

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, over the past twelve months we have focused on having meaningful and deep conversations on many levels that will help lead us to living our mission statement. We have also had some wonderful and exciting moments throughout this year. Yesterday, during homeroom, our 9th and 10th grade students watched [this slideshow of pictures](#), which captures various moments throughout this school year. The 11th and 12th grade student were involved in class meetings, but the link will be sent via the weekly ARHS Student Happenings Newsletter, which is student-organized and distributed every Sunday night via email (please encourage your child to look for it through the Amity email exchange). On Wednesday, we recognized 129 students from across the grades who were nominated by their Spartan Seminar Advisors and/or peers for recognition based on their citizenship and participation in Spartan Seminar throughout this year. Next week we will begin AP testing, hold Amity Teacher Appreciation Week and conclude the week with the Junior Prom. Even, and especially, during this last stretch of the school year, there continues to be a **lot** happening at Amity Regional High School! Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is **The University of Central Florida**, and the career of the week is **Aerospace Engineer**. The [University of Central Florida](#) is a public university located in Orlando, Florida. UCF has 13 colleges and offers over 220 degree programs to approximately 68,000 students. In 2018, 44% of UCF graduates left college debt free. Out of state student cost is approximately \$24,000 per year (tuition, dorm and meal plan). [Aerospace Engineers](#) design aircraft, satellites, spacecraft and missiles. They also create and test prototype models to ensure quality design. AE's work in manufacturing companies as well as in research and development firms and in government agencies. For more information, students

can view the bulletin boards in the main hallway and in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.

Happenings and Information

2019-2020 Budget Referendum: A budget referendum vote will be held in each of the District's member towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at their usual polling locations for the following question: "SHALL THE AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 IN THE GROSS AMOUNT OF \$49,548,307 AND THE NET AMOUNT OF \$48,627,967 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5?" The Regional Board Secretary's [explanatory text](#) with respect to the referendum question, as authorized pursuant to State statute, will be mailed to all residents of the District during the week of May 1st. **Please remember to vote Wednesday, May 8th!**

Junior Prom Information: This year's Junior Prom will be held next Friday, May 10th, at the Trumbull Marriott, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT (new location from previous years) from 7-11PM. All students who are attending need to arrive no later than 7:30 and will not be allowed to leave the dance until 10:30. This is for safety and supervision of all students attending. As with all other school-sponsored activities, **any student attending the junior prom must attend school for the regularly scheduled school day for the full day on the day of the prom.** A regularly scheduled day includes AP testing. If a student does not attend his/her regular **full** day, he or she will not be allowed to attend the prom on Friday evening. We look forward to a safe and celebratory evening.

Climate Survey For Parents: Please take a few minutes to complete this year's [parent climate survey](#). We use this information to help reflect on this past school year as it compares to previous school years and plan goals and programming for next school year. We appreciate your time and feedback.

Career Survey for 10th Grade Students: If your 10th grade student has not yet completed this feedback survey for last Friday's 10th Grade Career Fair, please ask your child to do so by following this [link](#). Thank you!

AP Exam Reminders: AP exams begin on Monday and run through May 17th.

- Room assignments have been sent out to students and parents using the e-mail that was entered when you registered. This e-mail will come from Total Registration. Please check to see if it went to a Spam/Junk folder.
- Students should report for morning exams no later than 7:40 and afternoon exams no later than 11:40.
- Student may leave after their morning exam or come in to school only for the afternoon exam, provided that they bring a note to the attendance secretary.
- If a student wishes to cancel an exam, please be aware that NO REFUNDS are given at this point.
- Cell phones/electronic devices will be collected and removed from the room during the exam. Students will have them returned before they leave the building.
- No food/drink is allowed during the test.
- Students should bring No. 2 pencils (no mechanical) and blue or black pens, as well as any approved calculator if there exam allows for one.

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.

Information For End-of-Year Activities: Please keep an eye out for an email detailing end-of-year activities, including graduation, which will be sent to parents of seniors within the next week.

Final Community Service Information for Seniors: A final list of Seniors, who have reached 100 hours or more over their 4 years at Amity, is now posted in the Career Center. Please verify by checking this updated list. If you have any questions regarding your hours, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Local Scholarship Opportunities:

- **Beth-Wood Baseball League** is awarding a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who resides in

Woodbridge or Bethany. Student must have participated as a Player or Umpire, enrolling in a two or four-year accredited College/University and someone who has made a positive contribution to their school and community. Click [here](#) for an application. **Application deadline is May 3, 2019.**

- **Orange Youth Services** has received funding through the State Department of Education that allows Orange Youth Services to facilitate programming for Orange youth. One of this year's components is college scholarships of \$500 each to be awarded to three (3) graduating Amity High School seniors *who live in Orange*. Students need to submit a transcript of their grades, a resume, as well as an essay. Interested students or parents may pick up an application at Orange Community Services office between 8:30 am-4:30 pm or in the Career Center at Amity High School. Applications can be dropped off at Community Services, mailed or emailed to Orange Youth Services, attn Jessica Simone, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange CT 06477/ jsimone@orange-ct.gov . All applications must be received by the deadline of **Friday, May 10th, 2019**. Thank you for your interest.

Notes from Counseling Department

Summer Program Opportunities:

- The **YMCA Camp Hi-Rock** in the Berkshires of Massachusetts is offering overnight and day camp programs for all ages. If interested, please find further information on this [link](#)
- **Are you interest in Chemistry?** The **Sacred Heart University Chemistry Department** is offering a two-week summer program called Computational Drug Discovery Summer Science Experience. This program is offered to students entering grades 10-12. The classes will run from **August 5th-16th, Mon.-Fri., 9:00am-4:00pm.** and will provide a high-level pre-college introduction to the scientific, ethical and legal aspects of drug discovery and gain knowledge and skills using computer-aided drug design and modeling software. Students are admitted to the program on a competitive basis.
- **Journalism Summer Camp:** The Connecticut Health Investigative Team(C-HIT) is offering a one-week summer camp for students 16 or older. The C-HIT Summer Multimedia Workshops provide select high school students

with the opportunity to develop investigative reporting, video and digital journalism skills in a unique learning environment led by distinguished local and national journalists. For more details and an application please click [here](#) .

- **2019 UConn Pre-College Summer Program:** Find out what it's like to be a UCONN student for 4 weeks! The Pre-College Summer Program at UConn offers rising high school juniors and seniors (class 2020 or 2021) the chance to study and live on their university campus. Please see their [website](#) for detailed information.

Volunteers Needed:

- 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.
- Need volunteers for the **Cinco K deMayo Road Race**, which will take place at the High Plains Community Center in Orange on **Saturday, May 4, 2019**. If you are interested in helping, please email Carol Smullen at director@orangectchamber.com or 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 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!
- **Orange Elementary Olympics** at High Plains Community Center needs volunteers on **Tuesday, May 28th 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.

Important Reminders

Holocaust Speaker Visit: On Tuesday May 14 all ninth grade students will hear a presentation given by Endre (Andy) Sarkany. He will share his personal experiences in the Budapest ghetto during the Holocaust, living in Hungary under Soviet influence after World War II, and coming to the United States. This presentation directly supports student learning in World History and English I classes.

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](#).

Announcement for Team Meetings: Calling all 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students interested in trying out for this coming 2019-20 high school dance or cheerleading teams! A must attend parent/student informational meeting will be held at the high school lecture hall on Thursday May 16th at 6 pm. ALL information regarding tryouts and registration will be presented at this meeting. Coaches and athletic administrators will be on hand to meet and answer all questions. GO SPARTANS!

Community Happenings

From Woodbridge Youth Services-

- **Volunteers Needed/Community Service Opportunity:** Youth Services needs some juniors, seniors, college students, and parents to volunteer at a 6th grade party on May 10th between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. at Amity Middle School-Bethany at 190 Luke Hill Road. Please call 203-389-3429 or email us at Youthone@woodbridgect.org to help.
- **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.

- **Towns Collaborate to Present Drug Addiction and Recovery Speaker: [Stephen Hill, Speaker/Author](#)**, will be presenting on Monday, May 13th, 2019 from 7-8:30pm at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. Doors open at 6:30pm for refreshments. The presentation is the story of a young man's battle with drug addiction and journey to recovery. This event will be sponsored by Orange Youth Services, Woodbridge Youth Services, and the Milford Prevention Council. **Subject matter is appropriate for middle school and high school students, as well as all parents/guardians.** If you would like to attend this FREE event, register at stephenhillorange.eventbrite.com or call Jessica Simone (203)891-4785.

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