

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, December 8, 2023

The Amity Creative Theater fall production of "Love/Sick" is in the second night of its weekend-long run, and there are still seats available for the Friday and Saturday shows (curtain time 7:30 pm), so if you are looking for some humor to lighten up your weekend, come join us in the Brady Center for the next performance!

Hanukkah began this Thursday and continues throughout the next week, so to all of our community members who celebrate the holiday, we wish you "Chag Hanukkah samayach!"

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Update for attendance notes:** Parent notes are now accepted via email as well as paper dropped off in the main office. Both parent notes and Doctor's notes can be sent to arhsattendance@amityregion5.org. Please note, parents can excuse the first 9 absences. Please make sure your student's first and last name as well as the date of the absence is listed on the email. Just a reminder, notes should be received within 10 school days from the absence.
- **JOIN UNIFIED THEATER!** We are excited to extend an invitation to students to join Unified Theater! Whether you're a seasoned actor or just curious about theater, Unified Theater welcomes you. Our mission is to create a space where everyone can express themselves and shine in the spotlight. We look forward to seeing you there!
 - Our meetings will be held on Monday from 2:30-3:15. Our first meeting is on January 8th held in the black box theater.
 - If interested stop by or email Ms. Byrne. Office #317, rhiannya.byrne@amityregion5.org
- **Pitch-In Club Sports Equipment Collection:** The Pitch In Club is hosting its second annual Holiday Home Runs fundraiser. We are collecting new and lightly used Baseball and Softball equipment. All items will be donated to New Haven and Hamden Little League programs. The following items are being accepted: Bats, Gloves, Helmets, Cleats, Balls, Baseball/Softball bags, New/Lightly Used Baseball/Softball pants. The bin is located at the front of the school next to the Security vestibule. Thank you in advance for your donations!
- **Yearbook Grad Ads:** Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers* 2024 yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! All orders are due on Friday, December 16. Visit your child's 2024 Schoology page for additional information! You may fill out [THIS FORM](#) to submit your ad with some help from our staff. Or please join us at our Ninth Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night Wednesday December 13th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

- **Ninth Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night:** Interested in purchasing a grad ad? Not sure where to begin? Our ninth annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night will be held on Wednesday, Wednesday December 13th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at ARHS. Sit down with one of our awesome yearbook staff members to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior and approve it right then and there! Take care of everything at once: designing and completing your design as well as the paperwork and payment (cash or check). [Sign up here!](#) Please come with photos to use! Sample ads from previous ads are also available for viewing [here](#).

College and Career of the Week

[Montana State University](#) (MSU) is located in Bozeman, Montana, approximately 2,250 miles from the BOWA area. [Founded in 1893](#), MSU was one of the nation’s original [land grant universities](#) that was created by the Morrill Act of 1862. Today, MSU is an [R1 institution](#) that serves nearly 17,000 students in numerous [majors/programs](#) within its 10 [colleges and schools](#). In addition to the many [clubs](#), [organizations](#) and activities to participate in, MSU supports a robust [outdoor recreation program](#) that takes full advantage of the local landscape. There are [15 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) (football is 1AA) sponsored by the “Bobcats” who compete in the [Big Sky Conference](#). Estimated [annual tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is \$49,988 (2023-2024). For more information, check out MSU’s [admissions website](#), view their [quick facts](#), take a [virtual tour here](#) or [listen to their fight song here](#). “[Agricultural engineers](#) solve problems concerning power supplies, machine efficiency, the use of structures and facilities, pollution and environmental issues, and the storage and processing of agricultural products” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Agricultural engineers](#) work primarily in offices but often travel to other growing settings such as farms and greenhouses for their work. A bachelor's degree in agricultural or biological engineering is required for entry level positions in this career field. The median annual salary is \$83,260 and **faster than average job growth is expected (6%) through 2032** (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the following websites: the [American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers](#), the [Institution of Agricultural Engineers](#) and the [Agricultural Engineers Association](#).

Some colleges that have agricultural or biological engineering programs include:

Montana State University	Univ of Maine/Orono	Bates College
College of the Atlantic	University of Delaware	Penn State/Main Campus
Rutgers University	Auburn University	University of Idaho
Ohio State University	North Carolina State Univ	U Maryland/College Park
Clemson University	Unv Tennessee/Knoxville	Drexel University
Iowa State University	Unv Wisconsin/Madison	University of Georgia

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Important FAFSA Information: SENIORS** - The FAFSA will be made available to everyone by the end of December. While waiting, there are a few things you can do to prepare:
 - Go to [studentaid.gov](#) and create an FSA ID number. BOTH the student and one parent will need this to process the FAFSA form.
 - Have tax documents ready such as tax returns from 2022, W2 forms, etc.

- Use the FAFSA to apply for student aid in the **2024-2025** school year
- For assistance you can contact FAFSA at 800-433-3243 or try using [FAQ's HERE](#)
- SOME colleges also use the CSS Profile form in addition to the FAFSA. To see which [schools use CSS PROFILE, click HERE.](#)
- **Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season is approaching!** Naviance is only one of the many resources to find scholarships. The College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships under the “college tab.” Additional merit based and need based scholarships are available on our school website [here](#). An email has been sent out to all seniors to learn how to navigate scholarships. If you need additional help navigating and applying for scholarships, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

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. We are dedicated to promoting positive team spirit and recognizing all athletes in their endeavors. Visit our 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.
- Send us pictures of your athletes in action! In our efforts to promote and recognize our student athletes, we would like to share your photos to our FB page. Please email your photos to goamityspartans@gmail.com with a brief description. With your permission, we will post your images to our FB page. Let’s recognize our student athletes for their outstanding dedication and drive!
- 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

- **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!
- We will not be having a December meeting, our next monthly meeting will be January 18, 2024
- **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



