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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



It was another packed week at Amity Regional High School, Our MakeItHappen day on Wednesday went very well. Freshmen helped make a community happen by participating in Link Crew programing, by watching the documentary *Living on a Dollar a Day*, working together on team building activities and watching excerpts from the Spartan Stories on the first day of school. Sophomores and juniors made their academics happen by diligently focusing on the PSATs and seniors focused on making their post-secondary plans happen by

celebrating as a senior class with the panoramic class photo, choosing between 3 activities for post-secondary planning, watching the student-run platform debate to help inform them before the November 8th election and listening to another Spartan Story from 1999 graduate and recent Hall of Honor inductee, Darren Haynes. Overall, it was an awesome morning. Thank you to all of our students for their focus and to our faculty and staff for their organization with rolling out the programs. We will close out the week with a variety of athletic events, the annual National Art Honors Society Empty Bowls program and the music department's Music in Motion.

I also want to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude for the overwhelming response I have gotten from the school community on being named the Connecticut Association of Schools High School's Division William Cieslukowski Outstanding First-Year Principal of the Year Award. I am sincerely grateful for the faculty, students, staff and parental community I have the pleasure of working with every day. Amity is truly a family for me and the encouragement I have received is truly inspirational. There is a well-known African proverb that states, "It takes a village to raise a child." I agree with that statement, but feel that it can be modified to fit the concept of building a healthy learning organization: it takes a village to build a school.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

Change in date for 1st night of parent conferences in November: PLEASE NOTE-the first parent-teacher conference night at the high school has been rescheduled from the original date of Thursday, 11/17 to Tuesday, **11/15** to accommodate a large fundraising event for the Orange Elementary District which is being held at the high school on 11/17.

End of Marking Period: The end of 1st marking period will be on Friday, November 4th. PowerSchool will be shut down to viewing for grading purposes on November 2nd at 8:00 am and reopened with report cards finalized on Thursday, November 10th by 5:00 pm.

Attention seniors-first quarter grades: If you would like first quarter grades to be sent to colleges, you must fill out a form in the Counseling Office. We will plan to send out first quarter beginning the week of November 21st.

Buy Your Yearbook: The 2017 edition of *Embers* is now officially on sale! The cost, which is currently \$70, will increase to \$75 on November 18th and again to \$80 on January 16th. Visit amityembers.com to reserve your copy today!

2017 Senior Yearbook Questionnaire: The 2017 senior yearbook questionnaire is now live on the yearbook website, amityembers.com. Students' responses to this questionnaire will be used to complete their profiles in the senior section of the yearbook. The questionnaire also asks students to nominate faculty and staff members for the 2017 yearbook dedication. The submission deadline is Friday, November 4th. Late submissions may not appear in the yearbook due to deadline constraints.

Senior Baby Pictures: The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for the "senior scrapbook" section of *Embers*. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! Visit amityembers.com and click "Submit Photos (eShare)" beneath either the seniors or parents tabs. Please send only high-resolution photos. Hard copy photos can be dropped off in the "Baby Pictures" box in the main office. All hard copies should be clearly labeled so that they can be returned to their owners. All photo submissions are due on November 23rd. Please keep

submissions to just one or two per student.

Senior Yearbook Pose Selection: The deadline for seniors to choose a yearbook pose has been extended to this Monday, October 24th. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found [here](#).

Important Reminders

From the Nurse's Office: There has been a recent change in legislation for the administration of epinephrine during *regular school hours*. [Public Act 14-176](#) is designed to protect all students with a *potential life-threatening allergy*. Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

Parent Support Group: Student Assistance Counselor, Gary Lindgren, will be conducting a parent 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 multiple weeks.

Attention Amity alums serving in our Armed Forces: As you may know the administration and military family members at the high school maintain a showcase in the main hallway honoring our graduates who are currently serving the US military. If your daughter or son is in the military and you have a picture of her/him in uniform that you would like added to this display, please forward it to Jason Tracy, c/o Amity Regional High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge CT 06525. We would love to acknowledge our Alumni and their service to our country.

Second Annual Senior Yearbook Ad Design Night: Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a senior dedication ad in the yearbook? Join us for our second annual *Embers* Senior Ad Design Night on Monday, November 7th from 4-7 p.m. in AHS computer lab 501 (across from the cafe). Take care of everything at once—complete all the paperwork, pay (cash or check), scan your photos, sit down with a yearbook staff member to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior, and approve it right on the spot. Appointments are not necessary.

Notes from the Counseling Department

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 [Financial Analyst](#) and the college is [Babson College](#). Students will receive an e-mail through Naviance 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.

SCSU Field Admission Day: [Southern Connecticut State University](#) will hold a Field Admission Day at Amity Regional High School on Tuesday, December 6th. Interested seniors may meet with an SCSU admission representative. SCSU admission representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply to Southern Connecticut via the [Common Application](#) by

November 29th. Interested seniors should speak with school counselors or see Ms. Salemme in the Counseling Center to schedule a meeting.

Career Fair: Amity High School will be hosting our 3rd annual Career Fair on Monday, November 14th at 8:30 a.m. Are you interested in volunteering to give insight to our students about your career or job? We are looking forward to providing a variety of career specializations to our students. Please contact Paula Vallie or Karen Waterman in the Career Center: 203-397-4836 or at paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us or Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us.

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.

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 Oct. 24th – Oct. 28th.

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](#).

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

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

Community Happenings:

Hockey Fundraiser: Please join us for lunch this Saturday Oct.22 1:00-3:00pm at Mexico Tipico on the Boston Post Rd. in Milford. See this [flyer](#) for more information. We appreciate your support !

Support AMITY BOYS SOCCER: This is a fundraiser that everyone can enjoy! **STADIUM BLANKETS with Amity logo**, waterproof black nylon on one side, gold fleece on the other side. **\$35 each**. Think about keeping warm on those cold days at the field or ice rink. Think about holiday gifts! Please email lanagad123@gmail.com with the following information: Number of blankets, Your name, address, phone number. Make check out to: AMITY BOYS SOCCER and mail to: Lana Gad 838 Indian Hill Road Orange, CT 06477

Community Service Opportunity: On Sunday, November 6th, from 11 am- 3 pm, the JCC of Woodbridge will be hosting an International Festival that is free and open to the community. They would love to have a few volunteers join them. In addition, if you are interested in showcasing your cultures and participating in the festival with craft activities (like Origami for example) Please contact Eliana Sugarman @ 203-387-2424 ext. 306

Community Event: Saturday, October 22nd is *Drug Take Back Day* at the Woodbridge Police Department.

Bring your expired or unwanted pills for disposal to the front lobby of the Woodbridge Police Department at 4 Meetinghouse Lane, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Needles, liquids, or sharps cannot be accepted, only pills or patches. This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Student volunteer opportunity: There are various volunteer opportunities, such as child care, food pantry help and senior center holiday fair, open to ARHS students. 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.

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