

## ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, Sept. 15, 2023

- **Rosh Hashana** begins at sundown today and continues throughout the weekend, and for those members of our community who observe the holiday: “L’shana tovah u’metukah!”
- **9/11 Observance:** On Monday morning, the school paused its activities to recognize the importance of the day with the following announcement:

“Today is the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. If you visit 9/11 Memorial Plaza, at the site where the Twin Towers once stood, you will find an 8-acre park in the heart of New York dedicated to the twin spirits of remembrance and renewal.

“Remembrance is the easier of the two. Across the United States today, schools and communities will broadcast announcements, hold moments of silence and public events, all dedicated to keeping alive the memory of those who sacrificed and died during and after the attacks.

“Renewal is the more challenging part of that vision. Unlike remembrance, we can’t hold a ceremony for renewal and then just carry on with our lives as usual. Instead, renewal requires constant effort, a decision from each of us to do our part to help reach the goal of a better world and to live every day as proof that the American virtues of shared sacrifice, respect and tolerance for all races and creeds, and service to the greater community were not damaged in those attacks.

“Would you all please join now in a moment of silence.”

- **Hispanic Heritage Month** began today and continues until October 15. Students in Amity’s National Spanish Honor Society started the month off for us today with a special message during morning announcements followed by a curated playlist of music that we broadcast between classes today. We will be honoring the month in the coming weeks with announcements and displays around the school.

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### **Amity Happenings and Information**

- **School Evacuation Today:** During our lunch period today Amity Regional High School held an unscheduled evacuation due to an emergency alarm. We were able to identify and correct the cause quickly, and all students were back in school within 20 minutes. Thanks to the

Woodbridge Fire Department and Police Department for their assistance in quickly managing the situation today – we appreciate you!

- **Summer Reading and Spartan Seminar:** Next Wednesday students will be meeting in Spartan Seminar groups to discuss their summer reading books and how they connect to elements of the Portrait of the Graduate. Please remind your kids to bring their books to school on Wednesday, and if they haven't quite finished their reading yet, encourage them to get that done by Wednesday.
- **School Photos for Gr. 9-11:** Amity photo days are Sept. 26 & 27, and prepay ordering is now active! School Prepay is now active until October 11th. Information on packages and ordering is available at the link below or on the attached flyer. [Amity underclass photo prepay active until Oct. 11 code "amt23"](#)
- **Class of 2025 Bottle & Can Drive:** Please consider bringing your returnable bottles and cans to Amity High School this Saturday between the hours of 10:00AM and 1:00PM. We will be in the bus loop. The proceeds benefit the class of 2025 and will help defray the cost of yearbooks and prom.

### College and Career of the Week

The [University of Washington](#) (UW) is a public university located in downtown [Seattle, Washington](#). Founded [in 1861](#), UW enrolls over 33,000 undergraduate students and offers over 180 [majors & programs](#). Upon graduation, "[81% of are employed or in graduate school six months after graduation](#) and 68% graduate with some internship experience". The UW [Career & Internship Center](#) has been a driving force in helping students find both internships and job placements. Life on campus is very active with a multitude of social events, [clubs and other activities](#). In addition, the UW Huskies sponsor [20 athletic teams](#) that compete in the [PAC-12 Conference](#) (NCAA D-1). Annual tuition, room and board for out-of-state residents is approximately [\\$64,000 \(2023-2024\)](#). To learn more, visit UW's [admissions website](#), read about their [fast facts](#), or take an [online tour here](#).

"[Computer and Information Research Scientists](#) design innovative uses for new and existing computing technology", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). Jobs for [Computer and Information Research Scientists](#) usually require a master's degree and are in demand with **23% growth expected** in the field over the next 10 years (BLS, 2022) which is much faster than average. The median salary for computer and info research scientists is \$136,620 (national average) per year (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the following websites: The [Association for Computing Machinery](#), the [International Association Of Computer Science And Information Technology](#), and the [Association for Women in Computing](#).

*Some schools with computer science programs include:*

University of Washington  
UMASS/Amherst  
Binghamton Univ/SUNY  
Worcester Polytech Inst  
Univ of New Hampshire  
Bentley University

University of Connecticut  
University of New Haven  
Wentworth Inst of Tech  
Quinnipiac University  
Hofstra University  
Central CT State Univ

Boston University  
Univ of Rhode Island  
Southern CT State Univ  
Fairfield University  
Marist College  
UMAINE/Augusta

or search in Naviance for more choices!

### Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Fall College Visits Have Begun!** Seniors and Juniors can meet with college representatives by signing into NAVIANCE and clicking on the "COLLEGES" tab, 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@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.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](#).
- **Counselor Lessons to Freshmen:** The Counseling Department will be conducting developmental counseling lessons to all freshmen during their Biology classes on September 28, 29 and October 2. Every student will complete the Strengths Explorer in Naviance and a counselor survey. This lesson assists students with identifying their talents or areas of strength and how these skills might translate to the world of work.
- **Are you 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](http://www.orangescholarshipfund.com). Applications can be emailed to [info@orangescholarshipfund.com](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Center for Language Study Offering Free Program:** Sign up now as registration dates are soon! 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
- **Juniors and Seniors** - If you are interested in training for trade careers now before you graduate from high school, check out [Bristol Technical Education Center's](#) OPEN HOUSE on [Thursday, October 5th from 5-7pm](#). Current high school students can begin their training (part time) in programs such as automotive, aircraft maintenance, culinary arts, HVAC, welding and others. BTEC's AVIATION TECH MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS have upcoming OPEN HOUSES on Saturday, September 30. Click [HERE for HARTFORD campus](#) and [HERE for STRATFORD campus](#) to learn more about these events.
- **62<sup>nd</sup> Annual United States Senate Youth Program** is now open to apply! This program is a unique educational experience for qualified outstanding high school juniors or seniors interested in pursuing careers in public service and earning a \$10,000 scholarship. Only students who demonstrate leadership by serving elected or appointed positions at their high school can qualify for this program. The deadline to apply is Monday, October 23, 2023. Please find a [one-page \(flyer\)](#) with helpful information, the line to the application, and the website of the program. There will be an informational webinar on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, to explain the program in depth. Please [click here](#) and fill out the form if you plan on attending!

### 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! Visit our updated website and join here: <https://sites.google.com/amityschools.org/amityathleticsboosterclub/home>
- It's time for some friendly competition! Join by September 30th for a chance to win! The team with the most Athletics Booster Club members will win \$\$\$ towards their End of Season Banquet. Show your Spartans Spirit and join the Booster Club!
- We're recruiting! Become a team liaison and help spread the Spartans Spirit with us! Our mission is to promote positive athletics and increase community support. If you'd like to help in this endeavor, please contact Carrie at [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com). Your assistance in helping us stay connected to our teams is invaluable to the Booster Club.
- 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 [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) to order yours today!

### 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](http://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:** Please join us for our first PTSO meeting of the year next Thursday, September 21st at 7pm in the media center. If you have any **questions** or would like to **volunteer**, please contact us at [arhsptso@gmail.com](mailto: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

- **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>
- **Woodbridge Youth Services Community Service Opportunities:**
  - **Youth Evening Programs for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (9/22/23 & 10/20/23):** Adults, College Students, and high school juniors and seniors wanted to chaperone or assist at the registration tables, games, and food tables. Community Service hours approved for high school students.
  - **Tech Tuesdays (or other days as needed):** Students assist older adults who wish to learn about cell phones, PCs, and laptops.
  - **Food Pantry (For October/November):** After the local scouts collect food at the end of October, there will be a need for some students to come after school or on early dismissal days to sort and shelve the food. Must be scheduled with Youth Services in advance.
- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge and 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. 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:** Woodbridge Youth Services seeks Woodbridge parents and a few Amity students to join its Advisory Board which meets five times per year (September through May). Limited spaces. Our goal is to create diversity within our board and prefer 1 student from each high school grade. Contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 for more information.
- **BOWDAAC-Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge Drug and Alcohol Action Committee Seeks Members:** Our local prevention council works within our communities and local schools to provide programming and share information regarding vaping, tobacco, drug, and alcohol use. Contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3464 to get involved. We meet monthly during the school year.

### Attached Files

[Amity Underclass Photo Packages 2023-24.pdf](#)

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