

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, June 2, 2023



This was our last full week of class prior to final exams, and for our students in grades 9-11, that means one more day of exam review on Monday followed by final exams for the rest of the week. For your convenience, we are attaching the daily exam schedule and guidelines to this week's Community Happenings. Good luck to all our students as you prepare for and take your exams over the next week!

Our Seniors have had a very different experience for the past few weeks, with most reporting to off-campus job-shadowing opportunities while others conducted independent research projects at school. Today marked the end of the process, with the 12<sup>th</sup> grade returning to school for their Senior Presentations to groups of younger students in Spartan Seminars. I had the opportunity to listen in on several of them and based on what I saw and what I heard from other faculty members, both our Seniors and the students in their audiences found this to be a valuable experience.

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### Amity Happenings and Information

- **Calliope Art & Literary Magazine:** The 2022-2023 edition of *Calliope*, Amity's art and literary magazine, has been published and is available at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/calliope22-23>
- **Student Health Forms During the Summer – a message from our School Health Office:** Health forms being dropped off over the Summer need to be in the form of a print copy and will need to be placed in the lockbox located at the District Office. Medications cannot be placed in the lockbox; those will need to be dropped off to the nurses on the first day of school with the proper medication authorization form attached. Please do not email any medical information or forms to the nurses over the Summer.

## Embers Yearbook Information

- **Class of 2024 Senior Portraits:** Senior portrait sessions for the Class of 2024 will be held by appointment at Robert Taylor's studio in Stratford throughout the summer. Details are available [here](#).
- **Class of 2023 Yearbook Distribution:** Yearbook distribution for the Class of 2023 will occur on campus at ARHS in late June. Specific details will be announced via the yearbook website ([amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com)) and social media accounts as soon as they are available. Because all school e-mail addresses for the Class of 2023 will be disabled after graduation, new graduates are advised to follow @AmityEmbers on Facebook and/or Instagram for these announcements. Members of the Class of 2023 are also advised that they will need to present and scan a form of school ID (either their school-issued ID card or the Swipe K12 app on their phones) to pick up their books. Current underclass students will receive their books when school resumes in the fall.
- **Class of 2023 Yearbook Signing Opportunity:** During the senior breakfast on June 8, the yearbook staff will be revealing the cover of *Embers* 2023 as well as announcing the recipient of this year's yearbook dedication. All attendees will also be receiving signature supplements, which are sixteen-page inserts of blank pages that students can share and sign. They are made of the same type of paper used in the yearbooks, are the same height and width as yearbook pages, and feature an adhesive strip so that they can seamlessly become part of students' books once they arrive. All seniors are encouraged to come to the senior breakfast prepared with pens for signing one another's supplements. No pens will be provided at the event.

## College and Career of the Week

[Gateway Community College](#) was founded in 1992 when the former South Central Community College and the Greater New Haven State Technical College merged. Gateway's main campus is now located in downtown New Haven with a satellite campus in North Haven (home of their [automotive program](#)). Gateway is one of [12 community colleges in Connecticut that have recently been renamed CT State](#). With one application, CT State students can attend their local community college yet access over [300 programs of study](#) through both in-person and online courses. [Campus services](#) such as financial aid, wellness centers and career services will remain available on local campuses. [Annual tuition](#) for full time, in-state residents is **\$ 4,736.00** (2023-2024). Learn more about attending Gateway *for little or no cost* by visiting the [PACT website](#).

"[Railroad workers](#) ensure that passenger and freight trains operate safely. They may drive trains, coordinate the activities of the trains, or control signals and switches in the rail yard" ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), 2021). While a high school education is required for most railroad workers, all positions will have extensive on the job training. The national median salary is \$64,150 and **slower than average job growth (5%) is expected through 2030** (BLS, 2021). Please check out this video to learn more about [locomotive engineers, conductors and yardmasters](#).

## Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Local Events in the Community Need Volunteers!** Please click [here](#) for a list of opportunities.

- **Working Papers/Summer:** With an increase in Working Papers requests for summer employment, please find an updated list of requirements for student employment [here](#).
- **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.
- **EMT Summer Courses are available in Seymour!** The Seymour Ambulance Association is offering summer day and night EMT Courses. Please find more information [here](#).
- The **University of Pittsburgh** is offering The **School of Pharmacy PIER Summer Program** (Pharmacy Innovation Experience and Research). This program will expose students to the wide range of opportunities that come with a PharmD (Doctorate in Pharmacy) Degree. This program will offer weekly webinars and activities that will engage the students and encourage teamwork. Students will work through patient cases outside the webinar sessions and receive help and guidance from current Pitt Pharmacy students, who will serve as their mentors. This 5-week webinar series will occur every **Monday starting July 3 to July 31 from 5-7 p.m., EST** Please note there is no cost to participate in PIER, and the deadline to register is June 15. Please [click here](#) for more information or email [smm198@pitt.edu](mailto:smm198@pitt.edu).
- **Attention Juniors!** Over the summer, please take the opportunity to check out the [College & Career Center website](#) as a resource to help you with your college & career searches.
- **Shout out to our UELP/SIP Seniors!** Congratulations to the Class of 2023 for completing a successful 12-day internship/research project. We are so proud of our seniors! Also, Amity High School would like to thank the many local schools and businesses in the BOWA and beyond for their continued support with our 2023 UELP Program! Your time and effort are greatly appreciated by both students and staff!

### **Athletic Department Happenings**

- **Fall Sports Information Night:** YOU ARE INVITED TO THIS MUST-ATTEND, IN-PERSON EVENT. At 6:30 pm on Monday, June 5, Athletic Director Ernie Goodwin will welcome Spartan Families and share updated sports guidelines for the upcoming season. Immediately following, students/parents will transition to sports specific breakout meetings with our coaches. We look forward to seeing everyone.

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

- Who are we?? We are a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to support our student athletes that participate in sports at Amity High School. Your membership dollars help fund equipment purchases, facility improvements, scholarships and more. Please contact Carrie at [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) for more information about upcoming events and volunteering.
- Fun and creative? Bring your exciting ideas to the Booster Club Board! Be a part of the fun as we support Amity athletics through fundraising and membership. A MEMBER AT LARGE is needed to complete our winning team. Your responsibilities would include attending monthly meetings, providing support for the other Board members, and acting as a liaison

between the Booster Club and its membership. Please contact Carrie at [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) to inquire.

### **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. This is such a fun event for our seniors, and to make it happen we still need donations of food items and gift cards for the senior raffle. To sign up to contribute your time and/or items, please click [here](#).
- **Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for parent volunteers for the school year 2023-2024 to continue our work to support the school and our children. We need chairs for teacher appreciation week, graduation balloons, college fair, senior breakfast, among others. If you are interested in helping, please email [arhsptso@gmail.com](mailto:arhsptso@gmail.com).
- **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 Announcements:**

#### **Upcoming Events at Case Memorial Library:**

- Zoom Trivia, June 1 - <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/zoom-trivia-0>
- Connected Cooking: Pride Month Gumdrops, Pickup June 5-10 - <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/connected-cooking-pride-month-gumdrops>
- Take & Make Bug Repellent Paracord Bracelet Kit, Pickup June 12-17 - <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/take-make-kit-bug-repellent-paracord-bracelet>
- Dungeons & Dragons Teen Group, June 24 - <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/dungeons-dragons-teen-group-0>

#### **Attached Files**

[Final Exam Schedule 2023.pdf](#)

