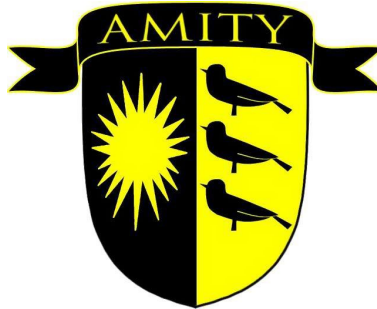


**ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, February 3, 2023**



Have a great weekend, everyone, and try to stay warm on what is predicted to be the coldest weekend of the year so far!

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

**Amity Happenings and Information**

- **A Message from the Music Department:** Course selection is starting, and we hope that you will consider continuing your musical journey with us at the High School. Please take a moment to look at what we offer and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us! [Click this link](#) to see highlights and information about our performing arts offerings.
- **ARHS's TRADES WEEK EVENT will begin on Monday, February 13!** Trades Week will be an engaging, week-long event (February 13-17), designed to foster, promote, and teach students about careers in the skilled trade fields. **All students** will have the opportunity to meet with over 20 different skilled trades people, who will share their pathways and experiences in their industry. [Click HERE](#) to see a list of our scheduled visitors. Students may [CLICK HERE to sign up for a pass](#) to visit during their SSP time on any day.
- **Are you interested in a Beauty Career?** **Paul Mitchell The School in North Haven** is offering an **Open House on February 21, 2023, from 3:00-5:30pm** to learn about their Cosmetology programs. Students will explore their classrooms, watch live demos with current students, learn about the educational path and join a Financial Aid session. If interested, please RSVP [admissions@northhavne.paulmitchell.edu](mailto:admissions@northhavne.paulmitchell.edu). For questions, see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **Inspiring Women in Engineering and Medicine (IWEM) Workshop**-Now accepting applications from HS Females in Grades 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> who are interested in the field of Engineering or Medicine. The [upcoming workshop](#) will take place on **Saturday, February 25, 2023**, at the

**Musculoskeletal Institute (MSI) at UConn Health in Farmington, CT.** This workshop will expose young women with the excitement of a FREE, four-hour, hands-on workshop, and the knowledge and mentorship necessary to pursue careers in these fields. There is a limited capacity, so applicants should fill out an online application starting now and no later than February 9, 2023. This application can be accessed at [this link](#).

- **Splash at Yale** is a twice-year opportunity for middle and high school students to attend classes taught by Yale students on our campus – and we would love to see you there this Spring! Splash 2023 will be on April 1st, from 9 AM to 4 PM, and held on Yale’s campus. Students can register at any time. Classes include a wide variety of topics, from Fast Fashion, Stand-Up Comedy, and Feminism and Beyonce to Elementary Particle Physics. Splash is \$20 for the day, with an option for a \$10 T-shirt. Financial Aid for students is available upon request. More information can be found at <https://yale.learningu.org/learn/splash.html>, and students can register [here](#)! Please reach out to us at [yalesplash@gmail.com](mailto:yalesplash@gmail.com) with any questions.
- **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.
- **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**

[Hampton University](#) is a private university located in Hampton, Virginia. [Founded in 1868](#), Hampton is an [HBCU](#) (historically black college or university) with a fascinating history. There are approximately 3,300 students enrolled with almost 100 [majors offered](#) such as nursing, business, criminal justice, aviation management and education. Hampton students are heavily involved in many [clubs and organizations](#), as well as [intramurals/recreation sports](#). Also, [varsity athletes](#) can choose from 14 teams that compete in NCAA Division 1 ([Colonial Athletic Association](#)). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is \$42,648 (2022-2023). For more information, go to Hampton’s [admissions website](#), take a look at their [quick facts](#), or take a [virtual tour](#).

“[Machinists and tool & die makers](#) set up and operate equipment to produce precision metal parts, instruments, and tools” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Machinists](#) create products while tool & die makers create tools for cutting and forming metal. Both learn their trade on the job and/or through specific training programs. The national average annual salary is \$47,940 with *below average job growth expected (1%)* through 2031 (BLS, 2021). However, the average annual salary in CT is [higher at \\$55,750](#) (tool & die makers average is \$68,380) and more job openings are expected to become available due to retirements and general attrition. To learn more, please visit the following websites: [The National Tooling and Machining Association](#), the [Precision Machined Products Association](#) and the [Machinists Institute](#).

Some trade schools/programs that offer machinist/tool & die training include:

[Bristol Technical Education Center](#) [Gateway Community College](#) [Pennsylvania College of Technology](#)  
[CT Apprenticeship program](#) [Universal Technical Institute](#) [Electric Boat-Training Program](#)

or visit the machinist'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.

### Counseling Department Happenings

- **The ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School **on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:30 am** in the Presentation Room (next to the cafeteria). Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be offered through an online format. **Students may [register for the test by clicking HERE](#).** While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test.* **Taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test does not obligate students to enlist!** Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).
- **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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

- **Support Us!:** Help the PTSO and your student by joining us today! To access our membership form, please open [amityptso.org](http://amityptso.org) in a new browser, click on Membership, and then Click Here to join! PTSO membership must be renewed every year.
- **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 meeting dates, visit our website [amityptso.org](http://amityptso.org) and click on Meeting Info.

### **Community Happenings**

- **BOWDAAC Tip for Parents:** Nearly half (49% of teens) report getting prescription drugs from a friend. Parents should talk to their children and emphasize that even if they trust their friends, nobody knows for sure where the friend got them. They could be laced with harmful substances like fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine. For more info, see the attached flyer and contact: [info.bowdaac@gmail.com](mailto:info.bowdaac@gmail.com)

#### **Attached Files**

[BOWDAAC Blue Teeth Myth 2-3-23.pdf](#)

