

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



“We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience.”

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This weekend we will observe the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, an American who stood for the ideals of equality, peace and opportunity for all. Dr. King is a consummate example of a member of our society who contributed greatly to the community of his time and our nation throughout history since he began his activism in the mid 20th century. The Core Values, Beliefs, Mission Statement and Learning Expectations on which we base our programming at Amity Regional serve to remind us of how important it is to be a contributing citizen to our society. It is also important to offer formative feedback to students as they work to hone their academic, social and civic skills so that they can develop their potential to the fullest and actively engage as contributing members of the community. As mentioned earlier in the year, the faculty has been engaged in a pilot throughout this school year regarding offering feedback to students and parents on the academic, social and civic expectations. There are two vehicles students and parents are able to view this feedback: PowerSchool Unified Classroom and a new “blended” report card beginning for 2nd marking period. For more information on the **pilot**, please see this [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document. For a copy of the **learning expectations and the rubrics** teachers are using for the feedback, please see this [document](#). More information will be forthcoming about how parents and students can navigate and learn from this information. Next week’s midterm exams will run from Tuesday through Friday, and report cards will be issued the following Friday, February 1st. Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is **Salve Regina University**, and the career of the week is **Human Services**. [Salve Regina University](#) is a liberal arts college located in

Newport, Rhode Island. SRU offers over 45 areas of study and 12 combined bachelor's/master's degree programs. SRU is test-score optional. Students who are undecided in the helping professions may choose to major in Human Services during their undergraduate education. Human Services majors explore policies in social welfare and human behavior as well as the fields of social work and counseling. 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

Midterm Exam schedule and information: Midterm exams begin on Tuesday, January 22nd and last through next Friday, January 25th. The 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.

Reminder- Drop Off/Pick Up Instructions: Please find a copy of morning drop off and afternoon pick up instructions here. Please note: the traffic flow from North Pease Road through the high school parking lot becomes very dense during arrival after 7:20 am. Students who do not drive/park at school are strongly encouraged to take the bus. Also please note: for safety reasons, Newton Road is not a designated student drop-off area.

2019 AP Exam Registration STARTS TODAY: Students taking AP exams at ARHS for courses taken during the 2018-19 school year must register through Total Registration. The link to the registration page can be accessed here (<https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>) and will be 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. All information about exam fees is available on the registration site. Please contact Mrs. Ferguson at Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us if you have any questions regarding exams.

Senior Happenings

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.

SSLP/SIP Information: The [SSLP/SIP Web page](#) is up and running! Please visit and get up to date information regarding the 2019 SSLP/SIP. The deadline to register for the 2019 Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) and the Senior Interest Project (SIP) is quickly approaching. **ANY SENIOR WHO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SSLP or SIP, MUST register to do so by January 18th, 2019. Please register [here](#).** If you missed the SSLP/SIP information session on January 8th, please view the power point presentation [here](#). Once you've registered for the SSLP or SIP, PLEASE STAY INFORMED by signing up for important information and updates using remind.com. **Simply text @SSLP2019 to 81010.**

Local Scholarship Opportunities :

- **The Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary** is offering \$2,000 scholarships to area students planning to pursue a career in a health-related profession. Scholarships are based on academic excellence, financial need, personal statement, community service, including school and community activities and/or employment. An official transcript and 2 letters of recommendations are required. Completed applications must be **postmarked by Friday, March 15, 2019**. Applications are available in the Career Center.
- **Connex Credit Union** is offering three scholarships to Connex Credit Union members. Applicants should apply online at connexcu.org. For further details, please feel free to stop by the Career Center. **Deadline to apply is Friday, March 1, 2019.**
- **The Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut (ARTC)** is offering the **Glenn Moon scholarship** to qualified Connecticut high school seniors who are interested in a career in education. Scholarships to be awarded are one four-year scholarship of \$2,000 for 4 years and two one-year scholarships of \$1,500. Application form is online only at <http://artct.org/scholarships-2/> **Submission deadline is Saturday, March 30, 2019.**

Additional Scholarship Resource Information: Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The Amity College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under the scholarship tab. Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college or university or additional [websites](#).

Notes from Counseling Department

Volunteers Needed:

- **Clark Memorial Library**-Mini-Golf Event on Friday, February 1st 3:00-5:00pm and Saturday, February 2nd from 10:00am-6:00pm. If interested, please contact Kathy Zollo at 203-393-2103 or stop in the Career Center.
- **The Woodbridge Library**-Assisting adults with technology help on Wednesdays, February 13th-27th, from 2:45-4:00pm. Mini-golf event on Friday, March 8th 2:45-5:00pm and Saturday, March 9th, from 10:00am-5:00pm. If interested, please email Jennifer Sullivan at: jsullivan@woodbridgetownlibrary.org

Important Reminders

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.

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.

Amity Adult & Continuing Education Program: Amity Adult & Continuing Education will be running a limited winter session. There are a few courses online that are now available! Stay tuned to the website for our Spring Program catalog as well! Log on to this [site](#) and register today! Space is limited! Questions? No problem! Contact us: philip.dolan@amityregion5.org

Calling all instructors! If you have a hobby or a topic that you are passionate about and would like to teach with Amity Adult & Continuing Education, fill out [this](#) form. The director will contact you if you are interested! Come teach with us and share your passion with the community!

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