ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience,

and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." ~Harriet Tubman

This last Friday in February offers an opportune time to reflect on this month and the school year thus far, even as we look toward planning for next school year. We have been a community focused around reflection, learning and growth throughout this school year. We have worked to embrace our diversity, live our core values and demonstrate the learning expectations that are essential aspects of being contributing citizens to our community. We have also spent time over the past few weeks considering classes and/or the plan for next school year, whether that means returning to Amity or moving on to a post-secondary school or career. Beginning today, students in grades 8 through 11 are able to begin to register for classes through PowerSchool for the 2019-2020 school year. As the quotation from Harriet Tubman expresses, change is centered around having passion, strength and patience. By reflecting on where we have come from and dreaming about where we can go, we will build our individual and collective capacities as a school community to be a place where all members achieve success. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), and the career of the week is an Animator or multimedia artist.

The <u>Savannah College of Art and Design</u> (SCAD) was originally founded in 1978 as a "professionally focused" art and design college. Now forty years later with campuses in Atlanta, Hong-Kong and Lacoste, France as well as Savannah, SCAD's philosophy is alive and well. SCAD refers to itself as "The University for Creative Careers". <u>Animators and multimedia artists</u> are primarily employed in entertainment industries such as television and movie production, special effects work and developing video games. Animators can expect average job growth through 2026 and have an average annual salary of \$70,530.

Happenings and Information

Course Selection/Scheduling: Scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. Students were sent an email today through their Google email with instructions for entering course requests. The deadline for students to enter course requests is March 1st. Parents will then receive an email with instructions for approving these courses and/or making any necessary changes. The deadline for parent approval for course requests is March 8th. Please contact your child's school counselor with any questions or concerns related to course selection.

Graduation 2019: Please note, the Class of 2019 Graduation date will be set at the April Board of Education meeting.

Mid-Marking Period: We have arrived at the middle of third marking period. Please take some time to check your child's grades and have a conversation with how classes are progressing. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teachers.

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors: The deadline to complete your Profile/Resume on Linkedin is quickly approaching! All seniors who are participating in SSLP or SIP, must complete their Linkedin account no later than Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019. If you need assistance, the last workshops will be offered 2/25-per. 2 & lunch period, 2/26-lunch period, 2/27-lunch period & per 6 and 2/28-lunch period & per. 4, per. 8. Complete details can be found on the Amity website under the College & Career Center link.

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

Save the Date!! Career Fair: Amity High School will be hosting our 5th Annual **Career Fair** on **Friday, April 26, 2019** at 8:30 a.m. Are you interested in volunteering to give insight to our students about your career or job? We are looking forward to providing a variety of career clusters to our 10th grade students. Please contact Lynn Cocco at: lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org or call 203-397-4836.

Save the Date!! College Fair: The annual Amity High School College Fair will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the AHS Gymnasium. This is a great way for students and parents to meet one-on-one with college admission decision-makers and answer questions about a particular institute. The college fair is free and open to the public. A list of colleges attending will be posted soon! Mark your calendars for a great night!

Volunteers Needed:

- **The Woodbridge Library**-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
- The Turkey Hill Drama Club is looking for volunteers to help with the afterschool Drama Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm. Volunteers are needed as soon as possible until April 7th. If interested, please contact Deborah Sansone @ deborahsansone@gmail.com.

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Athletics

Athletic Department Website: For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for winter sports, please refer to the athletic department's website here.

Spring Sports Informational Meeting: Spring sports information night will be Thursday February 28th @ 6:30pm in the main gym. Athletes and parents must attend. Important information regarding registration and tryout information will be discussed. There will be individual sessions with Coaches to receive specific sport information and answer questions. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 28th!

For a copy of next week's schedule, please click <u>here</u>.

For a copy of this past week's results, please click <u>here</u>.

The Booster Club Needs Your Help!: The Amity Athletics Booster Club is eager to attain 501c status. We are in search of an attorney and a CPA within our school community who would be willing to assist us with this process. If you are interested in helping, please contact Beth Young at bethycjz68@sbcglobal.net or Sharon Greco at sgrecoo1@sbcglobal.net.

Community Happenings

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.

Community Action Opportunity: Are you interested in finding out about the community action group that is working to combat intolerant behavior in our local towns and communities? Contact AmityStrongerThanHate@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list. Information will also be shared on Facebook forums.

Amity Adult & Continuing Education: The Amity Adult Ed. Spring 2019 catalog is now available online! There are many great new courses to choose from! These include new fitness, health and wellness, finance, spirituality and a number of specialty courses! Come join us and register today!

ARHS Unified Theater Performance: On March 1st Unified **Theater** will be hosting this year's production, "Seasons of Us" at **6pm in the Black Box Theater**. We invite you all to join us as we put the spotlight on ability! Admission is free, but donations are always welcome.

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