

ARHS Community Happenings!

September 23, 2024

A Word From The Principal

- Our annual Freshman Tailgate will take place Friday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm before our next home football game. All members of the Class of 2028 are invited to join us for a free picnic hosted by the Link Crew leaders on the practice field to the right of the athletic stadium, after which they will all get into the football game for free.
- Now that all our student drivers have parking permits and are driving to school on a regular basis, we are starting to see some driving in the student parking areas that is not as safe as we all expect and deserve. If you are the parent of a student who drives to school, please talk with them about your expectations for safe and appropriate driving. As much as we want our students to be in school on time every day, we don't want them speeding in the parking lot to make that happen!
- Last week marked the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, and we observed the month last Monday morning with a special reading during the morning announcements. Here is the text of that announcement:



"This morning, we mark the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, which began yesterday. Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America."

"September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded to a full month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988. The national theme for this year's Hispanic Heritage Month is "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together."

"Latinos represent approximately 19% of the US population. However, nationwide Latinos make up less than 4% of corporate executive roles and just 8% of all positions in the tech sector. Because of disparities such as these, Hispanic Heritage Month is more than a celebration—it is a call to action. It highlights the pressing need for greater recognition of the important contributions of the Hispanic community in shaping our nation's future. By educating society and fostering dialogue, Hispanic Heritage Month plays a pivotal role in combating discrimination and promoting a more inclusive future."

"Happy Hispanic Heritage Month to everyone!"

Go Spartans!
Andre Hauser
Principal

Important Dates

- **October 3, 2024** - Rosh Hashanah - No School
- **October 7, 2024** - Board of Education Meeting - [More Info](#)
- **October 14, 2024** - Indigenous Peoples Day / Columbus Day - No School
- **October 17, 2024** - PSAT Day for Grades 9 - 11, Early Dismissal / No Field Trips
- **October 24 - 25, 2024** - Music In Motion
- **November 5, 2024** - Election Day - [More Info](#)

View More on the ARHS Calendar

Weekly Highlights

Amity's Chef of the Week: Todd Evans!

Chef Linkstrom and the Culinary Department presents Amity's Chef of the Week! Each week the culinary arts teachers will decide on a student who they would like to recognize for their excellence in culinary, safety and sanitation.

Please help us congratulate our first ACW, senior Todd Evans! Todd has taken many culinary classes during his time at Amity and is currently enrolled in Chef Linstrom's International Cuisine class and Chef Hans' Advance Culinary 1 class. Todd has great attention to detail and the perfect hand when it comes to seasoning. This week, he took on a leadership role by rolling out fresh pasta for his group, a task that requires lots of arm muscle. His passion for cooking also extends home where he has made many dishes for his family.

Fun Facts: Todd's favorite food is pasta (any kind), and his favorite restaurant is Zuppardi's in West Haven.



Follow Amity Culinary on Instagram!

Freshman Tailgate Postponed

Due to the rescheduling of last week's football game, the Freshman Tailgate event will take place this Friday, September 27. This event will take place from 6-7 pm on the practice field to the right of the stadium entrance. The Link Crew tailgate will be free for all ninth-grade students if they choose to attend, and there will be a variety of games, activities, and food!

The food served will be free and will include options such as all-beef hot dogs, veggie burgers, and chips. We advise all students to dress appropriately for the weather forecast. Attendees will be able to get into the football game for free. We hope that all students can attend the tailgate and enjoy a fun football night with all the Link Crew leaders and their friends!

Picture Day - September 26 & 27!

Underclass pictures will be taken during English classes on Thursday, September 26, and Friday, September 27. English teachers will inform their classes of which day to prepare for.

Students who are absent or otherwise unable to be photographed can have their pictures taken on the makeup day, which will be in early November.

Parents can also order and prepay for prints of their children's school pictures online. To do so, please follow the link below and use the **passcode amt24**

[Order Photos](#)

Notes from the Counseling Department

Career of the Week: Web Developers

[Web Developers](#) create and maintain websites. Digital designers develop, create, and test website or interface layout, functions, and navigation for usability”,(Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023). [Web Developers and Digital Designers](#) are employed in almost every industry. Training varies in this field from college degrees to high school diplomas. The median salary is \$84,960 for Web Developers and \$98,540 for Digital Designers. The profession is expected to have *faster than average job growth at 8%* through 2033.

For more information, please visit the following websites:

[American Webmasters Association](#), [Web Professionals Global](#) and the [American Institute of Graphic Arts](#).

College of the Week: University of Massachusetts, Boston

The [University of Massachusetts, Boston](#) opened in 1965 as the second campus in the UMASS system. UMB's current campus is located in Dorchester's [Columbia Point](#), approximately 5 miles south of downtown Boston. Known as the “only public research university in Boston”, UMB currently enrolls about 16,000 students within its [eight colleges](#) and offers over [200 majors, minors and certificate programs](#). Unique programs for undergrads include the [School for the Environment](#) and the [Honors College](#).

Colleges & Career Center Department Page

Please visit our College & Career Center page for more info about the College and Career of the week. Juniors & Seniors may attend college rep visits and must register in SchoolLinks. The Career Center will then issue a pass via E-Hall Pass.

Upcoming Career & College Events

Volunteers are also needed within the BOWA - Please see the C&C calendar for opportunities & more details!

College Representatives Visiting Amity! Juniors and Seniors may attend visits and must register in [Schoollinks](#). The Career Center will then issue a pass via E-Hall Pass.

- **Marist College Representative Visit** - September 30 - [More Info](#)
- **Southern Connecticut College & Gap Year Fair** - October 1, 2024, from 4:30-7:30 PM - [More Info](#)
- **Financial Aid Night** - October 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM - [More Info](#)
- **ASVAB Testing** - October 25, 2024 - [More Info](#)

View The College & Career Center (C&C) Calendar

Please view this calendar for upcoming College & Career Center events, Volunteer Opportunities and College Representative visits only.

College Essay Writing Workshop

The College Essay Writing Workshop, hosted by STEM Mentors at Yale - Open to 12th Grade Students! *Sessions include Sun, 9/29 or 11/3, 10AM – 12PM at 17 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven.*

Learn More about Writing Workshop

Mini-Workshops for Seniors

Do you need help with your Common Application or using SchoolLinks? How about some help in creating a resume or sending your test scores to colleges? We can help! Register and you will

receive a pass to attend!

Register for Mini-Workshop (during SSP Times) Here

Yale World CLASS Program

The **Yale World CLASS Program** offers language opportunities to high school students who want to learn ASL, German, Korean, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian or Ukrainian. The cost is \$525 per course.

Learn More About Yale World Class Program

New HYTEs Academic Year 2024-2025

Seeking the following volunteers
(ages 16 and up; adults and retirees welcome)
Materials and training provided for all positions



Mondays at Yale Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center, *279 Derby Avenue, 4-6 pm*

- Math tutors for middle school students
- Tennis coaches for elementary and middle school students
- Leaders of enrichment activities



Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at Dwight Hall, *67 High Street, 4-6 pm*

- Math tutors for elementary school students
- Leaders of enrichment activities for elementary school students



Wednesdays at North Haven Health and Racquet, *100 Elm Street in North Haven, 4-6 pm*

- Math tutors for middle school students
- Tennis coaches for middle school students

Sign up at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212776318467061>

Learn More About Tutors at new HYTEs in New Haven

Notes From The ARHS - PTSO

- Help the PTSO and your student(s) by joining today! To access our membership form, please open amityptso.org in a new browser, click on Membership, and then Click Here to join! PTSO membership must be renewed every year.
- If you ever have any PTSO questions, please reach out to us at amityptso@gmail.com
- Join our Facebook Group and be a part of our virtual community by [visiting this page](#) and answering the security questions required to gain access.

Notes From Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

Welcome back Spartan fans!

- Join us in supporting and celebrating our athletes and coaches by becoming a member of the Athletics Booster Club. Membership is now open for all to join...grandparents, too!
- **Get your Amity 'A' decal stickers and 'PROUD' yard signs delivered to you!**
Email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. Show your Spartans Spirit!

Join Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

Booster Club Gear Store

All items are customizable!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOU!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

11 AM—4PM

**Bethany
Harvest
Festival**
BETHANY AIRPORT

Bethany Harvest Volunteer Registration

Woodbridge Youth Services

- **Volunteers Needed!**

Adults, college students, and high school juniors and seniors may call or email to help. We need volunteers to assist with registration, food tables, chaperoning, and games at a Halloween Spooktacular in the Woodbridge Center on 10/25/24. A few students are needed for the Family Game Night on 10/17/24 in the Woodbridge Center. We approve community service hours for mature high school students.

- **Families in Need** - Woodbridge resident families in need should contact Human Services to apply for food, holiday baskets, fuel assistance, and holiday toys. Call 203-389-3429 for more information.

- **Vaccine Clinics Offered** by Woodbridge Human Services - [More Info](#)

- **Trainings Offered:**

by BRIDGES, Milford- Youth Mental Health First Aid – [Register Here](#)

Narcan (Naloxone) Administration for Opioid Overdose Training – [Register Here](#)

- **Free Film Screening: America's Soul on Suicide** - Sept. 26 at 7:00 pm at Cinemark in North Haven Offered by Alliance for Prevention and Wellness. - [More Info & RSVP](#)

- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge and Bethany Teens Who Want Paid Work**

The Job Bank guides teens ages 13-18 as they apply, interview, and earn money doing odd jobs for Woodbridge residents. Teens are needed now. Contact the Job Bank to schedule your interview. Jobs include leaf raking, yard work, snow shoveling, babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Woodbridge residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student. Vaccine Clinics Offered by Woodbridge Human Services - [More Info](#)

- Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org for info or to sign up for programs. Sign up for Youth Services Notifications of our programs: www.woodbridgect.org/list.aspx Youth Services' Website: <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>

Thank You!



Andre Hauser, ARHS Principal

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