

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



As mentioned earlier in the year, the high school is working on a self-study throughout this entire year to prepare for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) decennial accreditation visit in the fall of 2019. While the actual self-study is being completed this year, the high school faculty, staff, student body and community has been working on school improvement for many years. In the past 4 years we have worked on the creation and reflection of the Amity High School Core Values and Learning Expectations, increasing student agency and voice in the classrooms/school at large and providing faculty time to collaborate on best practices with curriculum, instruction and assessment. This year, teachers will be reporting out on the 6 academic learning expectations as well as the social and civic expectations through a modified report card that will debut after the first semester. Please take some time to review the [learning expectations along with the core values, beliefs and mission statement](#) of Amity Regional High School with your child and strengthen the school-to-home connection. We continue to work to realize our learning expectations, specifically our social and civic, through various programming that is inclusive of whole classes or, in some cases, the whole school. For example, on Thursday this week we hosted the annual Link Crew Tie-Dye Day where all first-year students were invited to create class shirts through tie-dying and our National Honor Society hosted the annual fall blood drive on Monday. Last Friday the faculty, staff and student clubs of Amity organized an entire whole-school program dedicated to having difficult conversations about race and bias in our school. Our core values, mission statement and learning expectations are evident not just in the product of these efforts but in the process. With more and more members of our school community committed to “being the change,” there is no doubt we will demonstrate social responsibility and an awareness/concern for others. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: College and Career of the Week: This week's college is the **University of New Hampshire**, and the career of the week is **Deaf Studies/Services for the Deaf**. The University of New Hampshire at Durham is the school's main campus. The school is home to over 15,000 students and according to the website, its campus is "one of the safest and greenest in the country". Most popular programs include majors in business, engineering, medical/health sciences, education and arts & sciences. For more information, please visit their [website](#). Professionals in the field of "services for the deaf" are in high demand. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs for interpreters and translators are expected to grow 18% between 2016 to 2026. Also, teachers for the deaf can expect job growth in the immediate future as well. Please refer to the "[World Association of Sign Language Interpreters](#)" 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

Amity School District Email Addresses: Please be advised, the current amity email address exchange of "first.last@reg5.k12.ct.us" has changed to "first.last@amityregion5.org." This is an informational announcement only, as the old exchange will be automatically rerouted to the new exchange. However, you will be receiving emails from Amity Regional School District #5 employees from the new email exchange from now on.

Student Parking: Please be advised that student drivers must comply with the parking lot directions of entering from the N. Pease Road entrance in the morning and driving responsibly at all times on campus. Failure to comply with proper driving rules may result in the loss of on-campus parking privileges for a student.

End of 1st Marking Period: As a reminder, the end of 1st marking period is next Friday, November 2nd. The first parent-conference date for the high school is November 15th.

Senior Happenings

Attention seniors-first quarter grades: If you would like first quarter grades to be sent to colleges, you must fill out a Google form. We will plan to send out first quarter beginning the week of November 13th, according to the college deadlines. Please use [this link](#) to the Google doc. If you need grades sent to more than 10 schools, please fill out the form multiple times.

Local Fall Open House: UConn Waterbury Campus: Monday, November 12, 2018-10:00am-12:00pm

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 Visits: We are beginning to wind down the season of college representative visits. 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. 29th– Nov. 2nd** please click [here](#).

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.

Notes from Counseling Department

Educational Center for the Arts: ECA is hosting an [open house](#). We have limited spaces available. Interested students should speak to their school counselor and complete the application by February 1st.

For SAT takers: If you are taking an SAT test on a Saturday outside of Amity, please be sure to include your ARHS student ID number in the box that asks for secondary ID.

Community Service Postings: If you would like updated information regarding community service activities, please sign up to receive updates through "[REMIND.COM](#)". Please text @amityserve to 81010 to register. Community service opportunities are also posted on a bulletin board in the Career Center. We have blank forms to be signed at your service sites and all hours are to be logged into PowerSchool/Unified Classroom before submitting to our office. See Mrs. Vallie or Mrs. Cocco for more details.

Local Community Service Opportunities:

- **Do you love history?** The **Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society** at the Thomas Darling House, 1907 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge is looking for volunteers to assist with their events this year. Please email info@woodbridgehistory.org or text 203-314-2979.

Important Reminders

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

Congratulations, Amity Spartans! For the 3rd year in a row, Amity Regional High School has been selected as a 2017-2018 CIAC Michael's Cup "Class Act" Sportsmanship School. This award from the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) recognizes exemplary high school sportsmanship programs throughout the state. Way to go!

Buy your Amity Spartan Gear! Log on to this [website](#) to purchase athletic gear and support the Spartans.

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](#).

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