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### ARHS Happenings Newsletter



Albert Einstein once said, “Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.” As we head in to the last few days of schools and final exams for the 2016-2017 school year, I am impressed with how engaged and focused the students and teachers have been throughout the final exam process. There are a variety of final assessment formats that have been given, including fishbowl discussions, comprehensive pen and paper exams, collaborative presentations and performance tasks. The focus for faculty throughout the year has been on increasing student-centered learning and the results of that focus are clearly evident in this year’s

final exams. Congratulations on a wonderful year and continue the vigilance as we head in to the last 3 days of school next week. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon  
Principal

### High School Happenings and Information

**2017 Commencement Exercises:** The 2017 Amity Regional High School Commencement Exercises will take place on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Seniors are expected to attend mandatory graduation practices on **Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 and Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> right after the senior breakfast at 9:30.** Seniors will be given tickets in case of inclement weather (and the ceremony is held inside), caps and gowns and other regalia during graduation practices.

**Summer Office Hours:** Summer office hours for both the main office and the counseling department will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The hours will be 7:30am-3:00pm. Please feel free to call the main office at 203-397-4830 xt. 5 if you have any questions.

**Congratulations to Mrs. Karen Waterman,** the 2017 PTSO Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Waterman was celebrate at last Thursday's senior awards celebration.

**SSLP Update:** Congratulations to the 2017 Amity Senior Service Learning Program participants with over 240 seniors participating this year. New this past year was a presentation component that took place during the first 2 days of final exams. Thanks to all of the mentors, parents, BOE members, students and teachers who attended to learn from these students. Nice job!

**Awesome Opportunity-Duality School of Music:** Next fall, Amity alumni Jeff Gitelman(class of 2000) will be offering a 6-8 week long after-school class for New Haven area students who are interested in learning about the music business. Please see [this attachment](#) for more information. [This link](#) also has more information about Jeff and his program.

**Important Notice - Returning Student Registration:** On June 5<sup>th</sup> all Amity families will receive an email on how to fill out your child's information for PowerSchool. The email will go to all guardians that are listed in PowerSchool, however you only have to fill out a reregistration form once **for each child** that you have in the district. You can make an appointment with the technology department, located in the high school, if you do not have access to a computer. Call (203)397-4830 to make that appointment. When filling out all the information on InfoSnap, please use either Google Chrome or Firefox as your browsers. Internet Explorer and Safari sometimes do not load all the information correctly. It is also better to use a Mac or a PC rather than your phone to fill out this information. All Acceptable Use policies and handbooks will be accepted online through this process. Please have all the information filled out as soon as possible, so your child will have access to all programs including PowerSchool in the fall. **PowerSchool access to fourth quarter and final grades will not be available to students or parents until this process has been completed.**

**Final Grades in PowerSchool:** As the end of the school year approaches, it is time for teachers to begin entering final grades and comments in PowerSchool. The PowerSchool Parent/Student Portals will be **unavailable** starting **8:00am, Tuesday, June 6.** Fourth quarter and final grades will be available in PowerSchool by **Friday, June 16 at 8:00am, except for students who have outstanding obligations and for**

**parents who have not completed the returning student registration process as outlined above.**

**Class of 2018 Senior Portraits:** This past Tuesday during a junior class assembly, the class of 2018 was provided with information regarding their upcoming senior portrait sessions. These sessions will be held in the district presentation room next week (June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>) from 2:30 until 4:30. Juniors should be on the lookout for letters from Robert Taylor Photography with appointment dates and times as well as other important information; these letters will be mailed home. Appointment dates are also posted by both the main office and the yearbook office. We want all seniors to be in the yearbook, so please note that there is no charge for a single sitting. If your child cannot make his/her appointment, please call Robert Taylor Photography directly at (203) 377-0739 to reschedule. If you have any questions about senior portraits, please visit the yearbook [website](#) or contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Tim Gaipa, at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org).

**Medication pick-up reminder:** Parents/Guardians should pick up student medication from the health office by Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 12 p.m. Medication will not be stored at the school over the summer. Any medication not picked up by this time will be disposed of. Please contact the health office at 203-397-4850 for any questions.

### Important Reminders

**Senior Breakfast:** The annual senior breakfast sponsored by the PTSO will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 prior to mandatory graduation rehearsals. The PTSO is looking for volunteers for set up and serving, and gift card for raffle. If you would like to donate, please contact Eileen Babbitz. [eileenebean@aol.com](mailto:eileenebean@aol.com)

**OB/OA Big Reveal:** We had the big reveal for this year's book *Everyday* on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ninth through eleventh grade students watched [this video](#) in Spartan Seminar and students who are the youngest members of their families received the book during our final Spartan Seminar. In addition, teachers from the high school met with all 8<sup>th</sup> graders to present the book. Along with our OBOA book, we invite all students to participate in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Please see this [link](#) for more information.

### Notes from the Counseling Department

**2017-2018 Course Assignments:** Course assignment sheets for the 2017-2018 school year were distributed this week. The sheet lists the courses to which a student has been assigned, including study halls. Each student should review the sheet with his/her parent/guardian to ensure the proper classes have been assigned (at least 6 and no more than 8 classes, excluding study halls). If there is a need to request a change, the student should contact his/her school counselor before June 13<sup>th</sup> as no changes will be made after that date. Please note: the list of courses is not indicative of bell schedule. Full student schedules will be released through PowerSchool in mid to late August of 2017.

**Harvard article-**This [article](#), published this past week, highlights the importance of being conscious of the digital footprint left, even when posting to a "private" account.

### What's Happening in Athletics?

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding athletics, please visit the department's website [here](#).

Thanks to everyone who came out to the fall sports sign-up meeting this past Monday night.

The ARHS Baseball Team will, once again, compete in the state championship versus Staples on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at Palmer Field in Middletown at noon. Also, on June 13th and 14th athletes from the girls and boys track and field team will be participating in a multi-event competition for heptathlon and decathlon.

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

### Community Happenings:

**Woodbridge Youth Services and Amity High School:** There are a variety of partner programs between Woodbridge Youth Services and Amity High School. Please see this [attachment](#) for more information.

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