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Building community, one Club...

Building community, one Club Day at a time

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ARHS Happenings Newsletter



This week, we continued to work on building the strength of our community through our annual Club Day, the Amity Hall of Honor/Hall of Fame dinner and our annual faculty participation in the Lee Denim Day. While we had to delay the festivities of Club Day from last Friday to this past Wednesday, the wait was worth it as we were able to host the most successful Club Day ever. Over 80 student-led clubs hosted tables with information, snacks and sign-up sheets for students to peruse. [See pictures here.](#) The level of preparation and

professionalism that each club displayed was truly amazing. The sense of community continued on Thursday night when the Amity community honored 11 inductees in to the Amity Hall of Honor and the Amity Hall of Fame. Among the honorees was our very own Mrs. Debbie Davis, who has served the Amity community as a physical education teacher, coach, supporter of athletics and cheerleader for over 30 years. See a full list of the inductees to both the Hall of Honor and Hall of Fame here. Today the faculty and staff put our money where our mouths are to raise awareness, support our community and celebrate an Amity Spirit Friday in honor of Lee Denim Day, an American Cancer Society Program that raises funds to combat breast cancer. After donating, teachers and staff wore their favorite jeans along with Amity gear to support people who have fought or are fighting breast cancer. As we continue to build our school community, the possibilities of lifting up our greater community grow.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon
Principal

High School Happenings and Information

PowerSchool Parent Portal: Thank you to all of those parents who have completed the form sign off through the PowerSchool Parent accounts. If you need assistance, please contact the district technology department at technology2@reg5.k12.ct.us.

October 19th PSATs and Special Activities' Morning Program:

- All 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT during the school day on Wednesday, October 19th. The PSAT is the National Merit Qualifying Test for juniors and is used to help students prepare for the SAT test. A modified schedule will be followed. Students are asked to arrive promptly to school as no late admittance is accepted once the test begins. Students should bring a calculator and No. 2 pencils. This testing date is set by the College Board and no make up testing is permitted. For more information on the test, visit [College Board's website](#).
- All freshmen will be participating in a Link Crew Activity while PSAT testing is taking place for sophomores and juniors.
- Seniors will take the **senior class photo at 7:45 am** and then participate in a series of workshops designed to help them with a plan for life after high school.

Amity High School PTSO: The next PTSO meeting will be on **October 13th** in the library media center classroom. Please join us!

Observance of Religious Holidays: After the observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 10th, there will be no school on Wednesday, October 12th in observance of Yom Kippur. Teachers have been reminded to adjust class assignments so as to avoid unnecessary conflicts with individual and family activities associated with major religious holidays. For those who recognize Yom Kippur, Gmar Chatimah Tova.

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.

NMSQT Semifinalists and Commended Students: We are delighted to announce that 6 Amity High School

students have been recognized by the College Board as National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists. In addition, 19 Amity Regional High School students have been recognized as National Merit Scholar Commended Students. These students will be recognized at the November Region 5 Board of Education meeting. Congratulations!

CAPT Parent Letter/Student Results Sent: A parent letter was sent home this week outlining CAPT scores. All parents of current 11th grade students have received both the letter and a score report from last spring's administration.

Important Reminders

Last Chance for Senior Portraits: "Last chance" senior portraits will be taken on Thursday, October 13th. This will be the last opportunity for anyone who missed a summer appointment to have a portrait taken in time to be included in the yearbook. If your child still needs a portrait taken and did not receive a pink pass during homeroom this week, please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Tim Gaipa, at embers@amityschools.org. We want all our seniors to be in the yearbook, so please note that THERE IS NO CHARGE for this single sitting.

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

Attention seniors!: Any senior student who is applying to UConn and would like to be considered for the Day of Pride or Nutmeg Scholarships through UConn need to submit their application to UConn prior to November 1st. Please encourage your child to see his/her counselor ASAP as nominations for these scholarships are done through the counseling office. For more information, please visit [this site](#).

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 clusters to our students. Please contact Paula Vallie or Karen Waterman in the Career Center: 203-397-4836, paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us or Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us

College Fair Opportunity: The New England Association for College Admission Counseling (NEACAC) is hosting a college fair at Sacred Heart University in the William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center on October 11th from 7-9 pm. Over 150 schools will be in attendance. For a listing, please see this [link](#).

College Visits: Each week, 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 an informational session, 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. 11th – Oct. 14th.

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:

2016 Music in Motion: The Amity Music Department presents Music In Motion 2016: 2.0! Come enjoy a great evening of music presented in a way that you've never seen before! It's sure to be a great night of fun music for the entire family! Children 14 and under are FREE with the purchase of an adult tickets! Purchase tickets [here](#). Watch the trailer [here](#).

Amity Girls Basketball Clinics: This fall the Amity Girls basketball team is running six clinics for young ladies in 2nd grade to 8th grade. The Amity coaching staff and team will provide drills, shooting sessions, and much much more. Come and support the Amity Girls basketball team and get ready for the upcoming season! Check out [the flyer](#) for more information.

Community Service opportunity for students! Students who wish to assist with the Woodbridge Senior Center Holiday Fair or help in the local food pantry should contact Woodbridge Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund at [203-389-3429](tel:203-389-3429).

Help Amity Girls Soccer Fight Breast Cancer! The Amity Girls Soccer Team is participating in the **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk** at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven on October 16th. If you would like to make a donation to the team's fundraising effort and help support the fight against breast cancer, please navigate to [this link](#).

Autism Awareness Workshop: Amity Regional School District will be holding a workshop focused around understanding the autism spectrum and reading. The workshop takes place on Nov 2. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

Opportunity via the Amity World Language Department: Yale MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies (PIER) in collaboration with the Yale Center for Language Study is pleased to announce that it will once again be offering foreign language courses to Greater New Haven area students through the World CLASS (World Culture and Language After School Studies), during the 2016-2017 academic year. Please visit [this link](#) for more information. Note: these classes may not be taken for Amity Regional High School credit, but rather as enrichment only.

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