

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

Many students and youth across the nation are collectively calling for action to demand safe schools. There are a variety of demonstrations and walk outs that are being planned by organizations and by individual groups of youth. We at Amity Regional High School continue to work with and coach students as they brainstorm various ways to make their voices heard in a highly impactful yet minimally disruptive manner. One of the designated national dates is March 14th at 10am, where students from various high schools are planning 17-minute walk outs to demonstrate solidarity with the victims of the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and to call for safe, gun-free schools. This is a youth-organized, student-led movement. At Amity, some students have reached out to the administration and teachers to communicate their intentions to participate in a 17-minute voluntary student walk-out. This is not being organized by the administration or teachers. The administration and faculty will supervise our students and continue to be vigilant about school safety. To that end, on March 14th, the campus will be closed to visitors from 9:30 to 11:00, and there will be a heightened police presence at the entrances. Teachers will supervise their students in their classes and those students who choose to demonstrate in a peaceful, respectful manner will not be disciplined for doing so within that time period/class session. We will be holding regular classes and programming on the day of March 14th. The programming for that day includes our "Program of Studies" fair during lunch for 9-11 grade students in preparation for course selection for the 2018-2019 school year. We are highlighting our core belief of communication throughout the month of March and support the voices of our students as they work to build a connected, safer society. 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 [Epidemiologists](#) and the college is [New York 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

Mid-marking Period for 3rd Quarter: We have arrived at the middle of third marking period. Please take some time to check your child's grades and have a conversation with how classes are progressing. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teachers.

March Parent University: Please join us for an important presentation on school safety and security at **6:30pm on March 6th** in the Brady Center at Amity Regional High School.

National Art Honor Society Induction: The National Art Honor Society is hosting the annual induction ceremony in the Amity Library on March 7th from 5-6:30. A reception for the library art show will also be held this evening. All are welcome. Please consider coming to support your students.

8th Grade Parent Night: Parents of current 8th grade students are encouraged to attend an informational session on March 8 at 6:30 pm in the Brady Center. Amity High School department chairs and administrators will provide an overview of the courses and programs offered at the high school. This event will provide important information as we begin the 2018-2019 course selection and registration process.

Senior Happenings

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.

The **Waterbury Campus of The University of Connecticut** is offering numerous scholarships for entering students. Students can

only access the scholarship if they have applied for admission to UConn-Waterbury. They do not need to have been admitted, but they will need a netID, which they will receive after applying to the University. To access the New Student Scholarships, please visit this [link](#). The deadline for the application and recommendation form has been extended to Wednesday, March 7th. For questions, please contact Stuart Brown at Stuart.Brown@uconn.edu.

Local Scholarship Opportunities:

- **Orange Youth Services Program** is awarding three \$500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Orange. Students must have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement and participation in extra-curricular activities while attending Amity. Scholarship applications will be available at the Community Services Office in the High Plains Community Center at 525 Orange Center Road in Orange. Office hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. The application deadline is Friday, May 15, 2018.
- **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.
- **Association of Connecticut Fairs Scholarship** is awarding three \$1,000 scholarships to a seniors or a current college students. The applicant must have been an active participant or exhibitor in the Orange Country Fair, have an excellent academic standing, financial need or shown citizenship and leadership. Please apply by May 15, 2018. Applications are available in the Career Center.
- **Beth-Wood Baseball League** is offering a one-time \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who has participated as a Player or Umpire. Please pick up your application in the Career Center or log onto bethwoodpres72@gmail.com. Application deadline is May 5, 2018.

Notes from Counseling Department

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!

Housatonic Community College Field Trip: The Career Center is planning a field trip for interested juniors and seniors to Gateway Community College on Thursday, March 8th. If you feel your 11th and 12th grade child would benefit from this field trip, please contact Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us.

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 parent [letter](#) from the Connecticut State Dept. of Education for more information.

Save the Date!! Career Fair: Amity High School will be hosting our 4th annual Career Fair on Friday, April 27th at 8:30a.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

Summer Opportunities:

- The **FBI of New Haven and Yale University Police Department** will be conducting their third annual Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy (FLEYA). The FLEYA will conduct a week-long law enforcement and legal training camp for selected youth throughout Connecticut. This overnight camp is open to youth from ages 15 to 18 years old. Student applications and instructions for FLEYA can be found [here](#). Applications will be accepted through April 6, 2018.
- The **American Legion Department of Connecticut State Police** is offering a law enforcement practicum for high school students completing their JUNIOR YEEAR in

2018. The summer program will be held at the State Police Training Academy in Meriden, CT, from Sunday, July 8th through Saturday, July 14th, 2018. For more information, please stop in the Career Center.

Important Reminders

Jack Levine Efficiency Award Application: Does your child have an idea on how the high school or district can save money or be more efficient? If so, please encourage him/her to apply for the annual Jack Levine Efficiency Award. More information can be found [here](#) and the application can be found [here](#).

Athletics

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

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

Support Amity Transition Program Trip: Come to Jake's Wayback Burgers in Orange for dinner on Thursday, March 8th, to support and raise funds for the Amity Transition Program Disney Trip this spring. More information can be found [here](#).

UMttr 3x3 Basketball Tournament: The UMttr Club is hosting a 3x3 [Basketball Tournament](#) on Friday, March 9th starting at 2:45pm. We are targeting this fundraiser to promote wellness and fun! Teams can sign-up outside the cafeteria during lunch waves on Monday, 3/5 and Tuesday, 3/6. The cost per team is \$6.

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 Spring Musical Tickets!: Tickets are on now on sale for the Amity Creative Theater production of the Broadway comedy the *Addams Family Musical*. Tickets can be purchased [online](#). This show will sell out! Get yours today!

Support Amity Creative Theater: Do you have a local business? Support the Amity Creative Theater and purchase an ad in our AmityBill program. Your ad will be out in the hands of 3600 residents of the Amity Community. We have ads of all sizes. Go to the [website](#) and click the advertising tab.

National Honor Society Sock Hop: The NHS Sock Hop last Friday night was a HUGE success! The club collected over 700 socks and raised over \$2000 to donate to Columbus House of New Haven and had over 150 kids come and dance their socks off!

Amity Student Government Clothing Drive Thank You: The Amity Student Government would like to thank everyone who donated to our annual clothing drive. 210 bags weighing in at 2,632lbs of clothing was donated.

AMSO Presents *The Music Man, Jr*: Come support the budding thespians of Amity Middle School-Orange in their rendition of *The Music Man, Jr*. Shows are the weekend of March 23rd. Tickets may be purchased [here](#).

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