

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This has certainly been a school year of crazy weather situations. The destruction our community witnessed from Tuesday's storm has been devastating, but the resilience the members of our community have demonstrated has been even more impressive. Every adverse situation that we are presented with is an opportunity to set a positive example for our young people. The residents of Bethany have done just that, by helping out neighbors, assisting emergency personnel and driving their kids to school when it was possible. The high school community is supporting Bethany residents by opening our doors for showers and charging stations and the high school PTSO has reached out to the AMSB PTSO to offer support in any way they can. Today is the last day of classes for many of our seniors who are participating in the experiential learning activities of Senior Service Learning Program and the pilot program Senior Interest Project. These experiences help our students explore their **passions**, but they learn as much from the modeling of the adults around them as they do actually doing the work. Thank you to all of our community members for being supportive role models. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

Rescheduled Underclass Awards Night: Due to the impact of the storm on Tuesday, Underclass Awards Night has been rescheduled for **next Wednesday, 5/23, at 6:30** in the Brady Center. Students who are receiving awards at Underclass Awards Night were notified by invitation.

Professional Development Monday: As a reminder, students will have a delayed opening on Monday due to professional development for faculty. The student day will begin at 9:34.

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 and will be allowed to leave after 10:30. The prom concludes at 11:00pm. 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**.

Senior Picnic: The Senior Picnic will be held at Holiday Hill on Thursday, May 24th. Students must be transported to and from the event by the school transportation. Student should arrive at the high school at 8:20 and report to the cafeteria. We will return about 3:45. **If necessary**, there will be an athletic bus leaving early for student athletes who have a **scheduled competition** that requires them to return before the end of the trip. **Students with work or family obligations should plan accordingly based on the timing of the field trip.**

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.

REVISED Final Exam Schedule: Final exams will start on Tuesday, June 12th and run through Friday, June 15th, with Monday,

June 18th scheduled as a make-up exam day. The graduation ceremony will still be held on Friday, June 15th at 4:00, as seniors will have completed all of their final exams before that time. 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](#).

Mr. Spartan 2018: Do you want to find out who the next Mr. Spartan is? Come find out on May 22nd at 7 pm in the Brady Center! You are in for a night full of lots of laughter, possible tears, and TONS of embarrassment!! It's \$5 at the door and all proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald House of New Haven!

Senior Breakfast: The annual Senior Breakfast sponsored by the PTSO will be held on June 14 at 9:45, prior to graduation rehearsals. PTSO is looking for donations of food items, volunteers and raffle prizes. Online signups will be available starting next week. Please contact Wendy Frieden with any questions, wendy.frieden@yahoo.com.

Senior Happenings

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.

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

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.

Summer Community Service Opportunity: Judy Rabin of the Woodbridge Library will be coming to Amity's Career Center on Tuesday May 22nd at 11:00 AM to discuss Reading Together, a program designed to match older students with young children to promote a greater love and understanding of reading. Students are trained to help younger children draw information from the book that they read together. This program runs through the summer, and Ms. Rabin is looking for volunteers. Please inform interested students that they are welcome to come down and join the meeting. For more information regarding the program, please check out the [website](#).

Important Reminders

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](#).

There have been quite a few rescheduled competitions. Please check [here](#) for a copy of the revised schedule for next week.

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

Community Happenings

Fundraiser for Students Against Destructive Decisions

(SADD) Club: Please come out and support our S.A.D.D. Club next Wednesday May23 @7:00pm in the Black Box. Famous Hypnotist Dan LaRosa will be here! For an admission fee of only \$10, you will witness an incredible show that you don't want to miss !! Tickets are on sale now during lunches and will be sold at the door the night of the show.

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 include [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.

BOW 2018 Relay for Life is THIS WEEKEND: The annual community event of Relay for Life will be held this weekend at the Orange Fair Grounds from 6:00pm Saturday to 7:00am Sunday morning. Participants must be registered on a team to participate

and all full participants will have wrist bands to wear throughout the event.

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