

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This weather has brought a whole new meaning to March Madness, but finally got through a 5-day school week despite Mother Nature's attempt to thwart yet another few days of school. Come what may, we continue to "march" through this school year, highlighting all of our core values and beliefs. Our focus on **communication** was evident this week during our 8th grade parent night, where we had over 250 parents and guardians come to the high school on Tuesday night to learn about the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs at the high school. It's hard to believe that we will soon be saying goodbye to our current senior class and welcoming the class of 2022. As we work to support each other and our school community through enhancing communication, we will pave the way for our community to become one that values and demonstrates respect for its members. Check out [this](#) segment, which aired on WTNH yesterday. To support this initiative, Amity will be participating in the [CT SEES](#) program which focuses on kindness and inclusivity during the first week of April. Another way we communicate is by sharing resources with our school families. This [article](#) on financial planning for college was shared this week by our Career Center. Enjoy and 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 [Fashion Designer](#) and the college is [The Parson School of Design, a division of The New School](#). 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

Salsa Night Tonight: The National Spanish Honors Society will be holding the annual Salsa Night tonight in the cafeteria from 7:00-9:00pm.

Monday is the 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 can be found [here](#).

Address Label Fundraiser: At the College Fair on Monday, March 26th, address labels will be sold for students to use when filling out information for the college representatives. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards the U.S. Service Scholarship in memory of PFC Eric Soufrine. Address labels will be sold for \$1 for a page of ten labels. Please consider bringing money to support this worthy cause. Thank you!

Coming Soon-Endicott Survey Email: On April 2nd, all families will receive an email to complete a survey from Endicott College Research Center. This survey is an important part of a self-reflection/self-study that will take place between the end of this school year and late spring of 2019. This self-study is in preparation for Amity Regional High School's decennial accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This organization sets standards for schools by which to measure themselves and ascribes the process for accreditation, which takes place over a few year time-frame. The survey results will help the school faculty to reflect on current programming and set goals for improvement. Thank you, in advance, for your participation.

RESCHEDULED-April 24th is Spring SAT Day for Juniors: All juniors will be taking the SAT during the school day on April 24th, 2018 (State established make-up date) 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. More information will be forthcoming.

End of 3rd Marking Period Adjustment: The tentative end date for 3rd marking period is now April 6th.

Senior Happenings

Senior Service Learning Program: Many seniors are going through the process of finding a Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) site. The deadline for safety training, selecting a site, and the completed Commitment Contract is Tuesday, April 24th.

Community Service Information for Seniors: Seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service during their high school career at Amity will be recognized at graduation for their service to the community. Each Senior will receive a certificate along with a special honor cord to be worn at graduation. All completed community service forms must be handed no later than April 1, 2018. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

Grade 10 Counseling Lessons: In the coming weeks, all sophomores will meet with school counselors to reacquaint themselves to Naviance and to complete a Career Interest Profiler. This lesson will help students get a sense of potential college majors and careers, based on their interests. The Career Interest Profiler is based on the Holland Interest Codes; while Naviance will match their interests with possible careers.

Housatonic Community College Field Trip: The Career Center re-scheduled the field trip for interested juniors and seniors to Housatonic Community College on Thursday, May 3rd. If you feel your 11th and 12th grade child would benefit from this field trip, please contact Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us.

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

Local Event: On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, the **Connecticut Congressional Delegation** will be holding an annual **Academy Night** for students and recent graduates who are interested in attending one of our nation's preeminent military academies – U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy,

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the U.S. Naval Academy. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with representatives and cadets/midshipmen from each of the academies. This event will also give students a chance to meet with the service academy coordinators from each of our congressional offices to learn more about our individual nomination processes. In addition, there will be representatives from several collegiate ROTC programs, the National Guard, and the Military Reserves who will be able to discuss other paths to military service and commissioning programs for aspiring military officers. **The doors will open at 5:30 PM. The program is scheduled to begin promptly at 6:00 PM at the MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center, 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT.** If you have any questions, please call 860-549-8463.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers are needed for the **Cinco K deMayo Road Race, which will take place at the High Plains Community Center in Orange on Sunday, April 29, 2018.** If you are interested in helping, please email Carol Smullen at director@orangectchamber.com.
- New to our community is **Camp Argo**, a non-profit outdoor, recreational day camp program at Camp Cedarcrest in Orange from June 18th-August 10th. Camp Argo is seeking volunteer camp counselors to help teach and mentor campers ages 4-14yrs, also to work alongside those campers on the Autism Spectrum. If you are interested in volunteering as a camp counselor, a sign-up booth will be set up during the Strawberry Festival at High Plains Community Center on Saturday, June 10, 2018. Please log on to their website for more information: www.campargo.com.

Local Events: The **West Haven and Orange Chamber of Commerce** is inviting female Amity High School students to attend the **Women's Leadership Conference** on Wednesday, **April 11, 2018** at the Cielo Banquet Ballroom on 85 Chase Lane in West Haven from 9:00am to 12:30pm. This event is open to female students interested in achieving success in what career path they choose. Students are free of charge and chaperones pay \$10. Please see Mrs. Waterman or Ms. Vallie in the Career Center for more information.

Important Reminders

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](#).

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](#).

Winter Sports Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, March, 27th at 6:30. This is a great night where every student receives an award.

A **HUGE** congratulations to both our boys basketball team and our boys swimming and diving team, who wrapped up their seasons last weekend at the state championships. Both teams made it as far as they possibly could, and represented ARHS very well! Way to go, Spartans!

For a copy of this week's schedule, 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 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!

Advertise Job Opportunities: If you are a business owner or looking for a student to hire, contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center to advertise. The Career Center posts job openings for our

students to investigate. Paula Vallie, phone: 203-397-4836
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