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### ARHS Happenings Newsletter



There is a Japanese Proverb that states, "Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher." This past week we celebrated our teachers and how they work to inspire our children every day. A teacher has the capacity to motivate a student to push her or himself beyond what he or she believed possible. As the proverb implies, time with a great teacher is immeasurable. Thank you for your support of our teachers and for

entrusting your children with them every day. Thank you, specifically, to the PTSO who supplied such amazing food throughout the week as well as the students from student government who helped our teachers realize their "super powers" through the theme of Amity Super Teachers. Among other things, students ran our faculty meeting on Monday where they delivered personalized cards to teachers and spoke about how each department is important. Their work was awesome!

Today was also the last day of regular classes for many of our seniors, as they will be starting their placements for Senior Service Learning Program on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. This past Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Waterman and a few seniors who are participating in the program made a presentation to the Board of Education. The powerpoint that was shared can be found [here](#). This experience allows students to apply all of the skills and content they gained at ARHS in a safe, nonthreatening way through an unpaid experiential learning program. We wish all of those seniors who are participating in SSLP good luck!

Happy Mother's Day to all moms this weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon  
Principal

### High School Happenings and Information

**Junior Prom:** Tonight is junior prom at Grassy Hill Country Club. Please be advised that students must be at the prom within half an hour of the start (7:00) and can not leave until half an hour before the end time (11:00).

**Late Arrival for Students:** Please be reminded that Monday morning is a professional development 2 hour session for the first 2 hours of the morning. After the professional development session, we will operate on a 2 hour delay schedule for the school day.

**Final Exam Schedule:** Final exams for the 2016-2017 school year will begin on June 8<sup>th</sup> and run through the last day of school, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have 2 exams per day, with each exam running 2 hours a piece. Make-up sessions are built in to each day after the regularly scheduled exam period and on the last day of school (June 14<sup>th</sup>). If a student misses an exam for any reason, he or she needs to receive written permission from the associate principals authorizing the switch. The exam schedule can be found [here](#).

**For Seniors:** Invitations are being mailed out this week for Senior Awards Night. Only students who will be receiving an award will be sent an invitation, but all are welcome to attend. Awards Night will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 in the Brady Center. Students who are unable to attend can see Mrs. Salemme on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to receive their award. We often receive phone calls asking which award a student will receive. This information will not be shared until the Awards Ceremony.

**For juniors:** College Board has released scores from the April 5<sup>th</sup> SAT scores via their website. Please login to your account at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to view them. Scores will be loaded into Naviance in the next week.

**Senior Breakfast:** The annual Senior Breakfast sponsored by the PTSO will be held on June 13 at 9:30, prior to graduation rehearsals. PTSO is looking for donations of food items, volunteers and raffle prizes. Please contact Eileen Babbitz [eileenebean@aol.com](mailto:eileenebean@aol.com).

**PTSO Senior Graduation Balloons:** Do you know a Graduating ARHS Senior? Make that senior smile by sending a "Congratulations Amity Grad" Balloon. The Amity High School P.T.S.O. is once again sponsoring "Operation Graduation 2017 Balloons" for Amity Seniors. The balloons will be delivered and tied to the graduate's mailbox before graduation over the course of 2 days June 10th and June 12th. Proceeds go to the Amity High School P.T.S.O., including the P.T.S.O. Scholarship Fund. We now have two ways to order balloons. You may order [online](#) or by using [this order form](#). Orders are due June 5th.

**PTSO NEEDS YOUR HELP:** The PTSO is in need of volunteers to help inflate and deliver Amity Senior Graduation Balloons. We need an army to help make this event a great success. Operation Senior Balloons begins on Saturday, June 10th at 9:00 a.m -3:00 p.m. and Monday June 12th 9:00 am - 9:00 pm in the ARHS cafe. Please consider [sign up](#) for a time. If you can only do an hour, that is fine. Please include your email address in the comment section of the doodle sign up. We appreciate any time you can give to this event. Any questions can be directed to Kathy Sabitsky at [ksabitsky@gmail.com](mailto:ksabitsky@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

**Opportunity to perform in 2017 POPs "Unplugged":** Is your child interested in performing music? Sing or play an instrument? Audition for POPs: Unplugged, the Annual Showcase of Amity's Talent. Auditions will be hosted on Thursday, May 18 from 6 to 8pm, and Friday, May 19 from 3 to 5pm. Sign up for an audition outside of the band room! POPs will be Friday, June 2 at 7pm in the Black Box Theater.

**Seniors-Invite Your Teachers to Graduation:** Seniors will be sent a digital invitation to print and give to a teacher who they would like to see at graduation. Please encourage your senior to check his or her amityschools.org email account for more information.

## Important Reminders

**Senior Yearbook Distribution (Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>):** The 2017 yearbook dedication, distribution, and signing celebration will take place in the Paul D. Mengold gymnasium on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> during session 6 (approx. 1:30-2:18). Seniors participating in the senior service learning program (SSLP) are invited back during the last session of the school day to take part in the event. Please note that students will need to present their student IDs to pick up their orders and may not pick up yearbooks for friends. Please also note that this event is for seniors only; underclassmen will receive their yearbooks the following week.

**Gateway Partnership Program:** Rising juniors and seniors who are interested in taking a course at Gateway Community College through our high school partnership program should see their counselor for an application and recommendation. Students must have at least a B average. There is no cost for tuition, but students are responsible for any lab fees, books, necessary supplies and transportation. Please contact your counselor for more information.

## Notes from the Counseling Department

**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 is open, with classes starting September 5th, 2017. There is also a 2 week summer program set in Shelton, CT. Please visit our [website](#) for the application and cost information.

**Summer Community Service Opportunity:** Judy Rabin of the Woodbridge Library will be coming to Amity's Career Center on Friday, May 19th at 9:45 AM to discuss Reading Together, a program designed to match older students with young children to promote a greater love and understanding of reading. Students are trained to help younger children draw information from the book that they read together. This program runs through the summer, and Ms. Rabin is looking for volunteers. Please inform interested students that they are welcome to come down and join the meeting. For more information regarding the program, please check out the [website](#).

**Community Service Opportunity:** Road race assistance requested for two upcoming events.

1. Peck Place School Annual 5K at High Plains Community Center in Orange on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Counseling Office for details, if interested.

2. Help with a booksale at the Woodbridge Library - June 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>. Please email Katherine Ward at [kward@woodbridgect.org](mailto:kward@woodbridgect.org) to participate.

### **Local Scholarships:**

1. The **American Italian Women of Greater New Haven** is offering high school seniors attending a four year college a scholarship of \$750. New Haven area students of Italian descent (maternal and /or paternal lineage) are eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate a strong academic record and a need for financial assistance. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2017. Applications are available in the Career Center.

2. The **Orange Youth Services Enhancement Grant** is awarding two scholarships of \$500 each for two seniors attending college next year. Applicants must have shown excellence in academic achievement and participation in extra-curricular activities. Students must be Orange

residents. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2017. Applications are available at the Orange Community Services office at the High Plains Community Center.

## What's Happening in Athletics?

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding athletics, please visit the department's website [here](#).

For a copy of next week's schedule, please click [here](#).

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

**Unified Volleyball Tournament:** Amity is hosting an SCC volleyball tournament on Monday March 15 at 3pm. Please come out and support the teams!

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