

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, May 3, 2024

Highlights from the week at Amity:

- The week started with two guest speakers of note: State Comptroller Sean Scanlon and State Treasurer Erick Russell visited Amity on Monday to talk with Financial Literacy students about the importance of personal financial literacy and their roles in state government.
- Our annual spring College Fair took place Monday evening, and it was great to see so many students and parents there getting started on their post-secondary planning.
- We had two concerts this week, the Orchestra concert on Tuesday and the Tri-M Music Honor Society concert on Wednesday.
- As part of our efforts to provide students with a well-rounded slate of post-secondary planning options, our always-busy Career Center hosted an Environmental Careers Day on Wednesday during all lunch waves that featured presenters from CT DEEP, Off Center Farm, SW Conservation District, Connecticut Agricultural Extension Service, and the Earth Forward Group.
- Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Mean Girls* – we learned this week that they have been nominated for 7 Stephen Sondheim Award nominations, including their 16th straight best musical nomination.
- And the week ended with a Blood Drive today that was co-hosted by the Red Cross and the members of Amity's National Honor Society.

As we head into next week, keep in mind:

- Advanced Placement Exams start next week, so good luck to everyone taking one or more AP exams in the next two weeks.
- Next week is Teachers Appreciation Week, so please consider reaching out to a special educator who has had a positive impact on your child's life to let them know about the difference they made.
- 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

- **AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 SCHOOL BUDGET: DISTRICT MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 6, 2023:** On Monday, May 6, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Amity Regional High School, the Amity Board of Education (the “Board”) will hold the Annual District Meeting on its proposed 2024-2025 budget. The agenda for the evening will consist of the Board’s presentation explaining the increases and decreases to the budget. No vote will be taken at this meeting. A budget referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and all registered voters in Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge are encouraged to participate. The following question will be placed on the ballot labels:
 - SHALL THE AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOLS’ BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25, IN THE GROSS AMOUNT OF \$56,456,652 AND THE NET AMOUNT OF \$55,272,025, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5?
 - Voters approving said question shall vote “YES” and those opposing said question shall vote “NO.”
- Interested in traveling to Costa Rica in April 2025 for a language immersion and exploration trip? See the attached flyer for more information.

College and Career of the Week

The [University of New Hampshire’s](#) (UNH) main campus is located in Durham, approximately 200 miles from the BOWA area. There are two [additional campuses](#) in Manchester and Concord. Founded in 1866 as a [land grant university](#), over 11,000 undergraduate students currently call UNH/Durham home. Students choose from [200+ majors/programs](#) within [11 colleges and schools](#). There is truly something for everyone on UNH’s campus. Check out the [200 clubs](#), [25+ recreational sports clubs](#), social events and other [activities](#) available to all. The “Wildcats” host [18 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) who compete in the [Coastal Athletic Conference](#). Estimated annual tuition, room and board for out-of-state students is [\\$55,494.00 \(2024-2025\)](#). For more information, check out UNH’s [admissions website](#), view their [quick facts](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

“[Interpreters and translators](#) convert information from one language into another language” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023). [Interpreters and translators](#) are employed by both public and private sector organizations to work in schools, hospitals, and courtrooms, just to name a few. A bachelor's degree is required for most entry-level positions. The average annual salary is \$57,090 with expected job growth to be average at

4% through 2032 (BLS, 2023). To learn more about this profession, please visit these websites: [American Translators Association](#), [National Council on Interpreting in Health Care](#), and the [National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in languages/translation include:

Univ of New Hampshire	North Carolina State Univ	Trinity College
Central CT State Univ	Boston University	Stonehill College
SUNY/Binghamton	Hofstra University	Long Island Univ/Brooklyn
Wesleyan University	Southern CT State Univ	Albertus Magnus College
UMASS/Lowell	Hamilton College	St. Bonaventure University
Salem State Univ	Syracuse University	University of Hartford

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Attention Seniors:** Please log on to Schoology to find the UELP **Final Steps**.
- **Understanding Your Financial Aid Package-**To learn more about understanding your financial aid offers, please find some valuable information [here](#).
- **Summer LAW Camp:** 2024 LAW Camp is a One Week Only camp from July 8, 2024 – July 12, 2024, in New Haven, CT from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. LAW Camp is FREE for accepted applicants! LAW Camp is a one-week, in-person summer camp sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. **LAW** Camp offers high school students a unique opportunity to learn about the legal profession and develop critical and analytical thinking skills. During the week-long day camp, attendees will hear from practicing lawyers or judges, observe court proceedings, receive advocacy training, and participate in a mock trial competition. There is no cost to attend LAW Camp. Applications and more information can be found [here](#).
- **Criminal Justice Camp:** Albertus Magnus College will be offering a one-day camp on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 9am to 12pm. This camp is open to rising juniors and seniors (2025 and 2026) interested in the Criminal Justice field. Sessions presented will include DNA Testing, Dept. of Corrections, K-9 Unit, Crime Scene Analysis, Bomb Squad and Fingerprint Examination. [Registrations](#) will come on a first come first serve basis and will cap at 175 people.
- **Green Sustainability Technical Education Program (Green STEP)-**Juniors and seniors are invited to participate in a virtual, paid training course offered by the Green Sustainability Technical Education Program. This Summer Energy Program sponsored by Eversource & United Illuminating and the CT Natural Gas & Southern CT Gas Company will run during the Spring break on Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 10AM – 3:30PM. Green STEP is open to all high schoolers. This program is paid-to-train and students will earn \$16 per hour with a \$25 bonus upon successful completion of a certification exam. To sign up, please go [here](#). Please contact CT

Green STEP Program Manager, Kiana Soloman, at kiana@earthforwardgroup.com with any questions.

- **Community Service Opportunities: Your community needs you!** The BOWA is looking for students to help with the many events happening in their town. Events include Autism Health & Fitness Center in Orange, Amity Pond Renovation Project at AHS, The Charity Golf Event at Orange Hills Country Club, Strawberry Festival in Orange and the Spring Fling Dance at Bethany Community School, Good Shephard Church Clean-up and the Beverly Levy Walk-Yale Discovery to Cure in Orange. Please see the [community service link](#) for dates and sign up.
- **Mystic Aquarium looking for volunteers:** Mystic Aquarium is once again offering local teens the opportunity to volunteer at Mystic Aquarium this summer. The Blue Crew offers unique opportunities in the areas of guest relations, education & summer camps, and landscaping. For more information, check out their website: <https://www.mysticaquarium.org/footer/volunteer/>. Applications for this program are due on May 8th. If you have any questions, please contact volunteer@mysticaquarium.org.
- **Camp Counselors Needed in Orange:** The Camp Argo Day Camp in Orange is looking for Camp Counselors, ages 15-18, over the summer. This camp is an outdoor recreational day camp located in Orange. Camp Argo is 8 weeks long starting June 17th to August 9th. Help is needed with activities such as fishing, canoeing, archery, rope courses, arts and a wide range of sports. If interested, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **Service Academy Night!** On *Friday, May 17, 2024, at 6PM*, the Connecticut Congressional Delegation will be holding its annual Service Academy Night for middle school students, high school students, and recent high school graduates who are interested in attending one of our nation's preeminent military academies – U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the U.S. Naval Academy. This is a great opportunity for rising juniors and seniors to meet with representatives from each of the academies. This event will also give students a chance to meet with the service academy coordinators/staff from each of the CT Congressional Offices to learn more about the nomination process in each office. The event will be held at the *East Hartford Cultural Community Center located in East Hartford, CT*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office directly at 860-549-8463. You may speak with Kathy Bass or Sarah Lopez regarding details.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Join now and receive a FREE Amity Spartans “PROUD” yard sign! Delivered to you, while supplies last. <https://sites.google.com/amityschools.org/amityathleticsboosterclub/home>
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sports Gear store! Click the link below to purchase your customized items today: blanchettesportinggoods.chipply.com

- Amity A decal stickers are back! Email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order yours. 2 sizes available: large for \$5 each (4 inches wide by 2.5 inches high) and small (3 inches wide by 2 inches high) for \$3 each.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- A huge thank you to all the families that donated to the College and Career Fair this past Monday, Lynn Coco and Paula Vallie were so appreciative!
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation week begins this Monday, May 6th.** Thank you to all the Amity families who have generously donated! We are still in need of a few more items, especially hot breakfast dishes and fruit salads. If you are able to help out, please sign up. Thank you in advance. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A4AD22A0FD0-49019021-amity> If you have donated an item(s) - the non-perishable items can be dropped off at any time. The perishable items the day of the event - if Monday by 6:45/7am, Wednesday by 10am and Friday by 11am.
- A separate email went out yesterday about **Graduation Balloons** but here is the information in case you missed it. 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 cannot 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

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

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[BSA Girls Troop Forming.pdf](#)

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