

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, June 10 , 2023



This week's Community Happenings newsletter is coming out on Saturday because we were busy Friday celebrating Graduation with the Amity Regional High School Class of 2023. After a few uncertain days of watching weather and air quality forecasts, we were able to hold the ceremony outside under cloudy skies for a huge crowd of family, friends, and well-wishers. The few showers during the ceremony didn't dampen anyone's spirits, and as one graduate told me while we were getting ready, "We're not made of sugar, we won't melt." The more I thought about that comment, the more I realized just how well it summed up the Class of '23: they have consistently rolled along in an accepting and easy-going way with whatever challenges they faced throughout a historically tumultuous four years of high school. Congratulations to you all, Seniors!

For students in grades 9-11, Friday was the last regular day of final exams. Monday morning is reserved for make-up exams, so students who do not have any exams left to take do not need to attend school. But that's doesn't mean you should let your brains rest for too long! Many of our honors and Advanced Placement courses have summer reading and work assignments, so getting started on them soon is better than later. And reading for pleasure over the summer is a good idea for all of us – after a school year of reading what you were required to, spending some time reading whatever you choose is a great way to unwind while keeping your brain sharp.

This is the final Community Happenings newsletter of the 2022-2023 school year. We will still be sending information out to you over the summer on an as-needed basis, and weekly Community Happenings newsletters will resume at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Have a great summer, everyone!

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) 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) in order to pick up their books. Current underclass students will receive their books when school resumes in the fall.

College and Career of the Week

The College and Career of the Week column will return in the fall. In the meantime, you can reread any of this year's entries by clicking on the links below:

[College of the Week columns 2022-2023](#)

[Career of the Week columns 2022-2023](#)

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](#).
- 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.

- **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.

Summer School Information

Students who failed a core academic course and would like to take summer school for credit have two options this summer. Either program will be accepted for Amity credit. Students who chose to take a course will receive credit and a grade from the program as long as he/she receives a passing grade and meets the attendance policy stated for the program. The course will appear on the transcript as Summer School (name of course), along with the grade earned. That grade will not be factored into GPA calculations. No transportation will be provided. Please contact the Counseling Office at Amity with any questions- 203-397-4846

- West Haven: Please see the attached brochure for courses, dates, and cost. To enroll in this program, complete the attached form and bring a check made out to West Haven High School to the main office at Amity. We will coordinate payment and registration for you.
- Milford: Attached is the brochure with details about courses, costs, and dates. For Amity Students: Milford Public Schools: Summer School Credit Recovery 2023
<https://form.jotform.com/231494598260161>

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Happy graduation to our Amity Seniors! The Booster Club wishes you the best in your future endeavors. Keep that Spartan Spirit!
- Enjoy the summer!
- Contact us at goamityspartans@gmail.com to sign up for Booster Club announcements. Also, please visit our FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/goamityspartans?mibextid=LQQJ4d>.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Graduation Wishes:** Congratulations to the Class of 2023! We are very proud of you, and we are honored to celebrate graduation day with you. Best of luck on your next endeavors, and as Confucius once said, "wherever you go, go with all your heart."
- **Thank you!** We would like to thank the Amity community for all their support during this school year. We couldn't have done it without you! We wish you a restful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!
- **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 a new Vice President as well as chairs for teacher appreciation week, graduation balloons, college fair, among others. If you are interested in helping, please email 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:

Woodbridge Youth Services News: Call 203-389-3429 or email 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.
- **Woodbridge Youth Advisory Board seeks Woodbridge teen members-Community Service Opportunity:** Meetings are held from 3:45pm to 4:45pm on the 3rd Thursday of alternate months during the school year (5 per yr.). Contact Youth Services for information. Limited number of positions available.
- **Babysitter Training:** Please follow us on Facebook and on our town's website for summer classes.
- **Congratulations:** Kudos to Jack Morrison who won the Woodbridge First Selectman's Youth Award and Sheehan Munim who won an Outstanding Volunteer Award at the recent Human Services Celebration of Volunteers. Both are dedicated and deserving young men. We also thank all the students who have volunteered for Youth Services throughout the year.

Attached Files
summer school brochure operating procedures 2023.pdf
West Haven Summer School.pdf
WHHS Summer School Flyer.pdf

