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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



What a difference a few days make! On Wednesday, we took advantage of the spring-like weather to hold a practice fire drill. Everything went very smoothly, thanks to the appropriate and expedient response of our faculty, staff and students! Then on Thursday, winter came thundering (literally) back in to our region to remind us all that we are still in the month of February in New England. We continue our school-wide focus on spreading kindness and honoring National Black History Month. Frederick Douglas, 19th century

abolitionist, author and renowned orator, once wrote, “I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and to incur my own abhorrence.” This quotation is reminiscent of the overall objective of the [ARHS Core Values, Beliefs and Mission Statement](#), specifically the focus on compassion and integrity. We also hosted the program Rachel’s Challenge for 9th and 10th graders this week based on spreading kindness and developing empathy. The program was so moving, we are exploring ways to bring it back for 11th and 12th graders. We continue to be committed to “develop in all students the skills and the desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society.”

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

2017-2018 Course Selections: As a reminder, all course selections for 9th-11th graders are due by the end of the school day today, February 10th.

AP Exam Registration: [AP Exam Registration](#) ends tonight, Friday 2/10/2017, at 11:59pm. There will be a late registration period from Saturday, 2/11/2017 through Wednesday, 2/15.2017. Late registrations will incur a \$10 late fee.

February 17th early student dismissal: Next Friday, February 17th, will be an early dismissal for all students to accommodate the 2-hour professional development session for faculty and staff.

ARHS Writing Center: The writing center is run by students for students. If you need help brainstorming, organizing, or editing pieces of writing, the writing center is an excellent resource. Amity’s writing center is staffed with trained students who are available at select times both during and after school (availability is listed online). To make an appointment, all you need to do is go to our [website](#) and fill out a session request form. We look forward to seeing many of you in the writing center soon!

AlertSolution Notification Directions: Please find information [here](#) on how to update/alter your notification settings. The Amity Regional School District #5 uses AlertSolutions through PowerSchool to send brief announcements and indicate any alterations to the school schedule.

Important Reminders:

Grade 11 students: The Connecticut State Board of Education is seeking students who would like to apply to serve a one-year term. Interested students should see their counselor for more information.

Parent Presentation: Please join us for a presentation and discussion on “Anxiety and Adolescents” on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Media Center at Amity Regional High School. **Scott Hannan, Ph.D.**, psychologist and program manager for the outpatient clinic at the Anxiety Disorders Center and Center for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, will be presenting. See this [flyer](#) for more information.

Notes from the Counseling Department

Career and College of the Week: This year the Career Center will highlight a complementary career and college of the week. This week, the career is [Telecommunication Equipment Installers and Repairers](#) and the college is [St. John's University](#). Students will receive an e-mail that details aspects of the varying careers and colleges. Students can also view the bulletin boards in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff for details.

Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) Information: **DEADLINE EXTENDED** Seniors that have applied and been allowed to proceed with the prospect of participating in the 2017 SSLP will need to complete and turn in a work-related resume by Monday, February 13th. Karen Waterman will offer resume writing workshops during the following dates: February 6-February 13.

ASVAB Career Exploration Program: **RE-SCHEDULED** The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. The ASVAB will be administered at Amity High School on Monday, February 13th beginning at 8:00AM to interested sophomores, juniors and seniors. We will ask the students to arrive at 7:34AM. If your child takes the ASVAB, they do not have any obligation to the US Armed Services.

Naviance Parent Workshop: Parents who want to learn more about Naviance Family Connection may come to the Naviance Family Connection Parent Workshop on Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 am or 2:30 pm in computer lab room 501. College and Career Counselor, Karen Waterman, will walk parents through the benefits of Naviance. To sign up, please contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center at 203-397-4836 or by email at Paula.Vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us

Community Service Reminder: All seniors must hand in final community service hour forms by March 31, 2017. If you have accumulated a total of 100 hours over the four years at Amity, you will receive a certificate and be recognized at graduation. If students have any questions about their community service hours, please email Mrs. Vallie @ paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us or stop by the Career Center.

Local Scholarships Available: The **New Haven County Tax Collectors' Association** is awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$300.00 each for any senior attending college in the fall. This award will be based upon a one-page essay and a good standing at school. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2017. Applications are available in the Career Center. The **Amity Charitable Trust Fund**, established by the Amity Club of New Haven, is awarding scholarships to Orange and Woodbridge seniors who will be attending college in the fall. These scholarships are based on your SAT and GPA scores. Deadline to apply is March 31, 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.

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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