

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Throughout the month of October we have some special programming days that augment the regular activities of teaching in learning that take place daily in classrooms. This week's special programming offered first year students the chance to continue to build their sense of community within the high school through a Link Crew Activity on Wednesday morning. The sophomores and juniors practiced their standardized assessments skills by taking the Pre ACT and Pre SAT, respectively, while the seniors had a full morning of 12<sup>th</sup> grade activities. After taking their panoramic and drone class pictures, the seniors received a plethora of information about senior year (such as cap and gown information, experiential learning opportunities through Senior Service Learning Program or Senior Interest Project, etc). They also participated in important post-secondary activities where they learned about the important of sexual harassment laws and financial planning as an adult. At this week's PTSO meeting, we engaged in a discussion about some of the themes presented in the OBOA selection *All American Boys*. Our School Resource Officer joined members of the PTSO for an enlightening and important conversation about how race impacts our experience as a community. We will continue that conversation next week during our whole-school "Day of Dialogue" program on Friday morning before the early dismissal. Please see more information below. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** This week's featured college is Eastern Connecticut State University and the featured career is Geoscientists. **Eastern Connecticut State University** is located in Willimantic, Connecticut. The University is made up of four schools including the School of Arts & Sciences, the School of Education and Professional Studies, the Graduate Division and the Office of Continuing Studies. ECSU has approximately 4,300 undergraduate students. Over 50 undergraduate majors are offered; click [here](#) for a complete listing. ECSU has 17 NCAA division 3 sports teams, as well as intramural and club sports available. In-state resident students pay approximately \$25K per year to attend.

There will be an [open House Saturday](#), October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 2pm. In an era where issues like global warming, environmental protection and green-technology are mentioned daily, **Geoscientists** are in high demand. Geoscientists spend their time in offices and laboratories as well as doing research/fieldwork in many different work sites.

## **Happenings and Information**

**Be the Change: A Day of Dialogue about Race and Diversity in America:** On Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the high school will be sponsoring an in-school activity for all students. This workshop-focused activity will help us continue the discussion of many of the themes presented in this past summer's community title *All American Boys*. In preparation, students must review the [descriptions](#). Please ask your child which workshops he/she registered for. If your child has not registered for the day's workshops, please share these [directions](#) so the registration can be completed.

**ARHS Bermuda Course Information Night:** Amity has been studying Bermuda Coral Reefs for 30 years. Join us for the Bermuda Coral Reef Course Information Night on **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 7-8 pm** in the lecture hall at the high school. This 0.5 credit elective course in science occurs in the spring semester culminating in a 7 day field study at the Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences ([BIOS](#)). Information including the coursework, field experiences, accommodations and the application process will be reviewed. Students in grades 8-12 are eligible to apply. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity! Contact Valerie Cournoyer for more information: [valerie.cournoyer@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:valerie.cournoyer@reg5.k12.ct.us)

**Naviance Lesson for Parents:** Parents are welcomed to stop in and learn how to use the Naviance program for college and career exploration. Mrs. Cocco, our College & Career Counselor, will conduct a lesson on Wednesday evening, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the computer lab room 501 (directly across from the cafeteria). You may RSVP to Mrs. Cocco at [lynn.cocco@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:lynn.cocco@reg5.k12.ct.us) or just stop by.

**Ninth Grade Tie-Dye Day:** On Oct. 25th (with a rain date of the 26th), Link Crew will be hosting their annual Tie-Dye Day for all ninth graders! All freshmen are encouraged to bring in a plain white t-shirt to tie-dye during lunch on that day. There also will be a limited number of shirts that students may purchase that day at the event (\$5). Ninth graders will be encouraged to wear their

shirts later in the year for tie-dye spirit days, school spirit days, and the pep rally. This event is free.

## **Senior Happenings**

**November 1st Deadline:** For students who are applying to a school with a Nov. 1 deadline, all transcript requests must be in Naviance by Thursday, October 18th.

### **Local Fall Open House:**

Albertus Magnus College: Saturday, October 13, 2018-10:00am-2:00pm

University of New Haven: Sunday, October 14, 2018-9:15am-2:30pm

UConn Waterbury Campus: Monday, November 12, 2018-10:00am-12:00pm

**SCSU Instant Decision Day:** [Southern Connecticut State University](#) will hold an Instant Decision Day at Amity Regional High School on **Friday, November 30, 2018**. Interested seniors may meet with an SCSU admission representative. SCSU admission representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply to Southern Connecticut via the [Common Application](#) by November 5th. Interested seniors should speak with school counselors or see Mrs. Vallie in the Counseling Center to schedule a meeting.

**UNH Instant Decision Day:** [University of New Haven](#) will hold an Instant Decision Day at Amity Regional High School on **Monday, December 3, 2018**. 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 November 12, 2018. Interested seniors are asked to speak with school counselors or see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center to schedule a meeting.

**College Visits:** Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These representatives are available to share information

about their institutions and discuss the admissions process with our juniors and seniors. A list of schools visiting Amity can be found on Naviance. If a student is interested in attending any of these info sessions, please register on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center. Students are provided excused absences from class to meet with representatives. For a complete list of colleges visiting the week of **Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** please click [here](#).

**Yearbook Grad Ads:** Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers* 2019 yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! See this [order form](#) for details and contact yearbook advisors Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org) with any questions.

**Architecture and Design Fair:** High school students from the Tri-State area are invited to learn more about applying to architecture on Saturday, November 3, 2108 at the Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place, NYC. Representatives from over 35 colleges, universities, and design programs both within and outside of New York State will be on-hand at the Center for Architecture to meet with students and answer questions.

### **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Interested in Trade Careers?** A representative from the CT Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship Training will be offering an information session on trade programs in various fields. Students will have the opportunity to learn and ask questions on the many trade programs available to them. This information session will take place on **Tuesday, October 23, 2018** at 10:00am in the Lecture Hall. Interested students can obtain passes from CTE teachers or the Career Center.

**Deadline for Dropping a Course:** Please be aware that the deadline to drop a course or a level in course without a “W” appearing on the transcript is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. If your child is having difficulty in a course, please be sure to speak to the teacher and school counselor prior to the deadline.

**Community Service Postings:** If you would like updated information regarding community service activities, please sign up to receive updates through "[REMIND.COM](#)". Please text @amityserve to 81010 to register. Community service opportunities

are also posted on a bulletin board in the Career Center. We have blank forms to be signed at your service sites and all hours are to be logged into PowerSchool/Unified Classroom before submitting to our office. See Mrs. Vallie or Mrs. Cocco for more details.

### **Local Community Service Opportunities:**

- **Beecher Road School Elementary: Halloween Hoot-Saturday, October 20th, 2017 from 11:30am-3:30pm.** Students are asked to register on this [link](#).
- **Park & Rec Annual Trunk or Treat Funtober Event** at the Orange Community Center Fairgrounds on **Saturday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-4:00pm.** Rain date is Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call 203-891-4795 or email Lynn Plaskowitz @ [lplaskowitz@orange-ct.gov](mailto:lplaskowitz@orange-ct.gov).
- **Race Brook Halloween Monster Bash: Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-5:30pm.** Please register [here](#).
- **First Annual PUPkin Fest:** Pooch Parade and Canine Costume Contest on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm. This event will help raise money to build a new community dog park in Woodbridge. Event is hosted by the Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative.

### **Important Reminders**

**Yearbooks Are Now On Sale:** *Embers* 2019 is now available for pre-order at [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com). Pre-orders must be placed by November 16th. The regular ordering window will then open on November 17th. Contact yearbook advisors Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org) with any questions.

### **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 copy of next week's competition schedule, please click [here](#).

For a copy of this week's competition results, please click [here](#).

## **Community Happenings**

**Amity Girls Basketball Clinics:** This fall the Amity Girls basketball team is running six clinics for young ladies in 2nd grade to 8th grade. The Amity coaching staff and team will provide drills, shooting sessions, and much, much more. Come and support the Amity Girls basketball team and get ready for the upcoming season! Check out the [flyer](#) for more information.

**QPR Suicide Prevention Training-October 17<sup>th</sup> – Noon – 1 pm:** The Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge Parenting Initiative in collaboration with Bridges Healthcare is offering this free Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training at the Woodbridge Public Library, 10 Newton Road. A boxed lunch will be provided after training so please register by October 10, 2018 to Peter Samenfink at [psamenfink@bridgesmilford.org](mailto:psamenfink@bridgesmilford.org)

**Volunteers Needed for Food Pantry/Community Service Opportunity:** Woodbridge Youth Services is looking for teens and adults to help sort food during the last few weeks of October in the food pantry at the Woodbridge Center Building. Contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 or email: [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org) for details.

**2018 Hall of Fame/Honor Dinner:** Please see this [document](#) for information about this year's join Amity Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor dinner to be held at Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange on October 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30.

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