

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have had a lot happening during this full week of school in the middle of February. The administrators met with each grade on Monday to praise the accomplishments thus far and set expectations for the second semester. On Tuesday, students had the opportunity to explore the [2022-2023 ARHS Program of Studies](#) and "book creator" (see link below) to prepare for choosing classes for next year. Wednesday's Spartan Seminar was dedicated to discussing Black History Month after watching [this video](#), produced by the Amity Black Student Union. We continue to make our way through 3rd marking period and look forward to the mid-February mini-break and upcoming mid-marking period (the final week of February). This is a busy month, a busy winter, and a busy year. We are focused on continuing to build our connections with each other, place value on our relationships with the BOW community, to be the best school community we can be. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College/Career of the Week: [Salve Regina University](#) is a private Catholic university located in Newport, Rhode Island. [Founded in 1934](#) by the Sister of Mercy, [Salve Regina](#) currently enrolls about 2,800 students in over 60 undergraduate and graduate programs. Most popular [majors](#) include nursing, business, criminal justice and biology. SRU students can choose from over [70 clubs and organizations](#) when they aren't simply enjoying their beautiful, seaside campus. Athletes compete in 20 NCAA Division III [athletic teams](#) within the [Commonwealth Coast Conference](#). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) is \$60,070 (2021-2022). For more information, visit Salve's [admissions](#) website, take a [virtual tour](#) or read [quick facts here](#). "Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care and educate patients and the public about various health conditions" (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020). In order to become employed, [Registered nurses](#) must graduate from an accredited nursing program at a college, university or nursing school and pass a national certification exam called the [NCLEX](#). Nurses must also obtain state licensure in each [individual state](#). Many nurses choose to specialize in a specific area of practice such as pediatrics (with children) or oncology (cancer patients). The median salary for nurses is \$75,330 (national average) per year and the profession is expected to have **average growth at**

9% through 2030 (BLS, 2020). For more information, please visit the [Registered Nurses Professional Association](#), the [American Society of Registered Nurses](#), nurse.org OR the [Emergency Nurses Association](#).

Some schools that have programs in nursing include:

Salve Regina University	Southern CT State	Western CT State
Central CT State	University of Connecticut	Sacred Heart Univ
UMASS (all 4 campuses)	Fairfield University	Northeastern Univ
Pace University	Boston College	SUNY/Stony Brook
Gateway Comm College	Univ of Rochester	Naugatuck Valley CC

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Happenings and Information

Early Dismissal for Professional Learning: As a reminder, next Thursday will be an early dismissal for students to provide time for professional learning for faculty and staff.

Upcoming February Mini-Break: There will be no school on Monday and Tuesday, 2/21-2/22, due to the District Winter Recess.

Information on Course Selection: During SSP on Tuesday, 2/8 students participated in a virtual Program of Studies Fair in preparation for course selection, which will begin next week. The booklet was posted in the Counseling Google classroom for all grades and can be accessed [here](#). Parents and strongly urged to take a look at the booklet as it contains important information to help students make appropriate course selections for the 2022-2023 school year.

National School Counseling Week: It is National School Counseling Week! National School Counseling Week 2022, “School Counseling: Better Together,” sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), is celebrated from Feb. 7–11, 2022, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. A special thanks to all of our school counselors for all of the work they do to support our staff, students and families.

Senior Happenings

Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun! Please find the most recent and local scholarships on our school website [here](#). For questions or help with 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.

Notes from Counseling Department

All STUDENTS - need help with academics? Work with a peer tutor for extra help. Either stop into the Career Center after school on Tuesdays and 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.***

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](#).

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

Amity Creative Theater presents *Mamma Mia!* Buy your tickets now for this year's spring musical presented by A.C.T. There will be 5 shows; click [this link](#) for tickets.

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](#)

- **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 at <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services> or see our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Woodbridge-Youth-Services-Woodbridge-CT-> 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 collection box. Collection boxes can be found at Youth Services (4 Meetinghouse Lane), Amity Middle School Bethany, Amity High School, Beecher Road School or outside the Woodbridge Center gym. Please submit your cards by Monday 2/14.
- **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. Woodbridge 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.
- **QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Training Learn warning signs and ways to help (presented by Alliance for Prevention and Wellness):** Zoom Meeting - February 15, 2022 - 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Register in advance for this meeting at: https://bhcare-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkceMtqjwGdP1y_QvCidgNeYT71COLDBZ After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Orange Town Vaccine Clinic: Please see this flyer for information about an upcoming vaccination clinic in Orange.

