

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

We are wrapping up our month focused on persistence with the end of midterms and the start of the new semester this past week. Throughout January, our school community has communicated about persistence, considered how it can be demonstrated in school and our everyday lives and reflected on how we can use the concept of persistence to help move closer to our goals. Midterm exams (or any exams) can not only be a test of skill and content knowledge, but also a test of thinking, confidence and stress-management. This [video](#) is an interesting commentary on the skill of thinking. Self-confidence needs to start from within and, while an examination may have an impact on how someone feels about him or herself, we need to encourage our children to frame a healthy perspective. Midterm exams are one part of an entire academic year; they are an important part, but only one part. High school is also an important time to develop skills with regard to stress and time management. It is important to acknowledge the social/emotional impact of stress, as well. Encourage your child/children to reflect on midterm preparation, take stock of what went well and what can be improved upon next time. In the end, remind them that all of these school tasks should be learning experiences that help students become more prepared to become contributing citizens of a just society. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This year the Career Center will highlight a complementary career and college of the week. This week, the career is [Computer Hardware Engineer](#) and the college is [Lehigh 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.

Happenings and Information

Parent University: We will hold our next Parent University on Wednesday, January 31st at Amity Regional High School in the Brady Center at 6:30. The program will be “[Courage To Speak](#)” and will focus on the dangers of opioid use in teens. Please join us for this important session which is open to the entire community.

2018 AP Exam Registration: Students taking AP exams at Amity Regional High School for courses taken during the 2017-18 school year must register through Total Registration. The link can be found on the school [website](#). The regular registration period will open on **Friday, January 19** at 3:00pm and will close on **Sunday, February 18** at 11:59 pm. The 2018 AP Exam cost is \$97 per exam. Please be sure to have a credit card or debit card available before beginning registration. There will be a late registration period, with a \$10 late charge, from February 19-23. Please contact Mrs. Ferguson at Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us if you have any questions regarding exams.

February Parent/Teacher Conferences: Please note, there is 1 high school date for parent-teacher conferences to review 2nd marking period/midterm exam grades. Please follow these [instructions](#) to sign up for parent-teacher conferences to be held on Wednesday, February 7th. Registration will begin next week after grades are finalized in PowerSchool.

A note from the cafeteria: Please find the most recent newsletter from Chartwells [here](#).

Senior Happenings

Yearbook Grad Ads: The deadline for grad ad purchases has been extended to Wednesday, February 28th. Don't miss out on your chance to honor and encourage your graduating senior in a book that he or she will keep for years to come! We have several size options for your special message and photograph(s)—see our website information and pricing. Need some inspiration? Visit our website at amityembers.com to see examples of past grad ads. Questions? Contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Tim Gaipa, at embers@amityschools.org.

Community Service Reminder: All seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of community service over the four years at Amity will be recognized on graduation day, only if all community forms are handed in by **April 2, 2018**. If you have any

questions or concerns regarding your service hours, please email Mrs. Vallie at paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us or stop by the Career Center.

Local Scholarships:

- The **Bethany Lions Club** has established four scholarships of \$2,000 each and one scholarship of \$3,000. Applicants must be a Bethany resident and a graduate of 2018. Applications are available in the Career Center, the Clark Memorial Library and the Bethany Town Hall. The application deadline is May 1, 2018.
- The law office of **Carter Mario Injury Lawyers** is offering their 13th annual **CarterCares Scholarship**. All Connecticut high school seniors attending college in the fall of 2018 are eligible to apply. They will award five \$2,000 scholarships. Applications are available on their [website](#) or in the Career Center. Please read all criteria before applying. The application deadline is March 31, 2018.
- The **Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven** is offering the **Mary Taylor Friedler Memorial Scholarship**, the **Stuart J. Drell Scholarship**, the **Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship of the National Council of Jewish Women's Greater New Haven Section and Israel Experience Scholarships** for high school seniors from Jewish households. All applications must be completed online by May 1. For more information and applications please visit this [link](#).
- The **CASIA** is pleased to offer their 22nd annual **Children's Police/Fire Scholarship** to two deserving and qualified high school seniors. Student must have a father, mother or natural guardian who is a full-time paid employee of the Connecticut Police or Fire Communities. Volunteer fire departments are recognized. Applications are available in the Career Center or on their website at this [link](#).
- The **Amity Club of New Haven** is offering an **Amity Charitable Trust Fund Scholarship** to seniors who reside in Woodbridge and Orange only. Immediate family of Amity Club members are not eligible. The application deadline is March 31, 2018. Applications are available in the Career Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

Save the Date!! Career Fair: Amity High School will be hosting our 4th annual Career Fair on Friday, April 27th 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 or at paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us or Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us

Attention Juniors and Seniors: Any junior or senior that is interested in doing a second semester Independent Study must submit a proposal to Mrs. Campbell by Friday February 2. Please contact Mrs. Campbell in the Counseling Office for a proposal application.

ASVAB Career Exploration Program: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. The ASVAB will be administered at Amity High School on Wednesday, February 7th beginning at 8:00AM to interested sophomores, juniors and seniors. We will ask the students to arrive at 7:34AM. If your child takes the ASVAB, they do not have any obligation to the US Armed Services. It is a comprehensive battery that will look at ability, along with interests to explore possible career choices. For more information, please contact Karen Waterman in the Career Center at Karen.Waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us or you child's school counselor. It is recommended that students prepare for the test; student can access the free ASVAB [practice test](#).

Naviance Parent Workshop: Parents who want to learn more about Naviance Family Connection may come to the Naviance Family Connection Parent Workshop on Thursday, February 1 at 7:30 am or 2:30 pm in computer lab room 501. College and Career Counselor, Karen Waterman, will walk parents through the benefits of Naviance. To sign up, please contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center at 203-397-4836 or by email at Paula.Vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us

2018 UConn Pre-College Summer Program: Find out what it's like to be a UCONN student for 4 weeks! The Pre-College Summer Program at UConn offers rising high school juniors and seniors (class 2019 or 2020) the chance to study and live on their university campus. Please see their [website](#) for detailed information.

Important Reminders

Calling all possible STEM Fair Judges: Are you willing to spend Saturday morning February 3rd, 2018, discussing STEM projects with some of the best and brightest high school students in Connecticut? Then the Connecticut STEM Fair wants you to be a judge! The event will take place at Amity Regional High School on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018. Please see this [link](#) for more information.

Athletics

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

Winter Conditioning Session: Please see this [permission slip](#) for information on the pre-season conditioning sessions to be held at the high school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30.

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

For a copy of this past week's results, please click [here](#).

Community Happenings

Trident Fundraiser: Come out and support *The Trident*! The newspaper staff is holding a bake sale fundraiser at the Stop & Stop in the Amity Shopping Center on Sunday, Jan. 28 from 11 am – 4 pm. All proceeds and donations will go toward publication costs. Thank you!

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.

Amity Creative Theater/Choir Fundraiser: The Amity Theater Department and The Amity Choir students are performing this April in Walt Disney World. They have organized a fundraiser

to help offset the cost--selling Amity apparel through Blanchettes sporting goods online store. We are offering everything from t-shirts to sweatshirts, jackets, hats and even kids clothes! When you go to the website you will see two choices for each item. The first choice is the Amity Creative Theater logo. The second choice is the Amity "block A" with a dropdown box for your choice of wording underneath. The wording choices are: Spartans, Staff, Alumni, Choir, Band and Creative Theater. All the funds that are raised go towards the students' trip to Orlando this coming April. Thank you in advance for your support! Use this [link](#) to access the online store and use the following code: AmityCT2017.

Student Government Clothing Drive: The annual student government clothing drive has begun. Please take a minute to clean out those drawers and closets. All of our clothing goes to "My sister's place" in Ansonia that serves families suffering from domestic violence or in desperate need of clothes. All gently used items, including shoes, jackets, pants, shirts, gloves, scarfs and sweatshirts, are welcome. The clothing drive will conclude by February 16th.

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