

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



At the conclusion of midterm exams, we are officially half-way through the academic year. Students, faculty and the entire high school staff have been hard at work throughout this first semester to “be true” to themselves and the Amity community. As we enter in to the second half of the year, we will continue to focus on providing authentic learning experiences that are founded in the Amity Core Values of **fairness, respect and passion**. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.” The members of Amity Regional High School take pride in meeting the goal of Dr. King’s estimation of a “true education” through their curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular work. I am looking forward to continued success in the second half of the year.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is the **University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth** and the career of the week is **Information Security Analyst**. The [University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth](#) is located in Dartmouth, Massachusetts (just west of New Bedford), and is approximately 140 miles from the BOW area. Founded in 1895, UMass/Dartmouth offers its students over 90 academic programs. Its many STEM related programs have earned the designation of a ranked, “[tier 1 national research university](#)” (US News & World Report, 2018), while also offering vibrant arts majors such as jewelry making, animation and textile design. [Annual costs](#) for out-of-state students are approximately \$44,000 per academic year (tuition, fees, room and board). “[Information security analysts](#) plan and carry out security measures to protect an organization’s computer networks and systems” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). Also known as cyber security specialists, most ISAs have at least a bachelors’ degree to begin working in the field. The median salary is \$98,350 and job growth is expected to be much faster than average at 32% through 2028 (BLS, 2018). For more information, please visit the following professional websites: the [SANS Institute](#) or [Information Security Systems Association International](#).

Happenings and Information

Second Semester-PowerSchool Schedule Check: In preparation for the second semester, students should take some time this upcoming weekend to review their schedules and take note of any semester class changes. New classes will begin on Monday, January 27th. It will be an “A” day schedule.

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 2nd semester.

Second Marking Period & Report Cards: The second marking period and the midterm exam period are now complete. Parents and students will receive an emailed report card on the afternoon of January 31 which will reflect the finalized grades for both the marking period and the midterm exams.

February - Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 5 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. **Directions for the online conference request system will be sent out on the afternoon of Friday, January 31 and the system will open at that time too.** Please take time to review your child’s report card on the 31st to be mindful when registering for conferences. While this conference night is a designated time for parents to meet with teachers, each teacher has only a limited number of spots available that evening. Parents may also reach out to schedule a conference after school or by phone.

Senior Happenings

REGISTRATION WORKSHOPS END ON JANUARY 31ST! REGISTER NOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SSLP!

Attention seniors (and parents of seniors): The Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP), also known informally as the “internship program” has officially kicked off for 2020. *If you are interested in participating in this year’s SSLP, please read on.* **SSLP 2020 will run from May 18th until June 5th.** 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 [Google form 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 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 22nd, 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 6th, 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:

- • **Mini Golf:** event sponsored by The Friends of the Library at the Clark Memorial Library on **Saturday, Feb. 1st from 11am-4:00pm**. Help is needed! Please contact Kathy Zollo at kbridgetzollo@gmail.com.
- • **Case Memorial Library Indoor Petting Zoo Event: Saturday, Feb. 1st from 10am-1pm**. Please contact Michelle Centore at 203-891-2170 Ext.8828 or via email at mdesarbo@casememorallibrary.org
- • **5k Road Race "Run for Refugees"** sponsored by IRIS in New Haven: Sunday, Feb. 2nd starting at 10am. If interested, please email suddin@irisct.org or call 203-562-2095.
- • **Mary L. Tracy School Children's Fair: Saturday, Feb. 8th from 10:00am-3:30pm**. Volunteers are needed for a variety of events on that day. Please sign up [here](#).

Important Reminders

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.

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. Student should also not attend school if they are vomiting or have flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, body aches, sore throat and cough.

Reminder about breakfast at school: Please see this informational flyer about breakfast options at ARHS served by Chartwells.

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

Speak-Up: 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 18th 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 or sign up at the children's desk.

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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 30th from 6:30-8:00pm**. All students and families are welcome to attend! Please register [here](#).