

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, May 31, 2024

Today was the last day of the regular school year, and Final Exams will begin on Monday. Good luck to all of our students on their finals and remember that preparing well for exams is the best way to guarantee that luck!

Now for some highlights from the week at Amity:

- SCC Champions! Congratulations to our girls' golf and lacrosse teams for winning the Southern CT Conference League championship. For girls' lacrosse, it is their first ever Division 1 title! For girls' golf, it is their 4th SCC title in the 6th year of the tournament and the team has finished in the top 2 in all 6! Congratulations to girls' golf and lacrosse!
 - Girls Lacrosse State Quarterfinals - at Amity tonight at 5pm. TICKETS: <https://gofan.co/event/1532180?schoolId=CT17350>
 - Baseball State Quarterfinals - at Amity tomorrow, Saturday at 1:30pm TICKETS: <https://gofan.co/event/1533266?schoolId=CT17350>
- The Senior Class Picnic was Thursday morning, and despite the downpouring rain early in the morning, the weather turned out to be fine for the trip to Lake Compounce. Based on the reports I received from students this morning, everyone seems to have had a great time.
- We held the annual Senior Awards Night on Thursday evening to honor the tremendous accomplishments of our graduating Seniors. One of the highlights of the ceremony is always the announcement of the ARHS PTSO Teacher of the Year, and this year that honor went to College and Career Counselor Lynn Cocco. Congratulations to all our winners!
- Our Seniors returned to campus this morning to give their final presentations to students in Gr. 9-11 during Spartan Seminar, and it was great to hear directly from them about what they learned during their internships and how the years they spent at Amity helped to prepare them for success after high school.
- In a first since the start of the pandemic, the *Embers* 2024 yearbook was available for our students before the end of the school year, and we held a gathering after this morning's Senior presentations to reveal the dedication – the Class of 2024 chose to honor Environmental Science teacher Alison Beres-Nork - and distribute the yearbook to our Seniors. This shift to an earlier release date called for a tremendous effort from the yearbook staff and advisor this year, and we really appreciate all they did to make it happen!

Go Spartans!

**Andre Hauser
Principal**

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Fall Sports Information Night:** MONDAY, JUNE 3rd at 6:30pm. All rising 8th graders and returning high school students are invited to the fall sports information meeting this Monday, June 3rd in the high school auditorium. This is a MUST ATTEND event all interested student-athletes and parents. We will be discussing important registration information, along with protocols, procedures, and policies regarding athletics. Following a general athletics session with Mr. Goodwin, there will be individual breakout sessions with our coaches, including tryout information. The following sports are offered in the fall: Girls and Boys Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls Swimming & Diving, and Girls Volleyball. We look forward to seeing everyone this coming Monday!
- **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.
 - **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.
- **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!
- **Health Office – Summer Updates:**
 - All medications need to be picked up on the student's last day of school (inhalers, EpiPens, and other uncontrolled substances can be sent home with students but controlled medications including Nayzilam, ADHD or anxiety meds, etc. need to be picked up by a parent)
 - New medication authorization forms will be needed for the 2024/2025 school year for those students' requiring medication
 - The 2024/2025 medication authorization forms can be found on the Nursing Department tab of the Amity website.
 - Physical exams performed over the Summer can be placed in the lockbox located in District Office

Senior Updates:

- Graduation Live-Stream Link:
<https://video.amityregion5.org/show?video=66f89fde69d2>

- **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 **College & Career of the Week** column will be back in the fall. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy reviewing the many entries we shared this school year. Here are the links to our archives:

[CLICK HERE for Colleges](#) of the Week (2023-2024)

[CLICK HERE for Careers](#) of the Week (2023-2024)

Have a happy and healthy summer!

The Career Center at Amity HS

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Summer Employment for Students:** 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. Applications for employment of volunteer work can be found [here](#). If interested, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **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.

- **Strawberry Festival in Orange!** Come and volunteer for this family event at the Orange Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 8th from 9am-5pm with a rain date of June 9th. If interested, please call or text Stuart King at 203-506-1378.
- **JCC of Greater New Haven Needs Volunteers!** The JCC will be hosting Touch-A-Truck 2024 on Sunday, June 2nd from 10:30am – 2:30pm at the Beckerman/Lender Jewish Community Building, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. If you are interested, please contact Lindsay Barger at lbarger@jewishnewhaven.org. For more volunteer opportunities in the BOWA, please go to our [school website](#).
- **The First Annual Golf Tournament at the Orange Hills Country Club**, benefiting “Help Our People” needs volunteers on Sunday, June 25, 2024, at 7:30am. This will be an all-day event where a lot of students are needed to help make this event a success. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Kelly Wartars at kelly.wartars@gmail.com.
- **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.
- **The Church of Shephard on Racebrook Road in Orange** needs volunteers to help with their summer clean-up project for both inside and outside of the church. If interested, students should contact Jennifer Dinzeo at 203-645-8427.
- **Attention Juniors!** Over the summer, please take the opportunity to check out the [College & Career Center](#) website as a resource to help you with your college & career searches.
- **Shout out to our Seniors who completed the UELP, SIP & Senior Summit!** Congratulations to the Class of 2024 for completing a successful 11 day internship/research project. We are so proud of our seniors! Also, Amity High School would like to thank the many local schools and businesses in the BOWA and beyond for their continued support with our 2024 UELP Program! Your time and effort are greatly appreciated by both students and staff!
- **Working Papers for Employment over the Summer: If you are in need of working papers over the summer, please see [guidelines for minors](#). In order to obtain working papers from the high school, you must supply a Promise of Employment Letter from the employer who has hired you and ONE form of identification. Identification includes a driver’s license, driver’s permit, a**

passport, or a birth certificate. Please call the District Office at 203-392-2005 to schedule an appointment before arriving at the district office.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- SAVE THE DATE...Amity Athletic Department FALL SPORTS INFO NIGHT! Monday, June 3 at 6:30pm, Mengold Gym
- ANNUAL MEETING to be held Thursday, June 6. Join us at 6:30pm in rm 501. All are welcome!
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sports Gear Store! Click the link to purchase your customized items today: <https://blanchettesportinggoods.chipply.com/ahsbooster/>

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Thank you** to everyone who purchased Graduation Balloon!! We sold 2,796 balloons, 211 gift cards and 350 balloons were donated. Due to the generous balloon donation, we were able to ensure that every Amity senior receives 3 balloons. A majority of the profit made goes directly back to the seniors for scholarships.
- Thank you to those families that have signed up to help inflate balloons and cut ribbon this weekend. We will be at the high school from 10-12 if anyone has time to stop by to help.
- **Senior Breakfast:** The annual Senior breakfast honoring our graduates is this **Tuesday, June 4th at 8:30 in the cafeteria**. This is a fun event for our seniors, it is one of the last times they will be together as a class. Thank you to those families who have already donated either time, food, or gift cards for the senior raffle. We are still in need of some more donations, esp. hot dishes, and cases of water. The cases of water are also used for graduation day. Please refer to the sign up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A4AD22A0FD0-49721194-amity>

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