

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, December 22, 2023

Winter break starts today for everyone in the Amity Region 5 school community. The school year will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, and our next Community Happenings Newsletter will be sent out on Friday, January 5, 2024. We hope you spend that time away from school doing things that you enjoy, surrounded by people you enjoy being with. And for those of you who celebrate the holiday, Merry Christmas!

Now for some highlights from the week:

- This morning we hosted the Amity Alumni Healthcare Panel, during which four Amity grads working in the health care field (Yuliya Faryna '17, Sarah Nevolis '17, Carly Marchitto '18, and Mariana Marchitto '15) came in to speak to current Anatomy students to discuss their paths to careers in healthcare and answer student questions.
- On Thursday members of the National Spanish Honor Society and the National Latin Honor Society hosted the enchanting "Winter Wonderland" event at Fair Haven School in New Haven. Amity students brought great joy to Fair Haven students through various engaging activities like games, cookie decorating, and face painting. The team has already celebrated Thanksgiving at Fair Haven, with more events planned for the remainder of the year.
- Also on Thursday, the Career Center hosted Keri Valente from the CT Department of Labor, who spoke to 33 Amity students interested in careers in the skilled trades about various apprenticeship programs available to interested students.
- Our Music program was in the spotlight twice this week, with the Orchestra program's winter concert on Tuesday night followed by the Band and Chorus programs' joint concert on Thursday night.
- And to wrap up the week, our Student Government hosted a holiday pep rally in the main gym to end the day today. It was great to see so many students having fun together and getting ready for the winter break.

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Calling All Parents of Choir, Band, and Strings!!** Below you will find a link that will take you to our high school music department website. We hope that you will consider perusing so that you can see and hear what we have to offer in music at the high school! There are many great opportunities for performance, and we would like you to know that it is possible for your students to continue to be creative and enjoy making music! Check it out!
<https://sites.google.com/amityschools.org/amitymusicdepartment/8th-grade-students-parents?authuser=0>

- **Cafeteria Pricing Update for 2024:** Each year school districts are required to analyze prices of a la carte items available for purchase. A la carte pricing applies to all foods and beverages sold separately from reimbursable meals and ASP snacks. The school system analysis includes several factors that the food service program must consider in setting a la carte prices, and after performing this analysis, a number of a la carte items will require price increases for 2024. These price changes go into effect on January 2, 2024. Not all items will have an increase, some will remain the same price. The attached document includes information on the updated pricing for a la carte cafeteria options.

College and Career of the Week

Happy Holidays to all! The "College & Career of the Week" will return after Winter Break. In the meantime, check out some interesting information on one of the most unique programs available to Connecticut students. The "[Regional Student Program](#) (RSP - also known as Tuition Break), is sponsored by the New England Board of Higher Education and *"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.

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".

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Happy Holidays from our families to yours! We wish you all a joyous and peaceful New Year!
- 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

- The PSTO wishes everyone a relaxing, fun & safe holiday season and break! Happy early New Year too!!! 🎉

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