

## ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



As the saying, adapted from the Burns poem from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, goes, “the best laid plans often go awry.” While midterm exams were forced to be postponed due to disruptions to school, we were able to begin the exam sessions today with the administration of periods 7 and 8 exams. We will continue through and conclude exams next Monday through Wednesday, while modifying semester 2 for a Thursday start date (barring any unforeseen additional disruptions). These challenges are another reminder of the necessity of planning along with the need to be flexible due to disruptions. That lesson has been continuous over the past two years and, by now, is well learned. However, another important lesson is that of perseverance. Together, as a school community, we have worked hard throughout the first semester to readjust to a communal learning environment. As we look forward to second semester, I am excited about our continued growth. While the past few years have been challenging, we have proven to ourselves that we are able to navigate and learn from a variety of circumstances and demonstrate resilience through challenging times. Doubtlessly, there will be difficulties in the 2022 spring semester, but there will also be victories. We are ready to face all of these together, as one community of Amity Regional High School. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College/Career of the Week:** [Albertus Magnus College](#) is a private, Catholic college located in New Haven, Connecticut. Originally founded as a women’s college [in 1925](#) by the Dominican Sisters, the college became co-ed in 1985. About 600 undergraduate students are currently enrolled and roughly, 60% live on campus. The campus is located near Yale University and many buildings were recently renovated. Most popular [majors](#) are business, accounting, criminal justice, psychology, and human services. Despite one’s major, AMC students are encouraged to participate in [community service](#), [internships](#), and [study abroad](#) programs. Students participate in many [clubs & organizations](#) as well as 16 NCAA Division 3 [athletic teams](#) ([Great Northeast Athletic Conference](#)). To learn more, visit AMC’s [admissions](#) website, take a [virtual tour](#) or view [fast facts](#). [Art therapists](#) design projects using their understanding of how art media and techniques can influence people (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015). [Art therapy](#) is an

integrative mental health and human services profession that enriches the lives of individuals, families, and communities through active art-making, creative process, applied psychological theory, and human experience within a psychotherapeutic relationship (American Art Therapy Association, 2019). To become an art therapist, one must first obtain a Master's degree in an accredited art therapy program. Art therapists are most often employed in schools, hospitals, mental health clinics and private therapy practices. The average annual salary is [\\$ 57,310](#) (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the [American Art Therapy Association](#) or [Art Therapy Credentialing Board](#).

*Some schools that have GRADUATE programs in Art Therapy include:*

|                         |                    |                             |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Albertus Magnus College | Temple University  | Long Island Univ/Post       |
| Cedar Crest College     | Lesley University  | University of the Arts (PA) |
| St Thomas Aquinas Coll  | Anna Maria College | Mercyhurst College          |

*Or search in Naviance for more choices!*

## **Happenings and Information**

**Midterm Exams/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Start:** As a reminder, the midterm exam schedule has been adjusted due to the snow day on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Midterm exams will be held for periods 6-1 (in reverse order) from Monday-Wednesday next week. Second semester will begin on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>; it will be a “D” day.

**Report Cards and February Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Second marking period/midterm exam report cards will be released the week of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The signup for conferences will, once again, be completed through “forms” on PowerSchool.

**Upcoming activities:** There are a variety of upcoming social activities planned for students, including a “movie night” sponsored by the Class of 2023 and the OBOA Trivia Night, information about which will be published in Student Happenings.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun!** Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The 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 college tab. Scholarships can also be found on our school website [here](#). Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college/university or

additional websites like [this one](#). If you need help navigating scholarships or with the process of applying, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

**SENIORS!** If you are planning to participate in either the **SSLP or SIP**, you **MUST** first **attend a mandatory workshop**. The workshops cover the details of each program. **YES, YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS AND THE SSLP or SIP!** Click on the following links to register for a workshop. **[REGISTER HERE for the SSLP \(Senior Service-Learning Program\) WORKSHOP](#)**

**[REGISTER HERE for the SIP \(Senior Interest Project\) WORKSHOP](#)** FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT **[OUR WEBSITE HERE!](#)**

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**SAVE THE DATE!** The **New Haven Mineral Club** is presenting their 47<sup>th</sup> annual show at the **Amity Middle School, 100 Ohman Avenue in Orange**. The fair will take place on **Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9:30am-5pm and Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 10am-4:30pm**. Learn about minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry and find unique gifts. Admission is \$6.00 and children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, please visit [this link](#).

**Are you interested in the Military?** A representative from the **United States Air Force** will be visiting Amity High School during all lunch waves on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 10:30am-12:30pm**. An Air Force Representative will be set up outside the cafeteria to chat with interested students.

**All STUDENTS** - need help with academics? Work with a peer tutor for extra help. Either stop into the Career Center after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays OR fill out the [form HERE](#) for one-to-one tutoring assistance at other times. See Mrs. Staak or Mrs. Cocco in the Counseling Office if you have any questions.

**Start Your Path To Become An EMT! Members of the Bethany Volunteer Ambulance Corps.** will be offering the **Karen R. White Memorial Training Program**, which will host an **EMT-Basic Training Initial Certification Course**. If you would like more information on the upcoming Winter Course Program being held at the Bethany Fire Dept., please click [here](#). To learn more about the recruitment info session and open house click [here](#).

**Career Opportunities:** Are you interested in Architecture, Engineering or Construction careers? If so, check out a FREE mentoring program called "ACE" where students can explore these career areas, work with professionals in the field and possibly win scholarships. Go to [this link](#) to learn more.

**For High School Juniors (Rising Seniors):** The Mercy College Business Honors Program is hosting a Summer Leadership Academy in July 2022 for high achieving

Juniors/Rising Seniors (graduating 2023). There are THREE separate weeklong experiences – CHOOSE ONE! If you are interested in a live-in, week-long college experience, please fill out a quick form-[CLICK HERE - Summer Leadership Academy 2022](#) – Bottom Link will direct you to our website and more information! [LA Application 2022 \(jotform.com\)](#)

## **Important Reminders**

**Makeup Exam Sessions:** Makeup exam sessions will be held after school from 2:30-4:30 during the first few weeks of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for students who were absent due to an unforeseen/unanticipated reason during the midterm exam session. Makeup exams should be arranged with the student's teacher and may necessitate the involvement of the assigned associate principal. Please note students are expected to follow their regularly scheduled midterm exam assignments.

## **Athletics**

**Winter Sports:** Winter sports are here! For information or if you have any questions, please contact the athletic department or view the website [here](#).

## **Community Happenings**

**Attention Local Employers:** If you are interested in hiring a high school student or would like to post a part-time position, please contact the College & Career Center (203-397-4836) or email Paula Vallie at [paula.vallie@amityregion5.org](mailto:paula.vallie@amityregion5.org). Jobs must conform to the State of Connecticut regulations regarding the employment of minors.

**Woodbridge Youth Services Updates:** Call 203-389-3429 or email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto:npfund@woodbridgect.org) for information or to sign up for programs. Like us on Facebook [Woodbridge, CT Youth Services](#) -

- **Snow Art Challenge for Woodbridge and Bethany Families:** Families looking for outdoor fun this winter can express their talents by entering in the Youth Services Snow Art Competition. Email a photo as an attachment of you and your family with your creation to [youthone@woodbridgect.org](mailto:youthone@woodbridgect.org). Prizes will be awarded for skill and creativity. Check the Town of Woodbridge [website](#) or see our Facebook [page](#) for updates and prizewinners. Due date for photos is March 1, 2022. Sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

- **Valentine Wishes for Seniors: Bring some smiles to the faces of our senior citizens by making a few valentines to show you care. Get creative and send a message of love and hope. Youth Services will distribute them to local seniors who may be lonely due to the pandemic and may lack the technology to stay in touch with family and friends. Please leave your cards in the Valentine box located at school, or in Youth Services at 4 Meetinghouse Lane.**
- **Survey for Woodbridge and Bethany Parents:** Woodbridge Youth Services would like to get input from Woodbridge and Bethany residents to improve our programming. Please complete the survey by clicking the [link](#).
- **Job Bank:** It's snow season. Residents may call to request teens to shovel or do odd jobs. Please plan for snow shoveling as the number of teens is limited. Teens who want paid work should contact Youth Services to schedule an interview. The Job Bank is a referral service for residents who offer odd jobs to resident teens ages 13 – 18.
- **QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Training Learn warning signs and ways to help (presented by Alliance for Prevention and Wellness):** Zoom Meeting - January 18, 2022 - 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Register in advance for this meeting [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- **Free Workshops for Parents/Caregivers by FAVOR, Inc. Learning & Leadership Academy**
- **How To Be Your Child's Best Advocate- January 18, 2022 – 12:00 pm Location: Online Register at [How To Be Your Child's Best Advocate Tickets, Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)**
- **Network of Care Agents of Change-** January 20, 2022 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm Location: Online Register [here](#).

**Thank You!**

Due to the generous spirit of our student, families, and faculty, several families received food, toys, toiletries, and other assistance. Human Services wishes to thank all those who contributed to brighten the holidays for those in need. Our food pantry has received lots of food and other items, which continue to assist local families who are grateful for your contributions.

[unsubscribe](#)

