

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This week is a perfect example of how the best laid plans often go awry (as adapted from the poem by Robert Burns). After a rocky weather weekend last weekend which caused many of our families to lose power and heat, we were able to complete most of the exam period this week (3 out of 4 days). We will conclude our midterm exam period on Monday and begin 2nd semester on Tuesday. The new semester brings new classes for some students and another new opportunity for our school community to demonstrate the core values of **fairness, respect and passion** founded in our mission statement and learning expectations. Throughout this semester we will also continue to work toward building a school community of inclusivity and acceptance through continued curriculum reflection and school-wide programing that will exemplify how Amity means friendship. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is **SUNY/Purchase College**, and the career of the week is **Arts Management**. Known as "the eccentric cousin of the State University of New York Family", [Purchase College](#) is located in Purchase, New York, approximately 60 miles from New Haven, just north of New York City. Purchase is known for their highly successful arts programs in fields such as graphic design, media studies, music, journalism and arts management. Purchase College is also [test-score optional](#). **Arts Managers** (also known as Arts Administrators) work for entertainment companies, theaters, museums and other venues as well as representing individual artists. They create, facilitate, develop and evaluate arts programs and organizations. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median salary is [approximately \\$91,000.00](#) per year. Colleges that have programs in Arts Management can be found [here](#). 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

Second Semester Study Hall: Study hall locations are now assigned in PowerSchool; students may check PowerSchool for the room assignments for classes that start second semester (Tuesday).

Independent Study Proposals: All second semester Independent Study proposals will be due to Mrs. Campbell by Thursday February 7. Please contact Mrs. Campbell with questions or to obtain a proposal.

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.

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. **Submission deadline is Saturday, March 30, 2019.**
- **The Orange Scholarship Fund Association** is offering their annual scholarship to all Orange students entering college in the fall of 2019. Criteria includes, financial need, community service and leadership roles you have displayed within an activity or organization. Please note that parents submission of their Federal Tax Form (pages 1 & 2 of Form 1040) is required to substantiate income data. **The deadline to apply is April 15, 2019.** Applications are available in the Career Center or [online](#).

Attention Seniors: Congratulations to our seniors who have already received college acceptances! The next step for you will be to understand your financial aid awards. Students and their families should have a thorough understanding of

their actual costs for each college being considered. You can (and should) contact your college's financial aid office with your questions. Please check out this resource for [basic financial aid award information](#).

Additional Scholarship Resource Information: Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The 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

Learning Expectations and Unified Classroom Feedback: As shared in last week's ARHS Happenings Newsletter, this [document](#) will help explain how teachers are giving feedback on the ARHS Learning Expectations while this [document](#) delineates the department-specific binary rubrics for the learning expectations.

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: 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 and will be posted on the school website under Links/Resources. The regular registration period will be open until 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.

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.

Celebrate Diversity with a "Between the World and Me" Discussion and Book Reading: On **Tuesday, February 26, 2019** join members of the Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge Communities for a reading and discussion of Ta-Nahesi Coates' book, *Between the World and Me*, a #1 New York Times bestseller and National Book Award winner. This is one of three events exploring and celebrating diversity organized by the Town's ad hoc Community Council. Amity Regional High School Diversity in Action Club members and other community members will be reading from the book at the event in the Amity Regional High School Library at 7pm. Following the readings there will be a discussion about the book. The Woodbridge Town Library will have extra copies of the book available for check out.

Driver's Education Class: Don't miss a convenient opportunity to attend driver's education class through Amity Adult Education. Class starts January 30 after school from 2:50-4:50. Contact Elite Driving School at www.elitedriving.net to register or come to RM 290 on January 30th.

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