

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



**"Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity,  
they think of you."**

**– H. Jackson Brown, Jr**

We conclude the month of April where we have focused on our core value of **fairness** with a variety of happenings at the high school. All sophomores participated in a Career Fair Day today, where they heard from local professionals about career paths and opportunities. Members of our student body also led a recognition of the National Day of Silence. Started in 1996, this is one of the nation's largest student-led days of action and is focused around raising awareness regarding anti-LGBT bullying in schools. We have also had numerous in-school and out-of-school activities that have showcased leadership development and building a strong community. As we conclude our focus on fairness, we look toward May and the core value of **passion**. While the school year is steaming ahead to a conclusion, we have entered the phase of standardized testing for many of our students. We conducted the state mandated SAT for juniors this past week, will hold Advanced Placement testing from May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> and the juniors will participate in the Next Generation Science Standards pilot assessment, to be held during science class/lab time at the end of May. Testing is an important part of the fabric of education, and is an opportunity for our students to demonstrate their skills. The core values and beliefs demonstrated by our students in the classroom, in the hallways, through extra-curricular, co-curricular and community activities are the true assessment of our school community.

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 [Pharmacist](#) and the college is [University of Connecticut](#). 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**

**Amity Regional School District Budget Referendum:** A referendum vote will be held in each of the District's member towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at their usual polling locations for the following question:

“SHALL THE AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT’S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 IN THE GROSS AMOUNT OF \$49,026,535 AND THE NET AMOUNT OF \$48,190,256 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5? “

The Regional Board Secretary's [explanatory text](#) with respect to the referendum question, as authorized pursuant to State statute, will be mailed to all residents of the District during the week of April 24th.

**Amity Efficiency Award:** Please click on this [link](#) for the student application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence. The deadline for applications this year is April 27, 2018. There will be one recipient from each school. Each awardee will each receive \$300 and recognition at the June Board of Education meeting. Completed applications should be sent to me in the main office.

**Amity Student Government 2018-2019:** The Amity Student Government is now accepting applications for student representatives for next year. If you are interested please click on the [link](#). Applications will be accepted from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2017-2018 Embers Yearbook-Last Call:** Have you purchased your yearbook yet? The online ordering window will close on **Saturday, April 28th**. If you're still interested in reserving

your copy of *Embers* 2018 and haven't already done so, please visit [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) today!

**Junior Prom Information:** Tickets for the 2018 Junior Prom are being sold on MyPaymentsPlus. The deadline has been extended to 11:59pm on April 30th. Buy your tickets now! The Junior Prom will be held on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-11pm at Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Orange Youth Services Available Scholarships:** Scholarships for high school seniors who live in Orange and who have done well in academics and extra curricula activities. The grant funding form is very simple: a transcript copy of High School grades and a list of any extra-curricular activities they may have participated in. Applications are available at the Community Services Office, 525 Orange Center Rd from Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30. Deadline for the applications is May 15th. Completed applications should be dropped off at the Community Center as well.

## **Important Reminder**

**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.

## **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 click [here](#).

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

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