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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



At the first faculty meeting of the 2015-2016 school year, the high school faculty watched [this](#) TEDTalk by educator Rita Pierson. One of the quotations from that talk is, “Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.” Next week we will celebrate our students’ champions during National Teacher Appreciation Week. Thanks, in advance, to the PTSO who will be providing breakfast on Monday, lunch on Wednesday and treats on Friday to our teachers. Throughout the week, we will celebrate our teachers as our

superheroes who work tirelessly day-in and day-out to “Make It Happen” in their classrooms, during after school activities, in athletics and through the visual and performing arts. We are working to make it happen through building informed, engaged and aware citizens based on fairness, respect and passion.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

2017-2018 Budget Referendum: Thank you to everyone who voted during Wednesday’s budget referendum.

April SAT scores: Next Wednesday, May 10th, the College Board will release the scores from the April 5th SAT administration. If students have any questions before or after the scores are released, please have them contact a school counselor.

ARHS Art Slam and Spring Band Concert: The annual art slam is Thursday, May 11th 6-7pm with awards at 6:45. The spring band concert will follow at 7:00. This is the largest display of artwork from the visual arts for the year. If you have any questions, please contact National Art Honors Society advisor Jessica Zamachaj at jessica.zamachaj@reg5.k12.ct.us.

Chasing the Dragon on Friday, May 12th: On Friday, May 12th, all juniors and seniors will watch the program *Chasing the Dragon*. The film, centered around the dangers of opiate addiction, will be followed by a panel discussion with people who are in recovery and professionals from law enforcement, law, and medicine.

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 yearbooks the following 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.

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 -9:00 p.m. and Monday June 12th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm in the ARHS

cafe. Please consider [signing 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 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

Homework Help Center: Please be reminded, the peer tutoring Homework Help Center is open to all students who would like tutoring or assistance in any subject area. The Homework Help Center is held in the Career Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30. Snacks are provided.

Underclass Awards: Invitations will be mailed out next week to any student who will be receiving an award at the Underclass Awards Night to be held on **May 17th at 6:30** in the Brady Center.

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.

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 at www.milestonec.com for the application and cost information.

SSLP is quickly approaching. Seniors that are participating in the Senior Service Learning Program will be completing their required coursework on Friday, May 12th. Participating seniors will need to make sure that all school work is completed, all fines are paid, and get all their required signatures prior to departure. Seniors will spend 114 hours from May 15-June 9 at a local school, business, or organization to gain some exposure to a possible career choice.

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. Cohen & Wolf Cinco K deMayo Road Race benefitting the Orange Chamber of Commerce at High Plains Community Center in Orange. Sunday, May 7th volunteers needed 7:00am-12:00pm. Contact Carol Smullen at 203-795-3328 or director@orangectchamber.com
2. Peck Place School Annual 5K at High Plains Community Center in Orange on Saturday, May 13th. Contact the Counseling Office for details, if interested.
3. Help with a booksale at the Woodbridge Library – June 1st – 5th. Please email Katherine Ward at kward@woodbridgect.org to participate.
4. iPhone class assistance. Help local seniors navigate their iPhones. Wednesday, May 10 from 2:45-3:45pm in the library Meeting Room. Please email Katherine Ward at 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](#).

Community Happenings:

Senior Class Fundraiser: The Amity Senior Class is having a **Chipotle fundraiser** (in Milford) on May 16th from 4PM-8PM. Present them with [this flyer](#) or tell the cashier that you're supporting the senior class; remember, all proceeds will go towards senior prom!

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