

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.” ~Mother Theresa

We continue to focus on our core belief of **communication** throughout the month of March. As was mentioned in previous messages, communication is one of the key components to maintaining a safe and healthy community. Open communication includes reporting things that are concerning, but it also means being kind in what and how we say things. The quotation above highlights the importance of speaking kind words and the echoes these words can have. Our students and staff have been working hard throughout the year to reflect on all of our core values and beliefs through our activities in Spartan Seminar, classrooms and extracurricular involvement. Through positive communication, demonstrating fairness and respect and discovering our passions, we will “create an inclusive community that affirms the contributions, strengths and talents of all its members,” just as our school’s mission statement affirms. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

RESCHEDULED-8th Grade Parent Night: Parents of current 8th grade students are strongly encouraged to attend an informational session on **March 13th** (snow date) at 6:30 pm beginning in the main gymnasium as the high school. Amity High School administrators will provide an overview of the transition, credit requirements and supports offered at the high school. Department Chairs will be available to present courses and overview curricula for their various departments. Parents will also have a chance to see the facility during tours led by members of the National Honors Society. The event will conclude no later than 8:00pm.

RESCHEDULED-National Art Honor Society Induction:

The National Art Honor Society is hosting the annual induction ceremony in the Amity Library on **March 14th** from 5-6:30. A reception for the library art show will also be held this evening. All are welcome.

2018-2019 School year: We are beginning to plan for scheduling for the 2018-2019 school year. The Program of Studies is now available online. You can find the link [here](#).

2018-2019 Program of Studies Fair: Our annual Program of Studies Fair will be held for all students during an extended lunch wave on **Wednesday, March 14th**. This is a great opportunity for students to ask questions about courses and electives in order to make an informed decision about course selection. More information about selected courses for next year will be forthcoming.

State SAT Day for Juniors: Information related to the upcoming CT SAT School Day test on **March 21st** was shared with all juniors in Spartan Seminar and via Google email this past week. **A copy of the document we shared can be found [here](#).** Please be sure to send in a note with your child if you allow them to leave school after testing. In addition, every Junior has been enrolled into a Study Island "class" called "SAT Practice" and "assigned" lessons for ELA and math SAT prep. Students can now see two SAT assignments on their dashboard. This optional practice is available to them at no charge and includes a practice test, lessons, and practice problems. This link from the Student, Links and Resources on our website has directions for any student who doesn't know how to log on to Study Island.

Updated District Calendar: The updated Amity School Calendar is available [here](#). Currently, the last day of school is Friday, June 15, 2018. An adjustment will also be forthcoming for 3rd marking period end date.

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, go [here](#). 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.
- **Orthopedic 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!

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 Opportunity:

- 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 YEAR 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 athletics, 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

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.

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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