

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



“Around here...we don’t look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things, because we’re curious...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.” ~Walt Disney

We have concluded October, where we focused on the ARHS Core Belief of “Inspiration,” but I wanted to share the above quotation because I think it emphasizes not only the importance of being curious and allowing that curiosity to inspire, but also the significance of working together to discover new things. November’s core belief is “collaboration” with a particular emphasis on the idea of service. Teachers have been collaborating through Instructional Rounds and moving forward in their own learning by discussing ways to enhance student agency. Students continue to collaborate with each other and with teachers through the work they are doing in classrooms, through club activities, athletic endeavors and other services to the school. We have quite a bit of special programming in store for the month of November, beginning with the author of *Everyday* visiting on Monday. We are looking forward to continuing to learn from each other this month and venturing down new paths together!

Have a great weekend and remember to turn your clocks back on Saturday night/Sunday morning!

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 [Linguist](#) and the college is [Emory University](#). 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

First Marking Period & Report Cards: The first marking period will end on Wednesday, November 1. Teachers will soon begin entering final MP1 grades in PowerSchool. Please note that grades will not be finalized for the first marking period until Wednesday, November 8. An electronic report card will be sent via PowerSchool after grades have been finalized and verified.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences: Once you have reviewed your child's grades and comment codes, you may be interested in setting up a conference with one or more of your child's teachers. The sign-up for parent/student/teacher conferences will begin on November 8 at 5:00 pm. Instructions for sign-ups may be found [here](#). Please be reminded that there are three parent-teacher conference dates/times: November 16 and November 29 from 5pm-7:30pm and December 6 from 12:45pm-3:15 pm. If you encounter any problems or have questions, please send an email: helpdesk@amityschools.org.

Monday Author Visit: The author of *Everyday*, David Levithan, will be coming to address the student body on Monday, November 6th. After Mr. Levithan's address, students will have the opportunity to have their books signed. Please remind your child to bring his/her book to school on Monday if your child would like Mr. Levithan's signature.

No School Tuesday: As a reminder, Tuesday is a district-wide professional learning day; there will be no school for students. It's also election day, so remember to cast your ballot!

Friday Veterans Day: To honor and recognize Veterans Day, we will be holding grade-wide programming on Friday, November 10th. Students will hear from a panel of ARHS Veterans and representatives from the VFW. We'll be posting updates on our Twitter feed.

Updating PowerSchool Contact Information: As we head in to the season of possible weather related school interruptions, it is important to be sure your contact information is correct through

PowerSchool. Please see the directions to update your PowerSchool contact information [here](#).

Senior Happenings

College Visits: The college visits to Amity are slowing down for the remainder of the fall season. Below please find a final list of visits for November.

- College of Charleston 11/13/17 1:30pm
- Manhattan College 11/20/17 9:30am
- University of Hartford (School of Art) 11/21/17 9:00am

College Open House Dates: One of the most important parts of the college search process is visiting the campus. This gives the prospective student a chance to meet with faculty, staff and students on campus. An Open House will allow you to listen in on an info session and include a tour of the campus. Please find a listing of upcoming Open Houses in Connecticut and out-of-state schools [here](#). Please confirm all Open Houses with each institution before visiting!

Attention seniors-first quarter grades: If you would like first quarter grades to be sent to colleges, you must fill out a form in the Counseling Office. We will plan to send out first quarter beginning the week of November 13th, according to the college deadlines.

SCSU Field Admission Day: [Southern Connecticut State University](#) will hold a Field Admission Day at Amity Regional High School on **Tuesday, November 14th**. Interested seniors may meet with an SCSU admission representative. SCSU admission representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply to Southern Connecticut via the [Common Application](#) by November 7th. Interested seniors should speak with school counselors or see Ms. Salemme in the Counseling Center to schedule a meeting.

Here are the criteria which SCSU shared. If you do not fit into this criteria please speak with your school counselor:

- College Prep courses or higher

- 2.7 GPA or higher
- At least a 980 SAT or a 19-21 ACT score
- Have SCSU as a top 3 choice

UNH Field Admission Day: [University of New Haven](#) will hold a Field Admission Day at Amity Regional High School on Monday, December 11th. Interested seniors may meet with a UNH admission's representative on-site. UNH admissions representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply through [The Common Application](#) by December 4th. Interested seniors are asked to speak school counselors or see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center to schedule a meeting.

Here are the minimum criteria that UNH shared. If you do not meet these criteria, please speak with your school counselor:

- 2.7 GPA
- 980 new SAT

Important Reminders

Special Programing in November: As an FYI, there will be a few days with special programing in November, including November 6th with the David Levithan, author of the OBOA book *Everyday*, visiting the school to address the student body, school-wide Veterans' Day programing on November 10th and a special program day on November 22nd (the day before Thanksgiving). With the exception of November 22nd, these special programs will not disrupt more than 1 period of classroom time. Regular period and daily attendance will be recorded for all school days, including any special programing.

Change of time for November PTSO Meeting: The November PTSO meeting will be on November 9th at 6:00 in the library, instead of the previously scheduled 7:00 start time. At this meeting we will discuss, among other things, a summary of the fall school climate survey results for parents, students and teachers. The

Faculty Follies fundraiser will begin at 7:00 on the same night in the Brady Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

Please see senior happenings above.

Athletics

Athletic Department Website: For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for fall sports, please refer to the athletic department's website [here](#).

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

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

Community Happenings

National Art Honors Society Reception: The NAHS is having an open-house reception on Monday from 5-7pm at the Woodbridge Library in the community room. This is our annual exhibition that highlights the talents of the art students. We look forward to sharing our successes with the community.

Milestone C Spring Semester @ ARHS: This a groundbreaking after-school aerospace program that runs for roughly 14-weeks. Students learn about aeronautical engineering, flight and more while honing their collaborative and problem-solving skills. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information on the program and how to register. Classes begin in January, 2018.

Fundraising for Logan Testa: A member in our community has been diagnosed with multiple tumours. We are asking student groups (teams, clubs, and organizations) to help fundraise for the Testa family, possibly collect travel supplies/ books/ videos for Logan, or send cards. Any and all ideas would be great. Please contact ARHS Club Council if you may be able to support

fundraising efforts through Mr. Barretta at frank.barretta@reg5.k12.ct.us.

BOW Relay for Life Fundraiser: This year, the ARHS Club Council is also supporting the Bethany-Orange-Woodbridge Relay For Life, taking place in May, 2018. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

Community Service Available: Woodbridge Human Services maintains a food pantry for Woodbridge residents. This begins the time of year that many organizations organize food drives. Please consider volunteering your time to help sort food. After-school hours are available, especially on early dismissal days. Community Service hours will be approved for high school recognition.

Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation - If you missed the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation's special *Next to Normal* preview night fundraiser at Square Foot Theatre last month ... don't worry - there are two more great shows coming! The suggested donation is \$14 (one-half regular ticket price) ... but ANY donation will get you in the door for these exciting performances - you set the price! These preview nights benefit the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation

- **Wednesday, November 9, 2017 - One Night with Fanny Brice**
- **Thursday, November 30, 2017 - Annie**

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