

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Last night, 5 alumni were inducted in to the Amity Hall of Honor and 5 alumni and 1 former coach were inducted in to the Amity Hall of Fame (the list of inductees can be found [here](#)). This annual induction ceremony offers us a time to recognize members of our Amity Community for their accomplishment both during and after high school, but can also serve as a source of inspiration for our community. The members of this year's Hall of Honor and Hall of Fame classes all referenced the support they received from the greater community of Amity Regional School District. Parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, coaches and community members all have a significant impact on the lives of teenagers and it is inspiring to be a part of a community that has a legacy of supporting the work we do at school. Thank you for your support and for helping us inspire our students as they continue to work to become contributing members of our society.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** This year the Career Center will highlight a complementary career and college of the week. This week, the career is [Statistician](#) and the college is [New Jersey Institute of Technology](#). 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

**First Marking Period & Report Cards:** The first marking period will end on Wednesday, November 1. Teachers will soon begin entering final MP1 grades in PowerSchool. Please note that grades will not be finalized for the first marking period until Wednesday, November 8.

**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, and Stevie Wonder. *Music In Motion* brings ideas from the marching arts into a fun evening of music and movement unlike anything you've seen before! 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.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 16 and Wednesday, November 29 between 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM and on Wednesday, December 6 between 12:45 PM and 2:45 PM. Information about scheduling parent/teacher conferences using our computerized, on-line, scheduling system will be emailed to all parents by Wednesday, November 8.

**Underclassmen Photo Make-Ups and Re-Takes:** Underclassmen photo make-ups and re-takes will be taken in the district presentation room from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, November 1st**. If your child still needs to have his or her school photo taken or would like to have it retaken, he/she should go to the district presentation room during a study hall period if possible. If your child does not have a study hall during periods 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7, he/she should see Mr. Clark or Mr. Gaipa to obtain a pass before the end of the day on Tuesday, October 31st. All students desiring a re-take will need to return their original photo package, including all photos. There is a also \$5 re-take fee. Checks should be made out to Robert Taylor Photography.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Transcript Requests:** Please be sure to give at least 10 school days notice before the deadline for college applications.

**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](#).

**RISD Special Visit:** In addition to the regular college visits, Antonio Peters from Rhode Island School of Design Admissions Office will be here 8-10:30am to present information and answer questions about portfolio requirements etc. The visit will take place in Room 371 during block 2 and 3 on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> (it is a C

day). Students should talk with an art teacher to register to attend this session.

**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](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)". 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 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 [here](#).

### **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, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:Paula.Vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us)

- Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 am
- Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30pm

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. **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](mailto:gary.lindgren@reg5.k12.ct.us).

## **Important Reminders**

**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**

**Winter Sports Meeting:** There will be an important winter sports information meeting for all potential parents and student-athletes on **Thursday November 2nd at 6:30pm** in the main gym. Mandatory informant and try out information will be given. Meet our coaches!

**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](#).

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