

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, DATE

The big event at Amity Regional High School this week was our annual Club Day on Thursday. Student representatives from approximately 70 student clubs and organizations were advertising what they do for the rest of the school, and students had an opportunity to meet with them all during their SSP period, get information about their activities, and sign up for any clubs or activities that interest them. As I mentioned at our Back To School Nights, getting involved in extracurricular activities is one of the best ways for our students to feel connected to the school and their peers, and it has a huge impact on their academic success as well. Ask your kids what they learned on Club Day and which activities they plan to get involved with this year.

And speaking of conversations with your kids, this Wednesday marked the mid-point of our first marking period. That means it is a great time to check on your kids' academic progress in PowerSchool and use what you learn there to have an informed conversation with your kids about what they are learning, how the year is going for them so far, and what they can do to make sure they meet all of their goals for the first semester.

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Financial Aid Night Presentation Materials:** Our Counseling Department hosted a Financial Aid Night for parents this week which was full of information about paying for college that will be useful for parents well before Senior year. In case you weren't able to attend, the presenter's materials are available in the attached document and at this link: [link](#)
- **Advanced Placement Course Registration:** If your child is taking any Advanced Placement courses this year, the formal AP registration is officially opening at 5pm tonight! Use this link to register and pay for AP exams: <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>. The College Board is strict about deadlines for registration, so please sign up on time! The details you need to register are:
 - Registration is open from Friday, September 29, 2023 - Friday, November 3, 2023
 - AP Exam Fee: \$105 per exam
 - AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees: \$150 per exam
 - Late Fee: Registration will reopen from November 17, 2023 - March 8, 2024, but will have a \$40 extra late fee (as set by College Board, not ARHS)
 - Cancellation Fee: If you cancel by March 8, 2024, \$40 of your registration fee will go to the College Board and the remaining will be refunded. Any cancellations after this date will not be refunded.

- **PSAT Testing in October:** As part of our efforts to prepare students for success on the SAT, as well as to gather important information on student progress for our own instructional improvement, we will be administering the PSAT to students in Grades 9-10 on October 12 and to Grade 11 on October 19. Detailed information about these assessments and how parents can help to ensure that their children are well prepared for them was emailed to all parents in Grades 9-11 from our Counseling Department earlier today.

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Delaware's](#) (UDel) main campus is located in Newark, Delaware, and is an [Amity Top 50 school](#). [Satellite campuses](#) are located in four other cities around the state. With over 23,000 students enrolled, UDel was [ranked #4 by Princeton Review](#) as a "Top Schools for Entrepreneurship Studies" (by region, 2023). Within its 10 colleges and schools, there are over [150 majors](#), 100 minors and 50 bachelors to master's degree programs (4+1) to choose from. Students enjoy a vibrant [lifestyle on campus](#) and can participate in many different [clubs and organizations](#). There are 18 NCAA-D1 [athletic teams](#) that compete in the [Colonial Athletic Association](#), in addition to [club and intramural](#) sports opportunities. Annual tuition, room and board for out-of-state students is [\\$57,358.00 \(2023-2024\)](#). For more information, check out UDel's [admissions website](#), view their [fast facts](#), or take a virtual [tour HERE](#).

"[Veterinary technologists and technicians](#) do medical tests that help diagnose animals' injuries and illnesses", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). They also work alongside veterinarians to care for animals. To work in either of these careers [vet technologists](#) need a bachelors' degree, and vet technicians need an associate degree. Both must pass certification exams, depending upon local state laws. The median salary is \$38,240 (national average) per year and the profession is expected to have **faster than average growth at 21% through 2032** (BLS, 2022). Note that the [average salary in Connecticut](#) for vet techs is much higher at \$44,880 per year (BLS,2022). For more information, please visit the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America, ([NAVTA](#)). For information about AVMA accredited vet tech programs, see [listing here](#) and vet tech's [national exam info here](#).

Some schools with programs in veterinary technology include:

Middlesex Community College	Norwalk Community College	Northwestern Community Coll
Alfred State College (NY)	LaGuardia Community College	Medaille Community College
SUNY/Delhi	SUNY/Canton	Westchester Community College
Becker College	Holyoke Community College	UMASS/Amherst
New England Inst of Tech	U of New Hampshire/Durham	Manor College (PA)

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Upcoming College visits!** 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!](#)

- **Applying to CT Colleges?** UConn, CCSC, ECSU, SCSU and WCSU are waiving 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 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.
 - [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](#).
- **Upcoming 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. [Turkey Hill School](#) in Orange needs help with their Halloween Event on Oct. 13th. [Orange Historical Society](#) in Orange needs 3 students to become a docent to help with their tours of their 3 historical buildings. Please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center if you are willing to help. [Woodbridge Town Library](#) needs volunteers for many fall events and more! [Check out their Teen Advisory Board](#) or email ecantor@woodbridgetownlibrary.org.
- **Interested in Computer Science and STEM?** Check out the Congressional App Challenge Competition! The Office of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro is inviting students to participate in District 03's 2023 Congressional App Challenge. All middle and high school students residing in the Third District may participate. Students have until November 1, 2023, at 12:00pm ET to submit their Student App Application. Registration for the 2023 App Challenge is now [open](#)! To view past winners, information, official rules, guidelines, please visit [here](#). If you have any

questions or require clarifications on any aspect of the challenge, please contact Shreyoshi.Ghoshray@mail.house.gov or 203 997 9816.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB! 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>
- JOIN TODAY! Join tomorrow, Saturday, September 30 for the chance to win \$\$\$ for your team! 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!
- Please join us next Thursday, October 5 for our next meeting. Meetings will be held at 6:30pm in AHS room 501. All are welcome and invited to attend.
- 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. We will provide all the information needed to share with your team.
- Purchase your Amity A decal sticker and PROUD yard sign today! Decal stickers are \$3 (small) and \$5 (large). Yard signs are \$15, payment through PayPal or Venmo. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order yours today! Will deliver to you within 2 days.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Support Us!**: Please join the PTSO today to support your student(s) and school. 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.
- If you have you 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

- **Woodruff Family YMCA Leaders Club**: The Leaders Club is an opportunity for high school students to gain community service hours, leadership skills, and basic knowledge of civic education. This program is designed specifically for teenagers and provides education on the impact of advocacy, community, and social responsibility while granting them the opportunity to host programs, create solutions to solve community issues, and overall learn about the mission of the YMCA. All of the work the teens will be doing for this program will be based out of the Woodruff Family YMCA with guidance from YMCA staff. This is an amazing opportunity for students to build relationships with their peers and a great way to meet students from other schools. They will have the ability to come together to complete their service hours while improving their local community. The **attached flyer** has information on registering for the program.

Attached Files

[Woodruff YMCS leaders club flyer.pdf](#)

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