

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This has been a busy week at Amity Regional High School, with some everyday excellence continuing to occur. We welcomed author of the OBOA summer read *Every Day*, David Levithan, to the school on Monday when he addressed the entire student body and signed books for interested students. On Tuesday night, Grammy award winning music producer Om'mas Keith addressed members of the fall "Duality Music School" program and other community members during an interview-like session with Amity Alumni Jeff Gitelman (class of 2000). On Wednesday, marking period 1 grades were posted, we celebrated 11 student-athletes during an NCAA College Signing Session in the Black Box and JSA (Junior State of America) welcomed Rep. Themis Klarides to their after-school meeting as part of their "speaker series" this year. On Thursday Link Crew held their annual "Ice Cream Social" after school for freshmen to celebrate 1st quarter report cards, the PTSO met at 6:00, just before the 7:00 curtain for the Faculty Follies Talent Show. Today we honor our veterans and learn about their stories through a Veterans Day panel discussion and presentation in the Brady Center and main gymnasium. Thank you to all of the faculty and students who organized and supported all of the various events this week and throughout this year so far. This is a school community that never stops going, regardless of the distance. Have a great weekend!

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 [Interior Design](#) and the college is [Florida State 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

MP1 Report Cards: Parents/guardians will be receiving an email with a secure link to a PDF copy of report cards for MP1.

Parent-Teacher 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. Instructions for parent-teacher conference 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.

Homecoming Dance: The student government will host the 2017 Homecoming Dance on Friday, November 17th from 7-10pm at the high school. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now through [MyPaymentsPlus](#), but are going fast. Be sure to buy your ticket soon!

Teen Life Expo-November 22: On November 22, we will be holding a special programming day for all students. Throughout the morning, students will attend various workshops led by students, teachers and club advisors. Students will be registering for workshops during homeroom next week and will get their schedule of workshops during a brief homeroom on the morning of the 22nd, where attendance will also be taken. We are looking forward to celebrating so many things that Amity Regional High School has to offer on that day!

Climate Survey Data Shared: During the November PTSO meeting, the administration shared a sample of results from parent, student and teacher climate surveys. [This report](#) was presented at the PTSO meeting and highlights results from the Fall 2017 and Fall 2015 surveys for specific questions that support building and district objectives. Minutes from last night's PTSO meeting will be posted on the website soon and will include a synopsis of the presentation.

Amity Enterprises Catalog: Amity Enterprises is a collaborative effort between Amity's FBLA and manufacturing classes. Take a look at this year's [catalog](#) and begin your holiday shopping early!

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 attached a listing of upcoming Open Houses in Connecticut and out-of-state schools. 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.

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

Notes from Counseling Department

Attention Sophomores: ARHS will sponsor one sophomore student to attend the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar to be held from June 1-3, 2018 at the University of Bridgeport. Students spend the time on campus engaging in leadership development activities, collaborating with like-minded students from throughout the state, and exploring leadership from three perspectives: individual, group, and society. For more information about HOBY, please visit this [website](#). Interested students should see their counselor. Applications are due by Monday, November 27, 2017. Please be aware that the selected student is required to stay overnight on the campus of the University of Bridgeport under the supervision of HOBY for the entire duration of the event.

Alumni Day: On Wednesday, November 22nd, Amity will welcome back some members of the Class of 2017 to discuss their transition to college. Juniors and Seniors will hear from newly transitioned students to discuss college life. Our goal is for our current students to understand that while college can be a wonderful adventure sometimes the transition can be challenging, yet worthwhile.

Volunteers Needed: Are you an animal lover and interested in a fundraiser for pets of Puerto Rico? Puerto Rico just endured the worst natural disaster in history. The mission of Vieques Humane Society and Animal Rescue is to relieve the suffering of animals on the island. Please join them for a memorable evening where they hope to raise money for their society. Vieques Rescue needs volunteers for **1 night only on Friday, November 17, 2017 from 5:30-9:30pm** at the Whitney Center on 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden, CT. Stop by the Career Center if you are interested.

Important Reminders

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](#).

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

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. A community fundraiser is taking place at Chip's Restaurant on Thanksgiving morning. 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:

- **Thursday, November 30, 2017 - Annie**

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