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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



March 2nd is "Read Across America Day" to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. As a district that is committed to enhancing literacy and critical thinking skills, it seems appropriate to share a relevant quotation from Dr. Seuss. "Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple." High school is a time of many complicated questions, and often the answers do not seem particularly simple. As we move through the school year, our aim is to help students continue to refine and reflect on their questions so that the answers, while not

necessarily simple, become more clear and logical. With a foundation of our core values-fairness, respect and passion-and a commitment to our mission statement, we are working to help every student develop the thinking, social and emotional skills to handle the complicate questions and simple answers that life can give each of us. Happy March!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

District-Wide PTSO March Meeting: Please join us on **March 9th at 7:00** in the District Office Presentation Room for a joint PTSO Meeting for AMSO, AMSB and ARHS. Dr. Dumais will be presenting the 2017-2018 Amity Regional School District no. 5 proposed budget at this annual district-wide meeting.

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 amityembers.com. 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.

Do You Know An OUTSTANDING Woodbridge Student? Woodbridge Youth Services, in collaboration with First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, is seeking nominations for the First Selectman's Youth Award. For guidelines and nomination forms online, go to www.woodbridgect.org, and see Youth Services under "Departments/Youth Services", or call 203-389-3429 for more information. Please submit nominations to Woodbridge Youth Services at 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, by **Friday, March 10, 2017**.

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.

Graduation 2017: Please note, the Class of 2017 Graduation date will be set at the April Board of Education meeting.

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 [Elementary School Teacher](#) and the college is [Eastern Connecticut State 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.

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.

Volunteers Needed: The Mary L. Tracy School in Orange is looking for students to volunteer for their annual **Children's Fair** this Saturday, **March 4, 2017** from 11:00am – 2:00pm. If you are interested in helping with this event please email Chrissy Khachane at chrissykhachane@gmail.com.

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.

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. Students will need to complete and hand in applications and [recommendations](#) 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

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. **NO EXCEPTIONS FOR MISSED DEADLINE**

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 competition schedule, see [here](#).

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

Congrats to all of our athletes for an awesome winter season.

Spring sports start soon!

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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