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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



Happy Spring! We were finally able to have a full week of school this week, and we worked hard to take advantage of it through our classes and our activities. We have continued to focus on building empathy during Spartan Seminar, after our month of spreading kindness in February. This week, 10th-12th graders watched [this video](#) and then completed an activity where they paired up with a peer they were don't know very well and answered questions about that person. Our community grows stronger through the implicit and explicit

opportunities we afford ourselves and we realize how important it is for all of us to be contributing members of a continuing evolving school community.

As a reminder, the 3rd marking period closes 3 days later than originally scheduled due to snow days. The PowerSchool Parent Portal will be shut down on Monday, March 27th with the marking period closing next Friday, March 31st. PowerSchool will reopen with 3rd marking period grades on the afternoon of April 7th. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

***Fiddler on the Roof* Opens Next Friday:** Tickets for *Fiddler on the Roof* at Amity High School are selling out quickly! The show opens March 31st and will continue April 1,6,7,8 with curtain at 7:30. For tickets or information visit [this link](#) or call 203-392-2019.

FREE SAT Prep: Khan Academy is a free resource provided by CollegeBoard. Any student who has taken the PSAT or SAT can link his/her CollegeBoard account with Khan Academy to get access to free personalized SAT prep. Please follow [this link](#) for more information and to access free practice sessions.

Test policy reminder: As we approach the end of the 3rd MP, please read this important reminder, per the handbook (page 16)--MAJOR TEST POLICY--Students who are scheduled to take three major tests on a given day may request the teacher announcing the third test to reschedule it to a different day. Students must make this request during the class period that the third test is announced. This privilege will not be granted to students who make the request at a later time.

Important Reminders

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 [here](#) and must be completed by April 11th, 2017.

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 29th 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 6-22nd. 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 22nd 8-12pm** and **Friday, April 28th 3-5pm**. All proceeds benefit our One Book/One Amity program. Please contact Allyson Wuerth for more information, please contact Ms. Wuerth at allyson.wuerth@reg5.k12.ct.us.

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 this [website](#). If you aren't sure whether you've already ordered, please

contact the yearbook advisors at embers@amityschools.org.

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. Please see [this link](#) for current list of colleges attending that evening.

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 [respiratory therapists](#) and the college is [University of North Carolina-Charlotte](#). 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 can be found [here](#). Students will need to complete and hand in applications by March 27th, as well as secure a [recommendation](#). 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 our website at www.milestonec.com 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. See attachment. **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: The **Beth-Wood Baseball League** is offering their 16th annual \$500 one-time scholarship to a Woodbridge or Bethany high school senior, who has previously participated as a player or umpire. If you wish to apply, please stop by the Career Center for an application. The application deadline is May 5, 2017. **The Bethany Lions Club** has established four scholarships of \$2,000 each and one scholarship of \$3,000. Applicants must be a Bethany resident. Applications are available in the Career Center, the Clark

Memorial Library and the Bethany Town Hall. The application deadline is May 1, 2017.

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 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 [here](#).

Community Happenings

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 [this document](#) 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 [flyer](#) for a free service being offered to families in the BOWA community.

From the Health Office: March is National Brain Injury Awareness Month. Please see [this flyer](#) for a great free resource for parents wishing to learn more information about prevention of brain injuries.

Be the Match 5K: The Be the Match Club will be helping to support a local 5K race in Woodbridge on April 15th. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

FREE JOB PREPARATION PROGRAM: Woodbridge Youth Services is offering a free program for high school students on **Thursday, April 13th from 10:00am – 1:00pm** at the Woodbridge Library to help high school students prepare for employment or the internship process. Build your resume and practice application and interviewing skills. Bring your laptop and a lunch (we have a few laptops if you need to borrow). Morning snack and instructional materials and flash drive provided. Funds for this course provided through a grant

received from AT&T. To register, call 203-389-3429 or email youthone@woodbridgect.org. Space is limited.

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