

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



As we continue to move through the second semester, it's hard to believe that we are almost to the mid-marking period of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (the mid-mark is next Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>). In addition to being fully in to the second semester swing for the 2019-2020 school year, we are also hard at work planning for next year with student course registrations closing today. Please be sure to take some time to talk with your child about how classes are progressing this year and log on to PowerSchool to approve the requests for next year (unless you're the parent of a senior). If you have any questions about your child's requests, please contact your child's school counselor. A final list of scheduled courses will be released to students in late May. As Thomas Edison is credited with saying, "Good fortune is what happens when opportunity meets with planning." As a school community, we pledge to continue to offer students opportunities and help support them in their planning for next year. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

***Anna N. Mahon***

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** This week's college is **Iona College** and the career of the week is **Police Officer**. **Iona College** is located in New Rochelle, NY, approximately 60 miles from the BOW area and only 20 miles north of Manhattan. The college was founded in 1940 by the Congregation of Christian Brothers and enrolls about 4,000 students. Unique programs include eight 5-year dual degree programs and professional joint degree programs with Seton Hall Law School and Lake Erie College of Osteopathy. Annual costs are \$56,000 per academic year (tuition, fees, room and board). Iona is also an "Amity Top 50" school. "Police Officers protect lives and property. Detectives and criminal investigators gather facts and collect evidence of possible crimes" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). Minimum education requirements are a high school diploma, but many officers have college degrees. The median salary is \$63,380 and the profession is expected to have average job growth at 5% through 2028 (BLS, 2018). However, the need for officers will vary based on geography. For more information, please visit the [National Police Association](#).

## **Happenings and Information**

**Save the Date for Career Day:** Amity High School will be hosting our 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Career Day** on **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 a.m. Are you interested in volunteering to give insight to our students about your career or job? We are looking forward to providing a variety of career speakers to our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please contact Paula Vallie or Lynn Cocco in the Career Center if you would like to speak. Call 203-397-4836 or email [paula.vallie@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org) OR [lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org](mailto:lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org)

**Important ARHS Dates:** Please see [this list](#) of important upcoming dates from the counseling department and administration for the spring 2020 semester.

**Graduation 2020:** As a reminder, the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020 was set by the Board of Education and will take place on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow in the spring.

**Mid-Marking Period:** Next week is the middle of third marking period. Please take some time to check your child's grades and have a conversation with how classes are progressing. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teachers.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Attention Seniors:** SSLP Update – thank you to all participating seniors who have completed their “LINKEDIN PROFILE” task! The next deadline is today, Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – SSLP Preliminary Contracts are due. Please see Mrs. Cocco or Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center 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)
- Orange Scholarship Fund Association (Orange seniors only)
- Glenn Moon Scholarship (Open to all seniors pursuing Education)
- Amity Charitable Trust Fund-(Orange/Woodbridge Seniors only)
- New Haven County Tax Collectors Association Scholarship (Open to all Seniors)
- UConn Waterbury Campus Scholarship: Click [here](#)
- Orange Community Women's Scholarship (Orange seniors only)
- Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary/Allied Health Scholarship
- Yale New Haven Minority Nursing & Allied Health Scholarship
- West Haven & Orange Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Scholarship
- Junior League of Greater New Haven Voluntarism Scholarship Award
- Orthopaedic Specialty Group Scholarship
- Orange Little League Scholarship

**Notes from Counseling Department**

**ASVAB at Amity:** The College & Career Center would like to know if anyone is interested in taking the ASVAB this spring. The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a career placement test that is used by the United States Military. Civilians also use the ASVAB as a career interest inventory to help job seekers find compatible jobs and careers. **If you would**

**like to take the ASVAB this spring, please fill out this [registration form](#).** The actual test date is yet to be determined.

**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.

**Are you thinking of becoming an EMT?** The Bethany Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Karen R. White Memorial Training Program will host an EMT-Basic Initial Certification Course starting **Sat. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Mon. Jun. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will take place Monday & Wednesday nights 6:00pm-10:00pm, including four Saturdays Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will be held at the Bethany volunteer Fire Dept. Headquarters. For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

## **Important Reminders**

**Yearbooks Are Sold Out:** The yearbook staff is excited to have reached its sales goal for this year; at this point, there are no longer any books available for purchase. The publisher may be able to provide us with additional books prior to distribution day, but as there is no guarantee that they will be able to do that or how many they will be able to provide, the yearbook staff has begun keeping a waiting list for those still interested in purchasing books. In order to get their name on the waiting list, students must see either Mr. Clark or Mrs. Hulse in person (we will not honor e-mail requests), and they must provide the full purchase price of \$85, either in cash or by check (made out to ARHS). Students will be refunded if their requests are unable to be fulfilled after Tuesday, June 9th. Please note that the waiting list will prioritize seniors over underclassmen.

**Senior Yearbook Distribution (Thursday, June 4th):** The 2020 yearbook dedication, distribution, and signing celebration will take place in the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, June 4th, from 4:30-6:00. Please note that this event is for seniors only; there will be a separate, in-school distribution event for underclassmen, and no underclassmen in attendance at the senior event will be given books.

**Yearbook Blowout Sale:** Hey, senior families! Did you miss out on a previous copy of *Embers*? Not to worry—the yearbook staff will have copies of the 2017 (freshman) and 2018 (sophomore) books available for purchase at the senior distribution event. Prices are as follows:

- *Embers* 2017: \$50;

- *Embers* 2018: \$60;

- "Spartan Special" Bundle (includes *Embers* 2017 and 2018): \$100.

Please note that as we sold out last year, there are no copies of *Embers* 2019 available for purchase.

**2020-2021 Course Selection Process:** Scheduling for next school year began on Monday, 2/10. Students are now able to see their course recommendations and input electives. Parents will be receiving an email to verify these course requests. School counselors are meeting individually with their students throughout this month to help with academic advising. Our Program of Studies is available on our website. In addition, please spend some time to consider the performing arts electives for next year. Courses offered can be found here, testimonials from current students can be found here and the music department [video](#) can be found here.

**Substitute Teachers Needed:** If you are interested in becoming a [substitute teacher for Amity Region 5](#), please click on the link and fill out an application.

## **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](#).

**Spring Sports Meeting:** Please be reminded that the 2020 spring sports information night will be held next Thursday at 6:30.

## **Community Happenings**

**Job Bank Teens Looking for Work:** Woodbridge Youth Services has teens who want to do odd jobs in Woodbridge like snow shoveling, yard work, babysitting, and tutoring. Residents may call 203-389-3429 for assistance.

**Amity Adult and Continuing Education:** Our Winter/Early Spring Session continues. New rounds of Tai Chi and Yoga are open for enrollment. Classes start next Wednesday. Log on at this [link](#) to register.

- **SAT Prep** will start in late March. Visit [this link](#) to register!
- **Drivers Education** will begin its Spring session April 2nd. Log on [here](#) to register!