

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Happy Friday! We're through our second week of school and our school community is buzzing with activity. Students and teachers are working hard in classrooms, athletic teams are preparing for an awesome fall season (despite the extremely hot weather that sometimes thwarts practices), we are preparing for club day in a few weeks and late buses begin next week. We also practiced our first safety drill today-a fire drill-and it went spectacularly smoothly. If you have not purchased a National Art Honors Society Calendar, you may do so at our Back To School Night on Wednesday, September 12th. Next week's ARHS Happenings Newsletter will include the PowerPoint presentation from the two Back To School nights. The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time and I encourage you to encourage your children to be involved with the school community and get involved yourself through joining the PTSO and/or the ARHS Booster Club. Both of those membership forms can be found below. Have a wonderful weekend and, if you are celebrating, Shana Tova!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

Amity High School Dress Code: Please be reminded of the Amity High School Dress Code identified in the [student handbook](#) (found on the school website under the "school information" tab), which states "students are expected to dress...for the business of school." (page 30) If your child has any questions about the Amity High School Dress Code, please ask your child to talk with a member of the administration.

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 12th. Back-to-School Nights begin at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center. Class visits begin at 6:55. 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.

Yearbooks Are Now On Sale: *Embers* 2019 is now available for pre-order at amityembers.com. Pre-orders must be placed by November 16th. The regular ordering window will then open on November 17th. Contact yearbook advisors Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse at embers@amityschools.org with any questions.

Senior Happenings

Senior Meetings with Counselors: All seniors will meet with their school counselor during the school day on Sept. 18th to review the process for requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation in Naviance as well as provide an overview of the college application process. A detailed schedule of meeting times and locations will be sent to students via school email next week.

Senior Parent Night: The Amity Regional High School Counseling Department will host a Senior Parent Night on Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center.

Financial Aid Night: Save the date. The Amity Regional High School Counseling Department will host a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center. Colleen Mulrooney Barker, *Assistant Director, Office of Financial Aid* at Fairfield University will be presenting.

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. College visits will begin the week of September 11-14, 2018. Please see a list of schools in [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.

College Application Process: Seniors applying to college should take advantage of the services available to them in our Career Center. The Career Center is open to assist seniors who have questions on their Common Application. Students can drop in before school, during lunch periods, or study halls. Additional Common App assistance time will begin after school every Wednesday in the computer lab (room 501) beginning on September 12th through October 24th. Seniors can also make appointments to do practice college admissions interviews with Mrs. Cocco in the Career Center. Please stop in to make an appointment with her. The Career Center is open and ready to help with all things college and career. Please stop by with any questions you may have. Don't stress – just ask the questions!

Yearbook Grad Ads: Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers* 2019 yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! See this [order form](#) for details and contact yearbook advisors Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse at embers@amityschools.org with any questions.

Fourth Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night: Interested in purchasing a grad ad? Not sure where to begin? Join us for our fourth annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night on Wednesday, November 7th from 4-7 p.m. in the AHS library computer lab. Take care of everything at once—complete all the paperwork, pay (cash or check), scan your photos, sit down with a yearbook staff member to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior, and approve it right on the spot. Appointments are not necessary, but feel free to contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org to let them know you are coming or to ask any questions you may have. Need ideas or inspiration? Visit the yearbook website at amityembers.com for

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

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.

Notes from Counseling Department

Important ARHS Dates: In an effort to communicate early and often, the counseling department has created a brief list of important dates for the 2018-2019 school year. In addition, we will be sending information through the weekly newsletter and, in certain cases, PowerSchool e-blasts. Please see this [list](#) of important dates and social media contacts.

Juniors and Seniors: Full-year or Semester 1 Independent Study proposals must be in to Mrs. Campbell by Thursday September 13th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Campbell in the Counseling Department.

Community Service: Amity High School offers a community service graduation incentive for all students. Students who complete and document 100 hours of community service over their 4 years at Amity will receive recognition on their diploma and at graduation. Students may use volunteer sites they are already involved with, or may seek new ideas through Amity’s Career Center. For more information about community service, please email Paula Vallie at paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us. Community service opportunities throughout the year will be posted in the Career Center and in the weekly “Happenings.”

Community Service Opportunities: There are a few fall volunteer opportunities within the community. Some include the Orange Country Fair, JCC, Woodbridge Senior Center, Rolling Thunder Special Needs Program, and the Woodbridge Child Center. All help is needed for the month of September, so sign up quickly! If

you are interested in volunteering, please stop by the Career Center for details.

Important Reminders

Underclassmen Picture Days: Underclass pictures will be taken during English classes on Wednesday, October 3rd, and Thursday, October 4th. English teachers will inform their classes of which day to prepare for. All underclassmen received portrait order forms during homeroom on the first day of school. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org.

Amity Music Department Happenings: 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! Music In Motion is November 9th and 10th. Tickets go on sale soon!! Check the music department website for full details of our upcoming concerts and events! Log on to www.amityband.org! Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Amity.MusicDepartment and Twitter @AmityMusic01 for up to the minute updates!

Amity High School PTSO: Join the PTSO to support your students and school. 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](#). The first meeting of the school year will be **next Thursday**, September 13th, at 7:00 in the library classroom. Join today and support Amity High School PTSO!

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 2018-2019 Amity Booster Club Membership form [here](#).

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](#).

Community Happenings

Amity Adult & Continuing Education Program: Fall courses are now available online! Some great new courses are coming this fall that include using SAT Prep courses, 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 Basketball Fundraiser: The Amity Girls Basketball Team first fundraiser is the annual carwash, **tomorrow**, September 8th, from **10:00-2:00** at **Crest Auto Mall**, 285 Amity Road, Woodbridge. The car washes only cost **\$5!!** Also, we will be selling baked goods for you to enjoy while you wait! If you are out and about tomorrow please come and support the Amity Girls Basketball Team.

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