

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

“We all have dreams. In order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort.”

~Jesse Owens

On this day of the opening ceremonies of the XXIII Winter Olympics, it seems fitting to share a quotation about determination and self-respect from record-setting 1936 Olympian Jesse Owens. By incorporating all of the attributes Mr. Owens talks about, we demonstrate a respect for our own abilities and expectations. We can also demonstrate a respect for our peers by acknowledging these attributes in others. Part of our school mission statement reads “to create an inclusive community that affirms the contributions, strengths, and talents of all of its members.” As we focus on the core value of respect, we are continuing to work toward realizing our mission statement throughout our school and wider community. Have a good 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 [Human Resources Specialist](#) and the college is [Nichols College](#). 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

Reminder-Student Building Access in Morning: In an effort to improve building security, please be advised that the building will now be unlocked for student access at 7:00am. Students,

faculty and the bus companies have all been advised of this security measure update.

February PTSO Meeting: The PTSO Meeting for February will be next Thursday, 2/14, at 7:00 in the Library Media Center Classroom. All are welcome!

February Parent/Teacher Conferences: The Parent-Teacher Conferences originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th have been postponed to Wednesday, February 21st. The same time slots will be held for the postponed date and conference scheduling is now closed. Please contact your child's teacher directly if you are unable to keep the scheduled appointment or if you have any questions about second marking period or the midterm exam grade. As a reminder, parents are welcome to make appointments for phone conferences or after-school conferences at any time throughout the year.

Early Student Dismissal/Winter Recess: Please be reminded that students will have an early dismissal on Friday, February 16th due to professional development. The district will be closed on February 19th-February 20th for winter recess.

Follow-Up to Parent University-Article to Share: January's Parent University featured Ginger Katz from the Courage to Speak Foundation regarding the warning signs of substance abuse in teens. This [article](#), shared by the counseling department, has some additional important information for parents of teens.

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 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.

Senior Happenings

Seniors-Naviance Update: Please be sure to update your Naviance accounts with college outcomes. All mid-year reports are being sent out this week.

Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night - Round 2: Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? Our second *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night of the year will be on Thursday, February 8th from 4-7 p.m. in AHS computer lab 501 (across from the cafe). This is your last chance to take care of everything at once—paperwork, payment, etc. Appointments are not necessary. Visit the yearbook website at amityembers.com for more information and to check out samples of ads from previous yearbooks.

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 Scholarship Opportunity: The Orthopaedic Specialty Group Education Foundation is offering six \$2,500 scholarships to students residing in the New Haven County pursuing post-secondary training (four-year or advanced degree) in a musculoskeletal care related field. To apply please refer to [this link](#) and scroll down to “**Educational Grants**” for criteria and application details. Submission deadline is Friday, May 4, 2018.

Notes from Counseling Department

For juniors-Spring SAT Information: All juniors will be taking the SAT during the school day on March 21, 2018 as part of the State of Connecticut SAT School Day. Students will report to testing rooms at the beginning of school and test through session 4. Students may be dismissed with a parent note at the conclusion of testing. Please see the attached parent letter from the Connecticut State Dept. of Education for more information, please visit this [link](#).

FBI Career Exploration Opportunity: The New Haven Field Office of the FBI and Yale University Police Department (Yale PD) are proud to announce the third annual Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy (FLEYA). Two of the nation’s most notable and

iconic institutions will again conduct an overnight, week-long law enforcement and legal training camp for selected youth throughout Connecticut. The application process starts February 9, 2018, and application will be accepted through the deadline date April 6, 2018. Please visit this [link](#) for more information/application.

Yale Pathways to Science : Yale Pathways to Science returns this weekend. For more information, please visit this [link](#).

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

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 22nd beginning at 7:45AM in room 501 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](#).

Upcoming College Fair: The annual **Amity High School College Fair** will be held **Monday, March 26, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:00pm** in the AHS Gymnasium. We have approximately 100 institutions signed up and more adding every day. This is a great way for students to meet many of the college admission decision-makers in an intimate and convenient way. The college fair is free and open to the public. A complete list of colleges/universities attending will be posted soon!

Athletics

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

Spring Sports Meeting: Spring Sports Information Night will be held on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 for all those interested in playing a spring sport and their parent/guardian.

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

UNIFIED THEATER ONE NIGHT ONLY PERFORMANCE-TONIGHT!: We would like to cordially invite you to this year's Unified Theater performance: *Unified Through the Decades!* Members of the club have been hard at work writing, rehearsing, and directing this show. Please come and support this amazing group! The performance will take place from 4:00-5:00 PM in the Black Box Theater. Donations are warmly accepted.

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.

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.

National Art Honor Society (NAHS) Opening Reception: NAHS is holding an opening reception at the Clark Memorial Library in Bethany, 538 Amity Rd, Bethany, CT 06524, on Wednesday the 14th from 5:30-7 pm. We invite all community members to come support our first exhibition at the Clark

Memorial Library. If you cannot make the reception the work will be on exhibition until March 2nd. Thank you for your support.

National Honor Society Winter Sock-Hop Fundraiser: On Friday, February 23rd from 7:00pm-10:00pm the National Honor Society is hosting its first annual [Sock Hop](#)! The Sock Hop is a school-wide dance that seeks to raise money and materials for the Columbus House in New Haven. Students are encouraged to wear their coolest socks and bring a pair to donate. The donated socks (along with the money from the ticket sales) will all go to the Columbus House in New Haven. There will be music, raffle prizes, and food. Tickets available through MyPaymentsPlus!

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