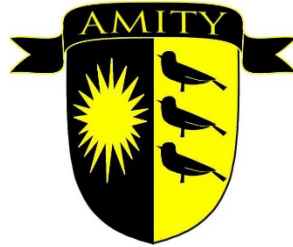


## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, May 5, 2023



Most weeks the Community Happenings message focuses on the great work that our Amity Regional High School students are doing – the competitions and performances of the past week, the accolades and awards they have won, and the many things they do to make our school and community better.

But next week is Teacher Appreciation Week, and Amity is fortunate to have a dedicated, talented, and student-centered group of teachers, counselors, and other educational staff members working hard every day to meet the needs of all our students. Whether they are teaching a class, coaching a team, advising a club, working one-on-one with a student to help them learn, or doing any of the countless other things they do to support our Spartan students, our faculty and staff have made it their mission to improve the lives of kids. So, this week's message is a "Thank You" to all of them for all they do for the school and our students. Please take some time this weekend to think about an educator who has had a special impact on your child and reach out to them to let them know the impact they have had on a student's life.

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### **Amity Happenings and Information**

- **BOE Community Forum** - The Amity Regional School District Board of Education will be hosting a BOE Community Forum on May 22, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Library Media Center at Amity Regional High School. The focus topic of our first forum is ACADEMICS. Perhaps you have questions about advanced academic opportunities like AP classes or the Science Research Program, or questions about interventions and supports when students struggle academically. Perhaps you have questions about classes in our Program of Studies, grading practices, leveling processes, or the transitions from grades 6 to 7 or grades 8 to 9. To support your comfort in

asking questions, we have created a Google form where you can ANONYMOUSLY submit your questions in advance – please find it [HERE](#). Please submit questions by May 18, 2023.

- **Virtual Keynote - A Parent Primer on Social Hosting, DUI, Texting & Driving, and More** – Amity Regional School District is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> Parent Webinar of the school year on May 24, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm. please join attorneys Alex Mario and Jessica Ayala from the Carter Mario Law Firm for this important webinar on the legal implications of social hosting, teen DUIs, and texting & driving. You must register in advance to receive information about joining the webinar. Please [Register Here](#). This 1-hour webinar is appropriate for parents of middle and high school students.
- **musicFEST:** The second annual musicFEST 2023 concert is here! It will be held on May 18th at 7pm in the Brady Center! Come join us and see so many of our talented students! musicFEST is a fun, family friendly evening of music performed by students in the Amity choir, band, jazz band, Amity's a cappella group Rhythmix and individual solo and group acts! Music from today's and yesterday's hits as well as Broadway, television and movies will be performed and are the basis of this show. Join us for a fun night of music! Tickets are \$10 for adults and FREE for students ages 18 and under. Click [HERE](#) to order your tickets.
- **Amity HS Music Department Classes:** There are many music classes to choose from here at Amity HS. Below are a few that we offer. If you think you'd be interested in any of our elective classes, request one! Tell your friends too! They will need an arts credit to graduate and what better way to do that! Have them register for one of our music elective courses! It's not too late to join any of the music classes! See your guidance counselor or you can contact one of the music teachers if you have questions! Visit our website for the entire list of courses! Click [HERE!](#)

### **College and Career of the Week**

[Simmons University](#) is a private, women's university located in Boston, Massachusetts. Since 1899, SU has been [educating women only](#) for success in life through "[professional preparation, intellectual exploration and community orientation](#)". Other notable facts are that SU is a member of the [Colleges of the Fenway](#) consortium and their graduate school is coeducational. There are approximately 1,700 undergraduate students on campus who choose from over [60 majors](#). SU and the City of Boston provide an abundance of social activities, including the 70+ [clubs & organizations](#) on campus. Also, there are [9 NCAA-D3 athletic teams](#) who compete in the [Great Northeast Athletic Conference](#). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) is \$67,713 (2023-2024). For more information, please visit SU's [admissions website](#), take a [virtual tour](#) or check out SU's [Official Guide to Boston here](#).

"[Data scientists](#) use analytical tools and techniques to extract meaningful insights from data" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). [Data scientists](#) spend their days researching, analyzing, and programming data, alone or in teams. A Bachelor of Science degree in computer science, mathematics, statistics, or data science is required for entry level positions in this field. The median salary is \$100,910 and the profession is expected to have **faster than average job growth at 36% through 2031** (BLS, 2021). For more information, please visit the [Data Science Association](#), the [American Statistical Association](#), and the [Data Science Council of America](#).

*Some colleges that offer programs in data or computer science include:*

Simmons University  
Central CT State  
Springfield College

University of Connecticut  
Bryant University  
Hofstra University

Quinnipiac University  
Boston University  
SUNY/Binghamton

College of the Holy Cross  
University of New Haven  
UMASS/Boston

Bentley University  
Southern CT State  
Marist College

Univ of Rhode Island  
Endicott College  
SUNY/Polytech Inst.

*or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!*

### **Notes from the Counseling Department**

- **Local Volunteer Opportunities:** There are many events happenings in our community and volunteers are needed to help. For upcoming volunteer opportunities please click [here](#).
- **Interested in learning more about our Nation's Military Academies?** The Connecticut Congressional Delegation is hosting a Service Academy Information Session Night for **Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen on May 24th from 5-7pm**. This event will be held in person at the MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center (Middletown), 375 Smith Street Middletown, CT 06082. Representatives from each Service Academy will attend their respective academy and answer any questions students or parents might have. For more information, please see this [flyer](#).

### **Senior Happenings**

- **Senior Picnic and Senior Prom Tickets:** Seniors – check the email you received on Thursday from the Student Happenings account for information on picnic and prom ticket prices and ordering, as well as the link to the form for bringing out-of-Amity guests to the prom. The deadline for purchasing your tickets to both events is Wednesday, May 10, so order yours now!
- **Scholarships:**
  - The **Orange Youth Services** will choose (3) seniors, who live in Orange, to be rewarded with \$1,000 each toward their college education. Each applicant must fill out an application, provide a resume, a transcript of their grades & a brief essay. Students will be chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement & future endeavors. **The deadline is 5/12/23**. Contact Jessica Simone at [jsimone@orange-ct.gov](mailto:jsimone@orange-ct.gov) for an application.
  - **The American Italian Women of Greater New Haven** is offering seniors, in the New Haven area, a \$750 scholarship. Student must be of Italian descent (maternal and/or paternal lineage) are eligible for this scholarship. See Mrs. Vallie . Application deadline is June 1, 2023.

### **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 Jewish Community Center (JCC)** in Woodbridge has summer jobs for teens who want to work with children at their summer camp. For more information, please [click HERE](#).

### **Amity HS Athletics Booster Club**

- Nominations meeting to be held on Monday, May 8 at 7pm in AHS rm 501. Our Annual meeting and board member voting will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend.
- **JOIN OUR TEAM!** We are currently seeking several board members for the upcoming year. Vice president, treasurer and secretary are the positions that need to be filled. We meet once a month on the 1st Thursday at 6:30pm. Any questions, please reach out to Carrie at [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com).
- **Show your Amity Pride!** Both Amity “A” and “PROUD” yard signs are available! Decal stickers are \$5 each. Yard signs are \$15 each. Please email [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) to order yours today!

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

- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Please help us celebrate our teachers and staff during the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> by volunteering your time, donating an item and/or making a monetary contribution. Please sign up [here](#). Thank you for your continued support!
- **Graduation Balloons:** We are excited to continue with our long-standing tradition to offer Amity graduation balloons this year! To purchase balloons, please click [here](#) to complete and submit your order. For common asked questions and answers, please visit [here](#).
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 18 at 6:00pm 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.
- **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 News: National Fentanyl Awareness Day is coming up on May 9th! It is a day for raising awareness about an urgent national problem: people are dying at alarming rates due to illicit fentanyl, a dangerous synthetic opioid. Get the facts and share them widely. Register for one or all of the speaker series that day: <https://www.fentanylawarenessday.org/speaker-series>

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