

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Nelson Mandela once said, “It always seems impossible until it’s done.” As we approach the end of the year, it is amazing to reflect on the tremendous growth we have experienced as a school community throughout the year. This time of year lends itself to that reflective process with various awards ceremonies, recognitions, championship events and even preparation for the 2019-2020 school year. Thursday was such a day at ARHS as we held our final homeroom of the school year, the annual student government “Spring Fest” during lunch and the senior awards night recognition. During homeroom, students watched [this video](#) about the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process and the upcoming visit that is scheduled for September, 2019. Students also had a chance to vote on the school-wide theme suggestions for the 2019-2020 school year and they received their list of scheduled classes for the 2019-2020 school year. As we prepare to end one school year and begin another, let us take some time to appreciate how we have grown individually and collectively as a community. As Mandela alludes to, goals and aspirations can, at first, appear daunting, but once we have worked hard to accomplish them, there is a great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

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

OBOA distribution and summer programing: Students have begun receiving the OneBook/OneAmity Community book for the summer of 2019, *Dear Evan Hansen*. Please be reminded that each household receives a copy of the book free of charge. Students and parents are encouraged to read it and keep an eye out for various updates from the OBOA Committee.

Reminder to parents to pick up student medication: Parents/Guardians should pick up student medication from the health office during the week of finals. Medication will not be stored at the school over the summer. Any medication not picked up by Friday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m. will be disposed of. Please contact the health office at 203-397-4850 for any questions.

ARHS Homework Help Center: Attention students and parents—the last homework help for the school year will be held on Thursday, May 30th.

Last Day for Late Busses: Thursday, June 6 will be the last day for late busses.

PTSO Senior Breakfast: The annual Senior Breakfast sponsored by the PTSO will be held on June 13 at 9:30, prior to graduation rehearsal. This rehearsal is mandatory for all seniors. The PTSO is looking for donations of food items, volunteers and raffle prizes. Sign up to help or donate [here](#). All food should be dropped off at the school office Wednesday, June 12 or Thursday morning June 13 by 8:00 am. Contact Wendy Frieden, wendy.frieden@yahoo.com, with any questions. Thank you for your support!

2019 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge: Students are encouraged to participate in this year's CT Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Information can be found [here](#).

Student Obligations: All student obligations for library fines, unreturned books, or other items must be settled by June 13. All student obligations will be entered into PowerSchool and can be paid through [MyPaymentsPlus](#).

Outstanding Cafeteria Balances: Summer is quickly approaching and we would like to remind you to pay any outstanding cafeteria dues. You may view your child's balance and replenish the account by going to [MyPaymentsPlus](#). If you have questions concerning remaining funds on the account or if your student is graduating or leaving the district, you may contact Peter Ferrara, Director of Chartwells Dining Service, by calling: work 203 -397-4853 or by emailing him at peter.ferrara@amityregion5.org.

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.

2019 Embers Yearbook Dedication Ceremony and Senior

Distribution: The Embers Yearbook Staff and Advisors will hold the annual yearbook dedication and senior distribution on Tuesday, June 4th, at 1:30 in the main gymnasium.

Notes from Counseling Department

Summer Camp: Girl Scouts of Connecticut is offering **Camp Laurel** in Lebanon, CT for girls ages 14-18 the week of **June 26-29th, 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](#). There is also an opportunity for the "[Camp CEO](#)" program, where participants interact and are mentored with women business leaders every day.

Volunteers Needed:

- The **11th 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 9th**. Volunteers are needed to help organize this event starting on Wednesday, June 6th through Saturday, June 9th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stuart King at 203-506-1378 or snhking@gmail.com.

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 15th**. This program is open to all student entering 9th-12th 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 28th at 1:00pm. For more information, please stop by a lunch table during all lunch waves coming soon!

Important Reminders

Graduation Ceremony-2019: Every year, we send a letter to the parents of seniors and 12th 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](#).

Community Happenings

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. Residents may call the Job Bank to hire Woodbridge teens at 203-389-3429.

Babysitting Basics: Babysitting over the summer? We have a great course to get you prepared to babysit! Amity Adult Ed is offering a babysitting course for the summer. The course will include CPR and First Aid training and is offered at Amity High School on June 18th from 6 - 9pm. Follow the [link](#) to register!

Drivers Education: Elite driving will be offering a summer session of Drivers Education. The course will run July 15 through August 7, Monday through Thursday 12:30 - 2:30pm. Registration must be done through Elite Driving. Follow the [link](#) to register.

Amity Summer Theater Camp: Summer 2019 is almost here! Time to register for our 12th annual theater camp. Sign up [here](#) for a summer to remember with the award winning Amity Theater Department.

