

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



As we begin the month of December, it is also the month of the core belief of **compassion** for Amity Regional High School. There have been amazing programs at the class, school and club levels throughout the first few months of school that have supported our highlighted core values and beliefs, and December is no exception. Along with our midmarking period next week, we will also be hosting the preview to the fall play, *The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later* for all grades (next Thursday and Friday). Tuesday's Spartan Seminar lesson will focus on preparing students to consider compassion, empathy and sympathy as they relate to the play. Spartan Seminar groups will continue to work on building a strong sense of school community throughout the month of December as we hone our sense of compassion and work to appreciate and include all members of Amity Regional High School in the life of the school community.

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 [Radiologic and MRI Technologist](#) and the college is [Gateway Community College](#). 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

**Early Dismissal/Parent-Teacher Conferences:** The third and final round of Parent-Teacher conferences to review 1<sup>st</sup> quarter performance will be Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The school day will operate on an early dismissal schedule and students will be dismissed at

12:16 .Virtual Paragon will be available, space permitting, for registration until the evening of December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Mid-Marking Period for 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period:** The mid-marking period for second quarter will be on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please check PowerSchool for updates on student progress.

**Fall 2017 PSAT Results:** On Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, online score reports for the PSAT will be available for all 11th grade students who took the test in October. Students will need to access their College Board accounts for their scores.

**PTSO Holiday Basket Donations Needed:** Every holiday season the Amity High School PTSO supports a family in need from Bethany, Woodbridge and Orange. If you would like to donate please contact your local town coordinators listed below. Monetary donations or gift cards to Walmart, Stop & shop, Target and Kohls are the most helpful so we can shop and meet the family's needs in the best way possible. All donations can be sent into AHS main office by December 11<sup>th</sup> so we have time to shop and prepare the gifts for delivery. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Grade 12:** Please be aware that December 11th is the transcript request deadline for any students who would like transcripts sent out for a 1/1/2018 application deadline.

**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**

**SAVE THE DATE-Post-Secondary Planning Night for juniors:** A planning night for current juniors will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Brady Center. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend. Ann Fleming-Brown, Director of Admissions at Union College will be presenting on the college and university search and application process.

**SAVE THE DATE-Gap Year Fair:** Amity Regional High School will host a Gap Year Fair on January 10, 2018 from 6-8:30 pm. [USA Gap Year Fairs](#) is organizing the event which provides students with a broad exposure to Gap Year Programs and the opportunity for face-to-face conversations with professionals in the field. Many of these programs also offer summer opportunities for students.

**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.**

## **Important Reminders**

**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 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This production is Sponsored by the [Jamie Hulley](#) Arts Foundation. Tickets can be purchased at this [link](#).

**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**

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

**Winter Sports Tryouts:** All students must first be registered and approved prior to tryouts/practice. Tryouts/Practice Dates for the High School teams are taking place as follows:

Girls Basketball	Mon. 11/27 3:00 p.m.	AHS MainGym
Boys Basketball	Sat. 12/2 9:30 a.m.	AHS Main Gym
Boys Indoor Track	Mon.12/4 2:30 p.m.	AHS Gym
Girls Indoor Track	Mon.12/4 2:30 p.m.	AHS Gym
Boys Ice Hockey	Sat.12/2 4:00 p.m.	Bennett Rink, West Haven
Girls Ice Hockey	Mon.11/27 8:00 p.m.	The Rinks @ Shelton
Boys/Girls Ski Racing	Mon. 11/21 2:30 p.m.	Hall by Weight Room
Boys Swimming	Sun.12/3 7:00 a.m.	Orange Community Pool
Wrestling	Mon.11/27 2:30 p.m.	AHS Aux. Gym

**The final competition for the fall, 2017 athletic season is below:**

Date	Sport	Opponent	H/A-Facility	Time/Result
Thu., 11/23/17	V Football	North Haven	Home - William Johnson Football Field @ Amity HS <a href="#">[Directions]</a>	L 7-46

## **Community Happenings**

**Local Community Service Needed:** The Orange Park & Recreation Department is looking for high school students to help with a children's "Cookie Swap" event, which takes place on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 11:30am-2:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Mrs. Vallie @ [paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us).

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