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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



This is the last full week of February and, even though it has been a short school week, we have packed a lot in to 3 days. Along with focusing on academics, we have a bunch of athletic post-season competitions happening this week and weekend, and the musical rehearsal and set building each night. In addition, the counseling department hosted a workshop on Thursday night by Dr. Scott Hannan who spoke about helping students who

experience anxiety and shared a variety of resources, [including one on mindfulness](#).

As mentioned in previous newsletters, February is National African American History month and has been a “month of kindness” at ARHS. Thurgood Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court Justice, once said, *“In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.”* We are committed to continuing to work toward creating an inclusive and welcoming community at ARHS and demonstrating our core values, including compassion and integrity. As Justice Marshall intimates, our highest tribute is demonstrated by our recognition of every person’s humanity. We value all members of our community and are passionate about supporting our students and faculty so each person can recognize his or her greatest potential.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

World Language Week: Celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity at Amity! Amity High School’s annual tradition of World Language Week, sponsored by Amity’s chapters of the National Spanish, Chinese, French, and Latin Honor Societies, kicks off on Monday 2/27. Amity students will have the opportunities throughout the week to wear colors corresponding to the language of the day. Students showing spirit will receive raffle tickets from their World Language teachers, and can bring tickets to tables outside of the cafeteria Monday through Friday to win movie tickets. At the lunch tables, students will also vote on which songs to include in Friday’s passing time play list. World Language Week culminates in Salsa Night on 3/3, organized by the National Spanish Honor Society. Tickets for this event are available on My Payments Plus.

Testing Dates and Schedules: As we head in to the spring, there are a variety of testing dates of which parents and students should be aware. Information about upcoming test dates for Science CAPT, SAT and AP testing will be sent with next week’s newsletter. **In addition, final exams will occur during the last full week of the school year and will be 2-hour testing sessions for each class.** A full final exam schedule will be sent via newsletter and alert solution message at the beginning of April.

Graduation 2017: Please note, the Class of 2017 Graduation date will be set at the April Board of Education meeting.

Yearbooks Orders: Have you ordered a yearbook yet? The online ordering system will close next Wednesday, March 1st. 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 amitymembers.com.

Amity Efficiency Award: Please find the application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence for students [here](#). The deadline for applications this year is 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).

Move to Matter Club Collection: The Move to Matter Club at Amity is holding a backpack drive and all contributions, old and new, will be greatly appreciated! Any backpacks you have can be dropped off in the box near the main entrance of the school. All donations will help Haitian children affected by the devastating

hurricane last October and help further their education. Thank you for your help!

Amity Student Government: The Amity Student Government would like to thank all students, faculty and community members who supported our annual American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Drive. Together we have raised over \$3,000 dollars. Again thank you all!

District-Wide PTSO March Meeting: Please join us on March 9th at 7:00 in the District Office Presentation Room for a joint PTSO Meeting for AMSO, AMSB and ARHS. Dr. Dumais will be presenting the 2017-2018 Amity Regional School District no. 5 proposed budget at this annual district-wide meeting.

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 [Operation Research Analysts](#) and the college is [Texas A & M 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.

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](#).

Spring Sports Meeting: There is a mandatory spring sports information meeting for parents and student-athletes will be held on Wednesday March 1st at 6:30 pm in the main gym. Extremely important information on registration, policies, and mandatory concussion and sudden cardiac arrest information will be presented. Breakout sessions will follow the all-sports information meeting for all teams with their prospective coaches. Try-out information and other crucial information will be given out at this meeting, as well as the opportunity to meet our coaches! We look forward to seeing you on March 1st at 6:30 pm!

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

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

Congratulations to all of our student-athletes on an awesome winter season. Be great and make it happen during the post-season!

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