

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We started off our month of the core belief of “compassion” with a jammed-packed week. On Monday, we welcomed a delegation of 20 educators from the Guangdong Province in China on Tuesday. The visitors shadowed students for two periods after a brief welcoming presentation by district and building administrators. The visit concluded with a panel discussion with a few students. After school on Monday we held a faculty meeting focused around enhancing interpersonal communication among teachers as well as sharing the kindness challenge calendar (click [here for the kindness calendar](#) shared by Student Government). Tuesday’s Spartan Seminar focused around play preparation and defining the concepts of “empathy,” “sympathy,” and “compassion.” Tuesday night we held our Fall Sports Awards night, where our athletes and teams were recognized for “going the distance” throughout the fall. After a shortened day for students on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday have offered the opportunity for the entire student body (and many of the staff members) to watch the ARHS Fall Play, *The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later*. This epilogue to *The Laramie Project* demonstrates how a town defined by a tragedy grapples, heals and grows from that tragedy. The actors and crew have done an amazing job bringing the various interviews that make up the play to life in this poignant production. The community showing will be tonight, 8:00pm, in the Brady Center. Have a wonderful 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 [Physiologist](#) and the college is [Georgetown 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

2017 Winter Concert: We will continue the display of excellence from the Fine and Performing Arts Department next Thursday with

the Amity Music Department Winter Concert on Thursday December 14, 2017 at 7:00pm in the John J. Brady Center. This is a FREE concert open to the public! Come and listen to great music performed by the talented students of the Amity High School Music Department. The Amity Choirs, Band and Orchestras will be featured. The repertoire will include "The Chanukah Song", "The World for Christmas" and more by the Amity Choirs. The Amity Orchestras will be performing "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir" and more! The Amity Band will be performing "Toccata for Band", "A Christmas Festival" and more! The students have been working hard and are ready to perform for a packed audience. We hope to see you there!

National Art Honor Society Empty Bowls Fundraiser: On December 14th from 5-7pm the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation in conjunction with the ARHS National Art Honor Society and the Culinary Department are hosting our annual [Empty Bowls](#) event. For a minimum donation of \$10 patrons can receive a handcrafted bowl and a soup dinner. All proceeds will benefit the downtown evening soup kitchen in New Haven. Immediately following dinner is the annual winter concert in the Brady Center.

Artist Visit: Bob Englehart, the award-winning editorial cartoonist, will visit Amity Regional High School on December 13, 2017, to present to some of our history, journalism and art classes. Mr. Englehart was the first full-time editorial cartoonist in the 251 year history of *The Hartford Courant* and worked for that newspaper for 35 years. Mr. Englehart will discuss his creative process and share insights about writing gags, drawing cartoons and caricatures, and the perils of the daily newspaper. This visit is made possible by the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation.

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 11th so we have time to shop and prepare the gifts for delivery. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Calling all possible STEM Fair Judges: Are you willing to spend Saturday morning February 3rd, 2018, discussing STEM projects with some of the best and brightest high school students in Connecticut? Then the Connecticut STEM Fair wants you to be a judge! The event will take place at Amity Regional High School on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018. Please see this [link](#) for more information.

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents: Please log into MyPaymentsPlus and pay the Cap and Gown fee. Also, please remember to log into Naviance and document how you would like your name to be displayed on the high school diploma (ex. using full middle name vs. just an initial). Please check to make sure all spelling is correct. The deadline is December 22nd, 2017.

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.

Notes from Counseling Department

Community Service Texts: If your child is interested in learning about upcoming community service opportunities, please have them sign up for Remind notifications from the Career Center. Please have your child **text the message “@amityserve” to 81010**. When the Career Center hears about a community service opportunity, we will share it with our service-minded students.

Important Reminders

Fall 2017 PSAT Results: On Wednesday, December 13th, 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.

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

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](#).

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 list of **next week's events**, please click [here](#).

Ticket Sales for Amity Home Sporting Events: The Athletic Department is offering the sale of Season Passes for **HOME** games/matches. They can be purchased at the Athletic Department starting on Tuesday, December 12 during study halls and afterschool. They can also be purchased at the home sporting events. Purchase the pass for 9 events and receive one free game. Adults are \$45.00 and students/seniors are \$18.00. If you have any questions, please call the Athletic Dept. at 203-397-4839.

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