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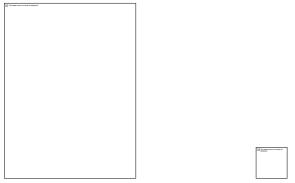
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During the first week of this second semester, we began looking ahead to next school year. On Thursday, we held our annual Program of Studies Fair, where 9th, 10th and 11th graders are afforded the opportunity to check in at different tables during lunch to gather information about courses and various sequencing for next year's course selections. Below are some pictures from yesterday's Program of Studies Fair.



Students learn about performing arts classes

Program of Studies Fair 2017

On Thursday night, we welcomed the parents of the class of 2021 (next year's freshmen) to begin the process of transitioning our 8th graders in to the high school next year. Throughout the rest of the school year, we will be planning for the future with an edge toward kindness and empathy. We will also continue to demonstrate our core values of fairness, respect and passion. #MakeItHappen! Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon Principal

High School Happenings and Information

2nd Quarter and Midterm Exam Grades: All grades for 2nd quarter and midterm exams have now been posted through PowerSchool. Please check your PowerSchool account through the parent portal to view your child's grades.

Parent-Teacher Conference Sign Up: If, after reviewing your child's grades, you would like to schedule a meeting with a teacher for the February 8th parent conference night, please follow <u>these directions</u> to do so through PowerSchool. The portal will be open on Monday, January 30th. Please note: space is extremely limited. 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.

Attention juniors and seniors: If you are interested in doing an Independent Study for second semester, the applications are due to Ms. Campbell (in the counseling department) by Friday, February 3rd. Students can obtain applications from Mrs. Campbell or download it from the website.

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. Please see this flyer for more information.

Scheduling Update: Scheduling for the 2017-2018 school year will begin in Spartan Seminar on Tuesday, January 31st. Students had an opportunity to speak to teachers, department chairs, and students at the Program of Studies Fair on Thursday, January 26th. The Program of Studies is available online to read specific information about our course offerings.

Important Reminders:

AP Exam Registration starts today, January 20, 2017: For the 2017 AP exams, students at Amity Regional High School will be registering through <u>Total Registration</u>. 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. Below 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 Environmental Scientist and the college is University of Maine-Orono. 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, they do 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.

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 <u>here</u>.

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