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Amity

Regional District #5

Bethany-Orange-Woodbridge



If it is the end of May, we know that the school year is rapidly coming to a close. With yesterday's senior picnic (albeit a rainy one) and tonight's senior prom, the senior activities are in full swing. We also hosted our 2nd annual S.T.E.A.M. day this past week, had the 2017-2018 book reveal, *Everyday*, for OneBookOneAmity (OBOA) and concluded our Spartan Seminar sessions for the year. Students and teachers are working hard in class on performance assessments and presentations to showcase what they have learned and the skills they have acquired throughout the year. An additional component to this year's Senior Service Learning Program

this year, students participating in the program will be giving poster presentations during a designated time slot on June 8th or 9th to highlight what they gleaned and accomplished through their placements. The intended audiences for these showcases are parents of the students participating in SSLP, mentors from the sites, teachers and junior class students who do not have an exam during the designated time frame. There will be 3 official time frames June 8th 8:30-9:30 (exam session 1), 10:30-11:30 (exam session 2) and June 9th 8:30-9:30 (exam session 3). If you are a parent of a junior, please encourage your child to review his/her schedule and consider attending one of the poster-presentation sessions.

As we head in to this weekend, it is important to remember the military men and women who have fought and died for our country. Have a safe and reflective Memorial Day Weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon Principal

High School Happenings and Information

Senior Prom Information: The annual senior prom will be held tonight at the Omni Hotel in New Haven. All students must have pre-purchased tickets and have been in attendance for their regularly scheduled school day today to attend tonight's prom. Doors open at 7:30, with all students required to arrive by 8:00. The dance does not end until 11:00, but students are allowed to leave after 10:30. As with other school functions, all students must submit to a passive alcohol test before entering the prom.

Graduation letters to seniors and parents: The official letters for graduation to <u>seniors</u> and <u>parents</u> will give you information regarding the procedures leading up to and including graduation.

Ninth grade parents: Link Crew **Tie Dye Day** is coming! On Wednesday, May 31st, the Amity Link Crew will be hosting the annual Tie Dye Day, an exciting and positive Link Crew activity to end freshman year. All ninth graders are encouraged to bring in a plain white t-shirt (or other article of clothing) to tie-dye. During their regularly assigned lunch periods, freshmen can go to the courtyard and to tie dye. Students may also purchase, on a first-come first-served basis, a plain white t-shirt at the event for only \$5. Don't miss out!

OB/OA 2017-2018 Reveal: We had the big reveal for this year's book *Everyday* on Tuesday, May 23rd. Ninth through eleventh grade students watched <u>this video</u> in Spartan Seminar and students who are the youngest members of their families received the book during our final Spartan Seminar. In addition, teachers from the high school met with all 8th graders to present the book.

Second Annual STEAM Day: This year's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Day was held on May 24th. During this information fair, secondary students and teachers shared information and projects from these 5 areas with Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge 5th graders.

Awesome Opportunity-Duality School of Music: Next fall, Amity alumni Jeff Gitelman(class of 2000) will be offering a 6-8 week long after-school class for New Haven area students who are interested in learning about the music business. Please see <u>this letter</u> for more information. <u>This link</u> also has more information about Jeff and his program.

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. eileenebean@aol.com

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. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a timeslot already!

ECA Dance Program: Please see this flyer for more information about the dance program at ECA.

Final PTSO Meeting for the school year: The final PTSO meeting of the year will be held at 7:00 in the library media center on Tuesday, May 30th. See you there!

Important Reminders

Parent End-Of-Year Climate Survey: Please take a few minutes to complete the annual end-of-year climate <u>survey for parents.</u> 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.

Final Exam Schedule: Final exams for the 2016-2017 school year will begin on June 8th and run through the last day of school, June 14th. 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 14th). 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 Yearbook Distribution (Friday, June 2nd): The 2017 yearbook dedication, distribution, and signing celebration will take place in the Paul D. Mengold gymnasium on Friday, June 2nd 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

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.

Notes from the Counseling Department

Local Scholarship Opportunities:

The Jewish Home for Children Scholarship Committee is offering a scholarship to graduating seniors. You must be a Jewish resident of the New Haven County. Applications are available on their <u>website</u> and please

apply by July 1, 2017.

Community Service Opportunity:

The Orange Strawberry Festival, which will be held at the High Plains Community Center grounds is looking for volunteers to help organize their 9th annual event on Saturday, June 10, 2017 with a rain date of June 11th. Help is needed on both June 9th & 10th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stuart King @ 203-506-1378 or snhking@gmail.com.

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.

UConn Summer Program Opportunities: This summer, the University of Connecticut is offering **Explore Engineering (E2),** a week-long residential program for current 10th and 11th grade students interested in engineering. The application deadline has been extended to June 1, 2017. Please find additional information online.

....Also this summer, the University of Connecticut School of Engineering is very excited to launch SPARK, a residential camp for girls in middle and high school.

SPARK offers 3 week-long camps in different disciplines:

Coding with Arduino (July 9-15)

Robotics with underwater robotics (July 16-22)

3D printing (July 23-29)

Participants can choose to attend one, two, or all three weeks. No experience is required. Girls will get lots of hands-on experience learning from UConn's women engineers. The application deadline has been extended to June 15, 2017. Additional information, including application instructions are available online.

What's Happening in Athletics?

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>.

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