

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



At the end of the second week, we are getting in to a rhythm here at the high school. Students are finding their way to classes more easily, after school activities have begun and a very successful 9th/12th grade Back-To-School Night was held last night. This month's core belief is ***Integrity***. I can't think of a better way to demonstrate our school's integrity than to share a picture regarding the school supply donations from the first few days of school. This student-organized effort led us to collect over 180 school supplies, benefiting Geraldine Claytor Magnet Academy in Bridgeport. Below is a picture of the delivery. Thank you so much for your generous donations and to all of the students who organized this endeavor. Have a great 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 [Nurse Practitioner](#) and the college is [Boston College](#). 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

THIS WEEKEND!!! Support the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation: The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation is a tremendous supporter of arts educational experiences at Amity Regional School District. To support the arts at Amity, the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation runs a number of fundraisers throughout the year. Come out on Saturday, September 9th for the annual “Evening of the Arts” celebration. This is an amazing night

and the proceeds go to supporting the arts at Amity and other area programs. More information can be found [here](#).

Back-to-School Night: Back-to-School Night for parents of 10th and 11th grade students is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th. Back-to-School Nights begin at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center. Class visits begin at 6:50. The schedule for the evening can be found [here](#). Please be sure to bring a copy of your child's schedule with you for the evening.

Bus Evacuation Drill: We will be performing the state-required school bus evacuation drill for the buses at Amity High School on Thursday September 14. The drill will take place as the buses arrive at school.

Independent Study: Juniors or Seniors who interested in completing an Independent Study must submit their proposals to Mrs. Campbell by Friday September 22. Proposals can be obtained in the Counseling Office from Mrs. Campbell or Mrs. Salemme. A description of the program can be found [here](#). Please email Mrs. Campbell with questions at courtney.campbell@reg5.k12.ct.us

Senior Happenings

Senior Meetings with Counselors: On September 19th, seniors will meet with their counselor in small groups to discuss the college application process. A listing of times and locations 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](#).

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, October 7, 2017 register by September 8th 2017
- SAT Saturday, November 4, 2017 register by October 5th 2017
- SAT Saturday, May 5, 2018 register by April 6th 2018
- SAT Saturday, June 2, 2018 register by May 3rd 2018

Last Chance for Senior Portraits: "Last chance" senior portraits will be taken on Tuesday, September 12th in the John J. Brady auditorium. If you have any questions, 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.

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 for more information and to check out samples of ads from previous yearbooks.

Important Reminders

PowerSchool “App”: As of right now, there is no official PowerSchool Unified Classroom App or Apple nor Android. The current apps on the market are third party apps, not created by PowerSchool, and should not be used. Please use the website to access PowerSchool Unified Classroom from your devices and computers: <https://classroom.powerschool.com>. We will announce once PowerSchool releases an app. We thank you for your patience.

Senior Late Arrival/Early Dismissal: If your child is a senior with a first or last session study hall (on any letter day) he/she is eligible to sign up for the senior privilege of “late arrival” or “early dismissal.” Seniors need to print out a copy of their schedules, circle the appropriate study hall periods, sign the form, have a parent or guardian sign the form and turn it in to their assigned administrator. Please note: this privilege can only be accommodated if a study hall falls at the beginning or end of a student’s scheduled day.

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.

Notes from Counseling Department

Community Service: The Orange Country Fair committee and the Orange Police Department are currently looking for volunteers to help with a variety of events at the Orange Country Fair on Saturday, Sept. 16th & Sunday, Sept. 17th. All interested students are asked to sign up in the Career Center.

Homework Help: The Homework Help Center will be open in the Career Center beginning Tuesday, September, 12th. Students will be available to provide homework assistance and organizational skills on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30pm. This is a “drop in” program, where students are allowed to attend without having to make an

appointment. A late bus will be provided for students. Awesome homemade snacks are provided! Please contact Allison Staak or Leslie Fazzini with any questions.

Parent Support Group: ARHS will be hosting a Parent Support Group every other Thursday morning from 7:45-8:45 throughout the school year. The first meeting will take place on Thursday, September 14th. Please arrive at the main office to be directed to the meeting location. 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.

Athletics

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 2017-2018 Amity Booster Club Membership form [here](#).

Come support our soccer teams: The Orange Country Fair will be held at the Orange Fair Grounds/Community Center on September 15, 16, and 17. Members of the Amity Boys' Soccer Team will be assisting with parking cars and members of the Amity Girls' Soccer Team will be scooping ice cream; both are fundraisers for the teams. Come out and support our teams!

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](#).

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