

## **ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER**



Throughout this week, we have been participating in the CT SEEs initiative that has been sponsored by the CT Association of Schools and the State Student Advisory Board. Each day, students have been asked to wear a specific color and to focus on a specific characteristic that will help build a positive community. Monday was focused on teamwork, Tuesday-strength and empathy, Wednesday-involvement and support, Thursday-diversity and today we conclude the week with a focus on kindness. This [picture](#) represents one of the actions taken by our students to make the school bathrooms a more inviting environment. Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative through their clothing, their activities, tweets and—most importantly—their behaviors. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr once said, “Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” The Amity community has been busy with other co-curricular activities, including an awesome finish for the Math Team at states (where they qualified for New England Championships) and an amazing showing by our TEAMS, an engineering club, which placed second in the state and earned a spot at the national competition. This weekend is the second and last part of the run of *The Addams Family Musical* and the beginning of our April break. There are a lot of exciting things to look forward to during the final push to the end of the year when we return on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the meantime, have a wonderful, restful April break!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

### **Happenings and Information**

**Amity in the News:** A few weeks ago, some senior students at Amity participated in a taping of the Altice Cable Show “Meet the Leaders.” Please take a minute to view the video [here](#). Thanks to teachers LeeAnn Browett and Chris Borelli and Associate Principal

Monica Kreuzer for setting up this opportunity for our students and school.

**Endicott Survey Reminder:** Thanks to everyone who has completed the Endicott Survey, an important part of the year-long self-study that we have begun at the high school. If you have not yet completed the survey or do not know if you have received the individualized link, please check **all possible email folders** that are on file through PowerSchool. Only one email was sent per household. Look for an email from this sending email address is: [ec\\_survey@endicott.edu](mailto:ec_survey@endicott.edu). Thank you!

**Newton Road Closure Next Week:** Please be aware that Newton Road will have road maintenance during the week next week. The back gates on North Pease Road will be open throughout the week for access to the high school campus.

**Reminder-SAT Day for Juniors is April 24<sup>th</sup>:** All juniors will be taking the SAT during the school day on **April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Junior Prom Information:** Tickets for the 2018 Junior Prom are being sold on MyPaymentsPlus starting today April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm through April 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-11pm at Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange.

**Art Show Opening:** If you have the chance, stop by the "E Street Gallery" in Derby at 35 Elizabeth Street to check out the Amity High School Art Show that is on display for the next month. Original student works of photography and 3-D pieces are on display.

**Speak up without Saying a Word:** As a reminder, we have an [anonymous tip line](#) for community members to report concerns. Use *Speak Up* to either text or leave a voice message to report bullying, drug possession, crime and other school or community safety concerns. Bethany's student contact number: 203-404-6740.

## **Senior Happenings**

**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 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Yale University High School Partnership Program:** Amity rising juniors and seniors may enroll in one undergraduate course at Yale University as part of the Yale-New Haven/Area High School partnership program. Participants are responsible for fees and transportation to/from these college campuses. Students wishing to take a class at Yale, in addition to their required courses at Amity, during the Fall 2018 term must see their counselor or Mrs. LaPlante in the Counseling Office. In addition, students who have not already attended an orientation session, must attend the orientation being held at Yale (17 Hillhouse, Room 101) on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 3-4 pm.

**Gateway Partnership Program:** Rising juniors and seniors who are interested in taking a course at Gateway Community College through our high school partnership program should see their counselor for more information. Students must have at least a B average to be considered for the program. There is no cost for tuition, but students are responsible for any lab fees, books, necessary supplies and transportation. ARHS is limited to 10 students for this program--interested students should complete an application by May 11th. Selections will be made by a committee and students will be notified. Please see your counselor for the application.

**Summer Residential Programs:** Interested in Engineering? If you are a current 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. To apply or learn more, please visit their [website](#). UConn's School of Engineering will also be offering their **SPARK Stem Summer Camp** for female students entering 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will experience hands-on projects and experiments, exciting engineering concepts, and fun activities. SPARK offers four weeklong camps from July 8<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. To apply or learn more, please visit this [site](#) or call 1-860-486-5536.

## **Important Reminders**

**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 practice and athletic schedules, please refer to the athletic department's website [here](#).

For a copy of next week's schedule, please click [here](#).

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

**Parents of Football Players:** The football parents meeting which was originally scheduled for this Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria.

## **Community Happenings**

**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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