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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



Today marks the official closing of the 2nd quarter and the end of the midterm exam period. This past week, students took advantage during the midterm exams to show off all they have accomplished and demonstrate the hard work they have put in throughout the first semester. This year's theme of "make it happen" has become a mantra for the students and staff at Amity Regional High School. It has helped our entire school community put our core values in to action. Former NASA astronaut and the last person to walk on the moon, Gene Cernan, who passed away earlier this week was once quoted as saying, "Dream the impossible — and go

out and make it happen. I walked on the moon. What can't you do?" I was immediately impressed by this quotation not only because our 2016-2017 school year theme is embedded in the quotation, but also because it encapsulates the idea of dreaming big and accomplishing extremely ambitious goals. Throughout second semester we will continue to set high expectations for student academic achievement as well as work toward the goal of creating a positive, supportive climate for all members of the high school community. There are a variety of ways to determine success—it will be exciting to see how much success we achieve throughout the 2nd semester.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

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 and student guides will be offering tours of the building. This event will provide important information as we begin the 2017-2018 course selection and registration process.

2nd Marking Period/Midterm Exam Grades: Today, January 20th, marks the official end of the 2nd marking period, with 3rd marking period scheduled to begin on January 23rd. The PowerSchool parent and student portals will be disabled on January 18th for teachers to input 2nd marking period and exam grades. Grades for 2nd marking period and midterm exams will be posted on PowerSchool by 5:00 p.m. on January 26th. Monday will be a regular "A" day schedule.

AP Exam Registration starts today, January 20, 2017!: 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.

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

2nd semester reminder about morning drop off: As a reminder, student drop off is on the driveway-side of the high school building flowing from North Pease Road out to Newton Road. There is no student or parent entry/access from Newton Road between 7:15-8:00am. Students who do not drive/park at school are strongly encouraged to take the bus. Also please note: for safety reasons, Newton Road is not a designated student drop-off area. We will have security personnel in the parking lots during the morning to assist with traffic flow and bus drop-off.

Independent Study Info: Juniors and seniors who are interested in doing an Independent Study for second

semester need to hand in completed applications to Courtney Campbell by Friday, February 3rd. Students can obtain applications from Mrs. Campbell or download it from the [website](#).

COMING SOON – New Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up System: AccelaSchool Forms will be replacing Virtual Paragon as our way for you to schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences. You will be able to log into the PowerSchool Parent Portal and click on AccelaSchool Forms and choose the date and time you would like to make the conference for. Please watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Chartwells Monthly Newsletter: Please find the January newsletter from our food service company, Chartwells, [here](#).

Senior Section:

Seniors: All volunteer hours need to be completed by March 31st and turned in to Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center if you are looking to fulfill the 100 hour designation at graduation.

Seniors: Mid-year transcripts will be sent to all schools listed in your Naviance list beginning the first week of February.

Yearbook Senior Dedication Ads: The deadline for senior dedication ad purchases has been extended to Friday, January 27th. Don't miss out on your chance to honor and encourage your graduating senior in a book that he or she will keep for years to come! We have several size options for your special message and photograph(s)—see our website information and pricing. Need some inspiration? Visit our website at amityembers.com to see examples of past senior ads. Questions? Contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Tim Gaipa, at embers@amityschools.org.

Early Dismissal/Late Arrival: Reminder to all seniors that would like to have early dismissal or late arrival for the second semester. You must print a copy of your semester 2 schedule, circle the days that you would like to arrive late or leave early during a STUDY HALL, have a parent sign the sheet, and submit it to the attendance clerk in the main office. Even if you had this privilege first semester, you MUST do it again for the second semester. You may not use this privilege until the paperwork is completed. Once you have handed your completed sheet in to the office, you may begin leaving early or arriving late.

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 [Logistician](#) and the college is [Maritime College: State University of New York](#). 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 10th. 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

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 7th 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, 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 or you child's school counselor. It is recommended that students prepare for the test; student can access the free ASVAB [practice test](#).

Local Scholarship Opportunities: The **Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary** is offering ten \$1,500 scholarships to area students planning to pursue a career in a health-related profession. Scholarships are based on academic excellence, financial need, personal statement, and community service. Deadline to apply is March 8, 2017. Additional information and applications are available in the Career Center.

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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