

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education”

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have finally had a full week of school without disruptions. As we move in to next week, we are gearing up for midterm exams and the final week of 1st semester. Tuesday will be a special bell schedule where all 8 periods will meet to afford teachers and students a chance to catch up on the A/D day schedule we missed last week and have one final day of classroom preparation before midterm exams begin on Wednesday. We are focusing, as a school community, on the core belief of “persistence” this month. Our students, faculty and members of the larger school community demonstrate persistence in a variety of ways, including working together to solve tough problems in classes, during athletic competitions where the result comes down to the last few moments and through multiple auditions in the theater arts program as the cast of the spring musical is being formed. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is an excellent example of persistence and passion and continues to serve as an inspiration for our entire nation. 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 [Genetic Counselor](#) and the college is [University of Nottingham](#). 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

2018 AP Exam Registration: Students taking AP exams at Amity Regional High School for courses taken during the 2017-18 school year must register through Total Registration (there will be a link posted on the school website to Total Registration). The regular registration period will open on **Friday, January 19** at 3:00pm and will close on **Sunday, February 18** at 11:59 pm. The

2018 AP Exam cost is \$97 per exam. Please be sure to have a credit card or debit card available before beginning registration. There will be a late registration period, with a \$10 late charge, from February 19-23. Please contact Mrs. Ferguson at Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us if you have any questions regarding exams.

Midterm Exam schedule and information: Midterm exams will begin on January 16th and run through January 19th. The midterm exam schedule can be found here. Please be reminded that each exam will be a 2 hour time slot. If, for any reason, a student needs to reschedule an exam (due to sudden illness, emergency, etc), the student must receive written permission from his/her associate principal before rescheduling with the teacher or for one of the makeup sessions during the week of January 22nd. Please call the main office, 203-397-4830, if you have any questions.

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: As a reminder, the District will be closed on Monday, January 15th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

Senior Happenings

Senior Service Learning Program Parent Informational Evening: On Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Amity Senior High School Cafeteria, Karen Waterman, the College and Career Counselor will be presenting the expectations and guidelines of 2018 Senior Service Learning Program (generally referred to as the Senior Internship or SSLP) and the new pilot-Senior Interest Project. Parents are asked to attend if your senior is likely to participate in the May-June 2017 unpaid experiential learning program.

Yearbook Grad Ads: The deadline for grad ad purchases has been extended to Wednesday, February 28th. Don't miss out on your chance to honor and encourage your graduating senior in a book that he or she will keep for years to come! We have several size options for your special message and photograph(s)—see our website information and pricing. Need some inspiration? Visit our website at amityembers.com to see examples of past grad ads. Questions? Contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Tim Gaipa, at embers@amityschools.org.

Midyear transcripts: Just a reminder that we automatically send a mid-year transcript to all schools listed in Naviance. Please

be sure to update Naviance with college outcomes and make sure the list is up to date. Mid-year reports will be going out the first full week in February.

Community Service Reminder: All seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of community service over the four years at Amity will be recognized on graduation day, only if all community forms are handed in by **April 2, 2018**. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your service hours, please email Mrs. Vallie at paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us or stop by the Career Center.

Local Scholarships:

The **Bethany Lions Club** has established four scholarships of \$2,000 each and one scholarship of \$3,000. Applicants must be a Bethany resident and a graduate of 2018. Applications are available in the Career Center, the Clark Memorial Library and the Bethany Town Hall. The application deadline is May 1, 2018.

The law office of **Carter Mario Injury Lawyers** is offering their 13th annual **CarterCares Scholarship**. All Connecticut high school seniors attending college in the fall of 2018 are eligible to apply. They will award five \$2,000 scholarships. Applications are available on their [website](#) or in the Career Center. Please read all criteria before applying. The application deadline is March 31, 2018.

Notes from Counseling Department

Attention Juniors and Seniors: Any junior or senior that is interested in doing a second semester Independent Study must submit a proposal to Mrs. Campbell by Friday, February 2. Please contact Mrs. Campbell in the Counseling Office for a proposal application.

ASVAB Career Exploration Program: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. The ASVAB will be administered at Amity High School on Wednesday, February 7th beginning at 8:00AM to interested sophomores, juniors and seniors. We will ask the students to arrive at 7:34AM. If your child takes the ASVAB, they do not have any obligation to the US Armed Services. It is a comprehensive battery that will look at ability, along

with interests to explore possible career choices. For more information, please contact Karen Waterman in the Career Center at Karen.Waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us or you child's school counselor. It is recommended that students prepare for the test; student can access the free [ASVAB practice test](#).

Naviance Parent Workshop: Parents who want to learn more about Naviance Family Connection may come to the Naviance Family Connection Parent Workshop on Thursday, February 1 at 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

2018 UConn Pre-College Summer Program: Find out what it's like to be a UCONN student for 4 weeks! The Pre-College Summer Program at UConn offers rising high school juniors and seniors (class 2019 or 2020) the chance to study and live on their university campus. Please see their [website](#) for detailed information.

Important Reminders

Save the date-8th Grade Parent Night: Parents of current 8th grade students are encouraged to attend an informational session on **March 8th at 6:30 pm** in the Brady Center. Amity High School department chairs and administrators will provide an overview of the courses and programs offered at the high school. This event will provide important information as we begin the 2018-2019 course selection and registration process.

Morning student drop off: As a reminder, any student who is being dropped off at school instead of taking the bus must be dropped off on the side entrance to the school after accessing the campus via North Pease Road (the school driveway becomes one way from N. Pease down to the school between 7:10-7:40). Students are able to be dropped off at the sidewalk as all side doors of the building are unlocked between 7:10-7:34. Please be reminded that the driveway becomes a two-way access from the tennis courts out to the Newton Road exit. The Newton Road entrance is not available for student drop off between 7-8:30 am.

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.

Updated AmityEnterprises/FBLA information: On behalf of the FBLA Club and Amity Enterprises, please see the new [website](#) that highlights products and ordering information. These products are all student-created and produced.

Athletics

Athletic Department Website: For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for winter 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

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.

Amity Creative Theater/Choir Fundraiser: The Amity Theater Department and The Amity Choir students are performing this April in Walt Disney World. They have organized a fundraiser to help offset the cost--selling Amity apparel through Blanchettes sporting goods online store. We are offering everything from t-shirts to sweatshirts, jackets, hats and even kids clothes! When you go to the website you will see two choices for each item. The first choice is the Amity Creative Theater logo. The second choice is the Amity "block A" with a dropdown box for your choice of wording underneath. The wording choices are: Spartans, Staff, Alumni, Choir, Band and Creative Theater. All the funds that are raised go towards the students' trip to Orlando this coming April. Thank you

in advance for your support! Use this [link](#) to access the online store and use the following code: AmityCT2017.

Student Government Clothing Drive: The annual student government clothing drive has begun. Please take a minute to clean out those drawers and closets. All of our clothing goes to “My sister’s place” in Ansonia that serves families suffering from domestic violence or in desperate need of clothes. All gently used items, including shoes, jackets, pants, shirts, gloves, scarfs and sweatshirts, are welcome. The clothing drive will conclude by the middle of February.

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