

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Today marks the last day of classes for many of our seniors as they venture off to Senior Service Learning Program placements (off-campus work study sites) or Senior Interest Projects (on-campus, comprehensive projects). Our seniors have amazing opportunities through these two programs to have authentic experiences in the working world where they can begin to put to use many of the skills and some of the knowledge they gained during their 4 years at ARHS. **Monday will be a 2-hour late arrival for students** while faculty and staff complete their final professional development session for the 2018-2019 school year. Next week will also be our student-designed and led [Amity Unity Week](#), where we will celebrate inclusion and diversity throughout the week. Keep an eye on the Twitter feed for daily updates. This weekend is also the BOW annual community Relay for Life, in which many Amity students and staff participate. All of these co-curricular happenings are mere examples of the comprehensive civic and socially-minded school community we continue to work on. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

### Happenings and Information

**Graduation Ceremony-2019:** Every year, we send a letter to the parents of seniors and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students regarding the commencement ceremony. Please find the parent letter [here](#) and the student letter [here](#). These were also sent in a separate email to only parents of seniors. If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

**FYI-2019 Yearbooks SOLD OUT!:** This year's Embers Yearbook is currently sold out, however our publisher MAY be able to provide us with some additional books, so **we are starting a waiting list** for those still interested in purchasing books. In order to get on the waiting list, students must see either Mr. Clark or Mrs. Hulse **in person**, and bring a check for the full purchase price of \$80. If we are unable to provide a book, we will return your payment after June 7th.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Attention Seniors:** Seniors who are heading off to internship on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> are encouraged to read their emails every day. If at any time you have questions or concerns while on internship, please contact Mrs. Cocco or Mrs. Vallie. We wish you all the best!

**Senior Graduation Balloon Orders:** The Amity High School P.T.S.O. is once again sponsoring - Operation Graduation 2019 - Balloons for Amity Graduating Seniors. Please see this flyer for more information and click on this [link](#) to go to the order form.

**Class of 2019 Group Portraits Now Available for Purchase:** The class of 2019 class portrait, taken in November, is now available for purchase! These 24"x10" prints cost just \$25. To order yours, visit [roberttaylorphotography.com](http://roberttaylorphotography.com), click "After Picture Day," and input gallery code "amityseniorgroup." From there, input group photo PIN "amtsnrgrp19." If you have any questions, please call Robert Taylor Photography at (203) 377-0739.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Gateway Community College Partnership Program:** The Gateway Community College High School Partnership Program is now accepting applications. This program allows juniors and seniors to take a course at Gateway for credit for free. Courses begin in the fall. Students must have transportation to and from Gateway and attend the orientation program in August at Gateway. The program is limited to 10 students. All those interested should fill out this [Google form](#) for consideration by May 24, 2019.

**Sophomores & Juniors-** If you are interested in learning about what distinguishes one fine university from another, what competitive colleges look for in the selection process, and what you

can do to enhance your college application, please consider attending the **Exploring Colleges Recruitment Program** event sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five the country's leading universities: Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania and Stanford University. This event will take place on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 7:00-9:00pm at the Trumbull Marriot in Shelton**. For more information and to register for the event, please click [here](#).

### **Volunteers Needed:**

- The **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange Congregational Church Strawberry Festival** will be held at the High Plains Community Center in Orange on **Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, rain date Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers are needed to help organize this event starting on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stuart King at 203-506-1378 or [snhking@gmail.com](mailto:snhking@gmail.com).
- The **Peck Place Elementary School** in Orange is celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Become a Teen Volunteer at Woodbridge Library:** The Woodbridge Library Reading Together Summer Program will begin 4 sessions on **Thursdays @ 5:00pm from on July 11, 18 and August 8, and 15<sup>th</sup>**. This program is open to all student entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will be trained to interact with children as they read stories together. Reading Together will fulfill community service obligations. Register online for training June 21 or 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. For more information, please stop by a lunch table during all lunch waves coming soon!
- **Orange Elementary Olympics** at High Plains Community Center needs volunteers on **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00pm**. Students should sign up with the high school PE teacher Nick Dottori or sign up in the Career Center.

## **Athletics**

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

This week's results can be found [here](#).

Next week's competition schedule can be found [here](#).

## **Community Happenings**

**Student Marketing Projects-Fundraisers:** The following announcements are part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester marketing class final project, which is to support a charity in some way.

- **Support Soles4Souls:** We will be holding a shoe collection drive for the charity Soles4Souls. Their mission is to provide hundreds of millions of people worldwide with footwear because they either can't afford or don't have access to their own. Please see this short [presentation](#) for more information.
- **Donations Needed to Support Animal Haven:** Starting on May 20th 2019, Amity Regional Senior High School in Woodbridge, CT will be holding a fundraiser for The Animal Haven in North Haven. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information. We invite you to participate by donating items, tickets, or gift cards to be included in our ***Amity Helps The Animal Haven Raffle***. Your gracious donation and business will be included in our honorable mentions. Any assistance for this wonderful cause would be greatly appreciated to help reach the goal of \$1,000. We appreciate your time in considering this request. For more information regarding your donation towards The Animal Haven in North Haven feel free to contact Sam Kaoud through our marketing teacher at Amity High School, Susan Tupper 203-397-4830 ext. 3159. Please forward your donations directly to Amity High School, Susan Tupper, 25 Newton Rd. Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525.

**ARHS Students Participate in Memory Project:** For the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row, ARHS students enrolled in art classes have participated in "The Memory Project," where they have created portraits for children around the world facing substantial

challenges, such as violence, war, extreme poverty, neglect, and loss of parents. The portraits help the children feel valued and provide a special childhood memory that they can take into adulthood. Samples of the artwork can be seen by clicking the following links: [Luna](#), [Jean](#), [Angel](#), [Johan](#), [Fernando](#). This work is graciously supported by the [Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation](#).

### **From Woodbridge Youth Services-**

- **Job Bank Needs Teens-Calling all Woodbridge High School Students:** Join the Job Bank and earn money for jobs like raking, yard clean up, weeding, babysitting, or animal care for residents. To join, call 203-389-3429 to schedule an interview or email [NPfund@Woodbridgect.org](mailto:NPfund@Woodbridgect.org). Residents may call the Job Bank to hire Woodbridge teens at 203-389-3429.

**Inspiring Community Event:** On May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Hamden Hall's Beckerman Lecture Series and the ADL will co-host an event featuring an unexpected friendship between a Sikh and a former skinhead. Please visit this [link](#) to learn more about this upcoming program.

