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#### **Moving in to May**

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### ARHS Happenings Newsletter



As we move in to the last full month of school, the announcements become more numerous. As such, I will write my messages with more brevity than in previous newsletters. We are gearing up for a lot of activities both in and out of the classroom during this month, including AP exams, showing the junior and senior classes the *Chasing the Dragon* program on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the freshmen and sophomores Shakespeare plays on May 18<sup>th</sup>, hosting a spring fest on that same day, revealing the 2017-2018 OBOA title on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual STEAM Day on May 24<sup>th</sup>. We will also be celebrating Teacher Appreciation week in May, during the

entire week of May 8<sup>th</sup>-May12th. The National Education Association has deemed May 9<sup>th</sup> as the official National Teacher Appreciation Day for 2017, but our faculty is so amazing, we need an entire week to honor their efforts. As teacher and author Ever Garrison has pointed out, "A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils." Please consider assisting the PTSO with one of the various events during that week. Information will be sent via email from the PTSO. Have a wonderful 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](#).

**2017 Efficiency Award-Last Call:** Do you have an amazing idea about how to save the school or district time, money or resources? If so, please consider applying for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence for students [here](#). The deadline for applications this year is today, **April 28, 2017**. There will be one recipient from each school. Each awardee will each receive \$300, recognition at the June Board Meeting and a luncheon with the Superintendent of Schools. Applications may be returned to the Director of Finance, Terry Lumas, either in person or via email (terry.lumas@reg5.k12.ct.us).

**OBOA Tag Sale Tomorrow:** The OneBook/OneAmity Program is sponsoring a tag sale in the front school parking lot on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-3pm. Please see [this](#) flyer for more information.

**PTSO Senior Graduation Balloons:** Do you know a Graduating ARHS Senior? Make that senior smile by sending a "Congratulations Amity Grad" Balloon. The Amity High School P.T.S.O. is once again sponsoring "Operation Graduation 2017 Balloons" for Amity Seniors. The balloons will be delivered and tied to the graduate's mailbox before graduation over the course of 2 days June 10th and June 12th. Proceeds go to the Amity High School P.T.S.O., including the P.T.S.O. Scholarship Fund. We now have two ways to order balloons. You may order [online](#) or by using [this order form](#). Orders are due June 5th.

**Homework Help Center:** Please be reminded, the peer tutoring Homework Help Center is open to all students who would like tutoring or assistance in any subject area. The Homework Help Center is held in the Career Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30. Snacks are provided.

**PTSO NEEDS YOUR HELP:** The PTSO is in need of volunteers to help inflate and deliver Amity Senior Graduation Balloons. We need an army to help make this event a great success. Operation Senior Balloons begins on Saturday, June 10th at 9:00 a.m -9:00 p.m. and Monday June 12th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm in the ARHS cafe. Please consider [signing up](#) for a time. If you can only do an hour, that is fine. Please include your email address in the comment section of the doodle sign up. We appreciate any time you can give to this event. Any

questions can be directed to Kathy Sabitsky at [ksabitsky@gmail.com](mailto:ksabitsky@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

**Gateway Partnership Program:** Rising juniors and seniors who are interested in taking a course at Gateway Community College through our high school partnership program should see their counselor for an application and recommendation. Students must have at least a B average. There is no cost for tuition, but students are responsible for any lab fees, books, necessary supplies and transportation. Please contact your counselor for more information.

### Important Reminders

**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.

**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](#) for more information and [this link](#) to order.

**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

**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.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

**Community Service Opportunity:** iPhone class assistance. Help local seniors navigate their iPhones. Wednesdays, May 3 and 10 from 2:45-3:45pm in the library Meeting Room. Please email Katherine Ward at [kward@woodbridgect.org](mailto:kward@woodbridgect.org) to participate.

**Community Service Opportunity:** Road race assistance requested for two upcoming events.

1. Cohen & Wolf Cinco K deMayo Road Race benefitting the Orange Chamber of Commerce at High Plains Community Center in Orange. Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> volunteers needed 7:00am-12:00pm. Contact Carol Smullen at 203-795-3328 or [director@orangectchamber.com](mailto:director@orangectchamber.com)

2. Peck Place School Annual 5K at High Plains Community Center in Orange on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Counseling Office for details, if interested.

**Community Service Opportunity:** Judy Rabin of the Woodbridge Library will be coming to Amity's Career Center on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](#).

## Community Happenings:

**ARHS Senior Art Show:** New this year, a few ARHS seniors will be exhibiting their sculpture work along side 2D work of senior citizens at the Case Memorial Library in Orange. There will be a reception next Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7. Come see the work and meet the artists!

**Senior Class Fundraiser:** The Amity Senior Class is having a **Chipotle fundraiser** (in Milford) on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4PM-8PM. Present them with [this flyer](#) or tell the cashier that you're supporting the senior class; remember, all proceeds will go towards senior prom!

**Amity Creative Theater Fundraiser:** The Amity Creative Theater will be holding a car wash fundraiser for their Relay for Life team on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-2pm at Blue Check Deli on Amity Road in Woodbridge. Come get your car cleaned and support a great cause!

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