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Building an inclusive community and practicing happiness

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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



We're back at it and ready to make it happen throughout the 4th quarter. After a beautiful weather week during our April break, we returned to school this past Monday ready to buckle down and head on through 4th marking period. We are focusing on our academics through our in-class activities and outside projects. We are making it happen through our athletics during practices and competitions and pursuing our passions through our endeavors in the arts. We're working on demonstrating our core values of fairness, respect and passion through our empathy projects in Spartan Seminar. We also have many students demonstrating these values

through recognizing the national day of silence, where students take a vow of silence to raise awareness regarding anti-LGBTQ rhetoric and bullying. As we work to continue to build an inclusive community where we are able to live up to our academic, social and civic learning expectations, we also need to be aware of a balanced approach to the conclusion of the school year. [This article](#) highlights some approaches to long-lasting happiness that include finding the good in experiences and demonstrating gratitude. Throughout the rest of this year and in to next, we will continue to work on building happiness through by realizing our mission statement: developing skills and desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

2017-2018 Budget Referendum: A referendum vote will be held in each of the District's member towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at their usual polling locations on the following question:

"SHALL THE AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 IN THE GROSS AMOUNT OF \$48,439,163 AND THE NET AMOUNT OF \$48,250,162 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5? "

An explanatory text of the complete budget may be found [here](#).

Follow-Up to Amity Youth Survey Presentation: As a follow up to the Parent University presentation on the Amity Youth Survey, an anonymous survey (administered to students in grades 7, 9, and 11) designed to ascertain prevalence, attitudes, and behaviors related to the use of substances and other risk-taking behaviors, we would like to provide [this link](#) to a number of available resources.

Last Call for Yearbooks Orders: Have you ordered a yearbook yet? The [online ordering system](#) closes today, Friday, April 21st! Beginning on Monday, all sales will be made at the school level, while supplies last, and on a first-come, first-served basis. Guarantee your copy and order today. Please contact the yearbook advisors at embers@amityschools.org with any questions.

Amity Enterprises: Amity Enterprises was established as a collaboration between the Future Business Leaders of America and the manufacturing classes and instructor at Amity Regional High School. Comprised of promising manufacturing and business students, the group strives to provide affordable, high quality products to the Amity community. Please see this [flyer](#) and [catalog](#) for more information and [this link](#) to order.

Spring Cleaning for a Great Cause: One Book/ One Amity will be hosting a community tag sale in the Amity High School parking lot on Saturday, April 29th from 9-3pm and **we need donations!** We would greatly appreciate your gently used items, including household items, clothing and furniture. Please, no televisions or computers. **Small items may be brought to room 144 between April 6-22nd.** Larger items may be dropped off at the front entrance to the school during the following designated times when someone will be available to receive items: **Saturday, April 22nd 8-12pm** and **Friday, April 28th 3-5pm.** All proceeds benefit our One Book/One Amity program. Please contact Allyson Wuerth for more information at allyson.wuerth@reg5.k12.ct.us.

Seniors: When you leave Amity, your amityschools account and your g-drive get deleted. If you need any of your files from these accounts, you must copy them onto a flash drive or into a personal gmail/Google Drive. Directions on how to transfer data to another account were emailed to all students via amityschools.org

email.

Underclass Awards: Invitations will be mailed out next week to any student who will be receiving an award at the Underclass Awards Night to be held on **May 17th at 6:30** in the Brady Center.

Yale College Partnership: Junior and Senior students may enroll in one undergraduate course at Yale University as part of the Yale-New Haven / Area High School partnership program. You are responsible for tuition cost/fees and transportation to/from these college campuses. If you wish to take a class at Yale, in addition to their required courses at Amity, during the Fall 2018 term, see Mrs. LaPlante to sign up for the mandatory orientation session scheduled at Yale in May.

Important Reminders

FREE SAT Prep: Has your 10th or 11th grade student linked their College Board account with Khan Academy to get access to free personalized SAT prep? If not, have your student go to [this site](#) to begin start practicing.

Notes from the Counseling Department

SSLP is quickly approaching: Seniors that are participating in the Senior Service Learning Program will be completing their required coursework on Friday, May 12th. Participating seniors will need to make sure that all school work is completed, all fines are paid, and get all their required signatures prior to departure. Seniors will spend 114 hours from May 15-June 9 at a local school, business, or organization to gain some exposure to a possible career choice.

Job Corps: is set to visit Amity Regional High School. The New Haven division of Job Corp will be speaking with interested students on Wednesday, April 26th at 10am in the Career Center. Job Corps is a **free** education and training program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible young people at least 16 years of age that qualify as low income, Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life.

Aerospace Internship-like Experience: Milestone C, a groundbreaking after-school aerospace program envisioned as an internship experience for high school students. This 14-week program was created by leaders at Fortune 500 aerospace corporations and veteran aviators. We are holding a short pilot session this Spring at Stratford High School. Registration for the full-length program will open April 3rd, with classes starting September 5th, 2017. Please visit our [website](#) for the application and cost information.

Local Scholarships: The **American Italian Women of Greater New Haven** is offering high school seniors attending a four year college a scholarship of \$750. New Haven area students of Italian descent (maternal and /or paternal lineage) are eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate a strong academic record and a need for financial assistance. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2017. Applications are available in the Career Center. The **Orange Youth Services Enhancement Grant** is awarding two scholarships of \$500 each for two seniors attending college next year. Applicants must have shown excellence in academic achievement and participation in extra-curricular activities. Students must be Orange residents. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2017. Applications are available at the Orange Community Services office at the High Plains Community Center.

UConn Summer Program Opportunity: Find out what it's like to be a UCONN student for 4 weeks! The Pre-College Summer Program at UConn offers rising high school juniors and seniors (class 2018 or 2019) the

chance to study and live on their university campus. Please see their [website](#) for detailed information.

Community Service Opportunity: Judy Rabin of the Woodbridge Library will be coming to Amity's Career Center on Friday, May 19th at 9:45 AM to discuss Reading Together, a program designed to match older students with young children to promote a greater love and understanding of reading. Students are trained to help younger children draw information from the book that they read together. This program runs through the summer, and Ms. Rabin is looking for volunteers. Please inform interested students that they are welcome to come down and join the meeting. For more information regarding the program, please check out the [website](#).

What's Happening in Athletics?

Athletic Department Website: For all information regarding athletics, please visit the department's website [here](#).

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

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