

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We celebrated our teachers throughout the week this week with the theme “ARHS Teachers are out of this world!” The celebration kicked off on Monday with student-organized aspects of the painted rock at the campus entrance, a banner hung up in the main hallway and a faculty meeting that required teams of teachers to complete scavenger hunt activities to find an ultimate prize, created and personalized by students. This introductory [video](#) is what students used to start the faculty meeting. Also on Monday, and for a few other days throughout the week, the PTSO provided food for our faculty. Thank you! Along with our celebration of Amity Teachers, we also can celebrate the passage of the 2018-2019 Amity Regional School District Budget by a strong majority. Thank you to everyone who went out to vote on Tuesday! We had our final Parent University on Tuesday and we highlight our Class of 2019 tonight at the Junior Prom. No matter what is happening at the high school, you can be sure that we are finding our **passion**, making things happen and going the distance throughout the month of May. Have a great weekend and Happy Mother’s Day!



Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

PLEASE NOTE: THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LATE ARRIVAL DAY WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 21st

Happenings and Information

Parenting Article: This [article](#), shared by the director of counseling Jill LaPlante, is an interesting read about the overuse of social media sites.

Parent School Climate Survey: Please take a few minutes between now and Friday, May 26th, to complete the [school climate survey for parents](#). This is an in-

house survey that offers formative feedback on important areas of the school climate from the parents' perspective. The survey will not take about 5-8 minutes to complete. Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration.

Senior Prom: The Senior Prom will be held on Friday, May 25th at the Omni Hotel in New Haven from 7:30-11:00 p.m. Students must arrive at the Omni by 8:00 p.m. in order to be admitted to the prom. Tickets are \$65.00 for a single ticket at \$120.00 for a couples ticket and can be purchased through MyPayments Plus. Students who purchase a couples ticket must complete the form regarding their date by clicking the [link](#). If a student is bringing a guest who does not attend Amity, they must complete the guest form and return it to the Main Office. The guest form may be found **in the main office**.

PTSO Project Graduation Balloons: Parents and friends of graduating seniors-now is the time to purchase your congratulatory balloons for those friends and family who will be graduating on June 15th. Follow this [link](#) to purchase a bunch of balloons and support the PTSO at the same time.

Class of 2019 Senior Portraits: This Thursday during a junior class assembly, the class of 2019 was provided with information regarding their upcoming senior portrait sessions. These sessions will be held in the lecture hall from June 11th to 14th beginning at noon and going until 4:30. Juniors should be on the lookout for letters from Robert Taylor Photography, which will be mailed to their homes; these letters will provide specific appointment dates and times as well as other important information. A full schedule of appointments will also be posted by both the main office and the yearbook office as well as on the yearbook website early next week. We want all seniors to be in the yearbook, so please note that there is no charge for a single sitting. If your child cannot make their appointment, please call Robert Taylor Photography directly at (203) 377-0739 to reschedule. If you have any questions about senior portraits, please visit the yearbook [website](#) or contact the yearbook advisor, Ken Clark, at embers@amityschools.org.

Senior Happenings

Senior Service Learning Program/Senior Interest Project: The participating seniors will be completing up their coursework on Friday, May 18th. For seniors that need to take exams, we will be offering proctored exam sessions: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon from 2:30-4:30. Seniors are responsible for coordinating their exam schedules with their teachers. All financial and academic obligations need to be met by Friday, May 18th.

Orange Rotary Club Scholarship now available! The Orange Rotary Club is offering three \$2,000 scholarships to Orange Seniors heading off to college in the fall of 2018. In addition, a separate \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing a degree in Human Services or a related field, i.e.

Special Education. All applications are available in the Career Center. The application deadline is Friday, May 25, 2018.

Community Service Information for Seniors: Please be advised that all final totals of community service hours have been posted in PowerSchool under Test Results and then Community Service. If you have reached 100 hours over your 4 years at Amity, you will be recognized at graduation with a certificate and an honorary cord. If you have questions concerning your community service hours, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Senior Yearbook Distribution (Tuesday, June 5th): The 2018 yearbook dedication, distribution, and signing celebration will take place in the Paul D. Mengold gymnasium on Tuesday, June 5th, from 1:30-3:00. Seniors participating in the SSLP are invited back during the last session of the school day to take part in the event and are advised to make arrangements with their internship supervisors in advance; this school activity counts toward their internship hours. If students have not yet purchased a yearbook, they can do so at the event for \$80.00 (cash only). Please note that this event is for seniors only; underclassmen will receive their yearbooks during lunch waves beginning the following day.

For seniors: All Amity Google email accounts will be deleted once seniors graduate in June. All students were sent an email to their school email with instructions on how to transfer any needed files. Seniors are asked to update their Naviance accounts with outcomes and to set an attending school. A final transcript will be sent in late June to the school indicated in Naviance.

Notes from Counseling Department

Yale University ITS High School Internship: The Yale Information Technology Systems Department has a Summer Internship Program that runs from July 9-August 3. This is a paid internship, and the experience is resume-worthy. Applications were e-mailed to all sophomores and juniors. Students will need to complete and hand in applications by Thursday, May 17th. An Amity High School committee will select the top three applicants to send through to Yale for the additional selection process. Students will be notified in June if they are selected to participate, after an interview in May or June. The following are the qualifying factors:

1. Orange residents only
2. Must have a valid US Social Security Card
3. Students must demonstrate strong aptitude
4. Well rounded, enthusiastic learners
5. An interest in Information Technology
6. Must be at least 16 by July 1, 2018

Local Community Service Opportunity: The **10th Annual Strawberry Festival** will be held at the High Plains Community Center in Orange on Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help organize this event starting on Wednesday, June 6th through Saturday, June 9th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stuart King at 203-506-1378 or snhking@gmail.com.

Important Reminders

Final Exam Schedule: Final exams will start on Monday, June 11th and run through Thursday, June 14th, with Friday, June 15th scheduled as a make-up exam day prior to the graduation ceremony. Please note that exams will run in reverse order to create an equitable distribution for students between midterm exams and final exams. The final exam schedule may be found [here](#).

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](#).

Community Happenings

Amity Creative Theater 10 Year Anniversary Concert: Celebrate the last ten years of Amity shows at our Anniversary Concert! We will present musical numbers from all of our great shows; Grease, Rent, Les Miserables, Chicago, Legally Blonde, Sweeney Todd, Tarzan, In the Heights, Into the Woods and Fiddler on the Roof. Cast members from 2008 through 2018 will join us for a one night only reunion event you cannot miss! Get your tickets [here](#).

Summer Sports Camps right here at Amity: Woodbridge Recreation will be running five different instructional and FUN! summer sports camps here at Amity High School. Camps are: [Girls basketball](#), [Boys basketball](#), [Wrestling](#), [Football](#) and [Boys & Girls Soccer](#). Attached find our brochures for dates, times and costs. Any questions contact Len Marazzi, Len.Marazzi@reg5.k12.ct.us.

11th Annual Summer Theater Camp: Join us this summer for another wonderful summer of theater camp fun! Dates are July 2nd-27th 2018 (no July 4th). The camp runs Monday through Friday, 8am -12pm with a culminating camp show on July 27th 7pm. Everyone is welcome and it is free! Tuition includes: All activities, Ice Cream Socials, Movies, Crafts Camp Olympic and Camp T-Shirt. Register [HERE](#).

2018 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge: Please see this [notice](#) for more information about this annual activity that can be done on a child's own time throughout the summer.

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