

# ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



This has been another jam-packed week of activities at Amity Regional High School, both for our seniors and the entire school community. The week before Memorial Day Weekend is, historically, the first significant transition week in to senior class activities, with the start of Senior Service Learning Program/Senior Interest Project, senior picnic and, on Friday night, senior prom. Along with all of these senior activities this year, the ARHS Club Council has sponsored the first annual Amity Unity Week, focusing around celebrating our diversity and inclusion. We began the week with a special homeroom activity where we watched this student-produced [video](#) and then completed a unity activity. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all had different themes to highlight our diversity and promote a positive climate and a sense of inclusion among the school community, including ADL Becoming an Ally training for a few dozen high school volunteers on Wednesday. Friday has culminated with a “wear blue” Stronger Than Hate Day and will conclude with a “commUnity whole-school assembly” (similar to a pep rally) in our main gymnasium. As Jesse Jackson once said, “When everyone is included, everyone wins.” As we move in to this holiday weekend, let us continue to reflect on what unifies us as a school community, a BOW Community and a country. Through celebrating our differences we can truly appreciate each other’s uniqueness and how each uniqueness adds to the strength of the whole. Have a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

## Happenings and Information

**Senior Prom Reminders:** The ARHS 2019 Senior Prom is tonight at the Omni Hotel in New Haven from 7:30-11! Please be reminded that students must arrive no later than 8:00pm and are not allowed to leave the prom before 10:30pm. After all students have checked in, the administrators or a designee will contact

parents of any students who are on the list to attend but have not checked in at the prom. Please contact us with any questions.

**Amity Regional School District #5 Peace Project:** Students at Amity Middle School Bethany, Amity Middle School Orange, and Amity High School have been working to paint symbols of peace, harmony, and unity. Throughout Amity Region 5 Schools, The Peace Project will be installed in outdoor areas, such as our own courtyard. This project of peace is a direct response to the anti-Semitic concerns that were raised at Amity High School earlier this school year. The Peace Project showcases that the Amity community does not condone discriminatory sentiments, and instead wishes to live in a community of support and peace. It is up to us, as members of this community, to work to make this wish a reality. These [pictures](#) of students [working](#) help to capture the essence of the project.

**Final Exam Schedule:** Please see the final exam schedule for the 2019 school year [here](#).

**STEAM Day is Coming:** Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>, Amity High School will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> annual STEAM Day. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge, will be getting their STEAM on with over 20 different exhibits, activities and demonstrations. From go-carts and drones to micro-organisms and pottery, students will be exposed to variety of experiences from science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

## **Senior Happenings**

**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. You can also use this QR code:

**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**

**Upcoming Juniors & Seniors:** A local summer College Fair is open to local area high school students at **Choate Rosemary Hall School** in Wallingford on **Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 3:00-4:30pm**. To find a list of colleges attending this event, please visit their [website](#). For more details, please call Choate School at 203-697-2365.

**Summer Camp: Girl Scouts of Connecticut** is offering **Camp Laurel** in Lebanon, CT for girls ages 14-18 the week of **June 26-29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Camp will include hiking, horseback riding, swimming, etc. Cost is \$305 and financial aid is available. For more details, please visit this [site](#) or call 1-800-922-2770. Last day to register is June 22, 2019. Please see website [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 **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.
- **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.
- **The United Chinese American Organization** is looking for volunteers to help with their “**Community Swim for Hungers**” event at the **Woodbridge Town Pool on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 9am-12pm**. They need timers and volunteers to organize this event. Students can reply by email at [lindali54322@gmail.com](mailto:lindali54322@gmail.com) or call at 203-464-1771.
- **The Rolling Thunder Special Needs Program CT Chapter** needs volunteers to help with their track practices and running events throughout the summer months. Students are especially needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. If interested, please text Mimi Washington at (516)-849-1028 or email at [actinfo@rtsnp.org](mailto:actinfo@rtsnp.org).

## **Important Reminders**

**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](#). If you have any questions, please contact 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](#).

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

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

**2019 Fall Sports Information Night:** All interested student athletes and their parents are asked to attend this meeting for fall sports.

Who: All 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th graders

When: Wednesday June 5, 5:30 pm

Where: AHS main gym

What: mandatory information including medical, registration, and tryout information for ALL fall sports. A great opportunity to meet the coaches!

## **Community Happenings**

**Race Brook School Food Truck Festival:** Tonight is the annual RBS Food Truck Festival at High Plains Community Center. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

**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.

**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.

