

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



While we faced another school cancellation day today due to inclement weather, it has not dampened our spirits with the various recognitions and celebrations happening at ARHS throughout the month of February. During morning announcements this week, our student groups remarked on the importance of Black History Month as well as the Lunar New Year. We also have various displays up around the school (see pictures below) and our Black Student Union has worked collaboratively with the Spartan Seminar Advisors to plan this month's Spartan Seminar sessions. Please also take a moment to navigate [to this portion](#) of our website to view the "Principals' Corner," a curated site that highlights various resources and information regarding Black History Month. The Chinese National Honors Society will be celebrating the Year of the Tiger during an after-school reception on February 15th. Along with these cultural celebrations, we are also preparing for the 2022-2023 school year. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we hosted the ARHS Class of 2026 and their parents during our [8th grade transition night](#) (view the video at the bottom of the page). Current ARHS 9th through 11th grade students will have the opportunity to review the 2022-2023 Program of Studies and a multi-media presentation next week as they prepare to select their courses for next school year. More information will be forthcoming, so keep an eye out for those announcements. Despite the dreary weather, I hope you have a restful and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal



College/Career of the Week: [Hampton University](#) is a private university located in Hampton, Virginia. [Founded in 1868](#), Hampton is an HBCU (historically black college or university) with a fascinating history. There are approximately 3,300 students enrolled with almost 100 [majors offered](#) such as nursing, business, criminal justice, aviation management and education. Hampton students are heavily involved in many [clubs and organizations](#), as well as [intramurals/recreation sports](#). In addition, [varsity athletes](#) can choose from 14 teams that compete in NCAA Division 1 ([Big South Conference](#), changing to the [Colonial Athletic Association](#) in July 2022). [Annual tuition, room and board](#) is \$42,648 (2021-2022). For more information, go to Hampton's [admissions website](#), look at their [quick facts](#), or take a [virtual tour](#). "[Probation Officers and correctional treatment specialists](#) assist in rehabilitation of law offenders in custody or on probation or parole" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). They establish and maintain relationships with their clients while encouraging them to make positive life choices. Entry-level positions as a [probation officer](#) usually require a bachelor's degree. The median salary is \$55,690 and ***slower than average job growth is expected 4%) through 2030*** (BLS, 2020) however as those currently in the field retire, additional openings are expected. For more information, please visit the following websites: the [American Probation and Parole Association](#), the [National Association of Probation Executives](#) and the [Federal Probation and Pre-Trial Officers Association](#).

Some schools that have programs in criminal justice include:

Hampton University	University of New Haven	Albertus Magnus College
Central CT State Univ	Salve Regina University	Western CT State Univ
UMASS/Lowell	SUNY/Albany	St. John's University/NY
Roger Williams University	Emmanuel College	Nichols College
Sacred Heart University	CUNY/John Jay College	Marist College
Western New Eng Univ	Quinnipiac University	Adelphi University

Or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Parent Drop Off/Pick Up: As a reminder, the morning drop off location is on the side of the school following the one-way traffic flow from North Pease out to Newton Road. Students can enter the building starting at 7:10am. The afternoon pick-up location is in the front of the school (entering campus from Newton Road) following into the bus loop. Parent pick-up begins immediately after buses exit campus. Please note: it is not safe for students to be picked up in the Woodbridge town center or along Meetinghouse Lane, especially with the current amount of snow, the width of Newton Road, and the size and number of buses exiting ARHS property. Please keep students safe by adhering to the expectations that you pick your child up on school property at the end of the day.

Report Cards Issued/Loss of Credit update: Report cards for marking period 2 and midterm exams were issued on Thursday, February 3rd. Midyear grade reports for seniors will be sent to colleges during the upcoming week. Students who appealed a loss of credit will receive notice of the committee's decision by the end of next week. Please have your child contact the school counselor if there are any questions.

Hamden Adult Education: The final registration for the Hamden Adult High School Credit Diploma Program this school year will be held on **Feb. 23rd from 6-8 pm OR Feb. 24th from 10am-12** at Hamden High School. Eligible students must be at least seventeen years of age and be officially withdrawn from high school. Please *call their office at (203) 407-2028 to make an appointment. Their office hours are Mon-Thurs 8 am-3:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 am-2:30 pm ONLY. **Classes will start on Tuesday, March 15th.***

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.

Additional scholarship opportunity: The **Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven** is offering college scholarships to seniors from Jewish households. All applications are due by **May 13, 2022**. Please click [here](#) for detailed information and applications. For any questions, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Interested in Performing & Visual Arts? The **NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling)** is hosting a virtual fair for all high school students and families on **Tuesday evening from 4-8pm**. The virtual fair is a great opportunity to connect with college representatives and pursue your college dreams. Please sign up free at www.nacacattend.org/fairs. You can also check out [which schools will be attending](#).

Attention Seniors! Any Senior, who wants to participate in the Senior Service Learning Program (Internship Program) and has not already attended a workshop session, must attend the last mandatory workshop, which will be held afterschool on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2:30pm in Room 501**. For questions, please contact Mrs. Cocco at lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org.

Notes from Counseling Department

SAVE THE DATE! The **New Haven Mineral Club** is presenting their 47th 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](#).

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.

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 \(jotform.com\)](#)

Attention Juniors! The **Connecticut State Universities and UCONN** are hosting a virtual chat base College Fair on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 6:30pm-8:00pm**. The college fair is free to all students and parents.. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Important Reminders

2022-2023 Course Selection: With the start of 2nd semester, we have entered course selection season. Ninth through 11th grade, students will be speaking with teachers, getting information during their Student Study Period (SSP) regarding course offerings, and instructions for registering for courses over the coming weeks. More information will be sent out as the student selection process draws nearer in mid-February.

Join the Amity Music Department! Come be a part of the Amity High School Music Department! If you enjoy singing and playing an instrument, the music department is the place for you! We offer many opportunities to play, sing, perform and learn about music! No previous experience necessary. Make some great friendships and perform some fun music! See our testimonial video [HERE!](#) Reach out to our teachers if you have any questions!

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Mrs. Serio - lisa.serio@amityschools.org

Mr. Dolan - philip.dolan@amityschools.org

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. 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 for information or to sign up for programs. Like us on Facebook [Woodbridge, CT Youth Services](#) –

- **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 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9B37KCR>
- **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. 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.**

- **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.
- **Nominations for First Selectman's Youth Award Sought:** If you know a Woodbridge youth (up to 18 years old) who has volunteered their time working to improve the Town of Woodbridge or its residents, consider nominating that deserving resident. Principals, teachers, fellow students, neighbors, group, and religious leaders, etc. are encouraged to make nominations. Parents or family members may not nominate a relative. Nominations are due to Youth Services by April 4. The winner will receive an award and a gift at a date to be determined later this spring. The nomination form can be found on the Town Website at www.woodbridgect.org/472/Programs or call the office at 203-389-3429.

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