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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



March is one of those months that can be full of surprises, especially when it comes to weather. While we can't anticipate the weather or how it might impact our schedule, we can predict that March will be a month full of exciting activities happening inside and outside of the classroom. This month we will wrap up 3rd marking period, host the opening of the school musical along with the state debate tournament and begin the spring athletic season just as the winter season is finishing up. We will also be focusing on building relationships and

empathy during our Spartan Seminar sessions each week. With all of these activities, it is important for us to continue to reflect on how we are supporting members of our community in their social and emotional health. This [link](#) has some great resources for parents to help support your children as they develop in to burgeoning adults. Have a happy snow day and a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

No School for students on March 17th-Please be reminded that there will be no school for students next Friday, March 17th, due to district-wide professional development for faculty and staff.

OneBook/OneAmity Announcement: As the One Book/One Amity committee finalizes our selection for the 2017 summer book, we realize that many families may have copies of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, last summer's book, that may never be read again. While these books are yours to do with what you will, and we DO encourage you to pass them along to friends and family members, we are asking that, if you are so inclined, you give back your family's copy for reuse.

Yearbooks Orders: Have you ordered a yearbook yet? The deadline to purchase your copy through our online ordering system has been extended to Friday, April 21st. 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. If you aren't sure whether you've already ordered, please contact the yearbook advisors at embers@amityschools.org.

End of 3rd Marking Period: The last day of 3rd marking period is Tuesday, March 28th. The PowerSchool portal will be closed on Friday, March 24th for teachers to begin grade input. The portal will be reopened on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 5th for report card publication.

College Fair: The annual Amity High School College Fair will be held Monday, April 3rd from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the AHS Gymnasium. We have approximately 100 institutions signed up and more adding every day. This is a great way for students to meet many of the college admission decision-makers in an intimate and convenient way. The college fair is free and open to the public.

Important Reminders

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. [This link](#) has information about upcoming standardized testing dates. More information will follow. **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 schedule will be sent via newsletter and alert solution at the beginning of April.

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!

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 [International Finance](#) and the college is [University of Miami](#). 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.

Yale University ITS High School Internship: The Yale Information Technology Systems Department has a Summer Internship Program that runs from early July to mid-August. This is a paid internship, and the experience is resume-worthy. Applications are now available in the Career Center and through [this link](#). Recommendations are also required. The form can be found [here](#). Students will need to complete and hand in applications by March 27th. An Amity High School committee will select the top three applicants to send through to Yale for the additional selection process. Students will be notified in May if they are selected to participate, after an interview in April. The following are the qualifying factors:

1. Orange residents only
2. US Citizen
3. Students must demonstrate strong aptitude
4. Well rounded, enthusiastic learners
5. An interest in Information Technology
6. Must be at least 16 by July 1, 2017

Aerospace Internship-like Experience: Milestone C, a groundbreaking after-school aerospace program envisioned as an internship experience for high school students. This 14-week program was created by leaders at Fortune 500 aerospace corporations and veteran aviators. We are holding a short pilot session this Spring at Stratford High School. Registration for the full-length program will open April 3rd, with classes starting September 5th, 2017. Please visit the [website](#) for the application and cost information.

Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP): The next deadline for participating SSLP students is April 18, 2017. Students will need to verify that they watched the Safety Training Presentation and hand in a completed [Approved Experiential Learning Program Agreement Forms](#). Site supervisors, parents, and the student will need to complete and sign one copy and return to the Career Center for final signatures and approval. In case of emergency, both the site and parent should have a completed copy of each form. See attachment. **NO EXCEPTIONS FOR MISSED DEADLINE**

Local Scholarships Available: The **Alpha Kappa State** offers annual cash grants to high school seniors who are entering teacher education programs in the fall. The Margaret Rose Nielsen Grant, the Hannah Griswold Grant and the Lee Formica Grant applications are available in the Career Center. The application deadline is March 15, 2017. The **Connecticut High School Accounting Scholarship** is being offered by the Educational Trust Fund of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accounting. This is a merit-based scholarship to assist Connecticut high school seniors planning to pursue an accounting major this fall. Students must be nominated by a teacher or counselor. Applications are available in the Career Center. The application deadline is April 17, 2017. The **Amity Charitable Trust Fund**, established by the Amity Club of New Haven, is awarding scholarships to Orange and Woodbridge seniors attending college this 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.

Community Service Reminder: All seniors must hand in final community service hour forms by **March 31, 2017**. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your service hours, please email Mrs. Vallie @ paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us or stop by 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.

Central Connecticut State University Open House: CCSU will be hosting a Spring Open House on Saturday, April 3, 2107 from 11:00am-2:00pm. Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, Residence Life, as well as take a guided tour of the campus. If you are planning on attending, please contact the Office of Recruitment & Admissions Tour Office at (860)832-2289 or visit their [website](#) to reserve your spot.

Summer Opportunity: Interested in Engineering? If you are a 10th or 11th grade student, the University of Connecticut invites you to challenge your math and science skills to incorporate them into hands-on experiments, exciting engineering concepts, and fun activities. The Explore Engineering Program 2017 is a 5-day residential program on the Storrs campus, which will offer you the opportunity to explore various fields of engineering. This program will run June 18th, to June 22nd and June 25th to June 29th. To apply and find out more about the Explore Engineering Program, please visit their [website](#). The application deadline is April 15, 2017.

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 schedule, please see [here](#).

Congratulations to all of our teams, especially boys' basketball and hockey who finished up their seasons this past week!

Community Happenings

Community Awareness Program: Please see [this flyer](#) for information on a suicide recognition and prevention program sponsored by Region 2 Health Board, BOWDAAC, Orange Community Services, & CAC 6. The event will be held at High Plains Community Center in Orange on March 22nd and 29th from 5 to 8pm.

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