

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We are focusing on our core value of **passion** throughout the month of May, which is a completely appropriate core value to highlight during next week's teacher appreciation week. Throughout the week next week, we will work to show our teachers how much we appreciate their passion for their profession, our school and our community. If you are interested in helping out with any of the PTSO food donations, please visit this signup genius [link](#). Throughout this week during Spartan Seminar, we reflected on each of our Core Values and Beliefs by first watching this [slideshow](#) compilation, completing the student school climate survey and then discussing how the Core Values and Beliefs are demonstrated throughout the school community. We are committed to working to make ARHS the most productive, supportive high school it can be.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

Get out the vote!--Amity Regional School District Budget Referendum: A referendum vote will be held in each of the District's member towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at their usual polling locations for the following question:

“SHALL THE AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 IN THE GROSS AMOUNT OF \$49,026,535 AND THE NET AMOUNT OF \$48,190,256 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5? “

The Regional Board Secretary's [explanatory text](#) with respect to the referendum question, as authorized pursuant to State statute, was mailed to all residents of the District this past week.

Amity Student Government 2018-2019: The Amity Student Government is now accepting applications for student representatives for next year. If you are interested please click on the [link](#). Applications will be accepted from April 23rd to May 11th.

AP Exams Start Monday: We will start the two-week testing cycle of AP Exams on Monday, May 7th. Students who take an exam on a given day may report to school for that exam only and will not be marked with an unexcused absence provided they hand in a note from a parent or guardian. Please refer to the AP Exam Schedule from the College Board [here](#).

Senior Picnic: Seniors have two exciting events coming up. **Tickets are all sale until midnight this Tuesday, May 8th.** The Senior Picnic will be held at Holiday Hill on Thursday, May 24th. Students must be transported to and from the event by the school transportation. We leave at approximately 8:30 and return about 3:45. If necessary, there will be an athletic bus leaving early for student athletes who have a scheduled competition that requires them to return before the end of the trip. Students with work or family obligations should plan accordingly based on the timing of the field trip. Tickets cost \$32.00 and can be paid through MyPayments Plus. Field trip permission forms must be completed by all attendees and can be found in the Main Office, Counseling Office or Career Center.

Senior Prom: The Senior Prom will be held on Friday, May 25th at the Omni Hotel in New Haven from 7:30-11:00 p.m. Students must arrive at the Omni by 8:00 p.m. in order to be admitted to the prom. Tickets are \$65.00 for a single ticket at \$120.00 for a couples ticket and can be purchased through MyPayments Plus. Students who purchase a couples ticket must complete the form regarding their date by clicking the [link](#). If a student is bringing a guest who does not attend Amity, they must complete the guest form and return it to the Main Office. The guest form may be found **in the main office**.

Final Exam Schedule: Final exams will start on Monday, June 11th and run through Thursday, June 14th, with Friday, June 15th scheduled as a make-up exam day prior to the graduation ceremony. Please note that exams will run in reverse order to create

an equitable distribution for students between midterm exams and final exams. The final exam schedule may be found [here](#).

PTSO Project Graduation Balloons: Parents and friends of graduating seniors-now is the time to purchase your congratulatory balloons for those friends and family who will be graduating on June 15th. Follow this [link](#) to purchase a bunch of balloons and support the PTSO at the same time.

Class of 2019 Senior Portraits: This Thursday during a junior class assembly, the class of 2019 was provided with information regarding their upcoming senior portrait sessions. These sessions will be held in the lecture hall from June 11th to 14th beginning at noon and going until 4:30. Juniors should be on the lookout for letters from Robert Taylor Photography, which will be mailed to their homes; these letters will provide specific appointment dates and times as well as other important information. A full schedule of appointments will also be posted by both the main office and the yearbook office as well as on the yearbook website early next week. We want all seniors to be in the yearbook, so please note that there is no charge for a single sitting. If your child cannot make their appointment, please call Robert Taylor Photography directly at (203) 377-0739 to reschedule. If you have any questions about senior portraits, please visit the yearbook [website](#) or contact the yearbook advisor, Ken Clark, at embers@amityschools.org.

Senior Happenings

Orange Rotary Club Scholarship now available! The Orange Rotary Club is offering three \$2,000 scholarships to Orange Seniors heading off to college in the fall of 2018. In addition, a separate \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a degree in Human Services or a related field, i.e. Special Education. All applications are available in the Career Center. The application deadline is Friday, May 25, 2018.

Community Service Information for Seniors: Please be advised that all final totals of community service hours have been posted in PowerSchool under Test Results and then Community Service. If you have reached 100 hours over your 4 years at Amity, you will be recognized at graduation with a certificate and an honorary cord. If you have questions concerning your community service hours, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Senior Yearbook Distribution (Tuesday, June 5th):The 2018 yearbook dedication, distribution, and signing celebration will take place in the Paul D. Mengold gymnasium on Tuesday, June 5th, from 1:30-3:00. Seniors participating in the SSLP are invited back during the last session of the school day to take part in the event and are advised to make arrangements with their internship supervisors in advance; this school activity counts toward their internship hours. If students have not yet purchased a yearbook, they can do so at the event for \$80.00 (cash only). Please note that this event is for seniors only; underclassmen will receive their yearbooks during lunch waves beginning the following day.

For seniors: All Amity Google email accounts will be deleted once seniors graduate in June. All students were sent an email to their school email with instructions on how to transfer any needed files. Seniors are asked to update their Naviance accounts with outcomes and to set an attending school. A final transcript will be sent in late June to the school indicated in Naviance.

Notes from Counseling Department

One Day Summer Camp: Albertus Magnus College is offering a one day Criminal Justice Camp to rising high school juniors and seniors on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 from 9:00am-3:00pm. To register, please log onto albertus.edu/criminal-justice-camp or call the Office of Admission at 800-578-9160. Registration deadline is June 5, 2018.

For juniors and seniors: Criminal Justice Camp is a free, one-day event for rising high school juniors and seniors interested in careers in criminal justice. Criminal Justice camp will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

Important Reminders

Speak up without Saying a Word: As a reminder, we have an [anonymous tip line](#) for community members to report concerns. Use *Speak Up* to either text or leave a voice message to report bullying, drug possession, crime and other school or community safety concerns. Bethany's student contact number: 203-404-6740.

Athletics

Athletic Department Website: Spring sports are beginning! For all information regarding tryouts, practice and athletic schedules, please refer to the athletic 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

Amity Creative Theater 10 Year Anniversary Concert: Celebrate the last ten years of Amity shows at our Anniversary Concert! We will present musical numbers from all of our great shows; Grease, Rent, Les Miserables, Chicago, Legally Blonde, Sweeney Todd, Tarzan, In the Heights, Into the Woods and Fiddler on the Roof. Cast members from 2008 through 2018 will join us for a one night only reunion event you cannot miss! Get your tickets [here](#).

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