

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, September 22, 2023

As always, it was a busy and productive week at Amity, including our first Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) meeting of the year on Thursday. The PTSO is a tremendous organization that does a great deal of “behind the scenes” work all year long to support our students and faculty, and if you are not already a member, I encourage you to join using the link available in the PTSO section of our newsletter below.

There is no school in Amity Region 5 next Monday, September 25, in observance of Yom Kippur. For those of you who observe the holiday, may you have a meaningful holiday, and “*G’mar chatima tova.*”

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **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"](#)
- **Amity Club Day, Thursday, September 28 (rain date 9/29):** Our annual Club Day is taking place during all SSP sessions next Thursday. This is an opportunity for all students to learn about and sign up for any of the more than 75 clubs and activities we offer at Amity. Please encourage your children to explore the offerings and try something new this year. After all, high school is only as good as you make it, and the more effort you put in the better it will be!
- **Amity High School Fights Cancer Fundraiser: No One Fights Alone!** Amity Student Government is fundraising to fight cancer again this year. And to raise these funds Student Government has a “pink” t-shirt for sale (It’s actually black with a pink design, click the link to see the design). Our goal is to have as many students as possible and staff purchase the t-shirts and wear them on our “pink out” days, which are Fridays in October. This year’s proceeds are again going to Yale New Haven Hospital’s Closer to Free Fund. "This fund supports Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center’s mission to pursue the latest advances in cancer research at Yale Cancer Center, develop promising new cancer treatments, and make these therapies available as quickly as possible to their patients at Smilow Cancer Hospital." Click the link, buy a shirt, maybe donate a little extra, and then wear your shirt on the pink out days, wherever you are. <https://2023pinkshirt.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
- **Academic Interventionists Available!** If your child could use a little extra support in their schoolwork, we have a staff of full-time academic interventionists for Math , Literacy, and

Science. Students can schedule an appointment or drop in for as-needed services with any of them, or they can talk to their school counselor for more information about the academic support we have available for all students.

- **Internet Safety Training – On behalf of the US Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut and the Department of Children and Families:** Tweens and Teens spend many hours per day online chatting and interacting with friends and people who they may not know well and who may put them at risk. To educate parents, teachers and others, the US Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut, in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families, is offering two FREE OF CHARGE online Internet Safety Trainings. This training will introduce parents, teachers and others to internet and cell phone applications and video game systems being used by the tweens/teens that could potentially put them at risk. Training will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, and Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. We encourage all districts to share this information with their teaching staff, as well as parents. Registration is required and available via the attached one-page flyer.

College and Career of the Week

[Indiana University](#) is a public research university, located in [Bloomington](#), Indiana. [Founded in 1820](#), IU Bloomington (the main campus) enrolls over [35,000 undergraduate students](#) who choose from [over 200 majors](#). There are [12 colleges within IU/Bloomington](#), including the highly ranked [Kelley School of Business](#) and [Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering](#). School spirit is alive on campus and there are many opportunities to build an [active and healthy lifestyle](#), with social events, clubs and recreational sports. The “Hoosiers” support 20 NCAA-D1 [athletic teams](#) who compete in the [Big Ten Conference](#). Annual tuition, room and board for [out-of-state residents is \\$53,860](#) (2023-2024). To learn more, visit IUB’s [admissions website](#), download a [viewbook](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

“[Human Resource Specialists](#) recruit, screen, and interview job applicants and place newly hired workers in jobs. They also may handle compensation and benefits, training, and employee relations”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). To work as a [Human Resource Specialist](#), one must earn a bachelor's degree in business, psychology or other related field. Excellent communication skills are also required to meet the demands of this multifaceted career. The median salary is \$64,240 (national average) per year and the profession is expected to have **faster than average growth at 6% through 2031** (BLS, 2021). For more information, please visit the following websites: The [National Human Resources Association](#), the [Academy of Human Resource Development](#), and the [Society for Human Resource Management](#).

Some schools with management/HR programs include:

Indiana University	University of Connecticut	Western CT State Univ
Adelphi University	SUNY/Oswego	Rochester Inst of Tech
Quinnipiac University	Rutgers University	Bentley University
Univ of Maryland/Coll Park	University of New Haven	So New Hampshire Univ
Bryant University	UMASS/Dartmouth	Rhode Island College
Springfield College	New England College	St John’s University

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Local College Fair:** Sacred Heart Academy/Notre Dame will be hosting a College Fair on Monday, September 25, 2023, from 6:30-8:00pm in the SHA gymnasium at 265 Benham Street, Hamden. A list of colleges attending can be found [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.
- **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.
- **SENIORS - COULD YOU USE SOME HELP WITH THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS?** ATTEND one or more of the 20-minute WORKSHOPS (held during SSP times) and learn how to get started with your [COMMON APP](#) on 10/4, using [NAVIANCE](#) with college search and applications on 10/5, and [RESUME WRITING](#) on 10/3 and 10/6. [CLICK HERE to register!](#)
- **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.
- **Applying to CT Colleges?** UConn, CCSC, ECSU, SCSU and WCSU are waving their application fees on Wednesday, Nov. 1st. In addition, WCSU applications are free for the entire month of November. SCSU will offer free applications using their own app from Nov. 2-15. For questions, stop in the Career Center.
- **TUITION SAVINGS** - Check out the [Regional Student Program](#) (sponsored by the New England Board of Higher Education) that *"provides significant tuition savings to residents of the six New England states when they enroll at out-of-state public colleges and universities within New England and pursue approved programs"* (nebhe.org). Students pay less for tuition within hundreds of [approved programs](#). Learn more about [eligibility](#) and applying to these programs by visiting the website.
- **Local Upcoming College Fair!** 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](#).
- **Local Scholarship Now Available:** 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](#).
- **Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest is now live:** This contest is open to middle and high school students (grades 6-12) The theme this year is making connections to Hispanic culture, and prizes will include a \$3,000 cash scholarship and iPads. Details can be found at www.Optimum.com/HHM. Please find flyers in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

- **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](#).
- **Trade Career Opportunities** – Check out some upcoming events and tours in the trades field.
 - Bristol Technical Education Center’s OPEN HOUSE on [Thursday, October 5th from 5-7pm](#). 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.
 - [Smart Manufacturing Careers Open House](#), where you can register and find more details about the event, 3-6 pm in East Hartford at Goodwin, 3 Pent Road location.
 - CCAT (CT Center for Advanced Technology) [upcoming fall events](#).

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 through 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. Your assistance in helping us stay connected to our teams is invaluable to the Booster Club. You are invited, but not required, to attend our monthly meetings.
- Purchase your Amity A decal sticker and PROUD yard sign today! Decal stickers are \$2 (small) and \$5 (large). Yard signs are \$15, payment through PayPal or Venmo. Please email 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 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 next PTSO meeting on Thursday, October 19, at 7pm in the media center. 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:** The Bethany Harvest Festival Committee is looking for volunteers to help with their event on Sunday, October 1, 2023. If you are interested, please sign up at the Career Center. The Autism Health & Fitness Center is looking for volunteers to help with their upcoming fall events. Please see a [flyer](#) with dates & times. Please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center if you are willing to help.

Attached Files

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

[INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING Sept 26 and Nov 8 2023 \(002\) \(002\).pdf](#)

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