

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Even though we're almost a full month in to the 2018-2019 school year, next week will be the first full week of school for the year. We are continuing to work hard on living our mission statement and focusing on the [learning expectations](#) both in and out of the classroom. Throughout the school year, various resources and information will be shared in the ARHS Happenings to help families understand what is going on at Amity Regional High School and support the school to home connection. [This article](#) about the work Angela Duckworth has done researching the concept of "grit" has some wonderful insight in to how we can all help our children develop resilience and passion. Looking ahead to next week, we're excited to host our annual Club Day event on Friday. This is an opportunity for students to tour around to different tables to gather information on all of the different clubs that Amity has to offer. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is **Quinnipiac University**, and the career of the week is **Physical Therapy**. Quinnipiac is a "nationally ranked private university with 3 campuses, a college of arts and sciences and 8 professional schools, 10,000 students and 50,000 alumni who live and work in 61 countries". Programs include majors in business, engineering, medical/health sciences and arts & sciences. For more information, please visit their [website](#). The profession of physical therapy is growing and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is projected to grow 28% between 2016 to 2026. Physical therapists work in hospitals, private practices and other health care related service businesses to deliver programs of physical treatment that maintain, improve, or restore physical functioning, alleviate pain, or prevent physical dysfunction in patients. An advanced degree is required. Please refer to the [APTA website](#) for additional resources.

For more information, students can view the bulletin boards in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.

Happenings and Information

Freshman Tailgate: Tonight is the night! Meet at the practice field (adjacent to the stadium) at 6:00 for the annual Link Crew Freshman Tailgate. After hanging with the rest of the Class of 2022 for an hour, everyone will head in to the home football game, which starts at 7:00. See you there!

ARHS PTSO: SUPPORT our students!!! The PTSO sponsors so many great programs and scholarships throughout the year, we couldn't do it without you. Online registration is super easy but you can also mail in your form. Membership is \$15 for families and \$10 for faculty. Click [here](#) for online registration or here for a printable form. Click [here](#) to join our Facebook Group. **We will be hosting a book discussion on this year's OBOA community read All American Boys with parents, students, staff and local law enforcement.** We look forward to seeing you!

Senior Happenings

Financial Aid Night: The Amity Regional High School Counseling Department will host a Financial Aid Night on Thursday, 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. Please see this [list](#) of colleges for the week of September 24th-28th.

Undergraduate Open House: Southern CT State University will host an open house event on **Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 11:00am-2:30pm.** Students will have the

opportunity to meet with faculty, administrators, current students and talk to admissions and financial aid counselors. For more information please register at southernct.edu/openhouse.

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.

Last Call for Senior Portraits: "Last chance" senior portraits will be taken on Wednesday, September 26th, in the Brady Center. If your child missed his/her original appointment at the end of last school year or over the summer, this will be the very last opportunity to have a portrait taken in time to be included in the yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, 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. For multiple sittings, please contact Robert Taylor Photography at (203)377-0739 to schedule an appointment at the studio.

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 the attached order form for details and contact yearbook advisors Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse at embers@amityschools.org with any questions.

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!

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 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. The next meeting will be next Friday, September 28th. Please contact Gary Lindgren, student assistance counselor, with any questions at gary.lindgren@reg5.k12.ct.us.

Financial Aid Night: Save the date. The Amity Regional High School Counseling Department will host a Financial Aid Night on Thursday, 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. This evening is open to the entire Amity community.

Community Service Opportunity: Beecher Road School Elementary is looking for volunteers to help with their annual Halloween Hoot on Saturday, October 20th, 2017 from 11:30am-3:30pm. Students are asked to register on this [link](#).

SCSU Instant Decision Day: [Southern Connecticut State University](#) will hold an Instant Decision Day at Amity Regional High School on **Friday, November 30, 2018**. Interested seniors may meet with an SCSU admission representative. SCSU admission representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply to Southern Connecticut via the [Common Application](#) by November 5th. Interested seniors should speak with school counselors or see Mrs. Vallie in the Counseling Center to schedule a meeting.

UNH Instant Decision Day: [University of New Haven](#) will hold an Instant Decision Day at Amity Regional High School on **Monday, December 3, 2018**. Interested seniors may meet with a UNH admission's representative on-site. UNH admissions representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply through [The Common Application](#) by November 12, 2018. Interested seniors are

asked to speak with school counselors or see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center to schedule a meeting.

College Open House Dates: One of the most important parts of the college search process is visiting the campus. This gives the prospective student a chance to meet with faculty, staff and students on campus. An Open House will allow you to listen in on an info session and include a tour of the campus. Please find a listing of upcoming Open Houses in Connecticut and out-of-state schools **here**.

Important Reminders

2018-2019 Homework Help Center: The first Homework Help Center will begin on Thursday, Sept. 20th from 2:30 -3:30 in the career center. This is a peer-tutoring service and is open to any Amity Regional High School student. The program will continue throughout the year every Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30-3:30 in the career center. Snacks are provided!

Underclass 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.

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.

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](#).

For a copy of this week's competition results, please click [here](#).

Community Happenings

Community Service Opportunity: volunteers for [Bethany Harvest Festival](#). Ages 15 and up for watching bouncies and ages 8-14 to help with setup. Students will earn community credits. Help is needed early Sunday morning with setup, helping during the festival and break down at 4 pm.

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 the [website](#) and register today! Space is limited! Questions? No problem! Contact us: philip.dolan@reg5.k12.ct.us

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.

Support Amity Swim Team: We're coming up on our annual Lap-A-Thon to raise money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. We will be swimming along with the North Haven and Hamden High School girl's swimming teams from 8:30-10:15 on Sunday October 13th at the Hamden Hall Pool, 225 Skiff St. in Hamden. Please visit the Amity Girls Swimming and Diving [team page](#) for information about Lion Heart and to donate.

2018 Hall of Fame/Honor Dinner: Please see this [document](#) for information about this year's join Amity Hall of Fame and Hall

of Honor dinner to be held at Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange on October 18th beginning at 5:30.

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