

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, November 3, 2023

Woodbridge Library Art Show: This Wednesday the Amity Art teachers hung the first district art show of the year at the Woodbridge Library. 48 framed works hang on the walls. That is the most we have hung in a long time and the walls are filled! The show is open for viewing anytime through November 30th. We will have a reception on November 16th from 5-7pm and you are all invited to attend.

This was a big week for women's sports at Amity. Congratulations to our Swimming and Diving team for their first place finish in the Southern Connecticut Conference Championship meet. Way to go, Champs! And good luck on Saturday to our Volleyball team, who will be playing for the SCC title in their sport as well!

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- Hello Everyone! Next week, we will be hosting our first ever MEDICAL CAREERS DAYS here at Amity! Similar to "Trades Week" held last February, Medical Careers Days are continuing the conversation regarding alternative careers that do NOT require 4-year degrees. This event is ***designed to foster, promote, and teach students about the many alternative careers in healthcare fields.***
- **FINAL DAY for regular registration for AP Exams!** At 11:59pm tonight (November 3rd) the registration site for AP exams will close. It will reopen on November 17th but there will be an extra \$40 late fee per exam as set by the College Board. You can use this link to register and pay for AP exams: <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>
 - 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.
- **Ice Cream Social:** Link Crew will be sponsoring the annual **Ninth Grade Ice Cream Social** on Wednesday, November 8th directly after school in the cafeteria. All ninth graders will get free ice cream sundaes and an opportunity to chat with your Link Leaders and other friends. This fun event will be held from 2:30-3:30 and is FREE for all ninth graders.
- Parents/Guardians are reminded to register your child for winter sports as soon as possible. We already have over 200 registered and have begun to approve registrations. [Here is the link](#) for our registration information page.

- The athletic department will be holding a NCAA signing/commitment ceremony for any senior student-athlete who is signing an NLI or committing to study and compete at a division I, II, or III college/university on **Wednesday, November 8 at 3pm**. Parents/guardians and families are welcome to join in taking pictures of this great moment. Some NCAA sports have a later commitment date and some student-athletes have yet to commit to play; thus, you can reach out to the athletic department at any time during the year to schedule a commitment photo! Please email egoodwin@amityregion5.org to sign up for this Wednesday the 8th or at any time during the year.
- **Election Day Bake Sale:** It's that time of year! Election Day is right around the corner, and the Amity Mock Trial club will be holding a bake sale at the polls. On November 7th from 6 AM to 2 PM, the club will be holding a bake outside the Woodbridge Election polls at the Woodbridge Center (4 Meetinghouse Lane). After voting, come out to buy a few sweet treats and support a local Amity Club. Our mission is to further our knowledge of the law, whether that be by competing, engaging in real life application of the law, or working with our elected officials to learn more about government. Stop by and see us on November 7th in Woodbridge, and don't forget to vote!

Yearbook Information

- **Underclass Portrait Distribution:** Portrait packages for students in grades 9, 10, and 11 were distributed during their English classes the week of October 23rd. Students whose families did not order portrait packages should have received electronic proof cards with instructions for how to place an order online—it's not too late to do so! Parents who ordered digital downloads should have already received their download codes via e-mail at this time. All proofs and download codes were sent from "The Image Connection." If you believe you may be missing either or both of these e-mails, please check your spam folder.
- **Underclass Photo Makeups and Retakes:** Underclass photo makeup and retake sessions will be held on Tuesday, November 21st in Conference room B through Guidance. No appointments are necessary; students may drop by during either their SSP session or a study hall period. Makeup sittings are free for any students who were absent on their original picture day in September, but there is a \$5 fee for retakes; checks should be made out to Robert Taylor Photography. Students desiring retakes will also need to return their original photo packages, including all photos.
- **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 Rhode Island](#) is a public university, originally established around 1890. The [main campus](#) (one of five) is located in Kingston, Rhode Island, approximately 90 miles from the BOWA area and 8 miles from Narragansett Beach. A major research university, URI enrolls over 14,500 undergraduate students - 50% from Rhode Island. Students are offered over 100 [academic programs](#) and has a 17 to 1 student-faculty ratio. Campus life is active with over 130 [clubs and organizations](#) to choose from. URI is an NCAA-D1 university with 17 [sports teams](#) that compete in the [Atlantic 10 Conference](#). [Annual tuition, room & board](#) is about \$49,934 (2023-2024) for out-of-state students. For more information, please visit URI's [admissions website](#), check out their [quick facts](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

“[Emergency medical technicians \(EMTs\) and paramedics](#) assess injuries and illnesses, provide emergency medical care, and may transport patients to medical facilities”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [EMTs and paramedics](#) are [trained through programs](#) offered at trade schools, community colleges or with emergency medical service providers, such as local fire departments. In Connecticut, all EMTs and paramedics must [be licensed](#). The national median salary is \$39,410 per year and the profession is expected to have **faster than average growth at 5% through 2032** (BLS, 2022). Note that the [average salary in Connecticut](#) is higher for both EMTs (\$45,740) and paramedics (\$64,590) per year (BLS,2022). For more information, please visit the [National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians](#), the [American Ambulance Association](#) or stop by to speak with our [paramedic guest speaker](#) on Thursday, November 9th during Medical Careers Days.

Some local programs in paramedical studies include:

CT State/Capital CC
[Yale NH Hospital](#)

CT State/Gateway CC
Univ of New Haven

CT State/Northwestern
[Echo Hose-Shelton](#)

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**-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)
- **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.
- **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.
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- **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.

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>
- 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!

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

- **Woodbridge Youth Services News:** Call 203-389-3429 or email 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:**
 - **Tech Tuesdays (or other days as needed):** Students assist older adults who wish to learn about cell phones, PCs, and laptops.
 - **Food Pantry (Now):** The local scouts recently collected lots of food in Woodbridge and we need students to come after school or on days off (like Tuesday) or on early dismissal days to sort and shelve the food. Must be scheduled with Youth Services in advance. Contact us for more information.
 - **Helping the Homeless :** Families may participate by making individual "We Care" Bags for New Reach Foundation in New Haven. Fill 1-Gallon resealable bags with items for the homeless which may include new socks, gloves, hats, underwear, protein bars, fruit cups, small toiletries, hygiene items, and \$5 gift cards for Dunkin, Starbucks, Subway, etc. A note or card with a positive message may be included. Larger items like new pillows, blankets, and family size toiletries and cleaners will also be accepted for the shelters. Drop off day is Wednesday, December 6th from 2:15 to 4:15 or call Youth Services for other available times. Community Service hours will be approved for the hours worked.
- **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. Contact the Job Bank to schedule your interview. Jobs include yard work, babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.
- **Toys 4 Kids:** Toys for local families in need will be accepted in donation boxes at the Woodbridge Library or in the Woodbridge Center Building near the gym. Thanks for your generosity.
- **Fuel Assistance** is available for families who qualify. Please contact your town's Human Services Department to apply or apply directly online through TEAM's website: <https://teaminc.org/home-heating-assistance/>
- **Woodbridge Youth Advisory Board:** Woodbridge Youth Services seeks Woodbridge parents to join its Advisory Board which meets five times per year (September through May). Contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 for more information. Our goal is to create diversity within our board and share ideas for better programming.

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