

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Author and management expert Ken Blanchard is credited as saying “Feedback is the breakfast of champions.” It is certainly true that one of the best ways to build skills is to reflect on the feedback we get every day. Today is the mid-marking period for the first quarter. Please be sure to take some time to review your child’s PowerSchool and have a discussion about how school is progressing and what your child is excited about in and out of classes. This week at ARHS we hosted Freshmen Tie-Dye Day on Monday, Club Day on Wednesday and an early release for professional staff development today. The end of September is a busy place at ARHS, but October is sure to be just as eventful. The core belief we are focusing on in October is “Inspiration” and we are ready to inspire and be inspired by our community members. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Career and College of the Week: This year the Career Center will highlight a complementary career and college of the week. This week, the career is [Chef](#) and the college is [Culinary Institute of America](#). Students will receive an e-mail that details aspects of the varying careers and colleges. **In addition, a representative from the Culinary Institute of America will be visiting Amity on Wednesday, October 4 @ 10:30am.** Students can also view the bulletin boards in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff for details.

Happenings and Information

October Parent University: Please join us on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 6:30 in the Brady Center for a presentation on social/emotional well-being in teenagers and absenteeism concerns. Dr. Scott Hannan will be a featured presenter along with faculty

member of Amity Regional School District #5. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

PSAT: All juniors will be participating in the National PSAT day on Wednesday, October 11th. Students received a PSAT Student Guide this week to help prepare them for the test. Students may also access the [College Board](#) website for additional information.

PreACT: All sophomores will be taking the PreACT on Wednesday, October 11th. Students may access the [ACT](#) website for additional information regarding the PreACT and ACT.

October 11th 9th and 12th Grade Programming: There will be special programming in place for all 9th and 12th grade students throughout the morning of October 11th, while the 10th and 11th grade students are testing. This is a regular full day of school for all students; attendance will be taken as normal.

Senior Happenings

UConn Day of Pride/Nutmeg Scholarship: Any senior student who is applying to UConn and would like to be considered for the Day of Pride or Nutmeg Scholarships through UConn need to submit their application to UConn prior to November 1st. Please encourage your child to see his/her counselor ASAP as nominations for these scholarships are done through the counseling office. Please note that we only nominate a student who has UConn as a top choice school as these scholarships are extremely limited. For more information, please visit [this site](#).

College Visits: Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These admission representatives are available to share information about their institutions and discuss the admissions process with our juniors and seniors; often times these reps are the people who review applications and make admission decisions. If a student is interested in attending any of these info sessions, please register on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center. Students are provided excused absences from class to meet with representatives. A list of schools visiting Amity this week can be found [here](#).

Extra College Information Added to Naviance: High School Counselors will meet with every college representative as they make their fall visits to Amity. Every student will now have access to the

counselor notes taken at each meeting. This information can be accessed under the Family Connection College tab. Enter your college name in the search bar to find “Counselor Comments” in the Overview section. If you need assistance accessing this information, please contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center at 203-397-4836.

Third Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night: Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? Join us for our third annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night on Wednesday, November 8th from 4-7 p.m. in AHS computer lab 501 (across from the cafe). Take care of everything at once—paperwork, payment, etc. Appointments are not necessary. Visit the yearbook website at amityembers.com for more information and to check out samples of ads from previous yearbooks.

Senior Baby Photos for Yearbook: The yearbook staff is now collecting baby pictures for the "senior scrapbook" section of *Embers*. Scan your photos and upload them directly to us! Visit amityembers.com and click “Submit Photos (eShare)”. Please send only high-resolution photos. Hard copy photos can be dropped off in the "Baby Pictures" box in the main office (please label clearly and only 1 submission per student). All photo submissions are due Wednesday, November 22nd.

Senior Yearbook Pose Selection: Seniors who had their portraits taken with Robert Taylor must choose a yearbook pose by Tuesday, October 24th. Students who do not select a pose by this date will have one chosen for them. Complete instructions for pose selection can be found at [this site](#).

Notes from Counseling Department

Naviance Parent Workshop: Parents who want to learn more about Naviance Family Connection may come to the Naviance Family Connection Parent Workshop on Thursday, October 19th at either 7:30 am or 2:30 pm in computer lab room 501. College and Career Counselor, Karen Waterman, will walk parents through the benefits of Naviance. To sign up, please contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center at 203-397-4836 or by email at Paula.Vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us

Freshmen Counseling Lesson: All 9th grade students met with a counselor from the Counseling Department discover some **Keys**

for High School Success. Freshmen were reintroduced to the Naviance Family Connection and completed a Strength Explorer Inventory. Counselors also discussed study skills, testing strategies, and various Amity High School resources.

Deadline for Dropping a Course: Please be aware that the deadline to drop a course or a level in course without a “W” appearing on the transcript is November 1st. If your child is having difficulty in a course, please be sure to speak to the teacher and school counselor prior to the deadline.

Parent Support Group: ARHS will be hosting a Parent Support Group every other Friday morning from 7:45-8:45 throughout the school year. The first meeting will take place on Friday, September 29th and will be held in the District Office Presentation Room. This is a group for parents who have concerns for their children regarding alcohol or other drug involvement. Please contact Gary Lindgren, student assistance counselor, with any questions at gary.lindgren@reg5.k12.ct.us.

Adult Education: Registration for Term 2 for Hamden Adult Education will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Room D-107. Classes begin on Tuesday, October 24th. For more information, contact your child’s school counselor or the Hamden Adult Education Office at 203.407.2028

Community Service Opportunity: Beecher Road School Elementary is looking for volunteers to help with their annual Halloween Hoot on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 11:30am-3:30pm. Students are asked to register on this link: <http://www.brspto.org/student-volunteer.html>

Woodbridge Job Bank: The Woodbridge Job Bank is looking for young, responsible Woodbridge residents between the ages of 12 and 17 who are interested in earning some money. If you want to do snow shoveling, yard work, office work, child care, pet care, etc, please call us at (203)389-3429 to set up your interview. We’ll help you find work with Woodbridge residents who need a hand around the home or office. It’s a great way to gain work experience close to home.

Important Reminders

Fall Parent Climate Survey: Twice a year we ask parents, staff and students to complete a climate survey to give us feedback on

the high school climate and help us reflect on programming. Please follow this [link](#) to the parent survey, which will be open through October 16th.

ARHS Community Response to Recent Hurricanes: In the wake of the destruction caused by hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the Health Promotion class at Amity High School has organized a drive to benefit the youngest people affected. Collection bins have been placed around the community and in the HS foyer through the end of October.

Athletics

Amity Girls Basketball Clinics: This fall the Amity Girls basketball team is running six clinics for young ladies in 2nd grade to 8th grade. The Amity coaching staff and team will provide drills, shooting sessions, and much much more. Come and support the Amity Girls basketball team and get ready for the upcoming season! Check out the [flyer](#) for more information.

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

Science Fall Saturdays: Yale Pathways to Science will be hosting "Science on Saturdays" series. This is a special lecture series designed for families that brings the excitement of research and the passion of scientists to the community. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information. The events are free and open to the public.

Internet Safety Presentation: Join the Bridges Healthcare and the CT State Police for an evening presentation on Internet Safety to be held in Woodbridge on October 11. Keep current on social media trends popular with our youth and receive resources for keeping

your family safe. Dinner will be served. See the [flyer](#) for more details.

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