

## ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, January 26, 2024

Midterm exams wrapped up on Monday, and we are now headed full steam into the second semester. With that comes the start of the course selection process for next school year. Over the course of the next few weeks, some of the steps you can expect include:

- The 2024-2025 Program of Studies has been fully updated and added to the school website. This document is full of helpful information on the courses we offer, graduation requirements, how to plan out a schedule for next year, and other helpful pointers for success in high school. You can access it at this link: [ARHS Program of Studies 2024-2025](#)
- Classroom teachers are talking with students now about course recommendations and options for elective courses in their departments now, so if your child wants to know more about any courses for next year, encourage them to reach out to their current teachers for information.
- We are hosting an information night for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents next Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 6:30. If you have a child who will be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, please join us to learn more about the transition from middle school to high school.
- Our February 7 Spartan Seminar for grades 9-11 will focus on course selection for next year, so it will be helpful to review the Program of Studies with your kids prior to that so that you and they have a clear understanding of the courses available to them for next year, and how the courses they request will help them prepare for their future goals.

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### Amity Happenings and Information

- **Second Annual Skate With The Players Day:** The Amity Boys Hockey team will be hosting their second annual skate day for all K-6 students in the BOW communities at Bennett Rink in West Haven on Sunday, Feb. 25. The attached flyer has more details on this wonderful event to benefit the Yale Children's Hospital Toy Closet. We hope to see your younger kids there!
- **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 **Tuesday, January 30th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** at ARHS. [SIGN UP HERE!!](#) 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). Please come with photos to use! Sample ads from previous ads are also available for viewing [here](#). The final deadline is February 2<sup>nd</sup> so be sure to utilize this opportunity!!

**College and Career of the Week**

The [University of Nebraska](#) (UNL) is located in [Lincoln, Nebraska](#), approximately 1,400 miles from the BOWA area. Founded [in 1869](#) as a [land grant university](#), UNL is an [R1 institution](#) that serves as the flagship campus to the [University of Nebraska system](#). The three other campuses are located in [Omaha](#), [Kearney](#) and the [Medical Center in Omaha](#). About 18,000 undergraduate students currently call UNL home, and enroll in over [150 majors](#) within [10 colleges](#) and departments. Campus life provides many opportunities to learn outside the classroom through [clubs](#), [recreational sports](#), and many other [cultural activities](#). There are [22 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored by the “Huskers” who compete in the [Big Ten Conference](#). Estimated [annual tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is \$41,604.00 (2023-2024). For more information, check out UNL’s [admissions website](#), take a [virtual tour](#) or learn about UNL’s [updated mascot “Herbie Husker” here](#).

“[Construction managers](#) plan, coordinate, budget, and supervise construction projects from start to finish”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Construction managers](#) spend their time between their offices and at job sites. A bachelor's degree is typically required to enter this profession, but many have obtained employment with on-the-job training and experience. The median annual salary is \$101,480 and **faster than average job growth is expected (5%) through 2032** (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the following websites: the [Construction Management Association of America](#), the [Associated General Contractors of America](#), and the [National Institute of Building Sciences](#).

*Some colleges that have construction management programs include:*

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| <a href="#">Univ of Nebraska/Lincoln</a> | Central CT State Univ    | Norwich University (VT)    |
| Southern New Hamp Univ                   | Wentworth Inst of Tech   | Roger Williams University  |
| Drexel University                        | Utica University         | Thomas Jefferson Univ      |
| SUNY/Coll of Technology                  | Arizona State University | Virginia Tech              |
| Morgan State Univ (MD)                   | SUNY/Farmingdale         | Boise State University     |
| Clemson University                       | Appalachian State Univ   | Univ of Washington/Seattle |

*or search in Naviance for more choices!*

### Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Save the Date! Spring College Fair coming to Amity:** Our annual Spring College Fair will be held on **Monday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00pm** in our main gymnasium. Approximately 120 college representatives will be in attendance. This is a great way for students to meet many of the college admission decision-makers in an intimate and convenient way. The college fair is **free** for students and parents and is open to the public. A list of college/universities will be posted in the coming months.
- **Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun!** Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under, as well as, our school [website](#). Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college/university or additional websites like <https://www.fastweb.com/> If you need help navigating scholarships and/or help with the process of applying, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- The Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary is offering ten \$2,500.00 scholarships to area students planning to pursue a career in a healthcare-related profession. The application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2024. Scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, financial need,

personal statement, community service, including school and community activities and/or employment. Please be sure to read entire [application](#) before applying.

- **Inspiring Women in Engineering and Medicine (IWEM) Workshop**-Now accepting applications from HS Females in Grades 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> who are interested in the field of Engineering or Medicine. The [upcoming workshop](#) will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at the Musculoskeletal Institute (MSI) at UConn Health in Farmington, CT. This workshop will expose young women with the excitement of a FREE, four-hour, hands-on workshop, and the knowledge and mentorship necessary to pursue careers in these fields. Applicants can fill out our [online application](#) starting January 8, 2024, through the application deadline on January 25th, 2024, till 7 PM. The IWEM workshop has limited capacity, so applicants should not delay. Please click here for a video to see IWEM in action: <https://youtu.be/Qen2Lbmez5k>. Additional information can be found on Dr. Coyner's website: <https://www.drcoyner.com>. Please feel free to contact the IWEM staff directly with any questions you may have at: [IWEMworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:IWEMworkshop@gmail.com).
- **Military Visit:** On Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, a representative from the Army National Guard will be visiting Amity High School. If you have any additional questions, please stop by the Career Center.
- **UELP Information for Seniors:** All Seniors are required to join the Schoology Course. If you have already completed this portion, you should be actively looking for your job site at this point.

### Parent-Teacher-Student Organization

- **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](http://amityptso.org) and under membership click on Click here to join!
- This month's special Friday treats set up for the teachers & staff was sponsored by Rayven & Co. Candles and the Windsor Family. Thank you!
- **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

### 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>. JOIN NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31 and receive a small Amity decal sticker!
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sportswear store! Click the link below to purchase your customized items today.
- Our next meeting will be held next Thursday, February 1. Please join us at 6:30pm in AHS room 501.  
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](mailto: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](mailto:goamityspartans@gmail.com) to order yours today!

### Community News

- **Attention Artists:** BOWDAAC is sponsoring a student billboard contest for student artists in Grades 7-12 to create artwork about positive messaging, social norms, and healthy alternatives, and the top three submissions will be displayed on a Derby Ave billboard this spring. Details on the contest are provided in the attached flyers.

| Attached Files                                   |
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| <a href="#">BOWDAAC Billboard flyer.pdf</a>      |
| <a href="#">Billboard 2024 Amity BOWDAAC.pdf</a> |
| <a href="#">Community Skate 2024.pdf</a>         |

