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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



If April showers bring May flowers, we should have a beautiful month of May! It seems that spring is truly here and, with it, come various rites of passage for high school students. This past Monday night we hosted our annual college fair where over 130 colleges gathered in the gymnasium to talk with our students about their post-secondary plans. Our sophomores worked to complete their CAP Tests for science and the juniors all took the SATs on Wednesday. All of our students are working tirelessly in their academics, extracurricular activities

and in Spartan Seminar to achieve their goals and create a strong community. The focus for the month of April in Spartan Seminar is on “empathy projects.” During last week’s Seminar, students were presented with 7 different projects and were asked to commit to 1 to work on as a group. After April break, each Spartan Seminar will complete the projects and “make it happen.” [This article](#) fits well with our community focus on building empathy and building toward the future. I hope everyone takes some time over the next 9 days to rest, relax and gear up for the final 8 ½ week push through 4th marking period. Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

3rd MP Grades: The PowerSchool Portal will be turned on this afternoon for parents and students to view 3rd marking period grades and comments.

Facility Closure Next Week: On Thursday, April 13th, the Woodbridge campus will be closed for water meter maintenance. There will be no access to restroom facilities or sinks for washing hands. The facility will be closed on Thursday, but should reopen for athletic practices on Friday, April 14th. None of the offices will be open on Friday due to the holiday.

For seniors: Every year, ARHS facilitates the selection of seniors for a wide variety of scholarships that are generously offered by members of the Amity community. Directions on how to access the online application were emailed to all students parents through PowerSchool and Amityschools.org email. The application deadline is Friday, April 14th at 11:59 p.m.. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Salemme at donna.salemmme@reg5.k12.ct.us or 203-392-2017.

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.

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.

Important Reminders

April Parent University: We will be hosting a presentation/discussion of the results of the Amity Youth Survey (to ascertain prevalence of risky behaviors including, drugs, alcohol, sexual activity, online behaviors, gambling, etc) on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 6pm, John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts, Amity Regional High School, Woodbridge, CT. Please see [this](#) announcement for more information.

NCAA College-Athlete Information Night: Interested in being a college athlete? The athletic and counseling departments will be holding an informational night about college athletics on Thursday April 20, 6:30pm in the lecture hall. Former NCAA athletes, current NCAA coaches, and administrators will be speaking about the college-athlete experience, what coaches are looking for, and the recruiting/clearinghouse process. This program is offered every 2 years.

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.

Yearbooks Orders: Have you ordered a yearbook yet? The deadline to purchase your copy through our online ordering system has been extended to Friday, April 21st. At that point, all remaining books will be sold at the school level while supplies last and on a first-come, first-served basis. The current yearbook cost is \$80. Guarantee your copy and order today at amityembers.com. If you aren't sure whether you've already ordered, please contact the yearbook advisors at embers@amityschools.org.

Notes from the Counseling Department

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.

Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP): The next deadline for participating SSLP students is April 18, 2017. Students will need to verify that they watched the Safety Training Presentation and hand in a completed [Approved Experiential Learning Program Agreement Form](#). Site supervisors, parents, and the student will need to complete and sign one copy and return to the Career Center for final signatures and approval. In case of emergency, both the site and parent should have a completed copy of each form. See attachment. **NO EXCEPTIONS FOR MISSED DEADLINE.** Karen Waterman is offering a weekly lab in 501 to answer and assist students with all their SSLP questions. Here is the schedule: Wednesday, March 22, period 7/Wednesday, March 29, period 5/Tuesday, April 4, period 5.

Local Scholarships: The **Rotary Club of Orange** will again award three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are residents of Orange. In addition, a separate \$2,000 scholarship (**The Joseph Cuzzocreo Memorial Scholarship**) will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a degree in Human Services or a related field, i.e. Special Education. The application deadline is May 25, 2017. Applications are available in the Career Center. The **Orange Community Women Scholarship** is open to a high school senior who resides in Orange and is pursuing a post-secondary education in the fall. The primary criterion for selection of this scholarship recipient will be community service performed in the Town of Orange and financial need. Scholarship awards range from \$300 to \$500. The application deadline is April 19, 2017. Applications are available in the Career 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.

Summer Opportunity: Interested in Engineering? If you are a 10th or 11th grade student, the University of Connecticut invites you to challenge your math and science skills to incorporate them into hands-on experiments, exciting engineering concepts, and fun activities. The Explore Engineering Program 2017 is a 5-day residential program on the Storrs campus, which will offer you the opportunity to explore various fields of engineering. This program will run June 18th, to June 22nd and June 25th to June 29th. To apply and find out more about the Explore Engineering Program, please visit the [website](#). The application deadline is April 15,

2017.

Summer Programs 2017: The College and Career Center at Amity High School would like to provide a list of summer programs as a courtesy to students and their families. The Amity High School has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs. If students and their parents decide to pursue any of these opportunities, they should conduct their own review. Please see a list of programs attached above.

What's Happening in Athletics?

Athletic Department Website: For 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

Be the Match 5K: The Be the Match Club will be helping to support a local 5K race in Woodbridge on April 15th. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

Woodbridge Youth Services Workshop: Please see [this flyer](#) for information on an upcoming workshop regarding career readiness sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services.

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