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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



We must attempt...to bring people back to...the warmth of community, to the worth of individual effort and responsibility...and of individuals working together as a community, to better their lives and their children's future.

-Robert F. Kennedy

There's an old adage that describes how it takes a village to raise a child. While that statement is certainly true, it is also true that the community that raises that child is the same one that takes care of all of its citizens. The above quotation from Robert Kennedy also shares this sentiment: working together as a community is what is most important to the success of the group. Over this past week, we have come together as a community in so many ways to support members of our community who are facing tragic situations. The outpouring of support from students, faculty, parents, and members of the community has been incredible. If you would like information on how you can help members of our community, please contact the main office at the high school (203-397-4830, xt. 5) for more information.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

Amity High School PTSO: The PTSO held the first meeting of the school year last night and there is still time to join and receive a school directory! Membership is \$15 for families. The membership fee supports a variety of student and school activities. A PTSO Membership Form can be found [here](#). Join today and support Amity High School PTSO! There is also an option to join the PTSO [online](#).

Delayed opening for students: One Friday, September 23rd, there will be a 2 hour delayed opening for all students to accommodate professional learning for teachers. Buses will run on a 2 hour delayed schedule.

Bus Evacuation Drill: Our annual fall bus evacuation drill will take place on Tuesday morning, September 20th. Students will be directed by bus drivers regarding the proper procedure for evacuating the bus before practicing the evacuation.

PSAT: All sophomores and juniors will be participating in the National PSAT day on Wednesday, October 19th. Students will be receiving a PSAT Student Guide next week to help prepare them for the test. Students may also access the [College Board](#) website for additional information.

Last Chance for Senior Portraits: "Last chance" senior portraits will be taken on Thursday, October 13th. This will be the last opportunity for anyone who missed a summer appointment to have a portrait taken in time to be included in the yearbook. If your child still needs a portrait taken and did not receive a pink pass during homeroom this week, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Tim Gaipa, at embers@amityschools.org. We want all our seniors to be in the yearbook, so please note that THERE IS NO CHARGE for this single sitting.

Second Annual Senior Yearbook Ad Design Night: Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a senior dedication ad in the yearbook? Join us for our second annual *Embers* Senior Ad Design Night on Monday, November 7th from 4-7 p.m. in AHS computer lab 501 (across from the cafe). Take care of everything at once—complete all the paperwork, pay (cash or check), scan your photos, sit down with a yearbook staff member to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior, and approve it right on the spot. Appointments are not necessary.

Freshmen Tailgate Tonight: Calling all freshmen! Link Crew is hosting the annual Freshmen Tailgate before the home football game against Cheshire tonight. The tailgate will be held on the practice field adjacent to the track and will begin at 5:45. There will be free food for the freshmen, music, dancing and games.

Chartwells Monthly Newsletter: Please find the September newsletter from Chartwells [here](#).

Important Reminders

Homework Help Center: Peer tutoring will begin on Tuesday September 13th in the Career Center from 2:30-3:30 and will run every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter. If you need help with homework, getting organized or just like doing homework with other students please drop in, get some work done, and have a homemade snack. One-to-one tutoring is available for some classes. Please contact Mrs. Staak or Ms. Fazzini for more information.

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 2016-2017 Amity Booster Club Membership form [here](#).

Calling all freshmen: Freshmen! Want to get involved in our school community? Apply for student government! [Application deadline](#) is September 23 at 2:18pm.

Notes from the Counseling Department

Naviance Parent Workshop: Parents who want to learn more about Naviance Family Connection may come to the Naviance Family Connection Parent Workshop on Thursday, September 22nd 2:30 pm or Friday, September 30th at 7:30 am in computer lab room 501. College and Career Counselor, Karen Waterman, will walk parents through the benefits of Naviance. To sign up, please contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center at 203-397-4836 or by email at Paula.Vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us

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 [Construction Management](#) and the college is [The University of Alabama](#). Students will receive an e-mail through Naviance 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.

Career Fair: Amity High School will be hosting our 3rd annual Career Fair on Monday, November 14th at 8:30 a.m.. Are you interested in volunteering to give insight to our students about your career or job? We are looking forward to providing a variety of career clusters to our students. Please contact Paula Vallie or Karen Waterman in the Career Center: 203-397-4836, paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us or Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us

Senior Parent Night: The Amity Regional High School Counseling Department will host a Senior Parent Night on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center.

Financial Aid Night: Save the date. The Amity Regional High School Counseling Department will host a Financial Aid Night on Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center. Morgan A. Kelly, Director of Student Financial Assistance at Sacred Heart University will present.

College Visits: Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These representatives are available to share information about their institutions and discuss the admissions process with our juniors and seniors. A list of schools visiting Amity can be found on Naviance. 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. Please see [this link](#) for a list of colleges visiting the week of Sept. 19th – Sept. 23rd.

Job Fair: For the first time, Amity High School will be offering a Job Fair sponsored by the new Shop Rite, which is opening in Orange within the next few weeks. Students will have an opportunity to fill out an application and meet with HR representatives face to face. Two tables will be set up on **Monday, Sept. 19th** outside the cafeteria during all lunch waves. If a student is interested in part-time employment, please stop by. Please review with your child some first impression tips including, but not limited to: proper dress, eye contact, handshake, and polished conversation.

Support Group: The Counseling Department will be starting a Grief Support Group for anyone who has experienced loss or serious illness of a loved one. Please contact Gary Lindgren or Jenna DeRosa in the Counseling Dept. at 203.397.4846 for more information.

Hamden Adult Education: Registration for Term 2 for Hamden Adult Education will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Classes begin on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. For more information, contact your child's school counselor or the Hamden Adult Education Office at 203.407.2028 or visit their [website](#).

For seniors: All students will meet with their counselor on Thursday, September 22nd to discuss the college application process. A schedule of times and locations will be distributed to students via Naviance.

Independent Study Deadline update: Applications for Independent Study has been extended to September 23rd. The new application can be found [here](#).
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What's Happening in Athletics?

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

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

For last week's results, please click [here](#).

Community Happenings:

Boys' Ice Hockey Fundraisers: There are two upcoming fundraisers that the Boy's Ice Hockey will be doing in September. On Tuesday, September 27 there will be a Chip's breakfast fundraiser in Orange from 5:00pm-9:00pm. Tickets will be \$10. On Friday, September 30th, we will be hosting [a hypnotist/magician show](#) in the Brady Center @7:00pm. Tickets can be navigating to this [link](#) and clicking on the "events" tab.

Amity Girls Basketball Clinics: This fall the Amity Girls basketball team is running six clinics for young ladies in 2nd grade to 8th grade. The Amity coaching staff and team will provide drills, shooting sessions, and much much more. Come and support the Amity Girls basketball team and get ready for the upcoming season! Check out [the flyer](#) for more information.

Support ARHS Soccer: The Orange Country Fair is this Saturday and Sunday at High Plains Community Center in Orange. Visit the ice cream tent and support the Amity soccer teams! Proceeds from the ice cream

booth directly benefit the boys and girls soccer teams at Amity. Soccer athletes will be assisting with parking and the scooping the ice cream.

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