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## ARHS Happenings Newsletter



Welcome back to school! This is the year at Amity Regional High School we plan to “Make It Happen!” We are very excited for the 2016-2017 school year to begin. This is the weekly newsletter which is distributed to help keep parents, students and community members informed about what is happening at the high school. This first newsletter is being distributed through the Amity Regional High School portal,

Bethany Middle School portal, and Orange Middle School portal. If you are the parent of an incoming freshman, please make sure you enroll in the Amity High School newsletter. Future ARHS Happenings email will only be distributed through the ARHS newsletter portal. Directions for enrolling on the Amity High School newsletter can be found [here](#). All newsletters are also archived on the main page of the District no 5 [website](#).

As mentioned in the mailing you received last week, we will be changing our opening day of school slightly this year so as to highlight the importance of our core values of **fairness, respect and passion**. We will also be focusing on the concept of building a strong school community and celebrating the start of the school year together. The Link Crew Freshmen Orientation Day will take place throughout the morning on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. As in year's past, freshmen will gather in the middle gymnasium with the assistance of Link Crew Leaders at 7:34. From there, they will participate in team-building activities, will become familiar with their schedules and the school building, and get to know their Link Crew Leaders. After having lunch in the cafeteria with their Link Crew Leaders, the freshmen will join the rest of the school community in a brief run through of all 8-classes. The schedule for the first day of school for freshmen can be found [here](#).

Sophomores, juniors and seniors will also follow a special schedule on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. After a brief homeroom for attendance and a welcome-back presentation at 7:34, students will attend a speaker series and then watch a documentary film all focused around the Core Values. The speakers are ARHS graduates who have demonstrated fairness, respect, and passion to make their dreams come true. These graduates have overcome obstacles, believed in themselves and relied on their communities for support in achieving their goals. After the speaker-series, documentary and lunch, students will visit all 8 of their classes briefly to meet their teachers and become oriented to their schedules. The schedule for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders can be found [here](#).

This week's newsletter contains a plethora of back-to-school 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. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to welcoming the entire ARHS student body on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:34am!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon  
Principal

### Back to School Information

**2016-2017 Student Schedules/Form Sign Off:** Student Schedules will be available in PowerSchool on the afternoon of Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. When students and parents first log on, you will be prompted to read and sign off on important documents, such as the student handbook, TurnItIn and the acceptable use policy forms. Please note: when you are prompted with this page, you must read and indicate you have done so on the form in order to access your PowerSchool account.

**2016-2017 Student Handbook:** The ARHS Student Handbook can be found on the website at this [link](#).

**2015-2016 Region 5 District Calendar:** Please find a copy of the Amity Regional School District No. 5 2015-

16 School Calendar [here](#).

**Link Crew Freshmen Parent Night:** On the evening of Wednesday, August 24th, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 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 Friday's Freshmen Orientation.

**Student Agenda Pads:** School-issued agenda pads for the 2016-2017 school year will be distributed on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> to all students.

**One Book/One Amity:** As a reminder, this year's school-wide summer reading is *The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind*. We will be discussing the book throughout the first semester as a part of our school-wide theme of "Make It Happen." Students will be assessed during the first two weeks of school through English class.

**Bell Schedule:** The 2016-2017 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 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 8<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 14<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.

**Student Parking:** [Student parking](#) at Amity High School is restricted to juniors and seniors. 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. Students must provide a copy of their driver's license and complete the attached vehicle registration [form](#). Vehicle registration forms must be returned to the attendance secretary in the Main Office.

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

**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. Some of the many things the PTSO contributes to are senior scholarships, the Amity Hall of Honor, Teacher of the Year Award, Link Crew, Student Government, senior t-shirts and breakfast, the Holiday Family Outreach, and various luncheons and refreshments. 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!

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

Public Act 09-81)

**Military Opt Out Form:** Please find the annual letter regarding the military opt-out and form [here](#).

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

**Student Accident Insurance Forms:** Please find the annual student accident insurance forms [here](#). Copies of this packet are also in the main office.

**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 25<sup>th</sup>. All athletes must register online and have a physical on record with the nurse that is valid from August 25<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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