

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Over the past few months, there have been many people and places in our country to have suffered tragic events. From Charlottesville, to Texas; Puerto Rico to Las Vegas, it sometimes feels like our country is in crisis. Our school's mission statement is:

The mission of Amity Regional High School is to create an inclusive community that

affirms the contributions, strengths, and talents of all of its members. We bear a responsibility

to ourselves and to the school community to develop in all students the skills and the

desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society.

Our school community will continue to work together to create a just society within our school and be the community we want to see in the world. We will do that through our classrooms, our extra-curricular activities and the way we treat each other with fairness, respect and passion. In an effort to support parents, I wanted to share this [article](#), which may be a helpful tool to use to talk to children when tragic things happen. At Amity, we will continue to “go the distance...everyday.” Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

Columbus Day-No School: Please remember there is no school on Monday due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!

October 11th PSATs and Special Activities' Morning Program:

- All 10th grade students will be taking the PreACT and all 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT during the school day on Wednesday, October 11th. The PSAT is the National Merit Qualifying Test for juniors and is used to help students prepare for the SAT test. Students are asked to arrive promptly to school as no late admittance is accepted once the test begins. This testing date is set by the College Board and no make up testing is permitted for either test.
- All freshmen will be participating in a Link Crew Activity.
- Seniors will participate in a series of activities: Senior class panoramic and aerial photo, presentation on financial literacy from Southern Connecticut State University, and a presentation on sexual harassment from the Milford Rape Crisis Center.

This is a regular full day of school for all student. Attendance will be taken as normal and a modified class schedule will be followed after the morning program.

NMSQT Semifinalists and Commended Students: We are delighted to announce that 6 Amity Regional High School students have been recognized by the College Board as National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists. In addition, 16 Amity Regional High School students have been recognized as National Merit Scholar Commended Students. These students will be recognized at the October Region 5 Board of Education meeting. Congratulations!

Amity Music Department: Music In Motion will be held October 27th and 28th. Come see a great evening of music and fun for the whole family. The theme this year is "Grammy Night". Hear selections from some of today's best artists! These include Bruno Mars, Adele, Pharrell, Stevie Wonder and more. Music In Motion brings ideas from the marching arts into a fun evening of music and movement unlike anything you've seen before! We hope you can join us! Tickets can be purchased [online](#). Tickets are \$10 for adults/students 14 and older and \$5 for seniors/students 13 years of age and younger. All seats are reserved.

Senior Happenings

For Seniors: Please be sure to give at least 10 school days notice before the deadline for college applications. For students with a deadline of Nov. 1st, transcript requests must be in by October 18th.

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 a list of colleges [here](#).

Third Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night: Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? Join us for our third annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night on Wednesday, November 8th from 4-7 p.m. in AHS computer lab 501 (across from the cafe). Take care of everything at once—paperwork, payment, etc. Appointments are not necessary. Visit the yearbook website at amityembers.com for more information and to check out samples of ads from previous yearbooks.

Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook: The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for the "senior scrapbook" section of *Embers*. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! Visit amityembers.com and click "Submit Photos (eShare)". Please send only high-resolution photos. Hard copy photos can be dropped off in the "Baby Pictures" box in the main office (please label clearly and only 1 submission per student). All photo submissions are due Wednesday, November 22nd.

Senior Yearbook Pose Selection: Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by Tuesday, October 24th. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found at amityembers.com/frequently-asked-questions-faq.

Notes from 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, October 19th at either 7:30 am or 2:30 pm 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

Deadline for Dropping a Course: Please be aware that the deadline to drop a course or a level in course without a "W" appearing on the transcript is November 1st. If your child is having difficulty in a course, please be sure to speak to the teacher and school counselor prior to the deadline.

Parent Support Group: ARHS will be hosting a Parent Support Group every other Friday morning from 7:45-8:45 throughout the school year. The meetings will take place on Fridays in the District Office Presentation Room. This is a group for parents who have concerns for their children regarding alcohol or other drug involvement. Please contact Gary Lindgren, student assistance counselor, with any questions at gary.lindgren@reg5.k12.ct.us.

Important Reminders

Fall Parent Climate Survey: Twice a year we ask parents, staff and students to complete a climate survey to give us feedback on the high school climate and help us reflect on programming. Please follow this [link](#) to the parent survey, which will be open through October 16th.

ARHS Community Response to Recent Hurricanes: In the wake of the destruction caused by hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the Health Promotion class at Amity High School has organized a drive to benefit the youngest people affected. Collection bins have been placed around the community and in the HS foyer through the end of October.

Athletics

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.

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

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

For a copy of this past week's results, please click [here](#).

Community Happenings

Community Service Opportunities:

- The **Massaro Farm** needs volunteers for their **Family Fun Day** on Saturday, October 14th (rain date 15th) from 12:00-6:00pm. Please see this [link](#) for more information.
- **Beecher Road School** is looking for volunteers to help with their annual **Halloween Hoot** on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 11:30am-3:30pm. Students are asked to register on this [link](#)
- **Race Brook Elementary School** needs student volunteers to help with their annual **Monster Bash** on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 2:00-5:30pm. Please contact Ellen Townsend at ellenstowndsend@gmail.com.

Internet Safety Presentation: Join the Bridges Healthcare and the CT State Police for an evening presentation on Internet Safety to be held in Woodbridge on October 11. Keep current on social media trends popular with our youth and receive resources for keeping your family safe. Dinner will be served. See the [flyer](#) for more details.

Woodbridge Youth Services Program: Woodbridge Human Services and Youth Services will be participating in a health fair at Amity Regional High School tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30p.m. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

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