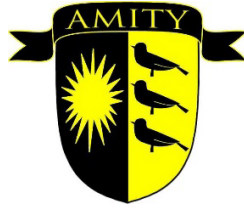


ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, January 27, 2023



Teens don't always get the credit they deserve for all the good they are capable of, but I am happy to report that this week the WVIT *What's Right With Schools* program featured Amity students and faculty working to improve the lives of hurricane survivors. Throughout the first semester, the students in art teacher Lisa Toto's photography classes have been the only high school classes involved in a nationwide effort to repair and restore family photographs damaged in last fall's Hurricane Ian. Their work was so impressive that the woman organizing the effort recently travelled from Florida to Woodbridge to meet them, and while she was here they held videoconferences with some of the people whose photos were restored. These meetings really drove home the importance of what our students had been doing to help others, and you will get a sense of that yourself when you watch it yourself:

<https://www.wtnh.com/on-air/whats-right-with-schools-on-air/whats-right-with-schools-amity-hs-restores-lost-photos-to-families/>

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **2023-24 State Board of Education Student Member Search:** The CT State Board of Education is beginning the search process for the 2023-24 student Board members. The application package is attached and can be downloaded from the Department's website: [SBE-Student-Application-2023-2024](#). Please distribute this notice to your school counselors, PTA presidents, and student council members. Note the deadline for application submission is February 24, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the State Board Office at 860-713-6510.
- **Amity 2D & 3D Student Art Show opens tonight!** The ARHS Art Department will be displaying our talented Advanced Placement art students' work at the Painted Path Art Gallery on 10 Selden St. in Woodbridge from 5:00 – 8:00 pm every Thursday – Saturday from Jan. 27 through Feb. 16. The show opening and reception will be from 6:00 – 8:00 pm today, and we hope to see you there!

- **Diversity In Action Club community potluck dinner:** Celebrate the new year and meet new people at the BOW Community Potluck on Wednesday, February 1st! This potluck is meant to showcase all the great service and diversity work done at the high school. The event is open to all BOW residents. To participate in the event, please fill out this [RSVP form](#) and check out [the flier](#) for the event.
- **Lunar New Year Celebration:** The National Chinese Honor Society and the Chinese Club of Amity Regional High School will host a Lunar New Year celebration at the high school cafe on Friday, February 10, from 6 pm to 10 pm. Besides the delicious Chinese food, there will be many fun activities for kids and adults at the event everyone will enjoy. Activities include crafts, riddles, Ping-Pong tournaments, performances from Wudang Academy and from Amity High School students, and much more. Many thanks to local Chinese restaurants and small businesses that sponsored this event. [Here](#) is the event flyer.

College and Career of the Week

[Morgan State University](#) (MSU) is a public university located in Baltimore, Maryland. [Founded in 1867](#), MSU is one of the [107 HBCU's - Historically Black College and Universities](#) in the United States. There are approximately 6,000 students on campus and over [60 academic programs](#) offered. Students have many [clubs and organizations](#) to choose from and the 15 NCAA-D1 [athletic teams](#) on campus compete in the [Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference](#). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) is approximately \$34,000 (2022-2023) for out-of-state residents. For more information, check out the [admissions office webpage](#), take a [virtual tour](#) or watch this [brief video here](#).

“[Welders](#), cutters, solderers, and brazers use hand-held or remotely controlled equipment to join, repair, or cut metal parts and products” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Welders](#) work both indoors and outdoors in various work environments (some even work [underwater!](#)). Job training is achieved through apprenticeship and/or trade schools. The national average annual salary is \$47,010 with *below average job growth expected (2%)* through 2031 (BLS, 2021). However, the average annual salary in CT is [higher at \\$55,530](#) and more job openings are expected to become available due to retirements and general attrition. To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Welding Society](#), and [The Welding Institute](#).

Some trade schools/programs that offer welding training include:

[Hobart Institute of Welding Technology](#)
[Naugatuck Valley Community College](#)

[Universal Technical Institute](#)
[Bristol Technical Education Center](#)

or visit the welder's table during TRADES WEEK to learn more.

Senior Happenings

- **Graduation Cap & Gown Ordering:** Seniors, you can order your caps and gowns for graduation through the form on PowerSchool. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 3, so please order yours now!
- **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 our school website [here](#). If you need help navigating scholarships and/or need help with the process of applying, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

- For those who missed the **UELP/SIP Parent Info Session** on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, [click here for a copy](#) of the slideshow presentation. Parents/guardians are also encouraged to check your email for more details about these programs.
- Seniors! Please read the email sent to you on January 20th. You will find instructions on how to register for a mandatory UELP/SIP workshop.

Counseling Department Happenings

- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - The Counseling Department will be offering a webinar presented by Ferne Bork of Landmark College titled, **Navigating the College Search for Students Who Learn Differently**. The date is THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023, at 6:30pm and the webinar link will be made available soon.
- **Coming Soon! TRADES WEEK EVENT-Feb.13-17th!** Trades week will be an engaging week-long event designed to foster, promote, and learn about careers in the skilled trade fields. All grade levels will have the opportunity to meet with over 20 different skilled trades, who will share their pathways and experiences in their industry. A list of trades attending will be posted next week!

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- **The Amity Booster Club Newsletter** for Jan. 2023 is attached – please take a moment to read it and learn more about how we support Amity athletics.
- 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>
- **LOOKING FOR TEAM LIASIONS!** Would you like to help spread the word about the ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB? If you are interested, please contact Carrie at goamityspartans@gmail.com. We would love to share our vision with the Amity High School Community. Help us to spread the Amity Spirit!  
- Currently, we are still collecting gently used and new SNEAKERS and nonmetal cleats only. All Adult and children's sneakers are accepted. The drop off collection box is in the front hallway at the high school. Or you can email goamityspartans@gmail.com to arrange another pick up location. The collected sneakers will either be recycled for materials or reused. Thank you for supporting our athletic teams! For more fundraising drive information, visit <https://gotsneakers.com/>
- Available now! Amity "A" decal stickers. Get them while you can. The "A" decal measures 2.5" by 4" for \$5.00 each. 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!  

- SENIORS! The Booster Club recognizes graduating seniors who will pursue a career in any sports related field. We award several scholarships based on character, focus, determination, and ability. Preference is given to Booster Club members.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **The PTSO Newsletter for January 2023** is attached. Please read it to learn about some of the many ways that the PTSO supports the school and how you can get involved in their work.
- **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 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.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 16 at 7pm in the media center. For a list of our remaining meeting dates, visit our website amityptso.org and click on Meeting Info.

Community Happenings

- **BOWDAAC Tip for Parents:** It is important to talk with your kids about drug use, and part of that is understanding the issue of counterfeit pills. Parents should emphasize that children taking pills from their friends or anyone else (even Tylenol or other over-the-counter medications) can be incredibly dangerous because they may look real but could be counterfeit. For more info, see the attached flyer or contact: info.bowdaac@gmail.com

Attached Files
Amity Booster Club newsletterJan23.pdf
BOWDAAC Myth and Fact Trivia.pdf
PTSOnewsletter Jan23.pdf

