

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, October 27, 2023

Now that we are nearing the end of the first marking period, it is time for us to start scheduling our fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. In order to give parents, the most opportunity possible to have in-person meetings with teachers, all conference dates will be in person this year. If you are unable to join us for an in-person conference, we will also offer the option of phone conferences on each of the conference dates. Information for how to schedule this option is included below.

The sign-up system for parent/student/teacher conferences will open Monday, Oct. 30th at 8:00 AM. To schedule conferences please see the [Instructions for sign-ups found on this link](#). If you encounter any problems with the system email: helpdesk@amityschools.org.

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences typically are an in-person meeting with your student's teacher to discuss their progress during the 1st Quarter of the school year. As an added option if you cannot come into the building during your scheduled conference time you may add a phone number to your conference notes and your student's teacher will call you during the scheduled conference time.

- Wednesday, November 8, 2023: 5:00 – 7:30 pm (Middle Schools)
- Thursday, November 9, 2023: 5:00 - 7:30 pm (High School)
- Wednesday, November 15, 2023: 5:00 - 7:30 pm (High School)
- Thursday, November 16, 2023: 5:00 - 7:30 pm (Middle Schools)
- Wednesday, December 6, 2023: 12:45 - 3:15 pm (All Buildings)

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Health Office Update:** The fall flu and cold season is starting to show signs of starting up at Amity, so please remind your children to wash their hands regularly, especially before eating. And if you have questions about whether your child should attend school when they are feeling under the weather, please reach out to our talented nursing staff for their suggestions.
- **Schedule Change Deadline Approaching:** The marking period is ending on 11/3. The deadline for students to move to a different level course without it appearing on the transcript as a "W" is also 11/3. If you are concerned about your child's performance and are considering a move to a different level, please reach out to the teacher and your child's school counselor before the deadline.

Yearbook Information for Seniors

- **Senior Yearbook Pose Selection:** Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by Tuesday, November 1st. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found on the [senior FAQ page](#) on the yearbook website, amityembers.com.
- **Senior Yearbook Quote Submissions:** Members of the Class of 2024 have the opportunity to submit quotes ([form here](#)) that they feel represent them for inclusion alongside their senior portraits in the 2024 edition of *Embers*. Students may submit up to two quotes: a first and second choice. All quotes must meet the yearbook's [standards](#). Students can access both the standards and the submission form in the Class of 2024 Schoology Page. All submissions are due on November 6th .
- **Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook:** The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for inclusion in *Embers* 2024. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! You may fill out [THIS FORM](#) with your baby photos included. Please send only high-resolution photos and note that we cannot print any copyrighted professional portraits. Please keep submissions to just one per student. If you submit more than one, the yearbook staff will select a single photo for inclusion in the yearbook. All photo submissions are due on Friday, November 13th. Write to embers@amityschools.org with any clarifying questions.

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Kansas](#) (KU), located in [Lawrence](#), Kansas, is one of 5 campuses and serves as the flagship. Sports fans know that the KU [Jayhawks](#) are well known for having won [six national basketball championships](#). Aside from sports, KU has over [25,000 students](#) enrolled in 400+ [majors/programs](#) within its [14 colleges and schools](#). Life is never dull with KU's abundance of [clubs](#), [recreational sports](#), [Greek life](#) and [social/cultural activities](#). There are [16 NCAA-D1 varsity athletic teams](#) sponsored by the Jayhawks who compete in the [Big 12 Conference](#). Estimated annual [tuition, room and board for out-of-state students](#) is approximately \$48,000 (2023-2024). For more information, check out KU's [admissions website](#), take a [virtual tour](#) or learn how to properly clap to [KU's fight song here](#).

“[Radiologic technologists](#) perform diagnostic imaging examinations on patients. [MRI technologists](#) operate magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanners to create diagnostic images” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). To [become a radiologic or MRI technologist](#), one must complete an accredited training program and obtain certification from a governing agency such as [JRCERT](#). In addition, radiologic and MRI techs must be [licensed in CT](#). The national median salary is \$67,180 per year and the profession is expected to have **faster than average growth at 6% through 2032** (BLS, 2022). Note that the average salary in Connecticut for [radiological/MRI techs is higher](#) at \$76,180 per year (BLS,2022). For more information, please visit the [American Society of Radiologic Technologists](#), and the [International Society of Radiographers & Radiological Technologists](#).

Some schools with programs in dental assisting include:

[Sacred Heart University](#)
CT State Capital

[CT State Gateway](#)
CT State Manchester

CT State Middlesex
CT Naugatuck Valley

or check out Naviance for more options

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Upcoming College visits!** See a list of [upcoming week's visit listing HERE](#). An e-Hallpass is requested for all visits.
- **Fee Waivers Available**-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.
- **SENIORS-Are you applying to any of the following colleges?** College representatives will be HERE to host ON-SITE ACCEPTANCE DAYS in late November/early December. As long as your application has been submitted to the college at least 2 weeks before the event, you will receive your admissions decision that day! [REGISTER HERE to attend](#) ANY of these upcoming events!
 - SOUTHERN CT STATE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
 - SUNY/STONY BROOK, CENTRAL CT STATE
 - QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY, WESTERN CT STATE
 - EASTERN CT STATE
 - SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY (Admission Interviews Only)
- **ARHS's "MEDICAL CAREERS FAIR" EVENT will be held on Wednesday, November 8th AND Thursday, November 9th!** Our first ever "Medical Careers Fair" will be an engaging, two-day event, designed to foster, promote, and teach students about careers in the medical field that require 2 years or less of education. **All students** will have the opportunity to meet with 12 different medical workers, who will share their pathways and experiences in their fields. [Click HERE to see a list](#) of our scheduled visitors.
- **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 Youth Services Program is offering scholarships to all seniors. Students must embody good character, strong morals, honesty, integrity, respect, and a passion for civic duty, volunteering and helping others. This scholarship is sponsored by [The Dare Greatly Foundation](#). Please visit [this website](#) for details and application. Deadline is March 1st.
- **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](#).
- **2024 Aspirations in Computing High School Award** sponsored by the National Center for Women and Information Technology (CCWIT) is now open. This award honors high school women for their computing-related achievements and interests and encourages them to pursue their passion. Grades 9 through 12 are selected based on their aptitude and interest in

technology and computing, leadership ability, and plans for the future. [Applications](#) are due Nov. 6th.

- **Military Visits this week!** Air National Guard Visit-Monday, October 30th. All visits will take place during all lunch waves in the cafeteria hallway.
- **West Point Information Meeting @ UConn**-Learn about exciting opportunities at West Point and the Army ROTC at UConn on Wednesday evening, Nov. 1, 2023, from 6:00-8:30pm at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing on 2312 Glenbrook Road, Storrs, CT. Parking will be at North or South Garages or South lot. Please RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZX2NtGNLs3>.
- **Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy** is looking for a 16–17-year-old 11th grade student who would enjoy becoming a Senate Page for the 2024 Spring Semester. Please [click HERE to see the details](#) and application for this prestigious program. The deadline to apply is December 18, 2023.
- **Do you want to volunteer in your community?** There are a ton of community events happening in all 3 towns during the month of October. These events need your help, so please check out these events [here](#).
- **Are you interested in mentoring disadvantaged youth in your community ?** Please consider helping **New HYTEs** (New Haven Youth Tennis & Education). New HYTEs is designed to enrich the lives and positively affect the future of New Haven’s economically disadvantaged youth through a program that incorporates life skills curriculum, academic support, and promotes both character building and health benefits through the participation in athletics through tennis. The mission is to provide a pathway to post-secondary success. Please click [here](#) to join this program.
- **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.
- **Do you have a vision to transform your community-and the world-for the better?** Now through November 2, 2023, Prudential Emerging Visionaries, sponsored by Prudential in collaboration with Ashok, is looking to recognize students, ages 14-18 , for their inspiring commitment to change. Apply for Prudential Emerging Visionaries to tell about your bold initiative to address a financial or social challenge in your community. If selected, you may qualify to receive up to \$15,000-plus an all-expenses-paid trip with your parent or guardian to Prudential headquarters, along with coaching and skills development to take your solution to the next level. For more information, please visit their [website](#) for details and [application](#).

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>
- Our next meeting will be held Thursday, November 2nd. We meet in AHS room 501 at 6:30pm. Join us and become a part of the fun!
- **Membership Drive!** JOIN through October 31 to receive a free gift! Join and you will receive an Amity “A” decal sticker (3”w by 2”h). 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 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!

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!
- If you would like to **volunteer**, please contact us at arhsptso@gmail.com.
- This year we started monthly treats for teachers & staff as a way to thank them for all they do for our children. If there is a member of the amity community who would like to help sponsor this monthly event by contributing treats or donating monetarily, please reach out to 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

- **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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