

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



The month of April is when we are highlighting the core value of **fairness** at ARHS. This week we did that in school through our Spartan Seminar discussion and in homeroom by asking every single student to offer feedback about our school community via the Endicott Survey. The concept of fairness does not mean that everyone has the same thing, but rather that everyone in our community is treated equitably and that we promote inclusivity as a community. On a national level this week we recognized the 50th anniversary of the assassination of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the birthday of prolific author and civil rights advocate Maya Angelou. Next week the Amity Regional High School Community will be participating in the [CT SEES initiative](#) where we will work as a school to spread kindness, increase inclusivity and appreciate the contributions from all of our community members. Check out [this link](#) to see what we are doing at ARHS. We are constantly reminded of the threats to our sense of community, both physical and emotional. Maya Angelou once wrote, “Be a rainbow in somebody else’s cloud.” If we work together, we will have many more rainbows than clouds. 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 [Public Relations Specialist](#) and the college is [Rhodes 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-Endicott Survey Email: On April 2nd, all families received 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 for your participation.

Junior Prom Information: Tickets for the 2018 Junior Prom are being sold on MyPaymentsPlus starting today April 6th at 4pm through April 26th. Students bringing a guest from another school must have a "[Dance Guest Form](#)" filled out and submitted to the Main Office prior to picking up prom tickets. The Junior Prom will be held on Friday, May 11th from 7-11pm at Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange.

Senior Happenings

Scholarships for seniors: Every year, we are able to select recipients for scholarships supported by members of the Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge communities. Approximately 100 scholarships are given to members of the senior class who demonstrate the attributes and characteristics described in each scholarship. We are happy to announce that the scholarship application is now available. All seniors were emailed the directions through their Google email. The application deadline is April 24th at 8:00 am.

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

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:

- The **Special Olympics of CT** will be holding an Athletics Coaches Training School on **Sunday, April 15th from 9:30am -2:30pm** at RHAM High School on 85 Wall Street, Hebron, CT. Please register by April 11. Come to the Coaches Training dressed for activity. Click [HERE](#) to register. Contact marcm@soct.org with any questions.

- **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.

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 [here](#) or by emailing Kandace Murray at Kandace.Murray@redcross.org.

Summer Residential Programs: Interested in Engineering? If you are a current 10th or 11th grader, the University of Connecticut invites you to challenge your math and science skills through their **Explore Engineering Summer Program**. This 5-day summer residential program will be held at the Storrs campus from Sunday, June 17th to Thursday, June 21st and Sunday, June 24th to Thursday, June 28th, 2018. To apply or learn more, please visit their [website](#) at. UConn's School of Engineering will also be offering their **SPARK Stem Summer Camp** for female students entering 7th-10th grade. Students will experience hands-on projects and experiments, exciting engineering concepts, and fun activities. SPARK offers four weeklong camps from July 8th through August 3rd, 2018. To apply or learn more, please visit this [website](#) or call 1-860-486-5536.

Important Reminders

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.

2018-2019 School year: In preparation for getting excited about next school year, check out this [video](#) from students in the ARHS Band. This is just one of the many elective and co-curricular activities at ARHS.

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](#).

For a copy of next week's schedule, please refer to the website. There have been many rescheduled competitions due to the inclement weather.

For a copy of this past week's results, please click [here](#).

Community Happenings

Town Hall with Representative Rosa DeLauro: Congresswoman DeLauro will be holding a "Town Hall" meeting at West Haven High School on Monday, April 9th. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

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).

Amity Alum in the news: Check out this [article](#) about a 2010 Amity alum who has been named Connecticut's Outstanding Young Farmer of 2018.

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.

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