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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



The first part of this year at ARHS has been packed full of students, teachers and parents “Making It Happen.” This year’s theme is a perfect fit for our first official year under the Core Values of Fairness, Respect and Passion. Teachers have been mindfully reflecting on how to make their lessons, activities and assessments more student-centered so as to increase engagement and student ownership of learning. The students have increased their local and global awareness through various school-wide initiatives such as clothing drives, penny wars and other fundraisers. The PTSO has been supporting school clubs with monetary donations and

helped our school community with the holiday basket initiative. The entire school is buzzing with activity and excitement. This week in Spartan Seminar, we watched this [video](#), which is a compilation of pictures and videos from many of the activities where ARHS “made it happen” this past fall. Please take some time to enjoy! Have a wonderful relaxing and rejuvenating holiday and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

ARHS main office hours during the holiday break: Amity Regional School District No. 5 offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th, Tuesday December 27th and Monday, January 2nd. The main office at the high school will be open from 7:00am-2:00pm Wednesday-Friday, December 28th through the 30th.

Amity Alumni Panel Presentation: On January 9th Amity Alumni from the class of 2016 will return to school to speak to juniors and seniors about planning for the college search, preparing through high school and transitioning in to college. There will be 4 separate panels, all which will speak on the same topics. Students will be broken up in to 4 groups, with seniors attending during session 4 and juniors attending during session 6.

Midterm Exam schedule and information: Midterm exams will begin on January 17th and run through January 21st. The midterm exam schedule can be found [here](#). If, for any reason, a student needs to reschedule an exam (due to sudden illness, emergency, etc), the student must receive written permission from his/her associate principal before rescheduling with the teacher. Please call the main office, 203-397-4830, if you have any questions.

8th Grade Parent Night: Save the date! Parents of current 8th grade students are encouraged to attend an informational session on **Thursday, January 26th at 6:30 pm** in the Brady Center. Amity High School department chairs and administrators will provide an overview of the courses and programs offered at the high school. This event will provide important information as we begin the 2017-2018 course selection and registration process.

Community Service Opportunity: The Mary L. Tracy School in Orange is looking for Amity High School students to supervise/oversee babysitting for their monthly PTO meetings. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2016 from 6:00-8:00pm. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Chrissy Khachane at 203-232-4650 or stop by the Career Center for more information.

ARHS Winter Concert: This year’s winter concert was a huge success! If you would like to watch any or all of the concert, please click on this [link](#).

Important Reminders

Student Government Annual Clothing Drive: The Amity Clothing Drive is underway! Please consider donating any new or used clothing items. All items go to help families in need from domestic violence. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

January Parent University: On January 11, 2017, 6:00 pm, in the John J. Brady Center for Performing Arts,

the Amity Regional School District will present a screening of *Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict*. The film will be followed by a panel discussion with a recovering addict and professionals from law enforcement, law, and medicine. We encourage you to share this [flyer](#) with community members, returning college students, and colleagues in area schools.

2017 AP Exam Registration: For the 2017 AP exams, students at Amity Regional High School will be **registering online**. This registration will take a few minutes and can be completed from any computer with internet access. This year, each AP exam costs \$97.00. Students requiring financial assistance should contact Mrs. Gerilyn Ferguson (Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us) in the Amity Counseling Dept. Online Exam registration will begin on Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM and end on Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 11:59 PM. A late fee of \$10 will be assessed for any registrations that come in after Fri, Feb 10th at 11:59 PM. In order to register, students should click on [this link](#) to register. To complete registration, students must answer all of the required questions. Registration is not complete until students have printed the PDF of the confirmation page that is provided at the end. We strongly recommend that parents and students are both present while registering to ensure that the correct exams are ordered.

Save the Date: Post-Secondary Planning Night for juniors will be held on January 10th at 6:30 in the John J. Brady Center. Ann Fleming-Brown, Director of Admissions at Union College will be presenting on the college and university search and application process.

Notes from the Counseling Department

Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) Information: The SSLP (sometimes known as Senior Internship) process will begin January 3, 2017. Karen Waterman, The College and Career Counselor will be speaking to the entire Class of 2017 to detail deadlines and give a general overview of the expectations of the program. More details to follow.

Senior Service Learning Program Parent Informational Evening: On Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Amity Senior High School Cafeteria, Karen Waterman, the College and Career Counselor will be presenting the expectations and guidelines of 2017 Senior Service Learning Program (generally referred to as the Senior Internship or SSLP). Parents are asked to attend if your senior is likely to participate in the May-June 2017 unpaid experiential learning program. Please RSVP on this [form](#).

What's Happening in Athletics?

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

For a copy of next week's competition schedule, see [here](#).

For a copy of this week's results, see [here](#).

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