# ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



"Every moment is a fresh beginning." ~T.S. Eliot

Today marks the end of the first marking period and Monday will be the beginning of the second. It is hard to believe that we have already passed through one quarter of the school year! Throughout the first part of the year, we have worked hard to exemplify our core values of fairness, respect and passion in the classroom, through school-wide programing and in our extra and co-curriculars such as athletics, clubs and performing arts programs. As part of our Spartan Seminar advisory program, we are holding mock gubernatorial elections today with the 3 Connecticut candidates on the ticket. The winner will be announced this afternoon by the end of the school day. As we enter in to the second quarter on Monday, we look forward to a continued focus on our learning expectations through our curriculum and our co-curricular activities. We will be hosting a Veteran's Day program on Friday, November 9th, which will give our entire student body a chance to hear from veterans from wars and conflicts dating back to WWII and all the way up through our contemporary conflicts throughout the world. As a reminder, the day before Thanksgiving will be a regular school day where we will be holding regular class throughout the day before we hold our annual Student Government Pep Rally, which will conclude the day and launch us in to our Thanksgiving extended weekend. Between now and then we have a good amount of work to do, but we greet it with enthusiasm and focus. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

**College and Career of the Week**: This week's college is the **University of Vermont**, and the career of the week is **Agricultural Engineers**. The University of Vermont is located in Burlington, Vermont, along the shore of Lake Champlain. UVM currently enrolls approximately 12,000 students; 10,000 are undergraduates. The University ranks 7th for the number of graduates who enter the Peace Corps (among medium sized schools). Agricultural engineers are responsible for solving

problems relating to our food supply. Related occupations are agricultural and food service technicians, farmers, ranch managers, environmental engineers and hydrologists. Please refer to the <a href="Manager Society of Agricultural">American Society of Agricultural</a> and Biological Engineers website for additional resources. For more information, students can view the bulletin boards in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.

### **Happenings and Information**

**Music in Motion:** The music department is excited for the many performances that will be happening throughout the school year! First up, *Music In Motion! Music In Motion* is November 9th and 10th. Tickets are currently on sale soon!! Check the music department website for full details of our upcoming concerts and events! Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Amity.MusicDepartment and Twitter @AmityMusicO1 for up to the minute updates!

**Election Day Professional Learning:** Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, is a professional development day for the entire Amity Regional School District #5. There will be no school for students.

**NAHS Opening Reception:** The National Art Honor Society is having an art reception at the Woodbridge library in the community room on Monday November 5th from 5-7pm. We hope the community can come and celebrate the students' artwork.

**PTSO November Meeting:** The next PTSO meeting will be next Thursday, November 8th. We meet at 7:00pm in the library classroom.

**2018 Homecoming Dance:** The Amity Student Government will be kicking off the holiday season with their annual Homecoming Dance, Friday night, November 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7-10pm in the main gymnasium. Ticket prices are \$12 dollars each and can only be purchased at <a href="https://www.mypaymentsplus.com">www.mypaymentsplus.com</a>. All ticket sales end on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please have your daughter or son get their tickets immediately as last year the dance was a sellout! Any questions contact <a href="https://www.mypaymentsplus.com">Mr. Marazzi</a>.

### **Senior Happenings**

**Local Fall Open House**: UConn Waterbury Campus: Monday, November 12, 2018-10:00am-12:00pm.

SCSU Instant Decision Day: Southern Connecticut State
University will hold an Instant Decision Day at Amity Regional
High School on Friday, November 30, 2018. Interested seniors
may meet with an SCSU admission representative. SCSU admission
representatives will review completed applications and provide onthe-spot admission notifications. Students must apply to Southern
Connecticut via the Common Application by November
5th. Interested seniors should speak with school counselors or see
Mrs. Vallie in the Counseling Center to schedule a meeting.

**UNH Instant Decision Day**: <u>University of New Haven</u> will hold an Instant Decision Day at Amity Regional High School on <u>Monday</u>, <u>December 3</u>, <u>2018</u>. Interested seniors may meet with a UNH admission's representative on-site. UNH admissions representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply through <u>The Common Application</u> by November 12, 2018. Interested seniors are asked to speak with school counselors or see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center to schedule a meeting.

**College Visits**: Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These representatives are available to share information about their institutions and discuss the admissions process with our juniors and seniors. A list of schools visiting Amity can be found on Naviance. If a student is interested in attending any of these info sessions, please register on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center. Students are provided excused absences from class to meet with representatives. The following schools will be here next week.

Endicott College- Mon, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm

Manhantanville College- Fri, Nov.

9th @ 1:00pm

**Yearbook Grad Ads:** Calling all senior parents! Are you looking to honor and encourage your graduating senior with a grad ad in the yearbook? The *Embers* 2019 yearbook staff offers you a chance to remember, honor, and encourage your graduate with a grad ad! See the attached order form for details and contact yearbook

advisors Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse at <a href="mailto:embers@amityschools.org">embers@amityschools.org</a> with any questions.

### **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Community Service Postings:** If you would like updated information regarding community service activities, please sign up to receive updates through "REMIND.COM". Please text @amityserve to 81010 to register. Community service opportunities are also posted on a bulletin board in the Career Center. We have blank forms to be signed at your service sites and all hours are to be logged into PowerSchool/Unified Classroom before submitting to our office. See Mrs. Vallie or Mrs. Cocco for more details.

**For students interested in a fine arts program at UConn:** UConn is hosting Discovery Day on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 at the Storrs Campus. For more information and to register for the event, please visit this site.

#### **Local Community Service Opportunities:**

• Do you love history? The Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society at the Thomas Darling House, 1907 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge is looking for volunteers to assist with their events this year. Please emailinfo@woodbridgehistory.org or text 203-314-2979.

**Attention Juniors and Seniors:** We are accepting applications for the Gateway Community College High School Partnership Program. This program allows high school juniors and seniors to take a course for credit at Gateway for free. Courses begin January 24th. Students must have transportation to and from Gateway and attend the orientation program in January at Gateway. This program is limited to 10 students. Interested students should fill out the application via this <u>Google doc</u> by November 12th to be considered.

## **Important Reminders**

**Yearbooks Are Now On Sale:** *Embers* 2019 is now available for pre-order at <u>amityembers.com</u>. Pre-orders must be placed by November 16th. The regular ordering window will then open on

November 17th. Contact yearbook advisors Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse atembers@amityschools.org with any questions.

**Student Parking:** Please be advised that student drivers must comply with the parking lot directions of entering from the N. Pease Road entrance in the morning and driving responsibly at all times on campus. Failure to comply with proper driving rules may result in the loss of on-campus parking privileges for a student.

Amity School District Email Addresses: Please be advised, the current amity email address exchange of "first.last@reg5.k12.ct.us" has changed to "first.last@amityregion5.org." This is an informational announcement only, as the old exchange will be automatically rerouted to the new exchange. However, you will be receiving emails from Amity Regional School District #5 employees from the new email exchange from now on.

#### **Athletics**

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for fall sports, please refer to the athletic department's website <a href="here">here</a>.

**Buy your Amity Spartan Gear!** Log on to this <u>website</u> to purchase athletic gear and support the Spartans.

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

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

## **Community Happenings**

**Support AMS-Bethany Musical:** *High School Musical Jr.*! will open on Friday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and will have its second of 2 shows on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Tickets are available at the door.

**Get your tickets now:** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* Dec 07, 2018 - Dec 08, 2018 John J. Brady Center, Woodbridge, CT Winner of 7 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards® including 'Best Play', The Curious Incident of the Dog in

the Night-Time brings Mark Haddon's best-selling novel to thrilling life on stage. Get your tickets <u>here</u>.

Come support the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation -Come and enjoy *Into the Woods* at a price you can afford on Thursday Nov 8, 2018 - admission is any donation amount you choose to make to the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation - \$5, \$10, \$15, \$@... it is up to you. Enjoy Square Foot Theatre's intimate cabaret style venue at 950 Yale Ave in Wallingford. Doors open at 6:30 pm & performance starts at 7:30 pm. Call Judy Primavera at 203-506-5003 or email at <a href="mailto:jamieart@snet.net">jamieart@snet.net</a> to make reservations (recommended as we may sell out).

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