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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



“Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause.”

? [Abraham Lincoln](#)

On this Veteran's Day, 2016, we take time to give respect to the men and women who have served our country. As a school community, we work hard to live the core values of fairness, respect and passion, along

with the beliefs that support those values. It is extremely important for us to demonstrate and honor those values outside the walls of our school. Today, all of our students and staff took time to listen to [President Obama's Veteran's Day Proclamation](#). Many 9th and 10th graders spent their social studies class periods in the library hearing from local veterans about various aspects of active duty. In this month of gratitude at ARHS, we want to say thank you to our veterans to whom we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

[This video](#) is another example of a school honoring veterans. In this video, Virginia Tech Basketball Coach Buzz Williams takes time out of his practice to offer a lesson to his players that they will be able to take with them through every National Anthem before every game they play. We see, all around us, the sacrifices our fellow citizens have made for us, and we honor each and every one of them.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

Parent-Conference Sign Ups: The parent-teacher conference sign up is now open through [Virtual Paragon](#). Please take some time to review your child's report card and have a discussion with your child. Please also remember that teachers are available for conversations, by appointment, after school or to have a phone conversation at any point. If you are unable to meet with a teacher during the allotted parent-conference schedule but would still like to set up a time to talk, please contact that teacher directly and he/she will get back to you to set up a time to talk.

AmityTalks: AmityTalks is back! We will hold our first round of AmityTalks on December 13th at 3:00 in the Black Box Theater. We invite anyone interested in speaking to [apply](#). We plan on holding at least 2 AmityTalks this year. Thank you!

Career Fair Schedules: All students in grade 10 will receive an email via their amityschools.org account with their career speaker assignments for the Career Fair on Monday, November 14th.

Yale College Partnership: Amity juniors and seniors may enroll in one undergraduate course at Yale University as part of the Yale-New Haven / Area High School partnership program. Participants are responsible for tuition cost/fees and transportation to/from these college campuses. Students wishing to take a class at Yale, in addition to their required courses at Amity, during the Spring 2017 term must see Mrs. LaPlante to sign up for the mandatory orientation session scheduled at Yale in December. Mrs. LaPlante will be in the Career Center during all lunch waves on November 15th and 16th for interested students.

School Spirit Gear: Are you interested in having more ARHS gear? If so, please visit the [online store](#) and follow the instructions.

Important Reminders

Homecoming 2016: Amity High School's Homecoming Dance will be November 18th! Come for a night of music, dancing, dinner, and more! Tickets are \$12, available only on www.mypaymentsplus.com.

Senior Aerial Drone Picture: On November 17th, the senior class will have their class aerial picture taken

during homeroom. Students will report to homeroom first and then be directed to the appropriate location for the picture.

Parent Support Group: Student Assistance Counselor, Gary Lindgren, will be conducting a parent's support group for all who have concerns with substance related issues. This group will meet in the district presentation room beginning Thursday Nov. 3 7:45am-8:45am and will run for weeks. There is no need to pre-register for this group.

Notes from the Counseling Department

College Visits: Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These representatives are available to share information about their institutions and discuss the admissions process with our juniors and seniors. A list of schools visiting Amity can be found on Naviance. If a student is interested in attending any of these info sessions, please register on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center. Students are provided excused absences from class to meet with representatives. Please click [here](#) for a list of colleges visiting the week of Nov. 14th – Nov. 18

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 [Event or Meeting Planner](#) and the college is [University of Nevada- Las Vegas](#). 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.

UNH Field Admission Day: [University of New Haven](#) will hold a Field Admission Day at Amity Regional High School on Monday, December 5th. Interested seniors may meet with a UNH admission's representative on-site. UNH admissions representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply through [The Common Application](#) by November 28th. Interested seniors are asked to speak school counselors or see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center to schedule a meeting.

WCSU Direct Admission Day: [Western Connecticut State University](#) will hold a Field Admission Day at Amity Regional High School on Friday, December 16th. Interested seniors may meet with a WCSU admission's representative on-site. WCSU admissions representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply through The Common Application or the WCSU application by December 9th. Interested seniors are asked to speak school counselors or see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center to schedule a meeting.

Community Service Texts: If your child is interested in learning about upcoming community service opportunities, please have them sign up for Remind notifications from the Career Center. Please have your child **text the message @amityserve to 81010**. When the Career Center hears about a community service opportunity, we will share it with our service-minded students.

What's Happening in Athletics?

More EXCITING NEWS! Amity has been named a Michael's Cup Award Winner and a CIAC Unified Champion Banner School: The Unified Champion Banner School is a national award sponsored by Special Olympics International and indicates that the ARHS Unified program "serves as a model not only for

Connecticut schools but for high schools throughout the country.”

For a copy of next week's competition schedule, please visit the CIAC website [here](#) for championship bracket information.

For last week's results, please click [here](#).

Community Happenings:

Student volunteer opportunity: There are various volunteer opportunities, such as child care, food pantry help and senior center holiday fair, open to ARHS students and toy donation initiatives. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429, or email NPfund@woodbridgect.org or Woodbridge Senior Center Director Jeanette Glicksman at 203-389-3430.

Amity Boys Hockey Fundraiser: The Amity Boys Ice Hockey Team is having their 1st [Annual Mattress Fundraiser](#) on Saturday, November 19th to raise money for their Trip to Germany to play hockey. The event will be from 9am to 5pm in the high school cafeteria.

Community Service Opportunity: If anyone would like to help Woodbridge Human Services sort and organize the many boxes of food items that have been received., please contact Nancy Pfund ASAP at 203-389-3429 or email NPfund@woodbridgect.org.

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