

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, November 17, 2023

It is Spirit Week at Amity, and a few of our highlights for the week include:

- The Amity Student Government organized theme days for each day of Spirit Week, and this weekend we wrap up Spirit Week with the Freshman Tailgate cookout for our 9th graders hosted by Link Crew before our home football game, followed by our Homecoming Dance on Saturday night. We have approximately 900 tickets sold, and we are looking forward to a great night of celebrating with our students.
- Last night our Senior class organized their second annual volleyball tournament, during which 15 members of the Senior Class Council and several faculty chaperones hosted 125 competitors in a loud and exciting evening of friendly competition. Congratulations to everyone who participated, and especially to everyone who put in the work to organize and run the event.
- Our Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) met Thursday night, and as part of the meeting they considered requests to provide funding for four different student or faculty initiatives to make our school and community a better place. One surprise from our discussion was learning that some parents consider joining the PTSO but then choose not to because they may not be able to commit to attending meetings and participating in PTSO activities. The reality is that the PTSO serves as an important voice for all of our parents and their executive board members are important partners with the school on many events, and having every parent join the PTSO and checking out their Facebook page is a great way for us to build awareness and support for school programs in the parent community. Volunteering to serve on a PTSO committee is always an option, but never an obligation! For more information on how to join the PTSO, see their section of this week's Community Happenings a little further down this email.

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Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- Winter Sports Registration: 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.
- Cafeteria Cleanliness: In the past few weeks, we have seen a sudden increase in the mess that some students are leaving at cafeteria tables during lunch and study halls, along with a decrease in students cleaning up after themselves. We realize that most of our students are still doing what they should and keeping their areas clean for others to use, and we want to make sure that they all have a clean and healthy place to eat and work. We are working on changing the behavior of the few who are leaving messes behind, and we are asking for your help. Please have a conversation with your kids about cafeteria cleanliness – if they are bothered by messy tables, encourage them to speak up with their peers, and if you suspect that they might be the

ones leaving a mess behind, your reminder that this is not acceptable will go a long way toward helping us correct the issue. Thanks!

- **Bottle and Can Collection:** The Amity Regional High School Class of 2025 will be in front of the high school on Saturday, November 18, from 10:00AM - 1:00PM to collect bottles and cans. Please consider dropping off your returnable to support the class. The event is rain or shine.
- **National Spanish Honor Society Toy Drive:** The NSHS is having a Toy drive to benefit the children of Fair Haven School. From Nov 15th to Dec 9th. We will love and appreciate your support. You can donate a new toy under \$10 or make a monetary donation during lunch waves at the NSHS table.
- **Attendance Reminder – Tardiness to School:** Regular attendance in school is one of the biggest factors leading to student success, and also one of the easiest to ensure. We all recognize this to be true, but sometimes students or parents overlook the impact that being late to school can have. To help reinforce the importance of getting to school on time, students who are tardy to school three or more times in a two-week period will be issued a one-hour detention. Students are reminded that the school day starts at 7:34 and should be in the classroom when the bell rings at that time. Additionally, students who accumulate 20 or more tardies run the risk of loss of privileges such as field trips, dances, and other extra-curricular activities.
- **Late registration window for AP Exams opens today!** Today registration reopened for AP exams and will stay open until March 8, 2024. There is an extra \$40 late fee per exam as set by the College Board (not ARHS). You can use this link to register and pay for AP exams:
<https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>
 - AP Exam Fee: \$145 per exam (including late fee)
 - AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees: \$190 per exam (including late fee)
 - 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.

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Yearbook Information

- **Buy Your Yearbook:** Don't miss out - reserve your copy today for the 2024 yearbook! Yearbook purchases are now available! Buy a yearbook now for \$85 at jostensyearbooks.com (Please type Amity Regional High School into the search field) OR scan the QR code on one of the flyers!

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Texas at Dallas](https://www.utdallas.edu/) (UTD) is one of eleven campuses in the [UT system](https://www.utdallas.edu/ut-system/). While the main campus is located in Austin, [UTD](https://www.utdallas.edu/) was originally [founded in the 1960's](https://www.utdallas.edu/founded-in-the-1960s/) as the “Graduate Research Center of the Southwest” by executives from Texas Instruments. They wanted a local university that would be able to develop and recruit employees for their company. Today, UTD is a nationally ranked research university with over 31,000 students. UTD has [7 schools](https://www.utdallas.edu/7-schools/) and offers over 140 [majors and programs](https://www.utdallas.edu/majors-and-programs/). [Campus life](https://www.utdallas.edu/campus-life/) is active with many opportunities for clubs, recreational activities and an abundance of student services. There are [15 NCAA-D3 athletic teams](https://www.utdallas.edu/15-ncaa-d3-athletic-teams/) sponsored by the “Comets” who compete in the [American Southwest Conference](https://www.utdallas.edu/american-southwest-conference/). Estimated annual [tuition, room](https://www.utdallas.edu/tuition-room-board/) and [board](https://www.utdallas.edu/board/) for out-of-state students is approximately \$58,000 (2023-2024). For more information, check out UTD’s [admissions website](https://www.utdallas.edu/admissions-website/), view their [fast facts](https://www.utdallas.edu/fast-facts/), or take a [virtual tour here](https://www.utdallas.edu/virtual-tour-here/).

[“Bioengineers and Biomedical Engineers](#) combine engineering principles with sciences to design and create equipment, devices, computer systems, and software”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Bioengineers and Biomedical Engineers](#) typically work in research laboratories, manufacturing, and other facilities. A bachelor's degree is required for entry level positions in the field. The national median salary is \$99,550 and average job growth is expected (5%) through 2032 (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the [Biomedical Engineering Society](#), the [Institute of Biological Engineering](#) or the [American Society of Biomechanics](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in biomedical engineering include:

Univ of Texas at Dallas	University of Connecticut	Fairfield University
University of Hartford	Boston University	University of Delaware
Rutgers University	Temple University	SUNY/Stony Brook
Rochester Inst of Tech	Univ of Rhode Island	Worcester Polytech Inst
Univ of Maine/Orono	Univ of New Hampshire	Drexel University
Rensselaer Polytech Inst	UMASS/Dartmouth	SUNY/Binghamton

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **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!
 - UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
 - CENTRAL CT STATE
 - WESTERN CT STATE
 - EASTERN CT STATE
- **Alumni College Panel This Week!** On Wednesday, November 22, 2023 (the day before Thanksgiving), Amity will host our annual Alumni College Panel for juniors and seniors. Recent Amity alumni will share their college experiences and offer insight into the college process.
- **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.
- **Open House-Local Tech School:** Bristol Technical Education Center in Bristol CT is offering an OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 5 to 7pm. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Find a [list of programs](#) offered at Bristol T.E.C. Registration to attend this Open House is not required.

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/amityschoools.org/amityathleticsboosterclub/home>
- Join for a chance to win an Amity winter pompom hat! When you join now through December 6, you will be entered into the drawing to be held Thursday, December 7.
- 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

- **Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!!! 🦃**
- **Please Support Us!** Joining the PTSO does not require you to volunteer, it enables us to continue to support and fund events and special celebrations for our students, teachers and school. To join the PTSO, please visit our website amityptso.org and under membership click on Click here to join!
- This year we started monthly treats for teachers & staff as a way to thank them for all they do for our children. Tomorrow there will be pies and other goodies for the teachers and staff. This month's treats were sponsored by Delta Tool & Mold (The Aldi Family). A huge thank you to them!!
- **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

Attached Files

[Yearbook digital flier 11-17-23.pdf](#)

