

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Today we wrap up the first portion of our spirit days and head in to Homecoming tonight. The weekend is full of activities, including the state open meet for the swimming team and the state championship game for the volleyball team. It seems quite appropriate that this month's school-wide core belief focus is on collaboration and service. When we work together toward a common goal, we absolutely achieve more. Vince Lombardi was quoted as saying, "**Individual commitment to a group effort-- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.**" Next Wednesday we will spend time during the Teen Life Workshops learning from each other and building off of the strong academic community we have been establishing throughout the first few months of this school year. The workshops will give students and faculty a chance to showcase some of their other passions and share those passions with other members of the school community. Have a wonderful pre-Thanksgiving 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 [School Counselor](#) and the college is [Fordham 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

Homecoming Dance: Tonight is the 2017 Homecoming Dance from 7-10pm at the high school from 7-10. Please note that all students must arrive by 7:30 and must remain at the dance until 9:30. As with all high school dances, all students will need to submit to a passive alcohol detection before entering the dance and students must participate in their full schedule of classes on the day of the event to be able to attend the event in the evening.

Reminder about Parent Conferences: Please be reminded that parent conferences are limited. If you know that you are unable to make an already scheduled conference, please cancel it through the reservation. Reservation systems are open until the day of the conference. If you need to cancel a conference on the day of a scheduled conference, please email the teacher directly. If you have any problems or questions with the conference sign-up system, please contact the technology department at helpdesk@amityschools.org.

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.

Alumni Day: As part of the November 22 Teen Life program, Amity will welcome back several members of the Class of 2017 to talk to our juniors and seniors about their transition to college. We thank the volunteers and look forward to hearing about their recent trials and successes. It has to offer on that day!

Junior class school counselor lessons: From November 30-December 5, the junior students will meet with the counseling department to complete a personality-type inventory in Naviance. This lesson will include: students discovering their four letter Myers-Briggs personality code, an explanation of the various codes, strengths and blind spots pertaining to their personality codes, and potential careers of interest.

Amity Creative Theater Presents-*The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later*: The authors of the original play, *The Laramie Project*, the members of the Tectonic Theater Company, revisited Wyoming ten years after the murder to investigate if real change had occurred in Laramie. What does change look like? Have we progressed as a nation? How do we stop hate? The Amity Creative Theater presents *The Laramie Project Ten Years Later* on

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.

Yale College Partnership: Amity juniors and seniors may enroll in one undergraduate course at Yale University as part of the Yale-New Haven/Area High School partnership program. Participants are responsible for tuition cost/fees and transportation to/from these college campuses. Students wishing to take a class at Yale, in addition to their required courses at Amity, during the Spring 2018 term must sign up for the mandatory orientation session scheduled at Yale on **Tuesday, December 5, 2017, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** You must sign up for the orientation in the Counseling Office by December 1st.

Hamden Adult Education: The next registration for Semester 2 for the **Hamden Adult High School Credit Diploma Program** will be held Mon-Wed, Dec 18-20, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Hamden High School, Rm. D-102. Eligible students must be at least seventeen years of age and be officially withdrawn from high school.

Yale Summer Program: The Yale Young Global Scholars Program is offering a summer academic enrichment and leadership program for outstanding high school students from around the world. The YYGS offers six sessions at Yale's Campus in New Haven and one session in Beijing, China. Admission to the program is very selective and is offered to sophomores and juniors only. **The application deadline is February 6, 2018 at 11:59 PM.** For additional information, please visit [this site](#).

Important Reminders

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!

Athletics

Booster Club Mattress Sale: On Saturday, November 18th, the Amity Regional High School Booster Club will host a mattress sale

in the high school cafeteria from 10-5. Come check out the options and support the ARHS Booster Club.

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.

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.

Community Service Opportunity with Woodbridge Youth Service is looking for a few students to be on the Youth Advisory Board. Meetings are held every other month for one hour after school. Students would be asked to update them on student events,

ideas, etc. All students must be a Woodbridge resident. Please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429.

Peck Place Craft Fair: Please see this [flyer](#) for more information about a craft fair. There will be a variety of vendors, a bake sale, a raffle and kids crafts. There will also be a pizza truck at the school for those that want to have lunch while they are out and about.

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 is another great show 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! **Thursday, November 30, 2017** will be the preview night for *Annie* that will benefit the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation.

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