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### **Kicking off 2016 Spirit Week!**

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### ARHS Happenings Newsletter



Today marks the beginning of our annual “Spirit Week” with the Homecoming Dance, sponsored by ARHS Student Government. The popularity of this dance has really grown over the past few years. We have sold over 500 tickets and it is sure to be a great time. Doors open at 7:00 and students are admitted until 7:30. Students are required to stay at the dance until 9:30, with a concluding time of 10:00pm.

Next week we will continue our Spirit Week with theme days and will culminate on Wednesday, November

23<sup>rd</sup>, with the conclusion of our *Month of Gratitude* and our *Penny Wars* fundraiser for Goods for Good, a non-profit that works with communities in Africa to build financial capacity. We have selected this organization for its work in Malawi, the country featured in this year's One Book/ One Amity book, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*.

On Wednesday, prior to the annual pep rally, students and staff will hear two speakers, CJ Wise, the Executive Director of Goods for Good, and Pastor John Eastwood, from Calvary Chapel Southbury who will discuss his work at a Hunger Center in Malawi. The entire school will also attend an Oxfam Hunger Banquet, an interactive activity designed to demonstrate the plight of global food inequality. The winning class of Penny Wars will be announced that day. Attendance will be taken through Spartan Seminar groups. Please encourage your child to contribute their loose change outside of the cafeteria throughout next Tuesday.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." *John F. Kennedy*

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon  
Principal

### High School Happenings and Information

**2016 Spirit Week:** Spirit Week is next week. It will run from 11/21 to 11/23 and each day of the week will have a different way for you to show your ARHS spirit! Monday will be tie-dye day; Tuesday will be twin day and Wednesday will culminate with Black and Gold Spirit Day-wear your class T-shirt for the Pep Rally!

**Flag Football Game:** Are you ready for some football? The annual ARHS Flag Football game vs. North Haven is this Monday November 21. This year the game is at Amity, so come out and cheer on our Spartans! Kickoff will be at 6pm.

**Student Leadership Opportunity:** ARHS will sponsor one sophomore to attend the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar to be held on June 2-4, 2017 at the University of Bridgeport. For more information about the program, please visit [www.HOBY.org](http://www.HOBY.org) Interested students must apply by November 30<sup>th</sup> by completing the [attached application](#). Applications were also sent out to all sophomore students via amityschools.org email.

**Parent Climate Survey:** This year, we have moved our climate survey to a little later in the fall to give everyone a chance to settle in to the school year. Please take a few minutes between now and November 30<sup>th</sup> to take the annual fall [climate survey](#) to provide us valuable feedback on our school and community.

**Amity Theater Fall Play:** The Amity High School Theater Department is happy to announce that tickets are now on sale for Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *Our Town*. The public performance will take place on Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 8pm. *Our Town* presents a timeless tale of everyday life in the fictional Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.amitytheaterdepartment.com](http://www.amitytheaterdepartment.com) or by calling (203)-392-2019

**Safety Reminder- Morning Drop Off:** If a student is being dropped off in the morning by car at the high school, the approved traffic flow is one way from the back entrance off of North Pease Road, exiting through the front driveway on to Newton Road. This traffic flow from becomes very dense during arrival after 7:20 am. Students who do not drive/park at school are strongly encouraged to take the bus. Please note: for safety reasons, Newton Road is not a designated student drop-off area. The ARHS Security Personnel are occasionally stationed at the faculty/bus entrance to the school and at the end of the fire access road to assist

with maintaining a safe environment.

**Study Island Information:** On the morning of Monday, November 28th, all student passwords for Study Island will become their six digit lunch ID and their uppercase first and last initials. For example: John Doe class of 2019 ID #123456 will log in with username: doejo19 and password: 123456JD. Study Island can be used to practice math, ELA, science, social studies, AP, ACT, and SAT.

### Important Reminders

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

### 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. The following schools will be visiting next

United State Military Academy	Monday, 11/21	11:30am
United States Naval Academy	Monday 11/21	1:00pm

**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 [Social Worker](#) and the college is [Central Connecticut State University](#). 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.

**Gateway Community College Field Trip:** The Counseling Department is offering a free field trip to interested juniors and seniors to the New Haven campus of Gateway Community College. On Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, students will be given a tour by an admissions representative and will learn more about the admission's process. If you feel your child would benefit from this field trip, please contact your child's school counselor 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?

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for winter sports, please refer to the athletic department's website [here](#).

**Fall Sports Awards Night** is Tuesday, November 22 @ 6:30 in the gymnasium. All student athletes that were on a Fall Sport Team as part of the Amity HS Athletic Department will be receiving an award.

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

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

### Community Happenings:

**AMITY STADIUM BLANKETS for sale!!** The Amity Boys Soccer Team is selling stadium blankets that you'll be happy to own, or give as a gift to an Amity student! Black nylon on one side, gold fleece on the other side. 50"x60" \$35 each. These blankets can be purchased at school during parent-teacher conferences, November 30, 5pm-7pm. Or email [lanagad123@gmail.com](mailto:lanagad123@gmail.com)

**Amity Boys Hockey Fundraiser:** The Amity Boys Ice Hockey Team is having their [1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:NPfund@woodbridgect.org).

**BOWA Relay for Life Breakfast:** The BOW Relay for Life pancake breakfast at Chips is in Orange on Thanksgiving morning 6am-11am. \$12 cash only and you get 2 pancakes, 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, and coffee or tea. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Please see [this](#) flyer for more information.

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