

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Throughout this week, our students, faculty and staff have been hard at work with the business of school, assessments, community involvement and celebration. While we did not have school on Monday, we packed the rest of the week full with freshmen Link Crew programming, PACT, PSAT and post-secondary workshops on Wednesday followed by our annual Unified Soccer Tournament. Our students worked diligently during the school day and then many of them went out to cheer on our compete in the tournament. We are finishing the week off by holding a fall sports pep rally on Friday afternoon during the last 20 minutes of the school day. Finally, we will host the annual Link Crew Freshmen Tailgate night at 6:00 tonight before the home football game against Masuk. All of this on top of going to multiple classes, attending club meetings, participating in other extra-curricular activities such as athletics, can be energizing and overwhelming for students. The end of 1st quarter is in less than 3 weeks (on November 1st). The month of October also marks the major month for seniors to finish up college applications to meet a November 1st deadline. In an effort to help students (and parents) navigate the stress of being a teenager, I wanted to share this [article](#), published in last year's New York Times, as a resource for coping with stress. I hope everyone has a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

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 [Opera Performer](#) and the college is [Curtis Institute of Music](#). Students will receive an e-mail 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.

Happenings and Information

Attention Ninth Grade Parents! Link Crew is hosting its annual Freshman Tailgate Party **tonight**, Friday, October 13th for all students in the Class of 2021 before the Amity home football game. The tailgate party will be held on the practice football field beginning at 6 pm. Freshmen who attend will be allowed into the football game free of charge. The tailgate features music, free food, games, and fun. Freshmen are encouraged to wear all white (it's a white-out) or Amity gear and come out for a evening of school spirit. There is no charge for ninth graders to attend this event.

Music In Motion: *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. Click this [link](#) to view the trailer!

Winter Color Guard: If you love to perform and compete this is the place for you to be! Dancing & Spinning flags, among other props, with your friends is so much fun. Come join some of your Bethany/Amity friends and be a part of a great activity! Practices will usually be held at Bethany Middle School Tuesday/Thursday, start times are TBD.

Senior Happenings

November 1st Deadline: For students who are applying to a school with a Nov. 1 deadline, all transcript requests must be in Naviance by Friday, October 13th.

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 and Thursday, November 2nd. 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

- Thursday, October 19th at 2:30 pm
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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 programing. 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 ellenstownd@gmail.com.
- Peck Place School in Orange is looking for volunteers to help with their Halloween Fair on Saturday, October 21st. Please contact Amy Ricard at 203-640-6100 if you're interested.

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