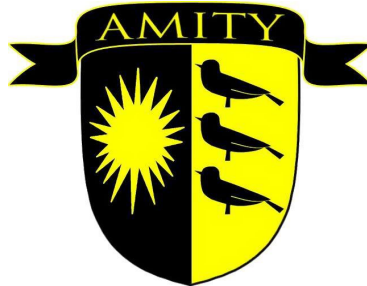


## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, March 31, 2023



The second weekend of performances for Amity Creative Theater's *Beauty and the Beast* is this weekend, and it is great to see a show that has drawn so many community members of all ages into the school over the past two weekends to celebrate the Amity students involved in the performing arts.

The first week of interscholastic competition for our spring sports teams starts Saturday, so we are wishing good luck and good sportsmanship to all the student-athletes in the Amity athletic program. We have more than 500 students signed up as members of our teams this spring, and it is great to see so many representing our school and community. Make us all proud!

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### Amity Happenings and Information

- **Driving, Student Parking and Student Drop-Off Information:** With the return of warmer weather, we are seeing an increase in some behaviors of concern at the start and end of the day, and our friends at the Woodbridge Police Department have a few reminders for everyone:
  - There has been an increase in fast and otherwise unsafe driving (such as stopping suddenly, not driving with the established flow of drop-off traffic, and parents driving in the faculty parking lot) before and after school recently. All of these put our students and staff at risk, so please make sure to drive in a manner that follows the rules and keeps everyone safe.

- The WPD has received multiple complaints regarding students parking on Meetinghouse Lane recently. Meetinghouse Lane parking is meant to be short-term parking only, but there are some students parking there for the full school day. As a result, some of our elderly residents with business at Human Services and others visiting the town center are forced to park elsewhere. The WPD has informed us that they plan to enforce the parking violations beginning next week, so please park at school instead.

### College and Career of the Week

[Lafayette College](#) (LC) is a private, liberal arts college located in [Easton, Pennsylvania](#), approximately 165 miles from the BOWA area. [Founded in 1826](#), LC offers “[51 areas of study within 4 academic divisions](#)”, including engineering and pre-professional studies. LC boasts a 100% [law school](#) acceptance [rate for graduates](#). [Campus life](#) is vibrant as 93% of students reside there and get involved in the 187 [clubs and organizations](#) offered. There are [23 athletic teams](#) that compete in the [Patriot League](#), NCAA Division 1. [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is \$ 75,954 (2022-2023). To learn more, visit LC’s [admissions website](#), register for a [virtual tour](#) or check out the [profile for the Class of 2026](#).

“[Paralegals and legal assistants](#) perform a variety of tasks to support lawyers” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Paralegals and legal assistants](#) work in offices for law firms, government agencies, and corporations doing research and preliminary work for legal cases. Most entry level positions in this field will require at least an associate degree. Some paralegals will become specialized in certain areas of law while others use this career as a steppingstone before attending law school. The median salary is \$ 56,230 and the profession is expected to have ***much faster than average job growth at 14% through 2031*** (BLS, 2021). For more information, please visit the [National Association of Legal Assistants](#), the [National Association for Legal Support Professionals](#) and the [American Alliance for Paralegals](#).

*Some colleges that offer paralegal programs include:*

Western CT State	Univ of Hartford	Univ of New Haven
Bay Path University	CUNY/College of Tech	Suffolk University
Johnson & Wales/Prov	St John’s University	Quinnipiac University
Bentley University	SUNY/Westchester C	Long Island U/Brooklyn
Norwalk Comm College	Anna Maria College	Roger Williams University
Naugatuck Valley CC	Rowan College	Gannon University

*or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!*

### Notes from the Counseling Department

- **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](#).

### Summer Opportunities

- **Looking for a summer job?** There are many summer employment opportunities starting to become available in our surrounding communities. Here are a couple of sites to browse through as we head into summer: [Glassdoor](#), [Indeed](#), [Snag a Job](#) & [Simply Hired](#). One of the best job research skills you can develop as a teen is researching employers and job openings before applying. If you need assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **GAP Year Ideas:** Taking a gap year has become an increasingly popular choice for many students around the country. If you are someone who might be interested in completing a gap year, please find a list of websites we have compiled on our school website. Please click [here](#) for gap year opportunities. ***Please note that the Amity Regional School District #5 has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs/opportunities. Students should consult with their parents/guardians before deciding to pursue any of these options.***
- **2023 Summer Programs:** Looking to take a pre-college course or partake in a fun hands-on program? Please find a list of summer program opportunities as a courtesy to students and families. Amity High School has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs. If a student and their parents decide to pursue any of these programs, they should conduct their own review. Please click [here](#) for a list of available summer programs in and outside of Connecticut.
- **The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police** are pleased to announce the 2023 applications are now available for the **State Police Youth Week** this summer from **July 9-14, 2023. This program is for students completing their junior year in high school.** Youth week is modeled after State Police recruit training and provides students with a unique opportunity to gain insight into the training, duties, and expectations of Connecticut State Troopers. Form information please [click here](#) or contact the American Legion Department HQ or your local American Legion Post. **Applications are due by June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** For questions, please contact their office at 860-436-9986 or [admin@ctlegion.org](mailto:admin@ctlegion.org).

### Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Fun and creative? Join our team! Looking for motivated volunteers and board members for our Booster Club next year. Contact Carrie at [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) for more info.
- Still not a member? You can still join! Help us to support ALL athletes by becoming a member today! Join here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxdB1gAEQ-ukkACc3cB76EgXfc3rAxuQYtZZ7gZfawF8AFg/viewform>
- Get them while you can! Amity "A" decal stickers and "PROUD" Amity yard signs are here! Email [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) to order. \$5 for each decal, \$15 for each yard sign. Cash or PayPal payments accepted will be delivered to you.

## Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **College Fair 2023:** Amity High School will host its annual college fair on April 24, where representatives from over 125 colleges will meet the students and parents, provide information, and answer questions about their schools. The Guidance Department provides dinner for the college reps and the PTSO provides desserts and drinks. Please support our school and help us make this event a success by signing up to set up/clean up or to send in an item [here](#).
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00pm in the media center. For a full list of our remaining meeting dates, visit our website [amityptso.org](http://amityptso.org) and click on Meeting Info.
- **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 school 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.

## Community Happenings

- **BOWDAAC** is looking for new members for their Youth Committee. See the attached flyer for more information. ATTACH FLYER
- **Local Volunteer Opportunities**
  - The **Orange Historical Society** is looking for ongoing volunteers to help with filing, cataloging, and other projects. If interested, please **contact Ginnie Reinhardt at 413-807-8362 OR email her at [ladyjanegcr@snet.net](mailto:ladyjanegcr@snet.net)** . OHS is also sponsoring an upcoming luncheon event with the Orange Congregational Church **on Saturday, April 22. Volunteers are needed for set up and cleanup crews from 9-11am or 4-5pm.**
  - **Turkey Hill Elementary School** is looking for students to help with their Talent Show this **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:45pm**. Please sign up with Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
  - The Towns Trail Group of **Woodbridge Land Trust and the Woodbridge Parks Association** are looking for volunteers to help with the trail clean-up event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month starting on **April 16, 2023, from 11am-12:30pm**. The first clean-up event will take place on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Sperry Park off Dylan Road. If interested in helping, please email Trail Master, Andy Danzig, at [trailmaster@woodbridgect.org](mailto:trailmaster@woodbridgect.org).

### Attached Files

[BOWDAAC Youth Committee Flyer.png](#)

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