

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." *John F. Kennedy*

It is hard to believe that we are already at the Thanksgiving Holiday! There is so much to be thankful for in our ARHS Community. This year, the ARHS Student Government decide to celebrate a whole week of spirit by moving the "Spirit Days" to last week and having the annual homecoming dance be the culmination of spirit week. What a culmination it was, with over 870 students attending the dance-the largest in school history. The school spirit has flowed in to this week with the ARHS Flag Football Team defeating North Haven on Monday night with a score of 24-14. The National Arts Honors Society held a reception for the first student art show at the Woodbridge Library on Tuesday night and throughout the day on Wednesday, we will strengthen our community through specific programming for each of the grades before the culminating activity of the annual Student Government Pep Rally to conclude the week. As stated in the quotation above, demonstrating appreciation through our actions is more important than only through our words. At Amity Regional High School we continue to live by our core values and be emblematic of the just society we hope to see in the world. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

Happenings and Information

REFERENDUM VOTE

Amity Regional School District Number 5; December 4, 2019: A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote at the regular polling places in the Towns in Regional School District Number 5 on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, upon resolutions adopted by the Regional

Board of Education at meeting held October 29, 2019, which will be placed on the ballots as the following questions:

SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 5 APPROPRIATE \$3,194,300 AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL, BETHANY CAMPUS AND AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL, ORANGE CAMPUS?

SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 5 APPROPRIATE \$3,538,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR VARIOUS ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL?

Social Media Presentation: All 9th and 10th grade students participated in an assembly on the “dos” and “don’ts” of social media use. Tom Pincince, Asst. Athletic Director at Central Connecticut State University, delivered his address to students called “[Take This Play Off](#).” This assembly is a culminating activity for the fall related to our OBOA read *Dear Evan Hansen*.

Alumni Visits/Successful Career Paths Presentations: All 11th and 12th grade students were given the choice between two presentations: the annual “Alumni College Panel” and “Successful Career Paths without a Four Year Degree” presentation. The alumni panel consisted of alumni from the Amity Classes of 2018 and 2019. They shared their college experiences and offered insight into the college process. A change to this year’s panel included a few older students to provide a slightly different perspective on college life. For those students who were interested in learning about alternatives to college, a concurrent presentation was offered regarding “Successful Career Paths without a Four Year Degree”. Students chose which assembly to attend at the time of the assembly on November 27th.

Parent-Teacher Conference—no late buses: The final parent-teacher conference will be held on Wednesday, December 4th. There will be no late buses on that day.

Fall 2019 PSAT Results: On Monday, December 9th, online score reports for the PSAT will be available for all 11th grade students who took the test in October. Students will need to access their College Board accounts.

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.***

Transcript Request Deadline: Please be aware that December 9th is the transcript request deadline for any students who would like transcripts sent out for a 1/1/2020 application deadline.

Notes from Counseling Department

***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.

***The Volunteer Service Department at Yale New Haven Hospital** needs and welcomes energetic volunteers for their York Street and Saint Raphael campuses. Interviews are in the process now so please sign up for the upcoming winter/spring session, which runs **January 27, 2020 through April 10, 2020**. Please sign up at www.ynnh.org/volunteer. They are also adding a date which will not appear on the website, but will be available for Amity students on **Monday, December 9, from 3:00-5:00pm**. Please sign up for this interview by calling 888-700-6543 ext. 2.

***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

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. 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!

Speak-Up Reminder: Parents and students can help stop intolerant and inappropriate behavior by using our anonymous “Speak Up” system to report any bullying, drug possession, crime, and other school or community safety concerns by calling or texting 203-936-6784. There is also a [link](#) on the District 5 website.

Athletics

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

Results: Congratulations to the Amity Girls Swimming and Diving Team, which concluded the season this past Sunday at the State Open Championships.

Annual Thanksgiving Football Game: Remember to attend the annual Thanksgiving Football Game against North Haven held at Amity tonight, 6:00pm.

Winter Sports Sign Up: If you have registered your child for Winter Sports and the status continues to show “Pending” after 2-3 days of registering, please contact either the Athletic office or the Nurses Office for explanations regarding approval.

Fall Sports Awards Night CHANGE: Fall Sports Awards Night will be December 12th at 6:30 in the gym. This awards night was previously scheduled for December 5th.

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

ARHS Teen Life Class’ “Good Night Done Right” Fundraiser: Would you be willing to donate ONE pair of NEW pajamas? Please support our [5th Annual Jammie Drive](#), where our goal this year is to provide one pair of pajamas for EVERY child, grades K-8, at Wexler Grant Community School in New Haven, Ct. No time to head to the store? No worries. On-line orders and/or monetary/gift card donations can be mailed to us at: "Good Night Done Right" c/o Amity Regional High School 25 Newton Road Woodbridge, Ct 06525