

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



“The best way to predict the future is to create it.” ~Abraham Lincoln

Our mission at Amity Regional High School focuses around creating an inclusive community where students can “develop the skills and the desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society.” We work toward achieving this mission through living our Core Values and Beliefs in all we do, both in and out of the classroom. Our first day of school on Wednesday will be a celebration and enthusiastic welcome back to school to set us in the right direction for the 2018-2019 school year.

On Wednesday, students will report directly to their designated homeroom locations (same room as Spartan Seminar) to begin the day’s activities. During the first portion of the day, students will attend our annual “Spartan Stories” series. The Spartan Stories annual kick-off program invites ARHS alumni to share with our current students how their experience at Amity helped these alumni to be successful in their various life endeavors. During this first portion of the day, students will also participate in a few community building activities along with receive important information and materials for the school year through homeroom. After the morning Speaker Series and homeroom sessions, all students will run through a truncated schedule to meet this year’s teachers, go to lunch and meet with the building administration to be welcomed during whole-school meetings in the Brady Center. The day will conclude with a community-building activity through homeroom groups. The schedule for the day can be found [here](#). Please have your child bring a copy of his/her schedule with him/her to school on Wednesday. More information about the speakers for this year’s Spartan Stories speakers can be found [here](#).

We can’t wait to welcome all of our students to ARHS on Wednesday. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

High School Counseling Department and Main Office

Hours: Due to the District #5 convocation on **Monday, August 27th**, main and counseling offices will be opening at **9:30am and closing at 3:30pm**. Regular school year hours (7:00am-3:30pm) will begin on Tuesday, August 28th.

Facility Hours for Students: The school building opens at **7:00am for students** throughout the school year. Students are allowed to stay **after school** provided they are participating in a **supervised activity** (such as club activities, athletics, use of the library, etc). Late buses depart the school at 3:45 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Wednesday Schedule/Student Summer Work: As mentioned, we will be holding a special schedule on the first day of school where we will celebrate welcoming students back to school and focus on building a community! While students will meet their teachers during brief (19 minute) classes on Wednesday, they are not required to bring any summer work or school materials with them. Due to the focus of the day, and the limited time in the class schedule, **all summer work will be due starting on the first day of class on Thursday, August 30th**.

Exciting News! For the second year in a row, Amity Regional School District and Amity High School rank within the top 10 in Connecticut in a variety of areas on Niche.Com. For the full rankings of the district and the school, please visit this [link](#).

Late Bus Schedule: Late buses, which begin on September 11th, are provided on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from ARHS. Students are able to stay after school for a designated program or in a supervised area (such as with a teacher or in the library). Late buses pick up at the high school between 3:40-3:55, with one bus designated for each town.

Accident Insurance Coverage and Claim Form: Please find information here regarding extended insurance [coverage](#) information and [claim form](#).

Free/Reduced Lunch, SNAP, and HUSKY Child Health Insurance Information: Forms for free/reduced lunch,

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and low cost HUSKY child health insurance are available on our website under “Parents”, “Forms/Applications” or by clicking on this [link](#).

Notes from Counseling Department

Schedule Changes: As a reminder, schedule changes may only be made for students missing courses, in need of a level change (with the exception of waivers, which were completed in the spring) or requesting additional electives. We do not make schedule changes for switching electives or based on teacher. If you need to discuss your schedule, please come to the counseling department to fill out a schedule change form for your counselor.

Important Reminders

Student Agenda Pads: School-issued agenda pads for the 2018-2019 school year will be distributed on Wednesday, August 29th to all students.

One Book/One Amity: As a reminder, this year’s school-wide summer reading is *All American Boys*. There will be various opportunities for students and faculty to discuss the book during the first few months of school, but students will be assessed for the summer reading assignment through English class during the week of 9/4.

Bell Schedule: The 2018-2019 Amity Regional High School Bell Schedule can be found [here](#). This document contains start and end times for the school day and all class periods. This schedule also contains start times and dismissal times for minimum days, two-hour delay openings, Spartan Seminar days and homeroom.

Back-to-School Nights: Mark your calendars, Back-to-School Night for parents of 9th and 12th grade students will be held on Thursday, September 6th. Back-to-School Night for parents of 10th and 11th grade students is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th. Back-to-School Nights begin at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center. More information about Back-to-School Nights will be forthcoming in future *ARHS Happenings Newsletters*.

Drop Off/Pick Up Instructions: Please find a copy of morning drop off and afternoon pick up instructions [here](#). Please note: the traffic flow from North Pease Road through the high school parking lot becomes very dense during arrival after 7:20 am. Students who do not drive/park at school are strongly encouraged to take the bus. Also please note: for safety reasons, Newton Road is not a designated student drop-off area.

Student Parking: Student parking at Amity High School is restricted to juniors and seniors (please see this [memo](#) for more information). Eligible students who wish to drive to school must register their vehicles and pay a \$100.00 registration fee. Payments are now being accepted online using the MyPaymentsPlus System. Students must provide a copy of their driver's license and complete [this](#) vehicle registration form. Vehicle registration forms must be returned to the attendance secretary in the Main Office with proof of payment.

Amity High School PTSO: Join the PTSO to support your students and school. Follow this [link](#) to register online or mail in your [form](#) today and guarantee yourself an Amity High School Student Directory, which will be mailed in the fall. Membership is \$15 for families and \$10 for faculty. A PTSO Membership Form can be found here. Join today and support Amity High School PTSO!

Athletics

FALL REGISTRATION AND TRY-OUT INFORMATION:
Fall athletics for the high school began on Thursday, August 23rd. Please follow this [link](#) to our athletics webpage for further information. GO SPARTANS!

Community Happenings

Support the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation: The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation is a tremendous supporter of arts educational experiences for the 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 8th 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](#).

Amity Adult & Continuing Education Program: Fall courses are now available online! Some great new courses are coming this fall that include using Photoshop, creative art courses, DIY Wood Sign making, Glass Etching and more! Log on [here](#) and register today! Space is limited! Questions? No problem! Contact us: philip.dolan@reg5.k12.ct.us

Amity Music Department: The fall is here! The music department is excited to begin preparations for the many performances that will be happening throughout the school year! First up, Music In Motion! Check the music department [website](#) for full details of our upcoming concerts and events! Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Amity.MusicDepartment and Twitter @AmityMusic01 for up to the minute updates!

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