

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



While the official first day of spring is not until March 19th this year, the start of daylight savings time—which will take place early this Sunday morning—always feels like the unofficial beginning of spring. Add to that the very mild winter we have had and we are gearing up for a lovely month of March. We continue to progress through the 3rd marking period as we enter in to March, but we are also looking forward to the major state testing day for high school—March 25th—when all 11th grade students will take the state-issued SAT. This is an opportunity for students to take the SAT in school during the day and show, through a standardized measure, what they know and are able to do. Students do receive feedback on their scores (provided they do not cancel the test after taking it) which helps inform for future test-taking plans. The schedule for 9th, 10th and 12th grade students will be modified to complement the testing schedule. More information will be forthcoming in next week's newsletter. We will also have a district-wide professional learning day for all faculty and staff on March 20th. Spring sports begin in a few weeks and the Amity Creative Theater spring musical will open on Friday, March 27th. While the month of March is notorious for feeling somewhat lengthy, the curricular and extra-curricular activities that are set to take place will be here before we know it. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week's college is **Endicott College** and the career of the week is **Athletic Trainer**. [Endicott College](#) was founded in 1939 and is located northeast of Boston and approximately 165 miles from the BOW area. Originally established as a women's college, Endicott currently enrolls about 4,100 students in traditional undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and accelerated undergraduate co-educational programs. More than 80 programs are offered, including 5th year masters programs in Applied Behavior Analysis, Bioinformatics, Homeland Security Studies, Interior Architecture and Nursing. [Annual costs](#) are approximately \$50,000 per academic year (tuition, fees, room and board). "[Athletic trainers](#) specialize in preventing, diagnosing, and treating muscle and bone injuries and illnesses" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018). A bachelors' degree is required and athletic trainers are employed in schools (elementary, high school, college), fitness centers, hospitals/medical facilities and professional sports teams. The median salary is \$47,510 and the profession is expected to have *faster than*

average job growth at 19% through 2028 (BLS, 2018). For more information, please visit the [National Athletic Trainers' Association](#) or the [American College of Sports Medicine](#).

Happenings and Information

Health Office Reminder: Due to continued flu activity parents are reminded to follow the school illness policy. Students 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. See this [link](#) for information from the CDC.

Yearbook Grad Ads: There are still a few grad ad spaces left in the 2020 yearbook! Take advantage of this last chance to honor and encourage your graduating senior in a book that he or she will keep for years to come! Please contact the yearbook advisors, Ken Clark and Vicki Hulse, at embers@amityschools.org if you are interested. Please note that we can no longer accommodate requests for full-page ads.

Senior Happenings

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:

- American Italian Women of Greater New Haven
- Joseph Cuzzocreo Memorial Scholarship
- Orange Rotary Club
- Bethany Lions Club
- Orange Scholarship Fund Assoc.
- Glenn Moon Scholarship
- Amity Charitable Trust Fund
- Orange Community Women's Scholarship
- Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary/Allied Health Scholarship
- Junior League of Greater New Haven Voluntarism Scholarship Award
- Orthopaedic Specialty Group Scholarship
- Orange Little League Scholarship

Attention Seniors-Community Service Information: Seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service during their high school career at Amity will be recognized at graduation. Each Senior will receive a certificate along with a special honor cord to be worn at graduation. All completed community service forms **must be handed no later than Monday, April 20th, 2020**. Seniors can find their accumulated hours in PowerSchool under Forms. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

Attention Freshman: Saving for College? The Connecticut Higher Education Trust ([CHET](#)) Advance Scholarship Program is being offered to high school freshman. Freshmen are asked to apply by March 12, 2020. 224 CHET scholarships will be awarded statewide - with awards designated for students in each county. For details and online application please visit [here](#).

Resource for talking to your child: Some children can become anxious or overwhelmed by the information and news circulating about covid-19. This [resource](#), provided by the “Child Mind Institute,” offers suggestions on how to approach the conversation with children.

Parent Support Group: Amity Student Outreach Counselor Gary Lindgren will be starting a parent support group on Wednesday March 11th @6:30pm in the Career Center (in the high school counseling department). This is a program is meant as support for parents who have concerns about their children in relation to substance abuse issues.

ASVAB at Amity: The College & Career Center will be sponsoring the ASVAB test on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020. 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, please fill out this [registration form](#).

Gateway CC Field Trip: The College and Career Center is sponsoring a FREE field trip to Gateway Community College in New Haven. The trip will take place on Monday, April 6th from 9am – 1pm. Students can bring their own lunch OR purchase lunch at the Shake Shack. Any junior or senior who is interested in attending must sign up in the Career Center by March 12th. (Permission form links will be emailed to your parent/guardian once we have your name.) See Mrs. Cocco or Mrs. Vallie for more information.

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.

Important Reminders

Unified Theater Production: The Amity Unified Theater will be holding our 2020 production, "A Few of our Favorite Things," in the **Blackbox at 3:30 on Thursday, March 12.** Admission is free; everyone is welcome. Come watch us put the spotlight on ability! Donations always appreciated but never expected. Email allyson.wuerth@amityregion5.org for more information.

Student Efficiency Award Nomination Form: Please click on this [link](#) for the student application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence. The deadline for applications this year is April 24, 2020. There will be one recipient from each school and each awardee will each receive \$300 and recognition at the June Board of Education meeting. Click on this [link](#) for more details. Students can complete forms electronically and return them to me via e-mail or submit paper applications. Extra forms are outside the main office.

Save the Date!! College Fair: The annual **Amity High School College Fair** will be held on **Wednesday, April 1, 2020** from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the AHS Gymnasium. This is a great way for students and parents to meet one-on-one with college admission decision-makers and answer questions about a particular institute. The college fair is free and open to the public. A list of colleges will be listed soon! Mark your calendars for a great night!

Save the Date!! Career Day: Amity High School will be hosting our 6th Annual **Career Day** on **Friday, April 24, 2020** at 8:30 a.m. We are looking forward to providing a variety of career clusters to our 10th grade students. Please contact Lynn Cocco at: lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org or call 203-397-4836.

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](#).

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.

ACT presents *The Drowsy Chaperone*: The Drowsy Chaperone is a parody of American musical comedies of the 1920s that revolves around a middle-aged, agoraphobic Broadway fanatic and a recording of his favorite musical. As he listens, the "show-within-a-show" comes to life, transforming his dingy apartment into an impressive Broadway set. Watching from his armchair, he is torn between his desire to absorb every moment of the show and his need to provide running commentary, frequently bringing the audience in and out of the fantasy. He reveals aspects of his personal life through his musings about the show, until, as the record ends, he is left alone again in his apartment. Buy your tickets [here](#) for the late March/early April performances.

Red Cross Babysitter Training: American Red Cross-trained facilitator, Anna Maria Mauhs covers the basics to get students ready to babysit: safety, planning, basic first aid and diapering. This class for teens, ages 12-17, will be held on Friday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Woodbridge Library Meeting Room, 10 Newton Road. Students should bring lunch. Snacks and water will be provided. The \$60 fee (\$65 for non-residents) must be paid in advance. Sibling discounts available. Register on the Woodbridge Town website. Call Youth Services for details at 203-389-3429.

Woodbridge First Selectman's Youth Award Nominations Sought: Woodbridge Youth Services, in collaboration with First Selectman Beth Heller, is accepting nominations for the First Selectman's Youth Award. The annual award will be presented to a deserving young Woodbridge resident at the Human Services Volunteer Tea on Thursday, April 23. Call 203-389-3429 for more information or find the nomination form on the Town's [website](#). Please submit nominations to Woodbridge Youth Services at 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, by Monday, March 13, 2020.