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# **Amity**

## **Regional District #5**

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#### ARHS Happenings Newsletter



We "sprung" ahead last weekend and right in to a crazy late winter weather pattern! We only had 2 days of school this week for students, but we packed a lot in to those two days. There is a Chinese proverb that states: Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. Today students have a day away from school to allow teachers time to go to school for their own professional growth and reflection. Throughout the day, Amity Regional School District educators will be attending workshops on supporting students' emotional

needs, a review of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade health survey results, developing inquiry-based activities and personalized learning experiences for students among others. We are working to develop our own treasures so we can enhance the treasures of our students. I hope you all have a restful and relaxing 3 day weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon Principal

#### **High School Happenings and Information**

**2017-2018 ACES Open Choice:** Applications are being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year for suburban families who wish to apply for available seats in New Haven schools. The application may be found <a href="here">here</a> and must be completed by April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Change in Dates for 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period**: Due to the recent school cancellations, we will be extending the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period. Instead of closing on March 28<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period will close on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The PowerParent portal will be shut down for completion of grades between March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>. The portal will be reopened with 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period grades posted on the afternoon of April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**SAT Letter to parents of 11th graders:** <u>This letter</u> was sent home with students this week. Please review and contact the counseling office if you have any questions.

**CAPT Science 2017 Administration**: The CAPT letter to parents of 10th graders can be found here.

**Spring Cleaning for a Great Cause:** One Book/ One Amity will be hosting a community tag sale in the Amity High School parking lot on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-3pm and we need donations! We would greatly appreciate your gently used items, including clothing and furniture. Please, no televisions or computers. Small items may be sent to school with your Amity student between April 6-22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents may drop off items at the front entrance to the school during the following designated times when someone will be available to receive items on **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 8-12pm** and **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm**. All proceeds benefit our One Book/One Amity program. Please contact Allyson Wuerth for more information (allyson.wuerth@reg5.k12.ct.us).

#### **Important Reminders**

**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 <a href="maintemailto:amityembers.com">amityembers.com</a>. If you aren't sure whether you've already ordered, please contact the yearbook advisors at <a href="maintemailto:embers.com">embers.com</a>. If you aren't sure whether you've already ordered, please contact the yearbook advisors at <a href="embers.com">embers.com</a>.

**College Fair:** The annual Amity High School College Fair will be held Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Please see this <u>attachment</u> for a current list of colleges attending that evening.

**Amity Efficiency Award:** Please find the application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence for students <u>here</u>. 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).

#### 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 <u>Conflict Resolution & Mediation</u> and the college is <u>Salisbury University</u>. 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.

Annual Academy Night: On Wednesday, April 26, 2017, the Connecticut Congressional Delegation will be holding the annual Academy Night for students and recent graduates who are interested in attending one of our nation's preeminent military academies – U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the U.S. Naval Academy. This event will also give them a chance to meet with the service academy coordinators from each of our congressional offices to learn more about our individual nomination processes. In addition, we hope to have representatives from several collegiate ROTC programs, the National Guard, and the Military Reserves. The doors will open at 5:30 PM. The program is scheduled for 6PM – 9PM and will begin promptly at 6:00 PM at the MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center, 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Bass, Office of Senator Christopher Murphy at 860-549-8463.

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 attached <a href="here">here</a>. Students will need to complete and hand in applications by March 27th and have the <a href="recommendation">recommendation</a> form completed, as well. 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 is 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 our website at 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 Form. 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. NO EXCEPTIONS FOR MISSED DEADLINE. Karen Waterman is offering a weekly lab in 501 to answer and assist students with all their SSLP questions. Here is the schedule: Wednesday, March 22, period 7/Wednesday, March 29, period 5/Tuesday, April 4, period 5.

Local Scholarships Available: 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 <u>website</u> 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 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, to June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>. To apply and find out more about the Explore Engineering Program, please visit the 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 <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Community Happenings**

**Community Awareness Program:** Please see this <u>flyer</u> for information on a suicide recognition and prevention program sponsored by Region 2 Health Board, BOWDAAC, Orange Community Services, & CAC

<sup>\*</sup>Spring sports will begin on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.\*

6. The event will be held at High Plains Community Center in Orange on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8pm.

**Support with Special Education-A Series for parents:** The State Education Resource Center (SERC) is offering a series of workshops to support parents with aspects of the special education process. Please see <u>this document</u> for more information.

**Parent Support Event:** If you have a child who currently has a mental health diagnosis or is in need of being evaluated due to emotional concerns or behavioral challenges, please see this <u>flyer</u> for a free service being offered to families in the BOWA community.

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