

# ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



“Be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a highway, just be a trail. If you can't be a sun, be a star. For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.”

~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is somewhat hard to believe, but today marks the end of the second quarter. A lot has happened throughout the first half of the year at ARHS. All of the experiences that we have—those that are celebrated and those that are not—help us grow as a community and as a school. Dr. King communicates the essence of our school's theme this year of “Be true. Be you.” in the above quotation. He offered this quotation in remarks he made at Barratt Junior High School in Philadelphia, October 26, 1967\* and the sentiment is still relevant today. As our students and faculty gear up for the midterm exam period beginning on Tuesday, let us not lose sight of the lessons Dr. King offered and the importance of maintaining our core values of **fairness, respect and passion** while continuing to work toward being our most authentic, empathetic selves. Have a wonderful weekend!

\*<https://www.biography.com/news/martin-luther-king-famous-quotes>

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

**College and Career of the Week: College and Career of the Week:** This week's college is the **Rhode Island School of Design** and the career of the week is **Textile Designer**. The [Rhode Island School of Design](#) is located in Providence, Rhode Island approximately 112 miles from the BOW area. Founded in 1877, RISD is one of the most prestigious art colleges in the nation. With a student population of just over 2,500, RISD offers its students a “unique, studio-based learning” model, with “an emphasis on experimentation in the studio and beyond.” [Annual costs](#) are approximately \$67,000 per academic year (tuition, fees, room and board). [“Textile designers](#) are involved in coming up with innovative ideas and developing commercially-appealing designs and prints for a variety of fabrics, clothing and non-clothing materials, furnishing materials, industrial fabrics and other related materials, using both natural and manmade fibers” (allaboutcareers.com). They usually work in design studios, factories and

research labs. The median salary for [Fabric and Apparel Patternmakers](#) (a related profession) is \$49,690 per year (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017). For more information, please visit the [Textile Society of America](#) or the [Surface Design Association](#).

## **Happenings and Information**

**Midterm Exam schedule and information:** The midterm exam schedule can be found [here](#). Please note-exams are only approved for rescheduling for emergency absences which must be discussed with the student's designated administrator. If a student needs to reschedule an exam (due to sudden illness, emergency, etc), the student must receive **written** permission from his/her associate principal before rescheduling with the teacher or for a makeup session. Please call the main office, 203-397-4830, if you have any questions.

**Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee-Members needed:** The Career and Technical Education department is currently seeking any interested parents and/or members of business and industry to be a part of our CTE Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to help evaluate our CTE program and provide assistance on ways the program could be enhanced so that Amity students will be prepared for high skill, high wage and/or in demand careers. The Committee meets 2-3 times per school year. If you are interested in being a part of our committee, or have any questions about the committee, please email Grace Loman, the CTE Department Chair at the following address: [grace.loman@amityregion5.org](mailto:grace.loman@amityregion5.org).

**Health Office Reminder:** The health office has been seeing an increase in student visits for fevers. Students have been reporting they are still attending school despite having known fevers. As a reminder, students should not attend school if they have a fever. They should not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the use of Tylenol/Motrin. Students should also not attend school if they are vomiting or have flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, body aches, sore throat and cough. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Attention seniors (and parents of seniors):** We will soon begin the Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP), also known informally as the "internship program". *If you are interested in participating in this year's SSLP, please read on.* **SSLP 2020 will run from May 18<sup>th</sup> until June 5<sup>th</sup>.** **During this time, participating seniors will become interns at predetermined job sites. If you are a senior in good standing (no attendance or discipline issues) and have at least a 2.0 unweighted GPA, you may qualify to participate in SSLP. The first step is to register for the mandatory, one-hour SSLP workshop. Please go to the [Googleform here](#) and register for the date and time that works best for you. If you have any registration issues, please contact me immediately.** *Once you have attended the workshop, you can make the decision to participate in SSLP.* Seniors will also have the opportunity to do a "Senior Interest Project (SIP)" as an alternative to the SSLP. Information about SIP will be shared during the SSLP Workshop as well. Please feel free to stop by, email or call Ms. Cocco if you have any questions or concerns.

**Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors:** Throughout the academic school year, local, state and federal organizations or agencies provide the opportunity for graduating seniors planning on pursuing post-high school education to apply for scholarships. This year, there are many scholarships with application deadlines in February, March, April,

May and June. Although many have financial need as part of their criteria, there are scholarships that seek to reward students for personal or academic achievements, community service and/or by degree to be pursued in college. A list of active scholarships and applications are listed on Naviance. Please note, students are responsible for mailing their scholarship applications materials and transcripts, if requested. Do your research, make your scholarship lists and apply to as many awards that you are eligible for. All seniors are welcome to stop by the Career Center for any help or questions regarding scholarship applications.

**Additional Scholarship Resource Information:** Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The Amity College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under the scholarship tab. Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college or university or additional websites like [this one](#).

Current **Local** Scholarships available! Applications available in the Career Center.

- Bethany Lions Club (Bethany seniors only)
- Big Y (Open to all seniors)
- Orange Scholarship Fund Association (Orange seniors only)
- Glenn Moon Scholarship (Open to all seniors pursuing Education)
- Amity Charitable Trust Fund-(Orange/Woodbridge Seniors only)
- Silver Pen Writing Competition Scholarship-(Open to all seniors)
- New Haven County Tax Collectors Association Scholarship (Open to all Seniors)

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Are you a female interested in the Engineering & Medical Field?** UConn Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine is excited to announce the next IWEM (Inspiring Women in Engineering & Medicine) workshop. It will take place on **Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020** at the Musculoskeletal Institute at UConn Health in Farmington Connecticut. Female students (grades 10-12) in Connecticut are encouraged to apply. This will be a FREE, four hour hands on workshop. Participants will get to perform 3 different mock orthopaedic surgeries, hear from prominent women surgeons and interact with other successful women in the medical field, such as engineers, physical therapists and advanced practicing registered nurses. The deadline to apply is **February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Apply now at this [link](#) (application available 1/20/2020).

**Do you care about the Environment?** The Natural Resources Conservation Academy Conservation Ambassador Program at UConn is a summer opportunity for high school students (grades 9-11) who are interested in the environment, science, and community engagement. Through a week-long field experience at UConn and a community conservation project, this program engages students in natural resource science and conservation biology in a fun and exciting way through experiential, place-based learning. The field experience will take place from **July 19-25** at the UConn Storrs Campus. **Applications are due by April 1, 2020**. Please click [here](#) for more information.

### **Community Service Opportunities:**

- **Mary L. Tracy School Children's Fair:** held on **Sat., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** from **10:00am-3:30pm**. Volunteers are needed for a variety of events on that day. Please sign up [here](#).

### **Important Reminders**

**Parent Workshop-January:** Please find information in this [flyer](#) regarding information regarding the January 23, 2020 Pupil Services Parent Workshop. We hope to see you there.

**Reminder about breakfast at school:** Please see this informational [flyer](#) about breakfast options at ARHS served by Chartwells.

**Reminder - Buy Your Yearbook:** The 2020 edition of *Embers* is currently on sale for \$80. Visit [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) to reserve your copy today! Please note that those who do not pre-order are not guaranteed a yearbook.

**Yearbook Grad Ads:** The deadline for grad ad purchases has been extended to Friday, January 31st. Don't miss out on your chance to honor and encourage your graduating senior in a book that he or she will keep for years to come! We have several size options for your special message and photograph(s)—see our website information and pricing. Need some inspiration? Visit our website at [amityembers.com](http://amityembers.com) to see examples of past grad ads. Questions? Contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at [embers@amityschools.org](mailto:embers@amityschools.org).

**Delayed Opening:** We will have a delayed school opening on Monday, January 27, and school will start at 9:30am that day due to staff development for staff. Busses will pick-up two hours later than usual on January 27. This is the first day of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

**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 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 week's results, please click [here](#).

## **Community Happenings**

**Amity Adult Education Spring Semester:** There are a few winter courses being offered. Check out our online [catalog](#).

**Math Maniacs:** event at the Woodbridge Library on **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30pm**. 10- 12 students are needed to help make this event successful. Contact Judy Rabin at 203-389-3439 or email at [jrabin@woodbridgect.org](mailto:jrabin@woodbridgect.org) or sign up at the children's desk.

**Mini Golf:** event sponsored by The Friends of the Library at the Clark Memorial Library on **Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 11am-4:00pm**. Help is needed! Please contact Kathy Zollo at [kbridgetzollo@gmail.com](mailto:kbridgetzollo@gmail.com).

**Community Program:** Free Local Suicide awareness/prevention training sponsored by the Alliance for Prevention and Wellness will be offered to the public at the **High Plains Community Center in Orange on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm**. All students and families are welcome to attend! Please register [here](#).