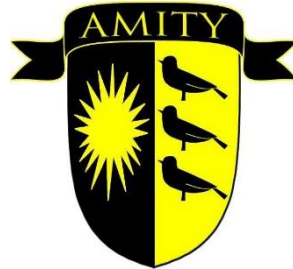


ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, December 9, 2022



For many high school seniors, the process of applying to colleges and then waiting to hear back from admissions offices – with waits that are sometimes months long without any updates – is one of the most stressful experiences they will have in high school. At Amity Regional High School, our Counseling Department partners with the admissions offices at several public and private colleges around the state to make that waiting period shorter and the experience less stressful for our students. Since late November, we have been hosting a series of On-Site College Interview and Acceptance Days during which qualified students can meet with college admissions representatives here at Amity and receive an immediate offer of acceptance. So far, we have hosted admissions events with six colleges in the past two weeks, and our seniors have received 76 on-the-spot offers of college admissions. Our biggest admissions day so far was this Tuesday when Quinnipiac University admitted 22 students. Congratulations to all our seniors who received good news from colleges through this innovative program!

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **BOWA Boutique:** The Amity chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting the first-ever community Thrift Store event. To support it, we are holding a community wide clothing drive from December 9 to December 23. Please drop off your gently used clothing items at any of the following locations: ARHS, AMSO, AMSB, the Woodbridge Town Library, Case Memorial Library, or the Orange Community Center. This event will take place on January 7. Stay tuned for more details; we appreciate your support!
- **Covid Tests Available:** Are you planning to interact with people during winter break? Chances are good that you are, so we have plenty of Covid test kits available for you to pick up and take home for the holidays. The school nurses will be handing them out in the health office while supplies last, so if you need any test kits to help keep yourself and your loved ones healthy during the break, you can have your child pick them up in the nurse's office while supplies last.

- **Changes to Free School Lunch Program:** Due to the end of funding availability from the State of Connecticut’s School Meals Assistance Revenue for Transition (SMART) that had allowed all students to temporarily receive free breakfast and lunch meals regardless of family income, the last day we will be providing free meals for all students is FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022. Paid meals will start when we return from winter break on TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023. On January 3, 2023, the district will revert to charging for meals at the following prices:
 - Middle Schools: \$3.30 (lunches only)
 - High School: Breakfast - \$2.50, Lunches - \$3.30 - \$4.25

On-line applications for free and reduced-price meal benefits and instructions can be found at www.amityregion5.org, under your child’s school website, Parent Tab, Link/Resources Tab, Free/Reduced Meal Information. A paper copy of the application can also be found following the above link or in the school’s main office. Use one Free and Reduced-price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Please reach out to Kathy Kovalik, Assistant Director of Finance and Administration at kathleen.kovalik@amityregion5.org with any questions.

College and Career of the Week

Founded in 1956, [Roger Williams University](#) is a private university with two locations in Rhode Island. The main campus in Bristol is located on Mount Hope Bay with scenic water views. The other is in downtown Providence, approximately 20 miles away. RWU’s 4,100 undergraduates have over 50 majors and minors to choose from, with many bachelors plus masters programs as well. Student life is active with over 70 clubs and organizations on campus. RWU also sponsors 22 NCAA-D3 athletic teams who compete in the Commonwealth Coast Conference. Annual tuition, room and board is \$57,256 (2022-2023). For more information, check out RWU’s admissions website, read about quick facts, or take a virtual tour here.

“Computer hardware engineers research, design, develop, and test computer systems and components”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). Computer hardware engineers are usually employed by computer manufacturers or research and development companies. A bachelors’ degree is required for entry level positions. The average annual salary is \$128,170 with *average job growth expected (5%)* through 2031 (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites: [Association for Computing Machinery](#), the [Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence](#), and the [Society for Women Engineers](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in computer engineering include:


Roger Williams University	University of Connecticut	Sacred Heart University
SUNY/Binghamton	UMASS/Boston	Univ of Rhode Island
University of New Haven	Fairfield University	University of Hartford
New Jersey Inst of Tech	SUNY/Stony Brook	FLA Polytechnic Univ
UMAINE/Orono	Worcester Polytech Inst	Western New Eng Univ
Rochester Inst of Tech	University of Scranton	Univ of South Florida

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Career Center Happenings

- **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

-  **Fundraiser Drive 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 footwear 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 your mailbox or arrange a pickup at the high school.
- 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

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.**
- **Monthly Meetings:** The December meeting has been canceled. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year! For our meeting dates, visit our website amityptso.org and click on Meeting Info.
- **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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