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### ARHS Happenings Newsletter



We continued our announcements about influential historical figures this week, including one on Zora Neal Hurston, who once wrote “Even in the helter-skelter skirmish that is my life, I have seen that the world is to the strong.” We also continued our focus on spreading kindness throughout our community. During Spartan Seminar on Thursday, members of the high school community were asked to choose a random act of kindness and complete it between now and our Seminar on February 28<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to create “ripples of

positivity,” similar to what is described in this [TedTalk, which was shared with all students through the Student Happenings Newsletter this week](#). Thanks to the students for sharing the resource with me!

Today, students are being released early dismissal so teachers can have time to reflect on midterm exams and continue to move toward meaningful, authentic assessments. We continue to work towards making it happen at all levels of our community. Have a wonderful winter weekend break!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon  
Principal

### High School Happenings and Information

**February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>:** As a reminder, there will be no school on Monday and Tuesday of next week due to the winter recess.

**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 and [click here](#) to complete the registration.

**February 24<sup>th</sup> Mid-marking Period:** Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter mid-marking period. Please check PowerSchool for updated grades in current classes. Please also check your child’s attendance as indicated in PowerSchool and contact your child’s administrator or school counselor if you have questions about absences or credit.

### Important Reminders

**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.

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

### Notes from the Counseling Department

**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](mailto: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 full list of next week's competition schedule, see [here](#).

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

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