

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Working to create a community that is inclusive, positive and supportive takes constant intention and planning. Each part of the programming at ARHS--both curricular and co-curricular—has an individual objective for learning but an overall objective of emulating our core values of **fairness, respect and passion**. Today we honored our veterans through a program that included veterans from many of the battles our country has faced since the 1940s. The civic responsibilities we value are supported through actively participating in our school programs such as Veteran’s Day, voting day, Day of Dialogue, etc. We are not immune to the intolerance that is evident in society, but we must actively work against it together in school, at home and in our larger community. We will continue to plan whole-school programs that address intolerance on all levels. This [resource](#), provided by the CT State Department of Education, may be helpful for families to address concerns at home and in the community. Maya Angelou once said, “Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible.” Working together through active participation we will protect our future, help us access our present and make it a better place for all of our citizens. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is **Roger Williams University**, and the career of the week is **Architect**.

[Roger Williams University](#) is located in Bristol, Rhode Island and has a satellite campus in Providence, Rhode Island. RWU currently enrolls approximately 6,500 students, undergraduates and graduates. [Architects](#) plan and design homes, buildings and other structures. They work collaboratively with their clients as well as

with construction managers, tradespeople, engineers and other building professionals to ensure the needs of their projects are being met. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth for architects is expected to be 4% through 2026 - slower than the average for all occupations. For more information, students can view the bulletin boards in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.

Happenings and Information

Music in Motion: Is TONIGHT (and tomorrow)! Don't miss out on this awesome musical production!

MP1 Report Cards: Parents/guardians will be receiving an email this afternoon at 3:00 with a secure link to a PDF copy of report cards for MP1.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences: Once you have reviewed your child's grades and comment codes, you may be interested in setting up a conference with one or more of your child's teachers. The sign-up for parent/student/teacher conferences will begin on November 9 at 5:00 pm. Please be reminded that there are three parent-teacher conference dates/times: November 15 and November 28 from 5pm-7:30pm and December 5 from 12:45pm-3:15 pm. If you encounter any problems or have questions, please send an email: helpdesk@amityschools.org.

November Link Crew Event: Link Crew will be hosting their annual Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, November 14th, in the high school cafeteria from 2:30 to 3:30. All ninth graders are invited to this free event, which features make-your-own-ice cream sundaes (or dairy-free options) and helpful school tips from Link Leaders.

2018 Homecoming Dance: The Amity Student Government will be kicking off Spirit Week with their annual Homecoming Dance, Friday night, November 16th, from 7-10pm in the main gymnasium. Ticket prices are \$12 dollars each and can only be purchased at www.mypaymentsplus.com. All ticket sales end on Thursday, November 15th. Every year this school wide function sells out! Don't have your son or daughter miss out! Purchase your ticket now. Over 300 tickets have been sold already with a cap of 600.

Spirit Week: Spirit Week will continue when we host the Flag Football game against North Haven on Saturday, November 17th at

4:00pm. There will also be various theme days for the week of November 19th-21st. More information will be sent to students via ARHS Student Happenings Newsletter, which is published every Sunday evening and sent to students via their @amityschools.org email addresses.

Wednesday, November 21st-The day before Thanksgiving, November 21st, will be an early release with academic classes being held; it will be a modified A day with periods 4, 5, and 6 meeting for a full class period that day. We will also hold a modified homeroom in the middle of the morning and conclude our school day with our annual Student Government Pep Rally. Students will be dismissed at 12:12.

Senior Happenings

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: The college visits to Amity are slowing down for the remainder of the fall season. Below please find a final list of visits for November:

Nov. 13th - Universiteit van Amsterdam @ 10:00am

Nov. 14th - Paul Mitchell the School-North Haven @8:00am

John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY @
9:00am

ROTC Program at University of Connecticut @ 11:00am

Connecticut National Guard @ 11:30

College of Mount St. Vincent @ 1:00pm

Nov. 20th –United States Military Academy at West Point @
10:00am

Notes from Counseling Department

Community Service Postings: If you would like updated information regarding community service activities, please sign up to receive updates through "[REMIND.COM](https://www.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.

Attention Juniors and Seniors: We are accepting applications for the Gateway Community College High School Partnership Program. This program allows high school juniors and seniors to take a course for credit at Gateway for free. Courses begin January 24th. Students must have transportation to and from Gateway and attend the orientation program in January at Gateway. This program is limited to 10 students. Interested students should fill out the application via this [Google doc](#) by November 12th to be considered.

Local Event: Do you have a passion for science and research? **Science on Saturdays @ Yale** is offering adults and children to come join the fun this **Saturday, November 10th** from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Sterling Chemistry Lab in New Haven. This is a free event for all ages to experience a lecture by a Yale Professor and hands-on science experiments demonstrated by Yale college students. No registration is required. For more information on **Science on Saturdays**, please click [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunity: The Yale New Haven Hospital 2019 Spring Youth Academic Volunteer Program will be opening up their registration on or around December 1, 2018. The program dates will be from January 28 – April 26, 2019. If you are interested in more information, please pick up an informational packet in the Career Center.

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.

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.

Athletics

Athletic Department Website: For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for fall sports, please refer to the athletic department’s website [here](#).

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

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

TONIGHT and Tomorrow-Support AMS-Bethany Musical:
High School Musical Jr.! will open on Friday Nov. 9th at 6:30 pm and will have its second of 2 shows on Saturday, November 10th at 6:30. Tickets are available at the door.

Get your tickets now: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* Dec 07, 2018 - Dec 08, 2018 John J. Brady Center, Woodbridge, CT Winner of 7 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards® including 'Best Play', *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* brings Mark Haddon's best-selling novel to thrilling life on stage. Get your tickets [here](#).

Opportunity to help the "New Beginnings" Student Club:
The New Beginnings club helps provide donations and helps a women's shelter called New Reach. Last year the shelter helped around 3,587 women and their families. Currently, the club is making care-packages- backpacks filled with necessities like water bottles, blankets, and winter gear. These items can be gently used. There are donations boxes outside of the main office. Thank you for your donation!

AMS-Bethany 5K Fundraiser: The Be AMITY! Program at Amity Middle School Bethany Campus is a school wide initiative to support the socio-emotional needs of students, staff and families. The Be AMITY! Committee is organizing a Superhero 5k Run/Walk. The proceeds from this 5k Run/Walk will be given to local families in need. A portion of the funds would also be donated to the Be AMITY! PBIS program at AMSB to fund future initiatives, events and activities, as well as support other AMSB families as need arises.

When: Saturday, November 17, 2018

Registration Begins at 9am

5K Begins at 10am

Fun Run/Walk Begins at 10:15am

Where: Amity Middle School Bethany

Who: All Amity students and staff; any community members; and runners of all ages!

Cost: \$30 for Amity students; \$35 for everyone else

[Click here](#) to find information on how to register and volunteer!

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