

ARHS Community Happenings!

December 13, 2024

A Word From The Principal

We have one more week to go before Winter Break, and here is what we have been up to at Amity Regional High School recently:



- On the day before Thanksgiving break, ARHS hosted its Alumni Panel for our students in Gr. 11 and 12. This annual event presented by our Counseling department allows students to hear directly from recent graduates about how they prepared for life after high school, how their time at Amity helped prepare them for it, and what they wish they had known while they were still in high school. Thank you to all the recent grads who came back to share their experiences!

- ARHS held class meetings on Wednesday, December 11, with the following grades:

The Senior class met to discuss options for the spring UELP internship program and what students can be doing now to ensure a positive and successful internship experience in May.

The Junior class met to get updates on the POG Portfolio development process and to learn more about the presentation day scheduled for next April.

- Amity Class of 1968 graduate Steve Alpert spoke to students in the ARHS library on Thursday, Dec. 12. For fifteen years beginning in 1996, he was a senior executive at Studio Ghibli, a Japanese animation studio based in Tokyo. He was previously an executive at The Walt Disney Company, and at Citibank before that. Steve speaks Japanese and Chinese fluently, having lived in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Taipei for a combined total of over thirty-five years. He graduated from Colgate University with a BA in Fine Arts, and he has an MBA from Columbia. Steve has published two books about his experiences in Japan: *Sharing a House with the Never-Ending Man* and *Kyoto Stories*. He now lives in Connecticut.
- Amity Creative Theater's fall production of the Broadway comedy "[The Minutes](#)" by [Tracy Letts](#) opened on Thursday and continues through Saturday, Dec. 14. Tickets are still available, and

we hope to see you there!

Go Spartans!
Andre Hauser
Principal

Important Dates

- **December 17, 2024** - Orchestra Concert - [More Info](#)
- **December 19, 2024** - Winter Concert - [More Info](#)
- **December 20, 2024** - Early Dismissal
- **December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025** - Winter Break, No School!

[View ARHS Calendar](#)

Weekly Highlights

Notice about fees in MyPaymentsPlus

There will be a guest pay on each of the students MyPaymentsPlus accounts in the amount of \$45. This \$45 fee is for college representatives ONLY and NOT for students or parents. Please do not pay this fee.

Notes from the Counseling Department

College & Career Center Updates

Upcoming C&C Events

- **January 19, 2025** - NACLO @ Yale - Sunday Practice Session - [More Info](#)
- **January 23, 2025** - Competition for NACLO @ Yale - [More Info](#)
- **February 22, 2025** - CT Junior Science & Humanities Symposium - [More Info](#)

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

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

Community Service Info

For those seniors who would like to reach their 100-hour goal by graduation, please keep in mind all community service forms must be handed in and posted on PowerSchool by April 1, 2025. This time of year, there are many upcoming holiday events and food banks who need your help. All students are encouraged to volunteer!

View Community Service Opportunities

Senior Scholarship Season has begun!

The Career Center posts both local and national scholarships throughout the months of November -April. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Schoolinks under the Finance tab and on our [school website](#).

Additional merit-based and need-based scholarships are available through websites like [fastweb.com](#), [scholarships.com](#) or [here](#). If you have any questions regarding scholarships, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Are you interested in the Veterinarian Technician field?

On Thursday, December 19th Brynn Holt, CVT, VTS (Anesthesia, Analgesia) Program Director of the Veterinary Assistant Program at the Central Institute for Veterinary Learning in North Haven will be visiting Amity during all lunch waves. Brynn will be stationed outside the cafeteria to discuss the different opportunities and paths in the field of veterinary medicine. Learn what programs are offered at the institute by chatting with a specialist and find more info about the program [here](#).

Career & College of the Week!

ARHS COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER



CAREER OF THE WEEK:

CIVIL ENGINEERS

COLLEGE OF THE WEEK:

WESTERN NEW
ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

View More Info on College & Career of the Week!

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.

Notes From The PTSO

- Our school's website, amityregion5.org/arhs has been updated and has SO much information. Please explore it to find information you need!
- If you ever have any PTSO questions, please reach out to us at amityptso@gmail.com
- Help the PTSO and your student(s) by joining today! PTSO membership must be renewed every year. After you sign up to become a member of the PTSO you will receive a membership directory via email.
- **RaiseRight Fundraiser:** *RaiseRight* is gift card fundraising and is the easiest & most convenient way to earn money for our school. Gift cards can be used for daily purchases or as

holiday gifts for family & friends. It is simple, all you need to do is purchase a physical or eGift card(s) to your favorite store(s) through the RaiseRight website or app and a certain % of each gift card purchase goes directly to Amity PTSO. [View More Info on Raised Right Fundraiser](#)



Earn with holiday celebrations

Whether you're picking out the perfect gift or unwinding during the holiday rush, there's a brand for every need. Shop online or buy gift cards through RaiseRight, and turn every holiday purchase into support for your organization.



Shop all brands and categories on [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com) and in the mobile app

Use this area for a customized message (e.g. enrollment code, ordering schedule, coordinator contact information, etc.)

Join the PTSO

Join the PTSO Facebook Group

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 Athletics Booster Club

- **JOIN!** Catch the Spartans Spirit! Membership is open for all...families, coaches/faculty/staff and grandparents. Your membership donation benefits all of our athletic programs.
- **SHOP!** Visit the [Athletics Booster Gear Store](#) for customizable Amity apparel and gear.

- **LIAISONS!** Looking for parents or athletes from each team to send us occasional updates on your team's accomplishments and fundraisers. We want to recognize and promote our Amity student athletes and coaches for their wonderful attitudes and play. Please contact Carrie at goamityspartans@gmail.com with any questions.
- **Facebook!** Stay up to date and in the loop - [View Facebook](#)

Join Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

Woodbridge Youth Services

Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org for info or to sign up for programs.

- **We Care Bags for Unhoused in New Haven- Thank You!**
Many thanks to those who contributed We Care Bags and other items for New Reach, Inc. in New Haven. There is still time to drop off items until Tuesday, December 17th. Please deliver toiletries, cleaners, detergent, personal items, or new blankets, pillows, etc. to Woodbridge Youth Services, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Room 12. Call Youth Services at 203-389-3429 for directions. Community Service hours will be approved for the hours worked.
- **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. 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
- **Toys 4 Kids - Thank You!**
We appreciate the donations of toys made recently through your generosity. TEAM, Inc. will distribute them to brighten the holiday season for children.
- **Per Diem Staff Needed for Youth Services After-School or Evening Programs -**
Adults with at least 2 years of college and experience working with youth may call 203-389-3464 to inquire.

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Thank You!



Andre Hauser, ARHS Principal

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