

# ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you. ~H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

A very common tenet of educators and educational institutions is encouraging lifelong learning. We allude to this concept in our mission statement where it mentions that “we bear a responsibility to our selves and our community to develop in all students the skills and desire necessary to becoming contributing members of a just society.” However, the idea of lifelong learning is not just for students. I am constantly learning from the students, staff members and community members of Amity. I am grateful for this learning as I am able to reflect on conversations, correspondence and interactions that help affirm for me that I am a part of an amazing and supportive school community.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

**Career and College of the Week:** This year the Career Center will highlight a complementary career and college of the week. This week, the career is [Pathologist](#) and the college is [Brandeis University](#). Students will receive an e-mail that details aspects of the varying careers and colleges. Students can also view the bulletin boards in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff for details.

## Happenings and Information

**Spartan Seminar materials to share:** As we continue to explore the core belief of *Integrity* with our students this week, we viewed this [video](#) in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade seminars; 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade seminars discussed various scenarios about academic integrity. We also had robust discussions regarding academic integrity and what

it means to have integrity within a group, as we worked to set norms for our individual Spartan Seminar groups.

**Fall Freshmen Tie-Dye Day:** On Sept. 20th (with a rain date of the 22<sup>nd</sup>), Link Crew will be hosting their annual Tie-Dye Day for all ninth graders! All freshmen are encouraged to bring in a plain white t-shirt to tie-dye during lunch on that day. There also will be a limited number of shirts that students may purchase that day at the event (\$5). Ninth graders will be encouraged to wear their shirts later in the year for tie-dye spirit days, school spirit days, and the pep rally. This event is free. No more frantic calls home, no more T-shirts left on the kitchen counter. *Cost is only \$5; fun is guaranteed!*

**No School Thursday, September 21st:** In honor of Rosh Hashanah, there will be no school next Thursday.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Senior Meetings with Counselors:** On September 19th, seniors will meet with their counselor in small groups to discuss the college application process. Attached is a listing of times and locations.

**College Visits:** Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These admission representatives are available to share information about their institutions and discuss the admissions process with our juniors and seniors; often times these reps are the people who review applications and make admission decisions. If a student is interested in attending any of these info sessions, please register on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center. Students are provided excused absences from class to meet with representatives. A list of schools visiting Amity this week can be found here.

**Extra College Information Added to Naviance:** High School Counselors will meet with every college representative as they make their fall visits to Amity. Every student will now have access to the counselor notes taken at each meeting. This information can be accessed under the Family Connection College tab. Enter your college name in the search bar to find “Counselor Comments” in the Overview section. If you need assistance accessing this information, please contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center at 203-397-4836.

**Independent Study:** Seniors who are interested in completing an Independent Study must submit their proposals to Mrs. Campbell

by Friday September 22. Proposals can be obtained in the Counseling Office from Mrs. Campbell or Mrs. Salemme. A description of the program can be found here. Please email Mrs. Campbell with questions at [courtney.campbell@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:courtney.campbell@reg5.k12.ct.us)

**SATs Offered at ARHS:** Each year, Amity is a host site for the SAT. Below are the dates that Amity will be offering the Saturday SAT exam:

- SAT Saturday, October 7, 2017 register by September 8<sup>th</sup> 2017
- SAT Saturday, November 4, 2017 register by October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017
- SAT Saturday, May 5, 2018 register by April 6<sup>th</sup> 2018
- SAT Saturday, June 2, 2018 register by May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

**Third Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night:** Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? Join us for our third annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. in AHS computer lab 501 (across from the cafe). Take care of everything at once—paperwork, payment, etc. Appointments are not necessary. Visit the yearbook website at [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) for more information and to check out samples of ads from previous yearbooks.

**Senior Yearbook Pose Selection:** Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found at [amityembers.com/frequently-asked-questions-faq](http://amityembers.com/frequently-asked-questions-faq).

**Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook:** The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for the "senior scrapbook" section of *Embers*. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! Visit [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) and click "Submit Photos (eShare)" beneath either the seniors or parents tabs. Please send only high-resolution photos. Hard copy photos can be dropped off in the "Baby Pictures" box in the main office. All hard copies should be clearly labeled so that they can be returned to their owners. Please keep submissions to just one per student. If you send us more than one, the yearbook staff will select photo for inclusion in the yearbook. All photo submissions are due Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Freshmen Counseling Lesson:** All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be meeting with the Counseling Department this coming week to discover some **Keys for High School Success**. Freshmen will be reintroduced to the Naviance Family Connection and complete a Strength Explorer Inventory. Counselors will also discuss study skills, testing strategies, and various Amity High School resources.

**Adult Education:** Registration for Term 2 for Hamden Adult Education will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Room D-107. Classes begin on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact your child's school counselor or the Hamden Adult Education Office at 203.407.2028

**Exploring Engineering:** UConn's School of Engineering is hosting their "Women in Engineering Day" on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am at the Student Union Theatre on campus. This is a first-come, first served basis and at no cost. Juniors & Seniors are welcome. Please see their [website](#) for information and registration.

**Community Service Opportunity:** The **Orange Country Fair**, which will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**, is still looking for volunteers to help in the food tent, parking, admissions, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lynn Plaskowitz at 203-627-1673.

## **Important Reminders**

**PowerSchool "App":** As of right now, there is no official PowerSchool Unified Classroom App on Apple nor Android. The current apps on the market are third party apps, not created by PowerSchool, and should not be used. Please use the website to access PowerSchool Unified Classroom from your devices and computers: <https://classroom.powerschool.com>. We will announce once PowerSchool releases an app. We thank you for your patience.

**Underclassmen Picture Days:** Underclass pictures will be taken during English classes on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. English teachers will inform their classes of which day to prepare for. Documentation with photo package information

is forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Tim Gaipa, at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org).

## **Athletics**

**Amity Booster Club:** The Amity Booster Club is an organization dedicated to supporting the athletic teams at Amity Regional High School. Your support to the Amity Athletics Booster Club directly affects ALL Amity Athletic Sports Teams throughout the year. Please find the 2017-2018 Amity Booster Club Membership form [here](#).

**Come support our soccer teams:** The Orange Country Fair will be held at the Orange Fair Grounds/Community Center on September 15, 16, and 17. Members of the Amity Boys' Soccer Team will be assisting with parking cars and members of the Amity Girls' Soccer Team will be scooping ice cream; both are fundraisers for the teams. Come out and support our teams!

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for fall sports, please refer to the athletic department's website [here](#).

For a copy of next week's competition schedule, please click [here](#).

For a copy of this past week's results, please click [here](#).

## **Community Happenings**

**Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness:** Bridges Healthcare and the CT State Police will provide a presentation on Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness on **October 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Woodbridge Center Cafeteria** at 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge. Dinner will be provided. Please register with Peter Samenfink at [psamenfink@bridgesmilford.org](mailto:psamenfink@bridgesmilford.org) by October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Service Opportunities:** We offer community services hours. Students who are interested in helping with sorting and shelving food for the Woodbridge Food Pantry, or assisting with youth evening programs and other projects in Human

Services, please contact Nancy Pfund at [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org)  
or call 203-389-3429.

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