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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



Here we are at the end of the marking period and the end of March, hearing about winter weather just to our north, anticipating the opening of spring sports and the spring musical. It must be Springtime in New England! Today marks the end of the 3rd marking period. Grades will be posted by the end of the day next Friday, April 7th. We have worked really hard throughout this marking period and, indeed, the entire year on developing academic skills and a greater sense of community. Our month of kindness in February through Spartan

Seminar led in to a focus on empathy in March. This past week, Seminars were presented with various options to choose from for an “empathy project” to work on through the month of April. Some of the projects include supporting the efforts of [LetGirlsLearn/Global Book Alliance](#), [creating mats](#) for the homeless and raising awareness regarding the crisis in Syria, among others. Along with our empathy projects, our students are helping to encourage each other, including sharing [this](#) article through the student newsletter. All of these initiatives have been inspired or led by students who, inspired by our teachers, are truly making it happen.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

Fiddler on the Roof Opens Tonight: Tickets for *Fiddler on the Roof* at Amity High School are selling out quickly! The show opens [tonight](#) and will continue April 1,6,7,8 with curtain [at 7:30](#). For tickets or information go to www.amitytheaterdepartment.com or call [203-392-2019](tel:203-392-2019)

Junior state SAT Day: Next Wednesday, April 5th, is the state testing day for all juniors to take SATs. Testing will be conducted during the first 4 periods of the day, so all students must be on time to school. students who are late to school on that day will not be admitted late to the testing room. Students should also bring two number two pencils and a calculator for testing Junior students who bring a note granting permission to leave will be allowed to leave school after testing; please remember no school transportation will be provided. Student room assignments can be found [here](#).

April Parent University: We will be hosting a presentation/discussion of the results of the Amity Youth Survey (to ascertain prevalence of risky behaviors including, drugs, alcohol, sexual activity, online behaviors, gambling, etc) on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 6pm, John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts, Amity Regional High School, Woodbridge, CT. Please see [this](#) announcement for more information.

NCAA College-Athlete Information Night: Interested in being a college athlete? The athletic and counseling departments will be holding an informational night about college athletics on Thursday April 20, 6:30pm in the library media center. Former NCAA athletes, current NCAA coaches, and college administrators will be speaking about the college-athlete experience, what coaches are looking for, and the recruiting/clearinghouse process. This program is offered every 2 years.

Important Reminders

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.

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: 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 through [this site](#). 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 [Hotel Management](#) and the college is [Cornell University](#). 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.

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](#) 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: The **Rotary Club of Orange** will again award three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are residents of Orange. In addition, a separate \$2,000 scholarship (**The Joseph Cuzzocreo Memorial Scholarship**) will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a degree in Human Services or a related field, i.e. Special Education. The application deadline is May 25, 2017. Applications are available in the Career Center.

The **Orange Community Women Scholarship** is open to a high school senior who resides in Orange and is pursuing a post-secondary education in the fall. The primary criterion for selection of this scholarship recipient

will be community service performed in the Town of Orange and financial need. Scholarship awards range from \$300 to \$500. The application deadline is April 19, 2017. Applications are available in 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.

Summer Programs 2017: The College and Career Center at Amity High School would like to provide a list of summer programs as a courtesy to students and their families. The Amity High School has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs. If students and their parents decide to pursue any of these opportunities, they should conduct their own review. Please see a list of programs [here](#).

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 click [here](#).

Community Happenings

Teen Safe Driving Program: Please see [this flyer](#) for a free workshop on April 4th regarding helping prepare your child for the responsibility of driving.

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.

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