

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, May 17, 2024

Highlights from the week at Amity:

- Last weekend's Junior Prom was a huge success, and we are looking forward to the Senior Prom at the end of next week.
- We had a packed auditorium for the annual MusicFEST spring concert on Thursday night. The show featured 24 performances by our band, chorus, and a variety of small ensembles, with more than 90 musicians and 50 singers taking the stage throughout the evening.
- Congratulations to all the Amity students who took Advanced Placement exams over the past two weeks. Throughout the two weeks of exams, we had 399 different students take a total of 868 AP exams, an increase of 9% from last school year.
- Final 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

- **School Climate Survey Results:** Thank you to everyone who completed our recent School Climate Surveys. These provide valuable information about our students' experiences at school, and we will be using the results this summer to plan for any improvements or programs that we need to ensure that all our students learn in a positive, welcoming environment. Although the results were generally very positive, we did note a concern in the survey results that we want to address right away. Students who identified as members of minority groups – both due to racial and gender identities – reported that they do not always feel as welcomed or treated as fairly as other students. Every student at Amity deserves a school where they are welcomed, appreciated, and treated as equals, so if you are a student or the parent or guardian of a student who has experienced or witnessed hurtful or unkind language or treatment, please report it to a trusted adult in the school so that we can support you and address your concerns.

- **Yearbook Distribution:** Yearbooks will be distributed to students who have already ordered and paid. If there are remaining yearbooks it will be first come first serve to any student who would like to purchase one for \$95 cash or check after June 5th.
 - **Senior Yearbook Distribution:** All seniors will attend a yearbook dedication ceremony on May 31st in the main gym after their UELP presentations. Those who ordered a yearbook should pick theirs up after the dedication in the main gym.
 - **Underclassmen Yearbook Distribution:** Underclassmen who ordered a yearbook may pick them up outside of the Brady Center the week of finals (6/3 – 6/7) in between and after finals before buses depart.
 - **Any remaining yearbooks** that are not picked up during these times can be picked up in the ARHS main office during the summer. For those unsure if they ordered a yearbook, they may stop by room 109 and check with Ms. Yancey or during the distribution time.
- **Library Media Center Summer Updates:**
 - **Overdue Library Materials:** All library books and materials were due today, Friday, May 17th. Fines have been issued in PowerSchool for any materials that have not been returned. Students with overdue books or other materials should return them to the library as soon as possible.
 - **Summer Library Checkout:** Students may begin checking out books for the summer on Monday, June 3. Summer loans will not be due until school resumes in the fall. Please see the librarians with any questions or to get a book recommendation that's just right for you!

Senior Updates:

- **Senior Cafeteria Account Balances:** If you are a senior and you have a remaining cafeteria balance on your MyPaymentsPlus please contact Kelly Stoner at Kelly.stoner@amityregion5.org asking for a refund, and she will take care of that for you.
- **Saving Your Google and OneDrive Account Contents:** Did you know that once you graduate from Amity, your amityschools account (i.e., your Google Drive content) and your amityregion5 account (i.e., your Microsoft/OneDrive content) will be deleted? If you need any of your files from these accounts, you must copy/transfer them elsewhere. Please see the attached links for instructions on how to do this. Feel free to ask Mr. Clark or Mrs. Hulse for help if you need it!
 - [How to Copy Your Amityschools \(Google\) Content](#)
 - [How to Copy Your Amityregion5 \(OneDrive\) Content](#)

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth](#) (UMASSD) is a public university located in Dartmouth, Massachusetts (near Bourne/Cape Cod), approximately 140 miles from the BOWA area. UMASSD is one of four universities in the [UMASS system](#). [Founded in 1895](#),

UMASSD offers its 5,500 undergraduate students 120 [academic programs](#) within its [7 colleges and schools](#). While many highly [ranked STEM related programs](#) are offered, vibrant arts majors are also available such as jewelry making, animation and textile design. Campus life is active with many [clubs](#) and 17 [NCAA-3 athletic teams \(Little East Conference\)](#) to choose from. UMASSD's [annual tuition, housing & meal plan costs](#) for out-of-state students are approximately \$49,690 per academic year (2023-2024). For more information, visit UMASSD's [admissions website](#), view [fast facts](#) or take a [virtual tour](#). “[Occupational therapists](#) (OTs) evaluate and treat people who have injuries, illnesses, or disabilities to help them with vocational, daily living, and other skills that promote independence” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023). [Occupational therapists](#) help people regain strength and activity levels while recovering from illness or injuries. While most OTs work in medical offices, some work in schools or visit patients in their homes. A masters’ degree and state license is required to work as an OT. The average annual salary for OTs is \$96,370 with **much faster than average growth expected (12%) through 2032** (BLS, 2023). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Occupational Therapy Association](#), the [World Federation of Occupational Therapists](#) and additional information about [post-graduate OT training](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in pre-occupational therapy include:

Quinnipiac University	Boston University	Sacred Heart University
University of Rhode Island	Mass Coll of Pharm & Health Sci	Rutgers University
SUNY/Binghamton	Springfield College	Univ of New Hampshire
Univ of New England	UMAINE/Farmington	Worcester State Univ
New York Inst of Tech	Pace University	Bridgewater State Univ
University of Connecticut	University of Pittsburgh	University of Miami

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Attention Seniors!** Please upload your first weeks’ timesheet to the Schoology Course under “UELP 2024” and click on “Step 6A”, “Timesheet #1”. This week’s timesheet must be submitted by Friday evening, May 17th.
- **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 to our social media.
- Join our team...we are currently looking for a fun loving team member to serve as our Vice President! Reach out to Carrie at goamityspartans@gmail.com today for more info.
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sports Gear Store! Click the link to purchase your customized items today: <https://blanchettesportinggoods.chipply.com/ahsbooster/>
- 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

- Our last **PTSO meeting** of the school year will be **Wednesday, May 22nd at 7pm** in the ARHS library.
- **Graduation Balloons are on sale until Friday, May 24th.** Please share the link to order grad balloons with family and friends! <https://amityptso.wufoo.com/forms/q1g9bs7k1f2ishc/> In order to make this happen for our seniors, **we need volunteers!** Thank you to those who have already signed up to help, however we still need more. To help out, please click on the sign up genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A4AD22A0FD0-49293470-amity> 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
- The annual **Senior breakfast** honoring our graduates will be on **Monday, June 3rd at 8:30 in the cafeteria.** This is a fun event for our seniors and in order to make it happen, volunteers are needed to help setup & clean up as well as donations of food, drinks & gift cards for the senior raffle. To sign up to contribute your time and/or item, please click on this sign up

genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A4AD22A0FD0-49721194-amity>

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