

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, October 6, 2023

Over the next two weeks, students in Grades 9 – 11 will be taking the PSAT test in school. Although this will interrupt our normal school day on the next two Thursdays, it is a valuable experience for all of our students, as it provides detailed schoolwide information for our teachers on our students' current levels of performance, it gives our students an opportunity to get familiar with the SAT format in a lower stakes setting, and for our Gr. 11 students it serves as their way to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Our students have traditionally done extremely well in the National Merit program. This year eight of our Seniors have been selected as semi-finalists and are in the competition to become National Merit Scholarship Finalists.

Students in Grades 9-10 will take the PSAT on Thursday, Oct. 12. While they are taking the PSAT, we will have programming for Gr. 11-12 students on a variety of topics that will prepare them for success both this year and after high school. Seniors: We will be taking a class photo using a drone as part of the activities for your class, so make sure you are all here for it! Oct. 12 will be an early dismissal day for all students.

Gr. 11 students will take the PSAT on Thursday, October 19. We will have a variety of helpful programming for students in Gr. 9 -10, but for students in Gr. 12 this will be a day to independently work from home on your post-graduation plans. Early application deadlines for many colleges are at the end of the month, so we suggest using this time to work on your applications or to schedule a visit to a college or university you are interested in attending. Oct. 19 will also be an early dismissal day for all students.

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Link Crew Tie-Dye Day:** Ninth Graders: Next Wednesday, October 11th (rain date, October 12th), Link Crew will be hosting its annual Link Crew Tie-Dye Day in the courtyard during all SSPs. (It's D-Day.) Tie-Dye Day is a fun and free Link Crew event for ninth graders where they get to tie-dye cool shirts and hang out with friends and Link Leaders. Students will eat regular lunch and tie-dye during SSP. Send our child a plain white t-shirt-- Walgreens, Wal-Mart, and Michaels always have cheap ones (we will have limited t-shirts available for \$5 cash).
- **Amity High School Music Department Presents:** The Amity High School Music Department is currently in production for its fall production of ***Music In Motion "On Air"***. This will be a one night performance only on **October 26th at 7:00pm** in the Brady Center for the Performing Arts! Come join us for a fun night of music and movement with the Amity High School Band, Choir, Jazz Band & Percussion ensemble! Some of your favorite radio hits will be performed and we

will bring it all to life for a fun evening for the whole family! Come experience a music theater production unlike anything you have seen before! Tickets are \$10 and all Amity Region 5 Students are **FREE!**

- **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.
- **Bermuda Trip with the Science Department:** Are you interested in learning more about marine science and going snorkeling in Bermuda next June? What if you could get high school credit for it? Come to the Bermuda Trip information night on October 18 to learn more about it and see the attached flyer for more details.
- **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

*This year, the “College of the Week” column will focus on **one public college or university from each state**. We hope to encourage students to research colleges in other states as well as in Connecticut.*

The [University of Utah](#) is located in [Salt Lake City](#), Utah, approximately 2,250 miles from the BOWA area. [Founded in 1850](#), Utah was recently ranked #3 by [US News and World Report](#) (2024) for Video Game Design (#1 for public universities). Utah’s 34,000+ students enroll in over [200 majors & programs](#), and enjoy an active campus lifestyle with many clubs, [organizations](#) and [recreational activities](#) to choose from. There are 18 NCAA-D1 [athletic teams](#) that compete in the [Big 12 Athletic Conference](#). Estimated annual tuition, room and board for [out-of-state students is \\$64,402.00](#) (2023-2024). For more information, check out Utah’s [admissions website](#), view their [fast facts](#), or take a [virtual tour HERE](#).

“[Physical therapist assistants](#) and aides are supervised by physical therapists to help patients regain movement and manage pain after injuries and illnesses” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). An associates’ degree is usually required of [PT Assistants](#) in most states. Additional credentialing is also required that varies by [state boards](#) of physical therapy. The median salary is \$57,240 per year and the profession is expected to have **faster than average growth at 19% through 2032** (BLS, 2022). Note that the [average salary in Connecticut](#) for PT Assistants is much higher at \$69,730 per year (BLS,2022). For

more information, please visit the [American Physical Therapy Association](#) (APTA) or the Connecticut chapter of [APTA here](#).

Some schools with physical therapy assistant programs include:

CT State - Naugatuck Valley
CT State - Capital CC
Massachusetts Bay CC

CT State - Housatonic CC
CT State - Norwalk CC
CC of Rhode Island

CT State - Manchester CC
CT State - Northwestern CC
Springfield Tech CC

or check out Naviance for more options

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.
- **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 Scholarship For Seniors:** The [Orange Scholarship Fund Association](#) for **Orange students** entering college in the fall of 2024. Application deadline is April 22, 2024. Applications are available through the Career Center at Amity or on their website at www.orangescholarshipfund.com. Please email applications 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](#).
- **Do you want to volunteer in your community?** There are a ton of community events for the month of October, and they all need your help! Please check out these events [here](#).
- **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.

- **NACLO @ Yale-Contest:** North American Computational Linguistics is NOW OPEN for [registration](#): NACLO is open to 8th to 12th grade students who are interested in learning and solving challenging linguistic problems from a variety of languages. No prior knowledge is required. Students will work with Yale students and faculty. For more information, please visit [here](#).

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>
- Membership Drive! JOIN through October 31 to receive a free gift from the Booster Club! Join and you will receive a small (3" w by 2" h) Amity "A" decal sticker. We thank you for joining and your support.
- 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, 3" w by 2" h) and \$5 (large, 4" w by 2.5" h). 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 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

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- **SPLASH at Yale:** Splash is a one-day program full of classes taught by Yale students on a diverse range of subjects, such as Into the Future: How "Spider-Verse" Forced Animation to Evolve, Hydropower, Ethics Meets Self-Driving Cars: Philosophy, Technology and More, and Social Contracts and Anarchy which has been offered to students from seventh to twelfth grade. More information, including our registration portal, can be found on our website, <https://yale.learningu.org/learn/splash.html>. This fall, Splash will be on Saturday, November 11,

from 9 AM to 4 PM, and I would like to invite your students to join us! Registration will be open from now until October 21st. Splash is \$20 for the day, with an option for a \$10 T-shirt. Financial Aid is available to all students who need it.

- **National Drug Take-Back Day:** Mark your calendars! National Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, October 28th from 10:00am-2:00pm at High Plains Community Center and from 10:30am-1:30pm at the Woodbridge Police Department. All unwanted/expired medications will be taken (including liquids and sharps). Volunteers from the National Pharmacy Association will be on site in Orange to answer any questions. This event is sponsored by BOWDAAC, the Orange Police Department, Orange CERT, and the Woodbridge Police Department. If you have any questions, please contact: info.bowdaac@gmail.com

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