

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This has been a busy week at Amity Regional High School. Last weekend kicked off with the annual Salsa Night, sponsored by the National Spanish Honor Society. About 100 students learned the art of Salsa dancing and enjoyed the company and food throughout the evening. On Monday night, we welcomed about 170 college representatives during the annual College Fair, organized by the high school college and career counseling department. A special thanks goes out to the PTSO members who donated items for the dessert table. The college representatives are continually impressed by the support they get from our faculty and the questions they get from our students. Winter Sports Awards night took place on Tuesday, with spring sports gearing up, despite the chilly weather. The National World Language Honor Societies held their annual induction ceremony on Wednesday after school while the fervent work continues with the Spring Musical *The Addams Family*, which opens next Friday night and has a two-weekend run. None of these things would be possible without the collaboration and communication among our students, faculty and parents. As we conclude this month's focus on communication, it is important to reiterate the significant role we all have in keeping our community safe. Whenever a member of our community-student or adult-has a concern based on social media posts, conversations in the hallways, situations occurring in the local communities of Bethany, Orange or Woodbridge or any other safety concerns, it is imperative to report the concern to the high school administration. As a reminder, we have an [anonymous tip line](#) for community members to report concerns. Thank you to everyone for working hard to make Amity Regional High School an amazing place! Have a wonderful long weekend and happy holiday to those who celebrate.

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 [Medical and Health Care Manager](#) and the college is [Providence 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

April Parent University: On Tuesday, April 3rd we will be hosting another Parent University, this time in the high school library, at 6:30. This month's topic is "Academic Integrity: What does it look like at school?" and will include librarians and administrators as presenters. The session should last for about 45 minutes. See you there!

***VERY IMPORTANT* 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.

End of 3rd Marking Period Adjustment: The tentative end date for 3rd marking period is now April 6th. Grades will be finalized in PowerSchool and report cards available on the afternoon of April 13th.

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. **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.

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.

Nurse Assistant Training Program: Through a partnership between the American Cross and Gateway Community College, the Red Cross is pleased to announce their CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant) Training Program for the summer and fall of 2018. Classes will be offered both days (4-week program) and evenings (7-week program). Dates and information can be found at this [link](#) or by emailing Kandace Murray at Kandace.Murray@redcross.org.

Important Reminders

2018-2019 School year: In preparation for creating the schedule for the 2018-2019 school year, all 9th-11th grade students have been asked to finalize course selections through PowerSchool by Friday, March 30th. Parents will receive instructions on how to complete the parent verification form early next week. The Program of Studies is now available online. You can find the link [here](#).

ARHS Band information: Check out this [video](#) from students in the ARHS Band to learn more about this elective and co-curricular activity.

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](#).

Community Happenings

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!

Evening Community Storytelling Event: Connecticut author and storyteller Matthew Dicks will visit Amity Regional High School on Wednesday, April 11th, to present a workshop about the art of storytelling. This evening event, which is open to the community, will include some of Mr. Dicks' prize-winning stories, as well as other guest storytellers demonstrating their craft. The event begins at 6:00 in the Amity High School library. No reservation is necessary. For more information, contact Robert Musco (robert.musco@reg5.k12.ct.us) or Victoria Hulse at (victoria.hulse@reg5.k12.ct.us).

ARHS Band Fundraiser: This Saturday, from 4-8pm, the Amity High School Band will be having a restaurant fundraiser at Chipotle in Milford, CT. If you are out and about this weekend, consider dropping by for a quick bite! 50% of the proceeds from the evening

will come back to the Amity Band. We hope you can drop by! Show [this flyer](#) when you are at the restaurant. Thanks!

Red Cross Babysitter Training. Woodbridge Youth Services will offer a two-day Babysitter Training course for Woodbridge teens ages 12 to 17 at the Woodbridge Library Meeting Room at 10 Newton Road. Students will meet on Wednesday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Thursday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Students must attend both days to receive a certificate. See this [flyer](#) for more information. Fee of \$60.00 payable to Woodbridge Youth Services must be paid in advance to hold a spot. Spaces are limited! Call Youth Services at 203-389-3429 to register.

Celebrate Earth Day in Woodbridge By Joining Us for Rid Litter Day: A wonderful tradition that is springing back to life in April is Rid Litter Day, on Sunday, April 22nd from 9am to noon. Several community members have volunteered to take the lead in re-invigorating this celebration of Earth Day. The event will kick-off at the Fitzgerald Tract, where residents may check-in, receive a trash bag, and be assigned a map indicating the roadside areas in need of clean up. Working in collaboration with the Town's Public Works Department, we have arranged for pick up once the Rid Litter Day work concludes. This will be a great way to show how much we all care about our Town. First Selectman Beth Heller will be there with work gloves in hand and she would like to encourage everyone to join in and take part! Please visit the Town website for details as we get closer to Earth Day. More information can be found at <http://woodbridgect.org>.

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