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### ARHS Happenings Newsletter



The month of February is national African-American History Month and, at ARHS, we will be making it happen by focusing on spreading kindness throughout the month. Our programing for Spartan Seminar will focus on building the capacity for creating a just society within our school community through a heightened awareness of being kind to one another. We will also include information and quotations on historical figures who demonstrated not only kindness, but the tenets of our core values and beliefs which focus on strength in a community: Fairness, Respect and Passion along with compassion, integrity, persistence and inspiration.

**Harriet Tubman**, 19<sup>th</sup> century abolitionist and integral part of the Underground Railroad, once said “*Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.*” Next week, our freshmen and sophomores will participate in a program called Rachel’s Challenge, which is founded on the idea of spreading kindness to make great changes in the world. With a balance of academic, social and emotional focus, the students and faculty of ARHS are working toward fulfilling our mission and developing 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

**Parent-Teacher Conference Sign Up:** Parent-teacher conference night is next Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up for conferences will close on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Please follow [these directions](#) to sign up for conferences through PowerSchool. If you are unable to set up a conference for next Wednesday, you are always welcome to contact your child’s teacher and make an appointment to meet with the teacher after school. Teachers are available every day after school from student dismissal (2:18) through 2:49.

**Rachel’s Challenge Assembly for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders:** On Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> during 2<sup>nd</sup> session, we will be holding a school assembly for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders called “Rachel’s Challenge.” This internationally renowned program is focused on building empathy and spreading kindness. The overall objective is to “make schools safer, more connected places for teaching and learning” by sharing the story of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine High School shootings.

**Parent University-“Rachel’s Challenge” Community Event:** We will also be having a Parent University Event on the evening of February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 directly following parent-teacher conferences. The Rachel’s Challenge Program will be focused toward parents and other members of the community. The event will be held in the Brady Center and is a powerful reminder of the little things we can do every day to make our world a better place.

**Citizenship Honors for 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period:** The list of students earning citizenship honors will be posted by the end of next week in the main office. Criteria for citizenship honors can be found on page 12 of the ARHS [Student Handbook](#).

**Health Note:** There has been a surge in illnesses among the student population and staff. Please keep children home when sick and not fever free without medication for 24 hours and be sure to wash hands regularly and thoroughly to prevent the spread of germs.

**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.

**Course selection for 2017-2018:** Scheduling for the 2017-2018 school year will begin on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see [this letter](#) that was sent home with students this week. All course requests must be entered by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Reminders:

**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.

**AP Exam Registration:** For the 2017 AP exams, students at Amity Regional High School will be registering through [Total Registration](#). This process will take a few minutes and can be completed from any computer with internet access. This year each AP exam costs \$97.00. Students who receive Federal Free/Reduced Lunch benefits will have the option to select that when registering. Requests for financial assistance or any other questions should be directed to Gerilyn Ferguson at [Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us). Here are the important dates for the registration process:

- Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM - Registration Begins
- Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 11:59pm – Regular Registration Ends
- Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 12:01 AM – Late Registrations will incur a \$10 late fee per registration.
- Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 11:59 PM – Late Registration Ends

### 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 [Architect](#) and the college is [Cooper Union](#). 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:** 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 Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Karen Waterman will offer resume writing workshops during the following dates: February 6-February 9.

**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](mailto:Paula.Vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us)

**ASVAB Career Exploration Program:** 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 Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00AM to interested sophomores, juniors and seniors. If your child takes the ASVAB, he/she does not have any obligation to the US Armed Services. It is a comprehensive battery that will look at ability, along with interests to explore possible career choices. For more information, please contact Karen Waterman in the Career Center at [Karen.Waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:Karen.Waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us) or your child's school counselor. It is recommended that students prepare for the test; student can access the free [ASVAB practice test](#).

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

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

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