

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Over the past week, we have celebrated our graduating class of 2018 through the senior picnic, the senior prom and, on Thursday night, senior class awards. It is a celebratory time, but also a time for reflection and appreciation. During our senior awards night, we also recognize those faculty members who are retiring from Amity High School—Maggie Barkin (English), Marian Carroll (Special Education), Brenda Burt (Science) and Cathy Austin (Coordinator of Pupil Services-Administration). Along with retirees, we recognize the district teacher of the year and the PTSO Teacher of the Year. This year's Amity Regional School District #5 is theater teacher Rob Kennedy and the PTSO Teacher of the Year is manufacturing teacher Ed Rostowsky. Both of these teachers demonstrate our core values throughout their professional lives and serve as amazing role models of our mission statement for our students. We strive to live our mission statement and our core values and beliefs as a learning community every day. One way we are living that mission today is through the One Book/One Amity 2018 book reveal. This year's book will help us begin to grapple with some significant issues that are facing our society as well as help us grow stronger as a community. All households will receive one copy of the book *All American Boys* and the youngest eligible student of the household will be given the book. A note for families to accompany the book title can be found [here](#). Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

POPs Concert-The music department is putting on their yearly *Late Night POPS Concert* tonight (6/1) at 7:00pm in the Black Box Theater. The show is hosted by Ben Kemp and Micha Aviad with popular performances by Amity musicians.

Graduation letters to seniors and parents: These official letters for graduation to [seniors](#) and [parents](#) will give you

information regarding the procedures leading up to and including graduation.

Important Notice - Returning Student Registration: On June 5th all Amity families will receive an email on how to fill out your child's information for PowerSchool. The email will go to all guardians that are listed in PowerSchool, however you only have to fill out a reregistration form once **for each child** that you have in the district. You can make an appointment with the technology department, located in the high school, if you do not have access to a computer. Call (203)397-4830 to make that appointment. When filling out all the information on InfoSnap, please use either Google Chrome or Firefox as your browsers. Internet Explorer and Safari sometimes do not load all the information correctly. It is also better to use a Mac or a PC rather than your phone to fill out this information. All Acceptable Use policies and handbooks will be accepted online through this process. Please have all the information filled out as soon as possible, so your child will have access to all programs **including PowerSchool in the fall.**

Summer Opportunities at ARHS: Summer is almost here! Come join us for many great classes and fun opportunities! Check out the Amity Adult & Continuing Education summer catalog online! The registration link can be found [here](#). Register today! Check out this [flyer](#) for more information!

Medication pick-up reminder: Parents/Guardians should pick up student medication from the health office by Tuesday, June 13th 12 p.m. Medication will not be stored at the school over the summer. Any medication not picked up by this time will be disposed of. Please contact the health office at 203-397-4850 for any questions.

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.

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. Use this [link](#) to donate or volunteer. Please contact Wendy Frieden with any questions, wendy.frieden@yahoo.com.

Senior Happenings

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.

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.

Important Reminders

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](#).

Athletics

Athletic Department Website: 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](#).

Fall sports at Amity Regional High School: There will be an **extremely** important informational meeting for **all parents and students** interested in participating in the sports of cross country, soccer, field hockey, football, girls swimming, and girls volleyball on **JUNE 11th at 5:30pm in the Main gym of the high school**. ALL coaches will be in attendance and will discuss important tryout information! THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEETING TO ATTEND FOR ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS.

Community Happening

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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