

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Having a meaningful connection among people is essential for any organization or community to be successful. One of the ways we work on creating those connections is through our advisory program, Spartan Seminar, which meets biweekly for 33 minutes. During our shortened day today, we recognized 2 students from each Spartan Seminar who have exemplified our core values, social and civic learning expectations throughout the fall in Spartan Seminar. The ceremony may be viewed [here](#). The recognition of a few is an indication of the hard work all of our students and staff are doing to build an inclusive, positive and supportive school community. We will continue to recognize students for their positive contributions to a fair and just school community but it is the consistent, everyday behavior that will help continue to build us in to the just community we are aiming to be. Have a wonderful break and see you in 2019!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

ARHS main office hours during the holiday break: The Amity Regional High School Main Office will be operating on shortened hours and days during the December Break. The office will be open from 7:00am-2:00pm Wednesday-Friday, December 27th through the 29th and Monday, January 31st.

2019 AP Exam Registration: Students taking AP exams at ARHS for courses taken during the 2018-19 school year must register through Total Registration. There will be a link posted on the school website under Links/Resources. The regular registration period will open on Friday, January 18 at 3:00pm and will close on Sunday, February 17 at 11:59 pm. For the 2019 AP Exams, the cost is \$97 per exam. The AP Capstone exams (Research and Seminar) will cost \$142. Please be sure to have a credit card or debit card

available before beginning registration. An additional \$10 fee (per exam) will be charged for late registrations. Please contact Mrs. Ferguson at Gerilyn.Ferguson@reg5.k12.ct.us if you have any questions regarding exams.

Reminder-Student Parking: Parking is open to 11th and 12th grade students who have a parking pass to park on campus. Unfortunately, the parking passes are sold out at this point. Please be reminded that there is a fine for parking on campus without a 2018-2019 school-issued parking tag.

January PTO Meeting: The next PTO meeting will be on January 10th at 7:00pm in the lecture hall. There will be two special presentations at this meeting: the anticipated “blended” report card, which will offer feedback on the ARHS Learning Expectations and a presentation on the dangers of “vaping” from representatives from the Yale University, School of Medicine, Tobacco Research in Youth Group. The presentation from the Yale representatives will begin at 7:30. We hope to see you there!

Senior Happenings

Senior SSLP: In January, we will begin planning for the 2019 Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) and the Senior Interest Project (SIP). **ANY SENIOR WHO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SSLP or SIP, MUST register to do so by January 18th, 2019.** Registering for SSLP/SIP is easy – you will need to fill out a google form when we return from winter break. **The link to this google form will be activated on Thursday, January 3rd and close on Friday, January 18th, 2019.** (The same form is being used for both the SSLP and the SIP.) The link to this form will be emailed to all seniors on January 2nd. In the meantime, PLEASE REGISTER for important information/updates regarding the SSLP/SIP using remind.com. **Simply text @SSLP2019 to 81010.**

Reminder for Seniors: Please go onto Mypayments Plus and purchase your cap and gown. The due date is December 31st. Also you must sign onto powerschool and complete the diploma name and cap and gown size order form. The directions for completing this are below.

1. Students should log into Unified Classroom
2. Click on Quick Links on the left hand side page

3. Click on Portal Log in Page on the top
4. When the new tab opens up, choose ECollect forms
5. They need to choose [Amity - AHS - Senior Survey - Mr. Davis](#)

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Davis.

Notes from Counseling Department

SAVE THE DATE: The **USA Gap Fair** will be held at Conard High School, 110 Beechwood Road in **West Hartford, CT on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 6:00-8:30pm**. This is an incredible FREE opportunity to learn about a number of life-changing gap year programs from all around the world! . This fair will provide students with a broad exposure to Gap Year Programs and the opportunity for face-to-face conversations with professionals in the field. Many of these programs also offer summer opportunities for students. For more information and to register, please visit this [link](#).

ASVAB Career Exploration Program: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. The ASVAB will be administered at Amity High School on **Wednesday, February 4, 2019 beginning at 8:00AM** to interested sophomores, juniors and seniors. **We will ask the students to arrive at 7:34AM**. If your child takes the ASVAB, they do not have any obligation to the US Armed Services. It is a comprehensive battery that will look at ability, along with interests to explore possible career choices. For more information, please contact Lynn Cocco in the Career Center at lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org or you child's school counselor. It is recommended that students prepare for the test; student can access the free [ASVAB practice test](#).

Important Reminders

Senior Service Learning Program Parent Informational Evening: On **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30pm** in the Amity Senior High School Cafeteria, Lynn Cocco, the College and Career Counselor will be presenting the expectations and guidelines of the 2019 Senior Service Learning Program (generally referred to as the Senior Internship or SSLP) and the pilot-Senior Interest Project. **Parents are asked to attend if your senior is likely**

to participate in the May-June 2019 unpaid experiential learning program.

Athletics

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

For a copy of next week's schedule, please click [here](#).

For a copy of this past week's results, please click [here](#).

Special Honoree: January 4th is "Pat Winkel Night" at the Boys Basketball Game. At 6:50 pm Pat will be awarded the "Gatorade Player of the Year" banner. Please joins us for this admirable recognition!

Community Happenings

Student Government Clothing Drive: The Amity student government will be running the annual clothing drive from January 2nd through February 14th. Over the years support has been second to none. Please take a moment over winter break to clean out those closets and drawers. All clothing in good shape is accepted.

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