

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



It always feels like the Amity Regional High School year has fully started when we reach Club Day. Despite the wet and chilly weather, today we hosted this annual celebration during an extended lunch where students had the opportunity to visit tables and get information about all of the clubs that Amity has to offer. This activity also gives students the opportunity to begin to absorb how important it is to get involved in the school community. High school affords adolescents the time to grow academically, socially and emotionally. In order to achieve that growth, education must take place both in and outside of the classroom. Please take some time this weekend to speak with your child about the clubs and extra-curricular activities that he/she finds interesting and encourage your child to pursue those interests through our Amity Community. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's featured college is **Central Connecticut State University** and the featured career is **construction manager**. [CCSU](#) is located on a 126-acre, 12,000 student campus in New Britain, Connecticut. The University is made up of four schools- Business, Education & Professional Studies, Engineering, Science & Technology and Arts & Sciences. Some of CCSU's most popular majors include, business, education, nursing, engineering (civil and mechanical), cybersecurity, construction management and graphic design. [OPEN HOUSE](#) is Sunday, October 28th, 2018. **Construction managers** plan, coordinate, budget, and supervise construction projects from beginning to end. According the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, the need for construction managers will grow 11% (faster than average) between 2016 and 2026. Construction managers usually possess a bachelors' degree as well as experience in building/carpentry field or other building trades (such as plumbing or electrical). For more information, visit the [US Bureau of Labor Statistics site](#).

Happenings and Information

Updating Contact Information in PowerSchool: Parents-you are able to change your own emails, phone numbers and emergency contacts in PowerSchool! Please see this [document](#) for instructions on how to update demographic information. By completing these steps, the school will always have the most updated contact information for families. Thank you.

ARHS Bermuda Course Information Night: Amity has been studying Bermuda Coral Reefs for 30 years. Join us for the Bermuda Coral Reef Course Information Night on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 7-8 pm in the lecture hall at the high school. This 0.5 credit elective course in science occurs in the spring semester culminating in a 7 day field study at the Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences ([BIOS](#)). Information including the coursework, field experiences, accommodations and the application process will be reviewed. Students in grades 8-12 are eligible to apply. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity! Contact Valerie Cournoyer for more information: valerie.cournoyer@reg5.k12.ct.us

Feedback requested: Financial Aid Night was held on Thursday, 9/27 with over 200 attendees. If you attended the event, please help with feedback by completing this [survey](#).

Financial Aid Presentations: A copy of the presentation and helpful handouts will be posted on our [website](#) in the coming days.

PSAT: All juniors will be participating in the National PSAT day on Wednesday, October 10th. Students can access a PSAT Student Guide to help prepare them for the test through the [College Board](#) website, which also has additional information. All juniors will complete the PSAT pre-administration process during the school day on Tuesday, October 2nd.

PreACT: All sophomores will be taking the PreACT on Wednesday, October 10th. Students may access the [ACT](#) website for additional information regarding the PreACT and ACT. All sophomores will complete the PACT pre-administration process during the school day on Wednesday, October 3rd.

October 10th 9th and 12th Grade Programming: There will be special programming in place for all 9th and 12th grade students throughout the morning of October 10th, while the 10th and 11th grade students are testing. This is a regular full day of school for all students; attendance will be taken as normal.

Senior Happenings

Senior Night Presentation: The presentations from Senior Parent Night can be found [here](#).

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. For a complete list of colleges visiting the week of **Oct. 1th – Oct. 5th** please click here.

UConn Waterbury Open House: The UConn Waterbury Campus at 99 East Main Street in Waterbury will host a Fall Open House event on Friday, **November 12, 2018 from 10:00am-12:00pm**. Please RSVP at 203-236-9803 or beahuskywaterbury@uconn.edu or #UCONNBOUND.

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. 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

Freshmen Counseling Lesson: All 9th grade students met with a counselor from the Counseling Department this week to discover some **Keys for High School Success**. Freshmen were reintroduced to the Naviance Family Connection and complete a

Strength Explorer Inventory. Counselors will also discuss study skills, testing strategies, and various Amity High School resources.

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 next meeting will take place on Friday, October 13th and will be held 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.

Hamden Adult Education Program: The next registration for Semester 1, Term 2 for the Hamden Adult High School Credit Diploma Program **will be held Monday, Oct. 1, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Hamden High School, Rm. D-102.** Eligible students must be at least seventeen years of age and be officially withdrawn from high school. Students must bring **an official withdrawal form, an official OR unofficial transcript, Photo ID, and proof of residency** when they register. Any interested students should meet with their counselor.

Local Community Service Opportunities:

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](#).

The **Annual Trunk or Treat Funtober Event** will be held at the Orange Community Center Fairgrounds on **Saturday, Oct. 27th from 10:00am-4:00pm.** The rain date will be Sunday, October 28th. For those interested in volunteering, please call the Orange Park & Recreation Dept. at 203-891-4795 or email Lynn Plaskowitz @lplaskowitz@orange-ct.gov.

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. Please see this [announcement](#) for more information. Help is needed early Sunday morning with setup, helping during the festival and break down at 4 pm.

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!

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.

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

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

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 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.

QPR Suicide Prevention Training-October 17th – Noon – 1 pm: The Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge Parenting Initiative in collaboration with Bridges Healthcare is offering this free Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training at the Woodbridge Public Library, 10 Newton Road. A boxed lunch will be provided after training so please register by October 10, 2018 to Peter Samenfink at psamenfink@bridgesmilford.org

Woodbridge Job Bank Accepting New Members: Woodbridge residents between the ages of 13 and 18 are eligible to join the Job Bank to earn some money and help residents with work around the house or yard, babysitting, or tutoring. Sign up for your interview before the leaves start falling, and you're sure to keep busy. Contact Nancy Pfund at npfund@woodbridgect.org or call 203-389-3429 for an application and permission form.

Volunteers Needed for Food Pantry/Community Service Opportunity: Woodbridge Youth Services is looking for teens and adults to help sort food during the last few weeks of October in the food pantry at the Woodbridge Center Building. Contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 or email: npfund@woodbridgect.org for details.

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.

Parents of Students With Disabilities Forum: Please see this [flyer](#) for more information about an Open Forum for Parents of Students with Disabilities. Additional information for Spanish speaking families may be found [here](#).

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