

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, May 10, 2024

Highlights from the week at Amity:

- Junior Prom is this evening, and we hope that everyone attending has an enjoyable and safe time during and after the prom!
- We will be sending out a detailed letter about end-of-year events and Graduation ceremony details to Seniors and their parents/guardians at the start of next week, so if you are either, check your email Monday afternoon for the news you need to be ready for an exciting end to your time in high school.
- This was Teachers Appreciation Week, and Amity's PTSO and members of our Student Government did a remarkable job of honoring (and feeding) our faculty and staff at several events throughout the week. On behalf of the Amity faculty and staff, thank you to everyone who had a part in honoring our dedicated educators this week!
- This was also Pride Week at Amity, an annual event hosted by our PLAHD student group to raise awareness of and support for our LGBTQIA+ school community members and their allies.
- Congratulations to Amity's chapter of the National Spanish Honor Society, which has been awarded 3rd place nationally for NSHS service projects for the outstanding work they do to benefit the students at their sister school Fair Haven Elementary in New Haven!
- Amity's Studio Art III students and middle school artists from AMS-Orange are showing their work at Case Memorial Library in Orange this month, and there will be an opening reception for our student-artists at the library from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 16.
- Today was the last day of classes for our Senior class. Starting on Monday, they will all be participating in off-campus internships or interested projects here at school for the next three weeks.
- We have finished up one week of Advanced Placement exams, and they will continue through the end of next week. Good luck to all our students taking exams.
- Final Exams will be here before you know it, and the schedule for exams this year will be:
 - Monday, June 3: Periods 1, 2
 - Tuesday, June 4: Periods 3, 4
 - Wednesday, June 5: Periods 5, 6
 - Thursday, June 6: Periods 7, 8
 - Friday, June 7: Make-up Exam Day

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **MyPayments Plus Update for Seniors:** If you already paid for senior prom and senior picnic and you are still seeing the fee on your MPP account, please check your payment history to make sure it is paid. If you are paid, please, do not pay the fee again. There was a duplicate fee upload for senior prom and senior picnic that may have caused some accounts to be billed twice – we apologize for any confusion this may have caused this week.
- **Region 5 Community Forum, May 20:** The Amity Board of Education invites you to a Community Forum designed to give all Amity parents and students an opportunity for a back-and-forth conversation with members of the Board of Education and school and district staff. The focus topics of Spring 2024 Community Forum will be the un-leveling of classes at the middle schools and the expansion of dual enrollment classes at the high school. If you're curious or interested in getting more information about either of these topics, we sincerely hope you join us to ask questions, share concerns or good news, and hear about these strategic goals for the Amity school district. The Community Forum will be moderated by the Amity BOE Communications Committee. We are encouraging participants to submit questions by Wednesday, May 15th to ensure we have the right staff there to answer your questions; questions may also be submitted the night of the event and will be answered as time permits. The Community Forum will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Library Media Center at Amity Regional High School. Questions may be anonymously submitted [HERE](#).
- **Costa Rica Trip 2025:** We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you regarding an incredible opportunity for your child – an immersion trip to Costa Rica during the April break of 2025! This trip promises to be an enriching and unforgettable experience for your child. Not only will they have the chance to explore the stunning natural beauty of Costa Rica, but they will also immerse themselves in its vibrant culture, language, and community. Throughout the trip, your child will engage in a variety of activities designed to broaden their horizons and foster personal growth. Whether it's practicing Spanish with local residents or embarking on thrilling eco-adventures, they will undoubtedly return home with a newfound appreciation for the world around them. Students from 10-12 grade (24-25) with an intermediate level of Spanish and that demonstrate consistently positive conduct are eligible to participate. Join our Schoology Group for more information - code: 6254-V6FX-V6344

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Colorado at Boulder](#) (UCB) is located approximately 1,875 miles from the BOWA area. Founded in 1876, UCB is the flagship campus in [the UC system](#). Over 28,000 undergraduate students are currently enrolled, and choose from [170+ majors/programs](#) within its [9 colleges and schools](#). With [Boulder](#) being voted as “[the #1 Best College Town in America](#)”, (Best College Reviews, 2024) UCB takes advantage of the many outdoor [recreational activities](#) available locally. Campus life is filled with many great options such as [clubs](#), opportunities to [volunteer](#), [social events](#) and other [services](#). There are [15 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored by the “Buffaloes” who compete in the [Pac 12 Conference](#). Estimated annual tuition, room and board for [out-of-state students is \\$62,620.00 \(2024-2025\)](#). For more information, check out UCB’s [admissions website](#), or [watch this brief video here](#).

”[Physical therapists](#) help injured, or ill people improve movement and manage pain” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023). [Physical therapists](#) must obtain a DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy) degree and become licensed in the state where they plan to practice. PTs spend most of their workday on foot, moving between patients they see in hospitals, clinics/offices and sometimes in patients’ homes. Faster than average job growth (15%) is expected through 2032 and the average salary is \$99,710 (BLS, 2023). For more information, please visit the following websites: the [American Physical Therapy Association](#), the [Connecticut Physical Therapy Association](#) and the [International Neurological Physical Therapy Association](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in physical therapy include:

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| Springfield College | University of Connecticut | Quinnipiac University |
| Sacred Heart University | University of Saint Joseph | University of Hartford |
| Boston University | Saint Anselm College | UMAINE/Farmington |
| Bridgewater State Univ | Merrimack College | Utica College |
| Mass Coll of Pharmacy & Health Sciences | Long Island Univ/Brooklyn | SUNY/Binghamton |
| CUNY/Hunter College | University of Rhode Island | Ithaca College |

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Attention Seniors!** UELP and SIP will begin on Monday, May 13th for all seniors. As a reminder, your final UELP steps are posted on your Schoology Course. These steps will include handing in your timesheets weekly, completing your final project to be submitted by May 31st and completing your final evaluation by May 31st. If at any time you have any questions or concerns throughout your internship, please contact Mrs. Cocco or Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center at 203-397-4836 or text Mrs. Cocco at 475-549-0198. We wish you all the best on your internship!
- **Part-Time Summer Student Custodial Helpers are needed at all 3 schools in the BOWA!** The Amity Middle School at Bethany and Orange are both looking to employ

a student for each school, along with two positions at the High School. Please see [LINK](#) for more information.

- **Ronald McDonald House of CT** is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Teen Board. RMH Teen Board is an opportunity for students to become involved in community leadership and experience the direct impact on families that need hope, healing, happiness, and growth, regardless of the obstacles placed before them. For more information and to apply for the Teen Board, please go to this [LINK](#) and go to the CT House Application button at the bottom of the page.
- **Learn in depth how Congress works! The Senate Page Program** is offering a unique opportunity for high school juniors to learn in depth how Congress works. Page responsibilities largely consist of delivering correspondence, preparing the Senate chamber for sessions, and delivering bills and amendments to Senate staff. In addition to their work in the Senate, pages attend early morning classes in the fully accredited Page School. Pages live in the Senate Page Dormitory, located just a short walk away from the U.S. Capitol and are paid a small stipend. Deductions from the stipend are taken for taxes, a meal plan, and residence fees. The program takes place this Fall Semester: mid-August to early-January. All page [applications](#) are accepted on a rolling basis and must be received by July 30th at 8pm. Please email at Page_Progrma@murphy.senate.gov with the subject line “2024 Fall Page Application: Your name” or call (860)549-8463 with any questions.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Send us your Senior Night photos! 📷 Email to goamityspartans@gmail.com with a brief description to help us celebrate our senior athletes. We would like to recognize our Seniors and share them on our FB page.
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sports Gear Store! Click the link to purchase your customized items today: linkprotect.cudasvc.com
- Amity A decal stickers are back! Email goamityspartans@gmail.com to place your order. 2 sizes available...large for \$5 each (4” wide by 2.5” high) and small for \$3 each (3” wide by 2” high).

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- A huge thank you to all the families who generously donated to teacher and staff appreciation week!!
- It's that time of year again! Do you know any seniors graduating from Amity Regional High School? Make them smile by giving them a **“Congratulations Amity Grad” Balloon** - A long standing Amity tradition! “Congratulations Amity Grad” is an 18 inch gold foil balloon, printed in black ink. Each balloon is \$7. A card which says “CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE” along with your personal messages and number of balloons ordered by each person. **Please share the link to order grad balloons with family and friends!** <https://amityptso.wufoo.com/forms/q1g9bs7k1f2ishc/> We are

excited to offer helium inflated balloons this year! We are also offering the option of purchasing Amazon gift cards as a green alternative for \$10 - \$5 Amazon gift card for the student and \$5 donation to the PTSO. All proceeds go to the Amity High School PTSO which helps to fund the PTSO scholarship fund, teacher & staff appreciation week, student activities, senior events and much more. In order to make this happen for our seniors, **we need volunteers!** The PTSO board can not do it alone! **Please see the sign up**

genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A4AD22A0FD0-49293470-amity> **ORDERS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 24th!!!** Balloons will be handed out to the seniors on June 3rd after graduation practice. If you have any questions about grad balloons, please email - amitygradballoons@gmail.com

- Our last **PTSO meeting** of the school year will be Wednesday, May 22nd at 7pm.

Community News:

- Scouts of America, formerly Boy Scouts, is forming a Troop for girls in Milford. Their first recruitment event will be on June 8th on the Milford Green from 10 am – 4 pm. All girls ages 11-16 are invited to visit and sign up to join the troop. See the attached flyer for more details.

Attached Files

[BSA Girls Troop Forming.pdf](#)

[May 2024 Community Forum Flyer.pdf](#)

[Amity COSTA RICA Flier 2025.pdf](#)

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