

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, December 15, 2023

This was the first week of winter sports competition against other schools, so good luck to all our student-athletes at the start of their winter seasons! And speaking of interscholastic competition, this Thursday the Amity Math Team hosted more than 100 “Mathletes” from 13 other high schools in the region for an after-school math competition. It was great to see so many students from around the area here to challenge themselves academically.

But the big news for our Seniors this week is the announcement of our official Class of 2024 graduation date. At their meeting on Monday, the Board of Education voted to set Wednesday, June 5, 2024, as the date when our Seniors will cross the stage as Amity Regional High School graduates. If you have a Senior in your family and were holding off on planning or making travel arrangements for out-of-town guests, you can get started now!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **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, February 2, 2024. 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.
- **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 of 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!

College and Career of the Week

The [University of North Dakota](#) (UND) is located in [Grand Forks](#), North Dakota, approximately 1,600 miles from the BOWA area. [Founded in 1883](#), UND was established six years before the state was! Today, about 14,000 students are enrolled in over 225 [majors/programs](#) within its nine colleges. Some of the most popular majors include aeronautical/aviation Technology, nursing, mechanical engineering, psychology, and communications.

Campus life is alive with [much school spirit](#), over [200 clubs](#) to choose from and an abundance of social and recreational activities. There are [17 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored by the Fighting Hawks, who compete in the [Summit League](#). Estimated [annual tuition, room and board for out-of-state](#) students is **\$27,282** (2023-2024) but will may vary depending on the program. For more information, check out UND's [admissions website](#), view their [quick facts](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

“[Air traffic controllers](#) coordinate the movement of aircraft to maintain safe distances between them” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Air traffic controllers](#) work in airport control towers and experience much on the job stress. They must be able to focus for long periods of time and remain calm under pressure. While there are various ways to become an air traffic controller, one usually completes an associate or bachelor's degree in addition to completing a rigorous training program with the Federal Aviation Administration. Those who complete college degrees are excused from the first 5 weeks of the FAA training program. Only select colleges and universities have earned the FAA's [Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative \(AT-CTI\)](#) endorsement. The median annual salary is \$132,250 and **little or no job growth is expected (1%) through 2032** (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the following websites: the [National Air Traffic Controllers Association](#) and the [Air Traffic Control Association](#).

Some colleges that have air traffic controllers programs include:

Univ of North Dakota	Arizona State University	Kent State University (OH)
Vaughn Coll of Aero (NY)	SO New Hampshire Univ	CC of Baltimore City (MD)
Broward College (FL)	Purdue University (IN)	Elizabeth City State (NC)
SUNY/Farmingdale State	Hampton University (VA)	Middle Georgia State
Florida State/Jacksonville	Embry Riddle Univ (FL)	Sacramento City Coll (CA)
CC of Beaver County (PA)	FLA Institute of Tech (FL)	Jacksonville Univ (FL)

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- SENIORS - Get READY - the FAFSA is coming out on December 31st! [Click HERE to learn more](#) from the "The College Financial Lady".

- Military Visit! The Army National Guard will visit Amity on Wednesday, December 20th. Our guests will have a table set-up in the main hallway during all lunch waves. If a student is interested, please stop by to learn more about the National Guard.

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 on 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

