

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



During this 3rd week of school we took a brief moment out of the day on Tuesday, September 11th, to pause and reflect on how that day 17 years ago changed our country and our world. During the announcement, I asked our school community to honor the innocent lives lost and also be mindful of our school's mission statement, specifically the idea that we have a responsibility to "become contributing citizens to a just society." There continues to be a need in our larger state and national society for a demonstration of the core values we hold dear at Amity Regional High School: fairness, respect and passion. I am extremely impressed at how our students and staff continue to model these characteristics and illustrate what it means to be contributing citizens to our greater society. As a reminder, there is a lot of information in the weekly newsletters. Please note that all weekly newsletters are archived on the school website and can be found [here](#). Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is **Southern Connecticut State University**, and the career of the week is **Nursing**. SCSU offers high quality programs in fields such as business, education, the sciences and nursing. Did you know that SCSU is one of only a few colleges that offers direct admission to their BSN (Bachelors of Science in Nursing) program to incoming freshmen? Most colleges do not admit students to their nursing programs until the sophomore or junior years. While SCSU does admit nursing students to both their direct admission and later admission, this is a great option for those who qualify. Please refer to their [website](#) for more information. The field of [nursing](#) is growing and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 15 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations". Job prospects for registered nurses as well as nursing

assistants, orderlies and advanced practice nurses (APRNs and nurse practitioners) are all experiencing growth.

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

Happenings and Information

Back to School Presentation: If you were unable to make the principal's address during the Back to School Nights these past few weeks, you may see the PowerPoint presentation [here](#).

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!

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.

Updating Contact Information in PowerSchool: Parents-you are able to change your own emails, phone numbers and emergency contacts in PowerSchool! Please log onto Unified Classroom, click "quick links," choose "Portal Login Page," click "Ecollect" and choose update contact information. By completing these steps, the school will always have the most updated contact information for families. Thank you.

Bus Safety Drills: Bus evacuation drills will be performed upon arrival at Amity High School on Thursday September 20. Students may arrive a bit late to class as this takes a few minutes extra to complete.

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 can be found [here](#).

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: 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 17th-21st. Please see a list of schools [here](#).

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.

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

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.

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."

Important Reminders

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.

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 next meeting of the school year will be Thursday, October 11th, at 7:00 in the library classroom. **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!

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](#).

The Southern CT Conference (SCC) is turning 25: Please see this [press release](#) that is posted on the league website regarding the 25th anniversary of the SCC.

Community Happenings

Community Service Opportunity: Volunteers are needed 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 www.AmityAdultEd.ce.eleyo.com and register today! Space is limited! Questions? No problem! Contact us: philip.dolan@reg5.k12.ct.us

Amity Volleyball Fundraiser: The Amity Girls Volleyball Team's first fundraiser is the annual carwash, **tomorrow**, September 15th, from **10:00-2:00** at **Crest Auto Mall**, 285 Amity Road, Woodbridge. A full car wash costs only **\$5!!** Baked goods will be available for you to enjoy, as well! Please come out tomorrow and support the Amity Girls Volleyball Team. Go Spartans!

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