

# ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We've had a busy week at ARHS, despite students having no school on Tuesday. We kicked off the week with a visit from Gabi Carrubba and Sky Lakota Lynch, both of whom have been members of the Broadway cast of *Dear Evan Hansen* (Gabi is currently playing the role of Zoe in the show). The two actors spoke to students about what it is like to perform in the show and how they keep themselves balanced while performing in the emotionally taxing show. We also had a very successful district-wide professional development day on Tuesday where teachers engaged in facilitated discussions on a variety of topics including grading practices, infusing technology in a meaningful way in the classroom and student stress reduction. Our Spartan Seminar focus on Wednesday was honoring our veterans in preparation of Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students were trained in compression-only CPR this week during physical education or health classes, thanks to an ongoing partnership with our local AMR chapter. On Veterans Day on Monday, we will hold various programs to thank our veterans for their service to our country. These are just a few examples of the various curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that are a regular part of ARHS. Based on all that is happening, our efforts to foster a positive, supportive, inclusive school community are evident. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** Syracuse, New York, approximately 270 miles from the BOW area. With approximately 15,000 undergraduate students, SU offers over 200 majors and 100 minors within 13 colleges. Strong academic programs and popular D1 sports teams have made Syracuse a "[Top 50 College](#)" with Amity students. [Annual costs](#) are approximately \$70,000 per academic year (tuition, fees, room and board).

"[School psychologists](#) are uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach. They apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior, to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally." (National Association of School Psychologists website, 2019). School psychologists are in high demand as **faster than average job growth is expected (14%) for all psychologists through 2028**. US News & World Report rates [school psychologist as #45 on their Top 100 Jobs listing](#). The average salary is \$ 79,010 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). For more information, please visit the [National Association of School Psychologists](#) or the [Connecticut Association of School Psychologists](#) websites.

*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**

**Steps for Field Trip/E-Collect Sign Ups:** Starting this school year, we have migrated all field trip sign ups/permission slips to E-Collect forms through PowerSchool. While payments still occur through MyPaymentsPlus, the payment will not be seen until and unless the permission slip is first completed through E-collect. Please following these steps to register your child for a field trip:

1. Log on to Unified Classroom/QuickLinks/Portal Login/Ecollect Forms under "Field Trips"
2. Find the appropriate trip for your child (identified by the location, teacher, and date)
3. Complete the permission slip information via the E-collect form \*please note: the fee will be posted to MPP within 24 hours
4. Complete the payment transaction on MyPaymentsPlus for the field trip
5. The payment will be processed, and will clear in PowerSchool within 5-7 business days

**PTSO Update- FREE \$ FOR AMITY AS YOU SHOP FOR GROCERIES!** Stop & Shop shoppers, please choose Amity to receive A+ Rewards from your Stop & Shop card! This is free to you (does not interfere with your Gas Rewards or any other rewards program), and brings free \$ to Amity. To sign up, please register your 13-digit Stop & Shop card #, if you haven't already, at [Stopandshop.com](http://Stopandshop.com). Then go to "My Account," then "Manage My Account," then "Rewards & Savings," then "A+ School Rewards." When asked for School ID #, please enter: **07220**. That's it! You will automatically earn points for the school every time you shop! If you need assistance, please call 1-877-366-2668, option 1. Please encourage friends and family to sign up too, thanks!

**Report Cards Issued Today:** Please note that 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report cards will be emailed by 3pm today. Please check your email for a PDF copy of your child's report card before signing up for conferences.

**Parent-Teacher Conference Sign Ups:** There are 3 designated dates for parent-teacher conferences in the upcoming weeks. As a reminder, these 10 minute conferences are designed to all parents to ask specific questions about a child's performance, particularly if a child is struggling in a certain area. Directions for signing up for conferences via E-collect were emailed earlier in the week. Those directions may also be found here.

**Hamden Adult Education:** The next registration for Hamden Adult Education December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. Students must call the office at 203-407-2028 to make an appointment. Classes begin on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Senior Happenings**

**DIRECT ADMISSION DAYS at AMITY HIGH SCHOOL:** Some local colleges will soon be visiting with our seniors for on-site admission appointments. ***In order to participate, seniors should have already submitted their application to the college at least one week before Amity's scheduled event.*** Please understand that financial aid information will NOT be available at these meetings and will be sent to you at a later time. ***Seniors must make an appointment in the CAREER CENTER in order to participate. Please [click here](#) for list of schools participating.***

**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 with juniors and seniors about their institutions and to discuss the admissions process. Counselors will attend these sessions and take notes on the discussion. Notes will be posted on Naviance under each individual college name under "Counselor Comments for Students." A list of schools visiting can be found on Naviance and in our weekly Happenings. **A student must register on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center.** Students are provided excused absences from class to meet with representatives. Please click [here](#) for list of colleges coming next.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Apprenticeship Info Session Offered:** Keri Lamontagne from **the CT Dept. of Labor Office of Apprenticeship Training** will be speaking in the Career Center during period 2 (8:30-9:30am) on November 12, 2019 to discuss the manufacturing pre-apprenticeship program, certificate and other apprenticeship career opportunities post-secondary graduation. If interested in attending this informational session, please stop by the Career Center to obtain a pass.

The **ASVAB test** will be given at Amity on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am until 11:00am. Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. The ASVAB or "Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery" is an online, multiple-choice test that helps students identify career strengths. **Students may register to take the test by signing up in the Career Center.** While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test.* **Taking the ASVAB does not obligate students to enlist!** Please [visit this link](#) for more information.

## **Community Service Opportunities:**

**\*Woodbridge Youth Services:** Looking for students to help sort food in the food pantry for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 or email at <mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org>.

**\*Bethany Historical Society:** Looking for help setting up their social media, scanning, graphic design, gathering materials for various projects and assisting with creating some Word Documents. Please contact Linda Wooster @ 203-804-2000 or [ljwooster@gmail.com](mailto:ljwooster@gmail.com).

**\*Volunteers Needed for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Kristallnacht Commemoration** at Congregation Or Shalom in Orange, CT on Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-9:30am. If interested, please contact Edina Oestreicher at [Edina.oestreicher@gmail.com](mailto:Edina.oestreicher@gmail.com).

**\*As a reminder, all community service hours must be logged in PowerSchool by the student under "ECollect Forms" first, and then signed community service forms should be handed into the Career Center.**

## **Important Reminders**

**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 22nd. 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 [Google Doc](#) by November 11th to be considered.

**Yale College Partnership:** Amity juniors and seniors may enroll in one undergraduate course at Yale University as part of the Yale-New Haven/Area High School partnership program. Students who would like to be considered for this program must meet **with** Mrs. LaPlante on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the Career Center for more information.

**Attention Sophomores:** ARHS will sponsor one sophomore student to attend the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar to be held from **May 29-May 31, 2020** at **Southern Connecticut State University**. Students spend the time engaging in leadership development activities, collaborating with like-minded students from throughout the state, and exploring leadership from three perspectives: individual, group, and society. For more information about HOBY, please visit this [site](#). Interested students should see their counselor. Applications are due by Friday, November 22, 2019. Please be aware that the selected student is required to stay overnight at the location of the event under the supervision of HOBY for the entire duration of the event.

**Homecoming Tickets:** Tickets for the 2019 Homecoming, which will be held on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, are on sale directly through MyPaymentsPlus. Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale now through November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Fifth Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night:** Interested in purchasing a grad ad? Not sure where to begin? Join us for our fifth annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night this Wednesday, November 6th from 4-7 p.m. in the ARHS library computer lab. Take care of everything at once—complete all the paperwork, pay (cash or check), scan your photos, sit down with a yearbook staff member to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior, and approve it right on the spot. Appointments are not necessary. Visit the yearbook website at [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) for more information and to check out samples of ads from previous yearbooks.

## **Athletics**

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

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

Good luck to all of our fall teams as they head in to the post-season with the CIAC tournaments.

## **Community Happenings**

**Fall Play Tickets ON SALE NOW:** Tickets are now on sale for the Amity Creative Theater production of "Dancing at Lughnasa". This beautiful heart warming Irish play will take place on December 6th and 7th 2019 @8pm. Tickets and information at [www.amitytheaterdepartment.com](http://www.amitytheaterdepartment.com)