

# ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

~Nelson Mandela

Welcome back to school! We are very excited for the 2017-2018 school year to begin. The "High School Happenings" is the weekly newsletter distributed to help keep parents, students and community members informed about what is happening at the high school. The newsletter is being sent via PowerSchool this year.

As mentioned in the mailing you received last week, our first day of school on **August 28<sup>th</sup>** will be again be hosting the "**Spartan Stories Kick-Off Celebration**" for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students while the freshmen will be participating in the **Link Crew Orientation** program. Both programs highlight the importance of our core values of **fairness, respect and passion** along with building a strong school community throughout the school year. More information on the first day of school program will follow in next week's newsletter.

The weekly newsletters contain a plethora of information. If you have any questions about any of the information below, please do not hesitate to contact the main office where someone will be happy to assist you (203-397-4830, xt. 5). Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to welcoming the entire ARHS student body on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:34am!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

## Back to School Information

**2017-2018 Student Schedules/Form Sign Off:** Student Schedules are now available through PowerSchool Unified Classroom. Please ask your child to take some time to identify the location of his/her Spartan Seminar (the same room as homeroom). All sophomores, juniors and seniors will be reporting directly to that location on Monday morning, August 28<sup>th</sup>. No printed schedules will be distributed. All requisite forms, such as acceptable use policy, student handbook, turn-it-in.com, etc, were reviewed and agreed to by parents through the InfoSnap portal at the end of last school year. A copy of that page can be found [here](#).

**2017-2018 Student Handbook:** The ARHS Student Handbook can be found on the website at this [link](#).

**2017-2018 Region 5 District Calendar:** Please find a copy of the Amity Regional School District No. 5 2017-2018 Calendar [here](#).

**Freshmen Parent Link Crew Night:** On the evening of Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm, all incoming freshmen parents or guardians are invited to attend an informational Link Crew assembly in the Amity High School main gym. The Link Crew coordinators will be talking about Link Crew and shedding light on Monday's Freshmen Orientation.

**Student Agenda Pads:** School-issued agenda pads for the 2017-2018 school year will be distributed on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> to all students.

**One Book/One Amity:** As a reminder, this year's school-wide summer reading is *Everyday*. Students will be assessed during the first two weeks of school through English class and we will also be focusing on themes from the book throughout the first semester.

**Bell Schedule:** The 2017-2018 Amity Regional High School Bell Schedule can be found here. [This document](#) contains start and end times for the school day and all class periods. This schedule also contains start times and dismissal times for minimum days, two-hour delay openings, and advisory days.

**Bus Routes:** Bus routes are posted on the Amity Regional High School website, and may be accessed [here](#). Any requests for bus changes must be put in writing and submitted to Beth Cohen, President of B and B Transportation, via fax at (203) 393-9747. Ms. Cohen may be reached by telephone (203) 393-9750 or email [Beth@BandBtrans.com](mailto:Beth@BandBtrans.com). Students are reminded to please commit their bus number to memory.

**Back-to-School Nights:** Mark your calendars, Back-to-School Night for parents of 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Back-to-School Night for parents of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Back-to-School Nights begin at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center. More information about Back-to-School Nights will be forthcoming in future *ARHS Happenings Newsletters*.

**Drop Off/Pick Up Instructions:** Please find a copy of morning drop off and afternoon pick up instructions [here](#). Please note: the traffic flow from North Pease Road through the high school parking lot becomes very dense during arrival after 7:20 am. Students who do not drive/park at school are strongly encouraged to take the bus. Also please note: for safety reasons, Newton Road is not a designated student drop-off area.

**MyPaymentsPlus:** [This flyer](#) has information about MyPaymentsPlus. Amity Regional High School uses MyPaymentsPlus as a vendor for online payments for school-related expenses.

**Student Parking:** Student parking at Amity High School is restricted to juniors and seniors (please see this [memo](#)). Eligible students who wish to drive to school must register their vehicles and pay a \$100.00 registration fee. Payments will only be accepted online using the [MyPaymentsPlus](#) System beginning the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Students must provide a copy of their driver's license and complete [this](#) vehicle registration form. Vehicle registration forms must be returned to the attendance secretary in the Main Office.

**Amity High School PTSO:** Join the PTSO to support your students and school. Mail in your [form](#) today and guarantee yourself an Amity High School Student Directory, which will be mailed in the fall. Membership is \$15 for families and \$10 for faculty. A PTSO Membership Form can be found here. Join today and support Amity High School PTSO!

**Annual Pesticide and Asbestos Letters:** These letters contain information about the district's pesticide use [pesticide letter](#) (CT Public Act 99-165) and [asbestos abatement](#) information.

**Green Cleaning:** This [letter](#) contains information about the district's Green Cleaning Program in Schools (CT Public Act 09-81)

**Free and Reduced Lunch Form Application:** All information regarding the free and reduced lunch program can be found on the district website at this [link](#).

## **Athletics at Amity**

**FALL REGISTRATION AND TRY-OUT INFORMATION:** Fall athletics for the high school begins Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. All athletes must register online and have a physical on record with the nurse that is valid from August 24<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>. Athletes must be marked APPROVED on the Form Release registration site prior to an athlete being able to participate. Please follow this [link](#) to our athletics webpage which has the registration information and tryout information as well. GO SPARTANS!

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