

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Happy Fall and Shana Tova to everyone who celebrates! It is hard to believe, on this first day of fall, that we are finishing up our fourth week of school already! Throughout these 4 weeks, we have explored our core belief of integrity through Spartan Seminar and how we demonstrate it throughout our school community. We've already had exciting athletic contests, been a part of amazing art events like the Jamie Hulley Foundation Fundraiser and gotten some amazing work done in our classrooms. We will continue, throughout this year, to "Go the Distance" and work to make Amity Regional High School the best it can be...everyday, starting next week with Freshman Tie-Dye Day on Monday and our school-wide Club Day on Wednesday. Have a wonderful 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 [Neurologist](#) and the college is [Columbia University](#). 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

**Fall Freshmen Tie-Dye Day:** On Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, Link Crew will be hosting their annual Tie-Dye Day for all ninth graders! All freshmen are encouraged to bring in a plain white t-shirt to tie-dye during lunch on that day. There also will be a limited number of shirts that students may purchase the day of the event (\$5). Ninth graders will be encouraged to wear their shirts later in the year for tie-dye spirit days, school spirit days, and the pep rally. This event is free.

**Early Release for Students-Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>:** Next Friday will be an early release for students to provide professional learning time for staff. Students will be released at 12:12, our regular early release dismissal time.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PowerSchool Unified Classroom Update:** Parents/Guardians can now update their own, emails, cell phones and emergency contact information in PowerSchool for PowerSchool and Swift K12. Please see [these instructions](#) for more information.

**PSAT/Pre-ACT October 11th:** All students in grade 11 will take the PSAT on October 11th during the school day. No registration is necessary. For more information about the test, please visit this [site](#). All students in grade 10 will take the Pre-ACT on October 11th during the school day. No registration is necessary. For more information about the test, please visit [site](#).

**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.

## **Senior Happenings**

**UConn Day of Pride/Nutmeg Scholarship:** Any senior student who is applying to UConn and would like to be considered for the Day of Pride or Nutmeg Scholarships through UConn need to submit their application to UConn prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please encourage your child to see his/her counselor ASAP as nominations for these scholarships are done through the counseling office. Please note that we only nominate a student who has UConn as a top choice school as these scholarships are extremely limited. For more information, please visit [this site](#).

**Financial Aid Information Night:** The annual Financial Aid Information Night will be held on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30 PM in the Brady Center. The program is geared to parents of juniors and seniors, but all are welcome to attend. Colleen Mulrooney Barker, *Assistant Director, Office of Financial Aid* from Fairfield University will be presenting.

**Senior Night Presentation:** The presentations from Senior Parent Night can be found [here](#).

**College Visits:** Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These admission representatives are available to share information about their institutions and discuss the admissions process with our juniors and seniors; often times these reps are the people who review applications and make admission decisions. 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. A list of schools visiting Amity this week can be found [here](#).

**Extra College Information Added to Naviance:** High School Counselors will meet with every college representative as they make their fall visits to Amity. Every student will now have access to the counselor notes taken at each meeting. This information can be accessed under the Family Connection College tab. Enter your college name in the search bar to find “Counselor Comments” in the Overview section. If you need assistance accessing this information, please contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center at 203-397-4836.

**SATs Offered at ARHS:** Each year, Amity is a host site for the SAT. Below are the dates that Amity will be offering the Saturday SAT exam:

- SAT Saturday, November 4, 2017 register by October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017
- SAT Saturday, May 5, 2018 register by April 6<sup>th</sup> 2018
- SAT Saturday, June 2, 2018 register by May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

**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 7th 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](http://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](http://amityembers.com) and click “Submit Photos (eShare)” beneath either the seniors or parents tabs. Please send only high-resolution photos. Hard copy photos can be dropped off in the "Baby Pictures" box in the main office. All hard copies should be clearly labeled so that they can be returned to their owners. Please keep submissions to just one per student. If you send us more than one, the yearbook staff will select photo for inclusion in the yearbook. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://amityembers.com/frequently-asked-questions-faq).

## **Important Reminders**

**Underclassmen Picture Days:** Underclass pictures will be taken during English classes on Monday, September 25th and Tuesday, September 26th. English teachers will inform their classes of which day to prepare for. Documentation with photo package information is forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Tim Gaipa, at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org).

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**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 first meeting will take place on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the District Office Conference 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](mailto:gary.lindgren@reg5.k12.ct.us).

**Adult Education:** Registration for Term 2 for Hamden Adult Education will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Room D-107. Classes begin on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact your child's school counselor or the Hamden Adult Education Office at 203.407.2028

**Exploring Engineering:** UConn's School of Engineering is hosting their "Women in Engineering Day" on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am at the Student Union Theatre on campus. This is a first-come, first served basis and at no cost. Juniors & Seniors are welcome. Please see their website for information and registration at [www.wie.uconn.edu](http://www.wie.uconn.edu)

## **Athletics**

**Attention all potential winter athletes:** Looking to increase speed, agility, and power for the upcoming season? The Competitive Edge is running a fall strength and condition session starting September 25<sup>th</sup>. The program will run Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9/25 to 11/16 and will be run by Nationally certified instructors from the Competitive Edge. Please follow [this link](#) for the registration form and for more information. GO SPARTANS!

**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**

**Science Fall Saturdays:** Yale Pathways to Science will be hosting “Science on Saturdays” series. This is a special lecture series designed for families that brings the excitement of research and the passion of scientists to the community. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information. The events are free and open to the public.

**Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness:** Bridges Healthcare and the CT State Police will provide a presentation on Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness on **October 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Woodbridge Center Cafeteria** at 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge. Dinner will be provided. Please register with Peter Samenfink at [psamenfink@bridgesmilford.org](mailto:psamenfink@bridgesmilford.org) by October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Service Opportunities:** We offer community services hours. Students who are interested in helping with sorting and shelving food for the Woodbridge Food Pantry, or assisting with youth evening programs and other projects in Human Services, please contact Nancy Pfund at [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org) or call 203-389-3429.

**Woodbridge Job Bank Seeks Teens Who Want Work:** The Job Bank in Woodbridge offers jobs to **teen residents (ages 13 – 18)** who would like to work to earn some extra cash. The application process offers a chance to learn about the interview process, safety on the job, and how to negotiate pay. Jobs may include yard work, babysitting, animal care, house work, etc. Call Youth Services to join at 203-389-3429.

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