, while some work for government and other organizations. A bachelor’s degree is required to enter the profession and most actuaries will complete 7 to 10 [actuarial exams](#) over their first decade of employment. The average annual salary is \$105,900 with *faster than average job growth expected (21%)* through 2031 (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [Society of Actuaries](#), the [Casualty Actuarial Society](#), or the [American Academy of Actuaries](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in actuarial science include:

UMAINE/Farmington	Central CT State Univ	Bryant University
SUNY/Albany	St. John’s University	Temple University
Worcester Polytech Inst	Univ of Rhode Island	Univ of Connecticut
Bentley University	Georgia State University	Siena College
Fairleigh Dickinson Univ	Florida State University	New Jersey Inst of Tech
SUNY/Binghamton	Assumption University	Univ of CA/Santa Barbara

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **PSAT Scores:** College Board will be releasing PSAT scores from the October testing for all students in grades 9-11 on December 6th. To learn more about accessing scores, please visit the [College Board website](#).
- **Yale High School Partnership Program:** Any junior or senior who is interested in taking a course at Yale in the Spring semester should attend an upcoming informational meeting with Mrs. LaPlante on Dec. 7th at 1:00. An invitation and link to the virtual meeting will be sent to students via school email.

Career Center Information

- **All STUDENTS - Need help with academics?** Work with a peer tutor for extra help. Either drop-in the Career Center for homework help after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays OR fill out the [form HERE](#) for one-to-one tutoring assistance at other times. See Mrs. Staak or Mrs. Cocco in the Counseling Office if you have any questions.
- **Need help/questions with the financial aid process?** For general assistance log in to register for either virtual or in-person help session at fafsact.org.
- **Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun!** Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under the college tab. Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college/university or additional websites like <https://www.fastweb.com/> If you need help navigating scholarships and/or help with the process of applying, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Still not a member? 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 payments: https://www.paypal.me/AthleticsBoosterClub?locale.x=en_US
- Fundraiser Drive is going on now! Clean out your closets for the Booster Club. We are collecting gently used and new shoes, sneakers, nonmetal cleats, sandals, flip flops, and boots. All footwears can be dressy or casual. Adult and children's shoes accepted. We will be collecting through December 23rd! There drop off is in the front hallway at the high school. Or you can email goamityspartans@gmail.com to arrange another pick up location. The collected shoes and sneakers will either be recycled for materials or reused. For more fundraising drive information, visit <https://gotsneakers.com/> and <https://funds2orgs.com/>.
- 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 pickup at the high school. Catch the Spartans Spirit!
- Good luck to our Amity athletes this winter season!

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Support us!** Help the PTSO and your student by joining us today! To access our membership form, please open amityptso.org in a new browser, click on Membership, and then Click Here to join! **PTSO membership must be renewed and paid every year.**
- **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.

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