

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Throughout this “Spirit Week” (since last Thursday), our school community has continued to work toward addressing the concerns about anti-Semitism and intolerant behavior reported at the November Board of Education meeting last Monday. The student government immediately responded to the “Stronger Than Hate” initiative by ordering buttons for the entire school community—1700 of them—and making Tuesday’s theme “Stronger Than Hate” day by encouraging everyone in our school community to wear blue. After a lot of work and progress through meeting with students, faculty and community members last week, the school community was able to enjoy our most successful homecoming dance in school history with over 700 students attending the dance. We are also reaching out to the community outside of school by sending 30 juniors and seniors to the Southern CT State University High School Social Justice Conference being held next Tuesday (11/27) afternoon. This [resource](#), from the National Association of School Psychologist, offers some concrete examples of ways to reinforce safe and supportive school (and home (environments)). Our commitment to creating a safe and supportive school community is steadfast and we will continue to collaborate with the faculty, our students and members of our larger community to organize programming that enhances our school climate. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

Updating PowerSchool Contact Information: As we head in to the season of possible weather related school interruptions, it is important to be sure your contact information is correct through PowerSchool. Please see the directions to update your PowerSchool contact information [here](#).

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences: Our next conference dates after Monday are November 28 from 5pm-7:30pm and December 5 from 12:45pm-3:15 pm. If you encounter any problems or have questions about signing up, please send an email: helpdesk@amityschools.org.

Speak-Up Reminder: Parents and students can help stop intolerant and inappropriate behavior by using our anonymous “Speak Up” system to report any bullying, drug possession, crime, and other school or community safety concerns by calling or texting 203-404-6740. There is also a link on the District 5 website.

Senior Happenings

Volunteer Opportunity: The Yale New Haven Hospital 2019 Spring Youth Academic Volunteer Program will be opening up their registration on or around December 1, 2018. The program dates will be from January 28 – April 26, 2019. If you are interested in more information, please pick up an informational packet in the Career Center.

WCSU Instant Decision Day: [Western Connecticut State University](#) will hold an Instant Decision Day at Amity High School on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Interested seniors may meet with a WCSU admission’s representative on-site. WCSU admissions representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply through [The Common Application](#) by November 27, 2018. Interested seniors are asked to speak with their school counselor or see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center to schedule a meeting.

Notes from Counseling Department

Alumni Day: Today, Wednesday, November 21st, Amity welcomed back some members of the Class of 2018 to discuss their transition to college with the senior. Our goal was for our current students to understand that while college can be a wonderful adventure sometimes the transition can be challenging, yet worthwhile.

Grade 10: On Wednesday, all sophomores met with their counselor in small groups for a presentation on the Pre-ACT. Students received their scores from the October test.

Junior class school counselor lessons: The Counseling Department has completed the developmental counseling unit with all junior students through their English classes. Every student completed the Do What You Are personality-type inventory in Naviance. Students discovered 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.

Attention Sophomores: ARHS will sponsor one sophomore student to attend the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar to be held from May 31-June 2, 2019 at a location in CT that is yet to be determined. Students spend the time engaging in leadership development activities, collaborating with like-minded students from throughout the state, and exploring leadership from three perspectives: individual, group, and society. For more information about HOBY, please visit this [site](#). Interested students should see their counselor. Applications are due by Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Please be aware that the selected student is required to stay overnight at the location of the event under the supervision of HOBY for the entire duration of the event.

Yale College Partnership: Amity juniors and seniors may enroll in one undergraduate course at Yale University as part of the Yale-New Haven/Area High School partnership program. Students who would like to be considered for this program must meet **with** Mrs. LaPlante during their lunch on Monday, November 26th or after school at 2:30 in the Career Center for more information.

Important Reminders

Yearbooks Are Now On Sale: *Embers* 2019 is now available for pre-order at 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 with any questions.

Amity School District Email Addresses: Please be advised, the current amity email address exchange of "first.last@reg5.k12.ct.us" has changed to "first.last@amityregion5.org." This is an informational

announcement only, as the old exchange will be automatically rerouted to the new exchange. However, you will be receiving emails from Amity Regional School District #5 employees from the new email exchange from now on.

Athletics

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

Reminder for Winter Athletics: Please be sure to register your child/children for winter sports through Unified Classroom/E-Collect forms.

Come out to support the Spartan Football Team when they compete against North Haven tonight at 6pm. The game will be held at North Haven.

Congratulations to the Amity Volleyball Team on their Class LL State Championship win against Darien HS last Saturday!

Congratulations to Amity Swimmers, many of whom competed in the State Open Championship at Yale last Saturday!

Well done, seniors who competed in the annual Flag Football game against North Haven last Saturday!

Community Happenings

Get your tickets now: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* Dec 07, 2018 - Dec 08, 2018 John J. Brady Center, Woodbridge, CT Winner of 7 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards® including 'Best Play', *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* brings Mark Haddon's best-selling novel to thrilling life on stage. Get your tickets [here](#).

Amity Enterprises and FBLA Club: In a collaboration between the Amity Future Business Leaders of America Club and the Amity Manufacturing class, a wide range of products will be sold through Amity Enterprises. Amity Enterprises offers a variety of products that will lighten up any home with all sorts of customizations

available with custom lettering and fonts. These products will be great for any home or they can also be a gift for the holidays. You can view the products and order through their [website](#).

Opioid Workshop: On Monday, November 26th from 6:30-8 pm, the Woodbridge Town Library is hosting an Opioid Overdose Workshop with Narcan Training. Training will include overdose prevention strategies, signs and symptoms of overdose, how to administer Narcan, Good Samaritan Law, and support information and resources. To register, please sign up online at woodbridgetownlibrary.org or call 203-389-3434.

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