

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year and welcome to 2019! We returned to ARHS this week to gear up for two and a half weeks of classes and then midterm exams. It has come in a rush, but our teachers and students are busy preparing for the end of the quarter and, for half-year courses, the end of courses in a few weeks. Please remind your children to budget their time, get plenty of rest and carefully plan for the midpoint of the year/end of the semester. In addition to our academic focus, we will continue to support our students' social and emotional health through fostering a positive climate through curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Programs such as Link Crew's Cocoa and Cram (see below) help foster a positive academic and social climate. Our continued work with members from the ADL will also have a positive impact on our climate through curricular and co-curricular programming. The [ADL website](#) has wonderful resources for schools, families and communities to address issues of intolerance, bullying and bias. We will continue to plan and work together to make our school and larger town communities exemplars of inclusion. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is **University of Redlands** and the career of the week is **Speech-Language Pathologist**.

The [University of Redlands](#) is located in Redlands, California and is approximately 90 minutes east of Los Angeles. Founded in 1907, Redlands has a student population of approximately 2,500 students. Primarily a liberal arts college, Redlands offers over 40 programs in various majors such as creative writing, global business and a unique interdisciplinary major called "Health, Medicine and Society". [Speech-Language Pathologists](#) work with children and adults to assess, diagnose, treat, and help prevent disorders related to speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, and fluency. Rapid job growth is expected in the coming years and the median national salary is \$76,610 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017). For more information, students can view the bulletin boards in the main hallway and in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.

Happenings and Information

January PTSO Meeting: The next PTSO meeting will be next Thursday, January 10th, at 7:00pm in the lecture hall. There will be two special presentations at this meeting: the anticipated “blended” report card, which will offer feedback on the ARHS Learning Expectations and a presentation on the dangers of “vaping” from representatives from the Yale University, School of Medicine, Tobacco Research in Youth Group. The presentation from the Yale representatives will begin at 7:30. We hope to see you there!

End of 2nd Marking Period/Midterm Exam Period: The official end of 2nd quarter for the high school is January 18th and the midterm exam period will run from January 22nd through January 25th. Third marking period/second semester will begin on Monday, January 28th.

Midterm Exam schedule and information: The midterm exam schedule can be found [here](#). Please note-exams are only approved for rescheduling for emergency absences which must be discussed with the administrator. If 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 a makeup session. Please call the main office, 203-397-4830, if you have any questions.

Link Crew Cocoa and Cram: Wednesday, January 16th from 6-7:30 is our annual Link Crew Cocoa and Cram event for ninth graders. This is a great opportunity for freshmen to work with link leaders and each other to prepare for midterm exams. The event is free, and refreshments will be served. Students should bring their review sheets and study materials. They will leave feeling confident and prepared for their first midterm exams!

2019 AP Exam Registration: Students taking AP exams at ARHS for courses taken during the 2018-19 school year must register through Total Registration. There will be a link posted on the school website under Links/Resources. The regular registration period will open on Friday, January 18 at 3:00pm and will close on Sunday, February 17 at 11:59 pm. For the 2019 AP Exams, the cost is \$97 per exam. The AP Capstone exams (Research and Seminar) will cost \$142. Please be sure to have a credit card or debit card available before beginning registration. An additional \$10 fee (per exam) will be charged for late registrations. Please contact Mrs. Ferguson at Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us if you have any questions regarding exams.

Senior Happenings

Senior SSLP: We have begun planning for the 2019 Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) and the Senior Interest Project (SIP). **ANY SENIOR WHO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SSLP or SIP, MUST register to do so by January 18th, 2019.** Registering for SSLP/SIP is easy – you will need to fill out a google form when we return from winter break. **The link to this google form will be activated on Thursday, January 3rd and close on Friday, January 18th, 2019.** (The same form is being used for both the SSLP and the SIP.) The link to this form will be emailed to all seniors on

January 2nd. In the meantime, PLEASE REGISTER for important information/updates regarding the SSLP/SIP using remind.com. **Simply text @SSLP2019 to 81010.**

Yearbook Grad Ads: The deadline for grad ad purchases has been extended to Friday, March 1st or until all available ad space has been filled (whichever comes first). 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 Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org.

Reminder for Seniors: Please go onto Mypayments Plus and purchase your cap and gown. The due date is December 31st. Also you must sign onto powerschool and complete the diploma name and cap and gown size order form. The directions for completing this are below.

1. Students should log into Unified Classroom
2. Click on Quick Links on the left hand side page
3. Click on Portal Log in Page on the top
4. When the new tab opens up, choose ECollect forms
5. They need to choose [Amity - AHS - Senior Survey - Mr. Davis](#)

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Davis.

Notes from Counseling Department

GAP Fair Opportunity: The **USA Gap Fair** will be held at Conard High School, 110 Beechwood Road in **West Hartford, CT on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 6:00-8:30pm**. This is an incredible FREE opportunity to learn about a number of life-changing gap year programs from all around the world! . This fair will provide students with a broad exposure to Gap Year Programs and the opportunity for face-to-face conversations with professionals in the field. Many of these programs also offer summer opportunities for students. For more information and to register, please visit this [link](#).

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 4, 2019 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 Lynn Cocco in the Career Center at lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org or you child's school counselor. It is recommended that students prepare for the test; student can access the free ASVAB [practice test](#).

Important Reminders

Senior Service Learning Program Parent Informational Evening: On **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30pm** in the Amity Senior High School Cafeteria, Lynn Cocco, the College and Career Counselor will be presenting the expectations and guidelines of the 2019 Senior Service Learning Program (generally referred to as the Senior Internship or SSLP) and the pilot-Senior Interest Project. **Parents are asked to attend if your senior is likely to participate in the May-June 2019 unpaid experiential learning program.**

Student Parking: Parking is open to 11th and 12th grade students who have a parking pass to park on campus. Unfortunately, the parking passes are sold out at this point. Please be reminded that there is a fine for parking on campus without a 2018-2019 school-issued parking tag.

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 schedule, please click [here](#).

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

Community Happenings

Student Government Clothing Drive: The Amity student government will be running the annual clothing drive from January 2nd through February 14th. Over the years support has been second to none. Please take a moment over winter break to clean out those closets and drawers. All clothing in good shape is accepted.

Jamie Hulley Sponsored Event: Author and illustrator Dave Roman will visit Amity Regional High School on Friday, January 11, 2018, to offer workshops to particular Amity's Art and English Language Arts classes. Mr. Roman is the creator of *Astronaut Academy: Zero Gravity*, which won Maryland's Black-Eyed Susan Book Award. Mr. Roman has also written *Teen Boat!*, which was honored

as a Junior Library Guild Selection, and *Agnes Quill: An Anthology of Mystery*. He is the co-author of two New York Times best-selling graphic novels, *X-Men: Misfits* and *The Last Airbender: Zuko's Story*. This event is sponsored by the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation.

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