

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We continue our month of focusing on **persistence** this week and in to next with our midterm exams. Despite mother nature's impact on our schedule, we were able to begin the midterm exam session yesterday and will conclude it on Tuesday, January 23rd. Midterms can be a stressful time for students (and parents), and it is important to have a healthy approach to preparing and taking midterms. The ARHS administration, Link Crew and Student Government have all been sending information about how to appropriately prepare for midterms via Twitter and email. Appropriate review and studying are both very important, but as important is proper nutrition, rest and recreation. Encourage your child to take a break from studying every once in a while, go to bed early, and eat healthy foods. Another piece of advice is for students to develop a mindset that assessments are a chance to demonstrate all that they have learned and are able to do, rather than a daunting task that seems insurmountable. Mindset is an important part to persisting and can make the difference between immediate success or failure. Have a great 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 [Chemist](#) and the college is [James Madison 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

3rd Marking Period/2nd Quarter and Midterm Exam

Grades: Marking Period 3/2nd semester begins on Wednesday, January 24th with a "C" day. Grades for marking period 2 and

midterm exams will be verified in PowerSchool by the afternoon of Tuesday, January 30th. A PDF copy of report cards will be available by February 1st.

STAR Universal Assessments: We will be administering STAR Universal Assessments for reading and mathematics on January 24th through 31st for all 9th-11th grade students. All four BOWA districts now utilize STAR as a universal assessment. Data will be analyzed to personalize instruction, plan professional development, and align curriculum. Results will also be added to PowerSchool for parents.

Parent University: We will hold our next Parent University on Wednesday, January 31st at Amity Regional High School in the Brady Center at 6:30. The program will be "[Courage To Speak](#)" and will focus on the dangers of opioid use in teens. Please join us for this important session.

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.

Gateway Community College Field Trip: The Career Center is planning a field trip for interested juniors and seniors to Gateway Community College on Thursday, February 15th. If you feel your child would benefit from this field trip, please contact Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us.

Senior Happenings

Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP): The Parent Powerpoint Presentation for the Senior Service Learning Program and the new Pilot Senior Interest Project will be posted to the [website](#) under links and resources. Seniors are expected to complete the requirements by the due dates stated in the presentation.

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.

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.
- The **Orange Women's Chamber of Commerce** is awarding two scholarships to two Amity Female Seniors (residing in Orange) at their annual Leadership Conference, which will be held on April 11th at the Italian American Club in West Haven. The application deadline is March 10, 2018 and all applications are available in the Career Center.
- The **Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven** is offering the **Mary Taylor Friedler Memorial Scholarship**, the **Stuart J. Drell Scholarship**, the **Emma Kohn Podoloff Scholarship of the National Council of Jewish Women's Greater New Haven Section and Israel Experience Scholarships** for high school seniors from Jewish households. All applications must be completed online by

May 1. For more information and applications please visit this [website](#).

- The **CASIA** is pleased to offer their 22nd annual **Children's Police/Fire Scholarship** to two deserving and qualified high school seniors. Student must have a father, mother or natural guardian who is a full-time paid employee of the Connecticut Police or Fire Communities. Volunteer fire departments are recognized. Applications are available in the Career Center or on their [website](#).

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.

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 on February 16th.

The Senior Service Learning Program Mentors Needed:

Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) is a career-exploration experience open to seniors for the last few weeks of their high school careers. Seniors are expected to apply, create a LinkedIn account, view a safety training presentation, and find a suitable mentor at a business or organization in their potential career focus. If you would like to inquire about becoming a mentor to our graduating seniors, please contact the College and Career Counselor, Karen Waterman at Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us or 203-397-4836. This year our program is set to run from May 21-June 6.

Community Service Opportunity: The **CT STEM Fair** which is held at Amity High School on Saturday, February 3, 2018, is looking for volunteers to help with this event. Volunteers can be parents, non-participating students and/or local support groups. Please contact the Career Center for details @ 203-397-4836.

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