

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This has been a busy week leading up to April break, including SATs for all 11th graders on Tuesday, the second part of the *Catch Me If You Can* run, numerous school field trips for marketing class, Teen Teaching and even a trip to Peru! On Wednesday, our advisory program, Spartan Seminar, focused on helping students understand the power of perspective and how sometimes perception is not reality, especially on social media. One of the goals of our program is the integration of our academic, social and civic expectations in to our curricular and co-curricular experiences. Offering a variety of scholastic activities is an essential part of the comprehensive high school experience and there are myriad opportunities for students at ARHS to apply what they are learning in their classes to their participation in clubs, activities, sports and other commitments. Our goal at Amity continues to be centered around our core values of **fairness, respect and passion** and the work we do is predicated on fulfilling our mission statement of “creat[ing] an inclusive community that affirms the contributions, strengths, and talents of all of its members. We bear a responsibility to ourselves and to the school community to develop in all students the skills and the desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society.” The week after April break will be a school-wide **Pride Week**, organized by our student-led PLAHD club (People Leading Against Homophobic Discrimination, Amity’s GSA). By working together, we aim to truly embody what it means to affirm all members of our school community. Have a wonderful April break!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

2019 Graduation date set: On Monday, April 8th the Amity Regional School District #5 Board of Education voted to hold the Amity Regional High School commencement ceremony on Friday, June 14th at 4:00pm. More detailed information will be sent home

via the ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter beginning in mid-May.

Pride Week: Amity's PLAHD club is hosting our very first pride week, starting on April 22nd! PLAHD is a gender and sexuality alliance, which is inclusive of all types of identities as opposed to a "gay-straight alliance." Pride week is being held in order to raise awareness in our school community of LGBTQ+ identities and the history that surrounds them. Beginning Monday, the halls will be decorated with posters depicting famous LGBTQ+ advocates and historical figures. The electronic display in the front of the school will also have educational information playing on it. On Monday and Tuesday, PLAHD members will be handing out pins at all lunch waves, and on Friday LGBTQ+ themed music will be playing over the loudspeakers.

April Break Main Office Hours: Please note that, due to the April school break next week, the main office and counseling office will both be open Monday through Tuesday from 7am to 2pm.

2019-2020 Student Government Nominees: The Amity Student Government is now accepting applications for student representatives for the 2019-2020 school year. All applications must be completed [on-line](#) and submitted by Friday, May 3rd by 2:18pm (the close of school) If your son or daughter is interested please have them submit their application using the on-line site below.

Junior Prom Tickets: Junior prom is right around the corner! Just a reminder that tickets are available NOW and will be on sale until April 30th on mypaymentsplus for \$70 each. Make sure to get them soon. We can't wait to see everyone there!!

SAT Results: Scores from the 2019 Connecticut SAT School Day administration will be available through the **College Board** beginning on May 2nd. **Students can access scores by logging on to their College Board account, logging in to the "[view score](#)" portion of the website or signing up for an account (if they don't already have an account).**

Reminder for Sophomores: Amity High School will be hosting our **5th Annual Career Fair** on **Friday, April 26, 2019** from 8:30-10:00am! Please find a Career Fair Bell/Class Schedule [here](#).

Senior Happenings

Scholarship Application Deadline Extended: Every year, we are able to select recipients for scholarships supported by members of the Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge communities. Approximately 100 scholarships are given to members of the senior class who demonstrate the attributes and characteristics described in each scholarship. **Due to some technical difficulties, the application deadline has been extended to April 17th at 3:00 pm.**

Community Service Information for Seniors: Seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service during their high school career at Amity will be recognized at graduation for their service to the community. Each Senior will receive a certificate along with a special honor cord to be worn at graduation. All completed community service forms **must be handed no later than April 15th, 2019.** Seniors can find their accumulated hours in PowerSchool under Ecollect Forms. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.

Local Scholarship Opportunities:

- The **Orange Community Women** are offering scholarships to any graduating senior who resides in Orange. The primary criterion for the selection is the recipient must have completed community service in the Town of Orange and show financial need. Scholarship awards range from \$300-\$500. Applications can be found in the Career Center. No applications will be considered after **April 29th, 2019.**
- **Beth-Wood Baseball League** is awarding a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who resides in Woodbridge or Bethany. Student must have participated as a Player or Umpire, enrolling in a two or four-year accredited College/University and someone who has made a positive contribution to their school and community. Click [here](#) for an application. **Application deadline is May 3, 2019.**
- The **Orange Little League** is offering a \$500 scholarship for a senior that resides in Orange, Woodbridge, or Bethany and previously either played, was Scorekeeper or Umpire for the Orange Little League. **Deadline to apply is April 19, 2019.** Applications are available in the Career Center.
- The **Orange Congregational Church** is offering 2 scholarships for all seniors in the OWB community. These scholarships are not restricted to a member of the church or

a student living in Orange. The **Diane Meierdierck Mull Scholarship** is open to student who has become involved in his or her school or community, acted as a leader, and sought to improve the lives of others. The **Patricia Pepper Fuller Scholarship** is awarded to a student who, despite personal adversity and disruptions, have excelled at school and plan to continue their education. The Orange Congregational Church is also offering other scholarships to Orange students only. For information on these scholarships, please contact Esther Wilson at 203-795-9749.

Notes from Counseling Department

Annual Academy Night: On **Wednesday, April 24, 2019**, the Connecticut Congressional Delegation will be holding our annual [Academy Night](#) for students and recent graduates who are interested in attending one of our nation's preeminent military academies – U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the U.S. Naval Academy. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with representatives and cadets/midshipmen from each of the academies. The doors will open at 4:30 PM. The program is scheduled to begin promptly at 5:00 PM at the MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center, 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT. Please see this flyer for more information.

Journalism Summer Camp: The Connecticut Health Investigative Team(C-HIT) is offering a one-week summer camp for students 16 or older. The C-HIT Summer Multimedia Workshops provide select high school students with the opportunity to develop investigative reporting, video and digital journalism skills in a unique learning environment led by distinguished local and national journalists. For more details and an application please click [here](#) .

Yale University ITS High School Internship: The Yale Information Technology Systems Department has a Summer Internship Program that runs from early July to mid-August. This is a paid internship, and the experience is resume-worthy. Students must complete an application [online](#) by April 19, 2109. Students will be notified in May if they are selected to participate, after an interview in April. The following are the qualifying factors:

1. **Orange residents only**

2. **US Citizen**
3. **Students must demonstrate strong aptitude**
4. **Well rounded, enthusiastic learners**
5. **An interest in Information Technology**
6. **Must be at least 16 by July 1, 2019**

Volunteers Needed:

- The **Peck Place Elementary School** in Orange is celebrating their **50th Anniversary** and would like at least 10 volunteers to help with this event on **Friday, May 31, from 5-8 pm** with a rain date set for June 1 from 2-5 pm. Help will be needed with the many of the outdoor events on that evening. Past students of Peck Place are encouraged to help. If interested, students are asked to sign up in the Career Center.
- Volunteers are needed for the **Cinco K deMayo Road Race, which will take place at the High Plains Community Center in Orange on Saturday, May 4, 2019**. If you are interested in helping, please email Carol Smullen at director@orangectchamber.com or sign up in the Career Center.
- The **Bethany Community Garden, Inc.** is looking for students to help with handicap beds going in in about two weeks that need to be filled with soil. They also would love to have a student that wants to volunteer on a regular basis to care for the food pantry garden. Students can choose their hours and no gardening experience is necessary. Please stop in the Career Center for more details.

Important Reminders

Amity Efficiency Award: Please click on this [link](#) for the student application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence. The deadline for applications this year is April 26, 2019. There will be one recipient from each school. Each awardee will each receive \$300 and recognition at the June Board of Education

meeting. Click on this [link](#) for more details. Completed applications should be sent to me in the main office.

Athletics

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

You can find a recap of this past week's results [here](#).

You can find a schedule for next two week's competitions [here](#).

Community Happenings

Babysitting Basics: This course is designed to equip youth with skills needed to be ready and to handle an emergency before and when it happens. We cover learning about being prepared, taking preventative safety measures to keep children safe, giving basic childcare, stopping the spread of infection, recognizing emergencies and what to do. In addition we explore leadership styles used when babysitting, first aid, CPR and AED. At the completion of the course each student will receive a certificate of completion. If interested and successfully pass the skills testing, each student will receive a certification card for CPR and First Aid. There is an additional \$25 fee, payable to the instructor, for CPR and first aid certification. Register online [here](#). Courses are offered on April 25th or June 18th.

Towns Collaborate to Present Drug Addiction and Recovery Speaker: Stephen Hill, Speaker/Author, will be presenting on Monday, May 13th, 2019 from 7-8:30pm at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. Doors open at 6:30pm for refreshments. The presentation is the story of a young man's battle with drug addiction and journey to recovery. This event will be sponsored by Orange Youth Services, Woodbridge Youth Services, and the Milford Prevention Council. **Subject matter is appropriate for middle school and high school students, as well as all parents/guardians.** If you would like to attend this FREE event, please register [here](#) or call Jessica Simone (203)891-4785.

Job Bank Needs Teens: Woodbridge teens willing to do odd jobs, babysitting, and animal care for residents are needed. Students can gain work experience and earn money. To join, call 203-389-3429 to schedule an interview or email NPfund@Woodbridgect.org. Residents may call the Job Bank to hire Woodbridge teens at 203-389-3429.

Woodbridge Youth Services sponsors Red Cross

Babysitters Training: A 2-day class will be held for resident teens 12-17 years of age on Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in Room 11 at the Woodbridge Center Building, 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Students must attend both days to earn certificates. Healthy snacks are provided. Red Cross Instructor Anna Maria Mauhs covers all the basics to get teens ready to babysit: Leadership, Basic Care, Safety, and Basic First Aid. To register please [download](#) the permission form. Send the completed form with a check for \$60 (\$65 for non-residents) payable to Woodbridge Youth Services at 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT. Discount for siblings attending together. Spaces are limited.

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