

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, September 8, 2023

The second week of the school year is when everyone starts making the shift from “getting to know you” over to “getting down to business,” and we were very impressed to see how well everyone got back into the rhythm of the school year again this week. We also got to check in with the parents of our Gr. 9 and 12 students at Thursday’s Back To School Night, which had a tremendous turnout, and we are looking forward to more of the same at next Wednesday’s event for parents of Gr 10 and 11 students.

Of course, the big news this week was the weather, with remarkable heat impacting much of what we do. We are fortunate to be in an air-conditioned building, so we were able to conduct a regular school day, but our Phys Ed classes, and athletic events were certainly affected by the heat. Both of those departments consulted with experts and adjusted whatever they needed to (including the length and timing of outdoor activities, increased water, and rest breaks, and shifting the start times for games to later in the evening), helping to make sure that these activities remained safe and enjoyable for our students.

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Yearbook distribution:** Yearbooks will be distributed to those who purchased them last year during lunch waves Friday 8th, Monday 11th, and Tuesday 12th (schedule posted below). Students, please come to the tables outside of the lunchroom during either lunch or your SSP! Extra yearbooks will be available for purchase after Tuesday for \$90. These will be first come, first serve. You can swing by and see Ms. Yancey in room 109 for any additional questions or to purchase your yearbook or feel free to send an email to embers@amityschools.org.
 - Friday 9/8 - lunch/SSP waves 1+2 (C day)
 - Monday 9/11 - lunch/SSP waves 1+2 (D day)
 - Tuesday 9/12 - all lunch and SSP waves (A day)
- **Peer Tutoring will be holding a Homework Help Center** every Tuesday and Thursday after school in the Career Center until 3:30 p.m. starting on Thursday, September 14th. Snacks will be provided. The Homework Help Center provides a structured environment to get schoolwork done, and peer tutors are available to help if needed. Students can also request one to one peer tutor through this request form: <https://forms.gle/JPY2uXgkomjK9PCF7>

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Georgia](#) (UGA) is a public university located in Athens, Georgia, approximately 90 minutes northeast of Atlanta. UGA enrolls about 30,000 undergraduate students and offers over 200

[majors & programs](#). UGA's "[Double Dawgs](#)" program helps academically motivated students obtain dual degrees (BS and MS) in 5 years with [100+ opportunities](#) to choose from. There are many [support services](#), extracurricular activities, clubs, and organizations to become involved with. Students have many opportunities for a great social life on campus. In addition, the "Bulldogs" sponsor [19 athletic teams](#) that compete in the [Southeastern Conference](#) (NCAA D-1). Annual tuition, room and board for out-of-state residents is [\\$47,360 \(2023-2024\)](#). To learn more, visit UGA's [admissions website](#), read about their [fast facts](#), or take an [online tour here](#).

"[Physicians and surgeons](#) work in both clinical and nonclinical settings. Clinical settings include physicians' offices and hospitals; nonclinical settings include government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and insurance companies", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). Towards the end of their training, physicians and surgeons will choose an area of specialty such as [pediatrics](#), [obstetrics & gynecology](#), [emergency medicine](#), [internal medicine/general practice](#) or one of many others. All physicians and surgeons must pass the [USMLE exam](#), pass state [license](#) exams and become [board certified](#) after completing an [extensive educational career](#). The median salary for physicians and surgeons is \$229,300 (national average) per year and the profession is expected to have **average growth at 3% through 2032** (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the following websites: the [American Medical Association](#), the [American College of Physicians](#) (internal medicine specialty) and the [American College of Surgeons](#).

Some schools with programs in pre-medical studies include:

University of Georgia	University of Connecticut	Sacred Heart University
Southern CT State Univ	SUNY at Albany	SUNY Stony Brook
Quinnipiac University	University of New Haven	Western CT State Univ
SUNY/Binghamton	Syracuse University	UMASS/Amherst
Boston University	Western New England Un	Univ of Rhode Island
Central CT State Univ	Univ of New Hampshire	Franklin Pierce University

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **College Representatives coming to Amity starting next Monday, Sept. 11th!** Seniors and Juniors can register for college visits by signing into NAVIANCE and clicking on the COLLEGES, then COLLEGE VISITS. REGISTER for those colleges you are interested in meeting. Request a pass to the Career Center in "e-hall pass." See a list of [upcoming week's visit listing HERE](#). **This year we will limit each student to no more than 8 visits.** For questions, please email Paula Vallie at paula.vallie@amityregin5.org.
- **50 TOP SCHOOLS** - Once again, the College and Career Center at Amity HS has published our list of "[50 Top Colleges](#)". These are the most applied to (most popular) schools with our past seniors. This list was compiled with data from seniors' applications from the classes of 2019 through 2023.
- **Seniors & Juniors Mark, Your Calendars:** The **Southern Connecticut College & Gap Year Fair** will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 27th from 4:30-7:30pm at the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheatre, 500 Broad Street, Bridgeport. This fair is free and is open to all high school students in New Haven and Fairfield County. Students and parents will have the ability to meet admissions



counselors and representatives from colleges, universities, and businesses from Connecticut, across the country and internationally. For more information, please visit [here](#).

- **Are you a senior planning on pursuing a career in the field of Nursing or related healthcare fields?** The Orange Scholarship Fund Association is offering their annual scholarships to all Orange students entering college in the fall of 2024. The deadline to apply is April 22, 2024. Applications are available through the Career Center at Amity or on their website at www.orangescholarshipfund.com. Applications can be emailed to info@orangescholarshipfund.com or through their website.
- **The ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7:30 am in the Lecture Hall (room 138). 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 to take the test by signing up 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](#).
- **Lentz and Lentz are offering an SAT class at Amity** - see the attached flyer for details. *Please note that Amity does not endorse any particular company for SAT prep, but in light of the district no longer offering Adult Education classes, we want to share this information with families who might be interested.
- **Senior Parent Night** will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 PM in the Brady Center. School counselors will be reviewing the steps for the college application process.
- **Financial Aid Night will be held on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30 PM in the Brady Center.** Colleen Mulrooney, Director, Student Financial Assistance at Sacred Heart University will be presenting. While the program is geared to parents of the Class of 2024, anyone is welcome to attend.
- **Yale is offering free programs to New Haven-area students.** Sign up now as registration dates are soon! Below is a list of free events and links to sign up:
 - **HPSEP (Health Profession & Science Enrichment Program)** is open to students in grades 10-12. [See dates and application here!](#)
 - **College Essay Writing Workshop hosted by STEM Mentors at Yale** open to students in grades 11-12. [See dates and application here!](#)
 - **Learn a language at the Yale World Class Program** open to students in grades 9-12. [See dates and application here!](#)
- **ATTENTION PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS** - The College & Career Center is planning a "Medical Trades Fair", featuring careers with 2 years of post-high school education or less. If you or someone you know would be willing to visit our school and speak with our students about these careers, please contact us at 203-397-4836. We are looking for the following professionals: CNA - X-Ray Tech - Dental Assistant - Physical Therapy Assistant - Veterinary Tech - Phlebotomist - Sonographer (ultrasound) Tech - Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Assistant - Paramedic/EMT - Pharmacy Tech - Nuclear Medicine Tech - Dietician/Nutritionist

Senior Happenings

- **College Application Process Meetings:** Next week, counselors will be meeting with their caseload of seniors to review the college application process. Seniors have already been sent the schedule of when and where to report, so they can find those details in their school email or by checking in the Counseling Office.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Welcome back, Spartan fans! Join us in supporting and celebrating our athletes by becoming a member of the Athletics Booster Club. Membership is now open! Join here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYN52pwC09hQVOz39TKPGFeJvLZQPTsBSBrjMJU>
- Purchase your Amity A decal sticker and Proud yard sign today! Decals are \$5 and yard signs are \$15, payment through PayPal or Venmo. Please email at goamityspartans@gmail.com to order yours today!
- Best of luck in our season openers!  

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Support Us!** Please join the PTSO today to support your student(s) and school. Joining the PTSO entitles members to a copy of the Student Directory which will be mailed in the fall. Each year the PTSO contributes to Senior Scholarships, Teacher of the Year Award, Library Student Art Award, Link Crew Activities, College Fair, Senior Breakfast, Holiday Family Outreach, Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week, Welcome back Teacher & Staff Luncheon and more. To join the PTSO, please visit our website amityptso.org and under membership click on Click here to join! Please note that PTSO membership must be renewed and paid every year.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our meetings are the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm in the media center. Our 1st meeting of the school year is on September 21st. We hope to see you there. For our meeting dates, visit our website amityptso.org and click on Meeting Info.
- If you have any **questions** or would like to **volunteer**, please contact us at arhsptso@gmail.com
- **Join our Facebook Group by** Be a part of our virtual community by visiting [this page](#) and answering the security questions required to gain access.

Community Happenings

- **Local Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers needed for the Orange Country Fair on Saturday, Sept. 16th and Sunday, Sept. 17th for 3 hours shifts starting at 11am. Volunteers are also needed for help with directing parking at the Durham Fair on Friday evening, Sept. 22nd, Saturday, Sept. 23rd and Sunday, Sept. 24th. If you are interested, please sign up at the Career Center.
- **Get to know your local prevention council: BOWDAAC – Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge Drug & Alcohol Action Committee.** Our mission is to reduce underage drinking and substance use by promoting awareness through educational programs and community collaborations in Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge. We are tasked with developing programs and initiatives to prevent and reduce vaping, alcohol, and substance use among youth. We provide resources and connect to mental health and addiction services if needed. We are here for you! Please reach out with any questions or concerns: info.bowdaac@gmail.com
- **Volunteers needed for the Bethany Harvest Festival!** The festival will take place on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 11 am – 4 pm at Bethany Airport. The following link has information on how to sign up as a volunteer for the festival: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkn_PMCUy31cbkdXA97G5cwxjboaULVQrVg8n2NkYmn3Y8Mg/viewform

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