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Spring reflections and future planning

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ARHS Happenings Newsletter

This week was jam-packed with in-school activities, awards nights, concerts and working hard in many other venues. We took some time in Spartan Seminar this week to reflect on the year by watching this video slide show. Students were also asked to complete the annual end-of-year climate survey. Please see below for the parent version of the survey.

Throughout this spring at ARHS, we have worked on building empathy and spreading kindness. Many of our students volunteer throughout the year for various organizations and to raise money and awareness for various causes. This weekend our BOWA community will come together to participate in the annual Relay for Life held at Orange Community Center on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our core beliefs include the concepts of compassion, persistence and inspiration. Through such events as Relay for Life, our community is able to come together to demonstrate these core beliefs and continue to work toward realizing the mission of Amity Regional High School:

The mission of Amity Regional High School is to create an inclusive community that affirms the contributions, strengths, and talents of all of its members. We bear a responsibility to ourselves and to the school community to develop in all students the skills and the desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society.

I hope to see you there. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon Principal

### High School Happenings and Information

**Parent End-Of-Year Climate Survey:** Please take a few minutes to complete the annual <u>end-of-year climate survey</u> for parents. The information we collect through survey results from parents, students and teachers has a major impact on our future programing. We appreciate your time and effort on this survey.

**Last Call for 2016-2017 School Portrait Purchases:** This year's senior and underclassmen school portraits are available for purchase through June 15th. At that point, they will be deleted to make room for next year's portraits. To order underclassmen photos, simply follow the instructions on your proof card or call the studio at (203) 377-0739 for your individual gallery code. If you'd still like to order photos of your graduating senior, please visit this link and click "Online Orders," then click "Individuals," and enter the student phone number—without any dashes or spaces—as the gallery code along with the school pin, "AMT17."

**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.

**Senior Breakfast:** The annual senior breakfast sponsored by the PTSO will be held on June 13at 9:30 prior to mandatory graduation rehearsals. The PTSO is looking for donations from families or local restaurants of food and drink items, volunteers for set up and serving, and gift card for raffle. If you would like to donate, please contact Eileen Babbitz. <a href="mailto:eileenebean@aol.com">eileenebean@aol.com</a>

**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 <a href="sign up">sign up</a> 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. Thank you for your support.

#### **Important Reminders**

**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 <a href="https://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> to view them. Scores will be loaded into Naviance in the next week.

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, for which they will be excused from their placements and which counts toward their internship hours; students are advised to make their internship supervisors aware of this date in advance. Please note that students will need to present their student IDs to pick up their orders and may not pick up yearbooks for friends. If students have not yet purchased a yearbook, they can do so at the event for \$80.00, cash only. Please also note that this event is for seniors only; underclassmen will receive their

# Notes from the Counseling Department

# **Local Scholarship Opportunities:**

- The Orange Country Fair is offering (3) \$1,000 scholarships from **The Association of Connecticut Fairs Scholarship Program**. All applications are available in the Career Center. All completed applications must be returned to the Counseling Department by May 30, 2017.
- The Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship Fund of the National Council of Jewish Women's Greater New haven Section at the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven scholarships are available to Jewish high school seniors. An academic average of "B" or better plus verified financial need qualifies a student to be considered. Application is available in the Career Center. Application deadline is May 31, 2017.

Yale College Partnership: Junior and Senior students may enroll in one undergraduate course at Yale University as part of the Yale-New Haven / Area High School partnership program. You are responsible for tuition cost/fees and transportation to/from these college campuses. If you wish to take a class at Yale, in addition to their required courses at Amity, during the Fall 2018 term, see Mrs. LaPlante to sign up for the mandatory orientation session scheduled at Yale in May.

**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.

### What's Happening in Athletics?

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding athletics, please visit the department's website <u>here</u>.

For a copy of next week's schedule, please click <u>here</u>. For a copy of this past week's results, please click <u>here</u>.

# **Community Happenings:**

**BOW Relay for Life:** The annual BOWA Community Relay for Life will take place tomorrow at High Plains Community Center in Orange. Whether you are on a team or not, please stop by this community event which aims to raise awareness and funds in the fight against cancer. Anyone coming is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Orange Food Pantry. See you there!

**After-School Running Club:** Do you love to run? Then join us for the ARHS Running Club. We meet every Friday at 2:30 at the security desk and finish up by 3:30. The club will continue through June 2nd.

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