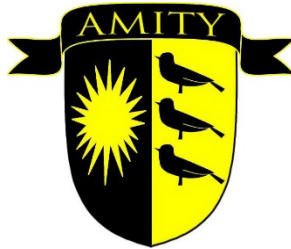


## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, May 12, 2023



After another busy week at Amity, here are a few updates for you to start the weekend:

- Today's email is coming out a little later than usual because Amity spent the afternoon hosting Senator Murphy for a roundtable discussion with a group of our students, faculty, parents, and community leaders. He was here to hear from them about the bipartisan bill he recently introduced on social media restrictions aimed at addressing teen mental health issues. In addition to the faculty on hand and the state legislators who joined us, we somehow convinced more than 20 students to stay till 4:00 pm on the day of the Junior Prom. They met for more than an hour, and I was proud of how thoughtful, tactful, and honest our students were throughout the conversation. After the meeting the senator told me how impressed he was by our students and that they had given him plenty to think about that would help guide his work on the issue.
- This was Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, and we cannot stress enough how much the entire faculty and staff at ARHS works hard every day to meet the needs and expectations of all our students. It was very gratifying throughout the week to see how many community members feel the same way about our faculty and staff. We were impressed and grateful for the parent volunteers from the PTSO who spent the week providing a breakfast, a luncheon, and a dessert bar for the faculty and staff, as well as the members of our Student Government who wrote individualized thank-you notes for all our teachers and hosted an event for teachers after school on Monday. We also really appreciate all the personal notes, emails, messages, and gifts that parents and students sent to so many members of the faculty this week.
- Today was the last day of class for our Senior class, and their off-campus UELP job shadowing or on-campus Student Interest Projects will begin next week. This program encouraging our seniors to branch out and learn more about potential career fields before graduation is unique to Amity, and we wish all our seniors the best of luck in this new adventure! But don't forget to check your student emails daily, as there will be information coming out to all of you about the Class of 2023 end of year events, rehearsals, and the graduation ceremony. And if any seniors still have books, other school materials, or financial obligations to the school, please drop them off to the appropriate person at school next week so that we can give out your cap and gown at the graduation rehearsals.

- The Junior Prom is this evening, and we hope that all our students and their guests attending the event have a great time. Take lots of pictures, enjoy the time with your friends, and be sure to make smart decisions before, during, and after the dance.

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### **Amity Happenings and Information**

- **Parking Update:** Starting next Monday, our seniors will be starting their internships, which will allow for additional parking spots for all juniors. All juniors, whether you have a current parking sticker or not, can park in any designated student parking spot (NOT faculty parking areas). Parking will be on a first come, first served basis.
- **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.

## College and Career of the Week

[Florida Institute of Technology](#) (FIT) is a private, tier-1 research university located in Melbourne, Florida. (A tier-1 research university is one that expects to spend at least \$100 million dollars per year in research grants.) FIT's campus is located near the [Kennedy Space Center](#) in Cape Canaveral. Approximately 2,900 undergraduate students attend FIT, joining another 5,000 graduate and doctoral students on campus. There are over 75 [majors/programs](#) available in fields such as aeronautical science, engineering, business, and mathematics. FIT students enjoy an average daily temperature of 72 degrees on a vibrant campus with many options for [clubs and activities](#) as well as other [recreational activities](#). The FIT Panther [athletes have 13 teams](#) that compete in NCAA-D2 ([Sunshine State Conference](#)). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) is approximately \$61,000 (2022-2023) and will vary based on one's major. For more information, check out FIT's [admissions website](#), take a brief [virtual tour](#) or view their quick [facts here](#).

"[Environmental engineers](#) use the principles of engineering, soil science, biology, and chemistry to develop solutions to environmental problems", ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), 2021). [Environmental engineers](#) work at combining practicality and creativity to keep air, soil, and water quality healthy and productive. A bachelor's degree is required for entry level positions in the field, and some jobs require a master's degree. The national median salary is \$96,820 and the profession is expected to **show slower than average job growth (4%) through 2030** (BLS, 2021). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering](#), the [Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors](#), and the [American Water Works Association](#).

*Some schools that have environmental engineering programs include:*

University of Connecticut	College of the Atlantic	Univ of Central Florida
SUNY/Env Sci & Forestry	Drexel University	Boston University
PA College of Technology	University of Florida	New York Inst of Tech
Paul Smith's College	Univ of New Hampshire	Norwich University
Rochester Inst of Tech	Temple University	Florida State University
Unity College	SUNY/Buffalo	Florida Polytech Univ

*or search in Naviance 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](#).
- **Attention Current Juniors: Interested in West Point Academy?** West Point is offering their Second Step Kits (SSKs) on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. This means that current Juniors interested in West

Point can begin to complete a West Point application. Additionally, to kick off the opening of their SSKs, they are hosting a virtual Admissions Information Meeting on Facebook **Live on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm EST**. This event will be hosted by Captain Richard Mendoza '14, Far West Regional Commander, and participants will be able to have their questions answered live. The event will be recorded to our Facebook Page "West Point Admissions" under "Videos" for viewing at any time after the event. Here is the link for this event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/facebook-live-west-point-admis/757335109194084/>

- **Biomedical Engineering Discovery Program** sponsored by the Connecticut Area Health Education Centers is offering a Webex Video Conference meeting on **Saturday, June 3, 2023**, for 14-17 yr. old students. This program is designed for students who are interested in a career in science, technology, engineering and/or math. The topic for this session will include Prosthetic Leg and Health Careers. The cost is \$45 per participant. Please [click here](#) for more information and registration.
- **Green STEP Summer Certification Program** sponsored by the United Illuminating, Southern CT Gas and CT Natural Gas will be offering a paid-to-train program for all high school students in the New Haven area from **July 6-28<sup>th</sup>**. This program is for students interested in the green-building industry. A stipend of \$15.00 an hour will be paid to each student. Space is limited to 100 students and will take place at High School in the Community in the City of New Haven. Please [click here](#) for more information and registration.

### 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. The Career Center can also assist with finding local job opportunities. See 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

- **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

- **Senior Breakfast:** The annual senior breakfast celebrating our graduates will be on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 9:30am in the cafeteria. More information and a sign-up link will be released next week. Stay tuned!
- **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 by May 24<sup>th</sup>. For frequently asked questions and answers, please visit [here](#).
- **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week** - Thank you to all the families who donated to help make our teachers & staff feel appreciated! We were able to provide a wonderful breakfast spread on Tuesday, a delicious lunch on Wednesday and sweet treats on Friday. Everyone was SO thankful!!
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 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

- **Woodbridge Youth Services News:** Call 203-389-3429 or email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org) for information or to sign up for programs.
  - *Sign up for Youth Services Notifications:* <https://www.woodbridgect.org/list.aspx>
  - *See Youth Services' Website:* <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>
  - *Follow us on Facebook:* <https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeYouthServices.CT>
- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge or Bethany Teens Who Want Work:** The Job Bank guides teens ages 13-18 as they apply, interview, and earn money doing odd jobs for Woodbridge residents. Teens are needed now, especially for yard work. Contact the Job Bank to schedule your interview. Parent permission required. Other jobs include babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.
- **Youth Evening Program Volunteers Needed on May 19<sup>th</sup>- Community Service Opportunity:** **Adults, college students, and high school juniors and seniors** are needed to assist at our middle school party between 5:30 and 8:15 pm. We depend on volunteers to run our evening programs and keep kids safe. Email [Youthone@Woodbridgect.org](mailto:Youthone@Woodbridgect.org) or call 203-389-3429 to help.
- **Woodbridge Youth Advisory Board seeks Woodbridge teen members-Community Service Opportunity:** Meetings are held from 3:45pm to 4:45pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of alternating months during the school year (5 per yr.). Contact Youth Services for information. Limited number of positions available.
- **Human Trafficking Information for Parents/Community Members-May 19, 10am – 12pm via Zoom:** Hosted by South Central Network of Care/Sponsored by Connecting to Care. Please see flyer on the Woodbridge Youth Services Facebook page.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81377183085?pwd=MnEwYjZiVjg5eIRNTXJMTEhwQW9QQT09#success>

- **Free Suicide Prevention Training (QPR) for Adults Only-May 16, 6:30 – 8:30.** Location: Miller Memorial Library, 2901 Dixwell Ave., Hamden, CT. Call: 203-287-2680 to register. Sponsored by QVHD.
- **Case Memorial Library Events:** Please see the two attached documents for information on upcoming Trivia Night and Dungeons & Dragons events at the library. ATTACHMENTS

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