

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, January 13, 2023



MID TERM EXAM EXAMINATION SCHEDULE 2023

Tuesday, January 17th

7:40 - 9:40	Period 8 Exam
9:40 – 9:55	Break
10:00 – 12:00	Period 7 Exam
12:12	Bus Pick-up
12:12 - 2:12	Make-up Exam

Wednesday, January 18th

7:40 - 9:40	Period 6 Exam
9:40 – 9:55	Break
10:00 – 12:00	Period 5 Exam
12:12	Bus Pick-up
12:12 - 2:12	Make-up Exam

Thursday, January 19th

7:40 - 9:40	Period 4 Exam
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9:40 – 9:55 Break
10:00 – 12:00 Period 3 Exam
12:12 Bus Pick-up
12:12 - 2:12 Make-up Exam

Friday, January 20th

7:40 - 9:40 Period 2 Exam
9:40 – 9:55 Break
10:00 – 12:00 Period 1 Exam
12:12 Bus Pick-up
12:12 - 2:12 Make-up Exam

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Virtual Keynote Speaker: Parent Primer on Fentanyl, Edibles, and Vaping:** The substance-use issues that our kids are navigating are much more complex than they used to be. To help parents stay informed and aware of current trends, Region 5 is partnering with BOWDAAC and the Orange and Woodbridge Youth Service departments to host a parent webinar addressing these important topics at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 25. This presentation will be useful for parents of all ages, and you can register for it at this link: [Register Here](#). More information about the program is available in the attached flyer.
- **Rigorous Coursework Letters from the CT Department of Education:** Parents of some students in grades 9 and 10 may be receiving letters from the state Department of Education (CSDE) this week encouraging them to sign up for rigorous courses for next year. CSDE selects students to receive these letters based on middle school assessment results. The purpose of these letters is to make parents aware of their children’s potential for success in challenging classes, and many of the students receiving these letters may already be enrolled in challenging courses at ARHS. If you receive a letter and your child is already enrolled in a challenging course of studies, there is nothing you need to do. But if you receive a letter and your child reports that they don’t feel challenged enough by their current classes, we encourage them to reach out to their school

counselor before we select next year's courses to make sure they are challenged to their potential next year.

- **Cafeteria Service During Midterms:** During exam week, the cafeteria will be offering a grab and go bag lunch available for purchase at the end of the school day. Breakfast is not going to be available during the week.
- **Semester 2 Schedules:** Please remind your children to check their Semester 2 schedules in PowerSchool before the start of the semester to make sure they are aware of any classes or study halls that will be changing and to ensure that they know where each of them is located.
- **Diversity In Action Club community potluck dinner:** Celebrate the new year and meet new people at the BOW Community Potluck on Wednesday, February 1st! This potluck is meant to showcase all the great service and diversity work done at the high school. The event is open to all BOW residents. To participate in the event, please fill out this [RSVP form](#) and check out [the flier](#) for the event.
- **Work for Region 5:** Are you interested in rewarding work that fits the school day and school year schedule? If you are, Amity Region 5 is always looking for interested candidates for instructional assistants and substitute teachers. See the attachment at the end of this week's Happenings for more information and a link to apply.

College and Career of the Week

[Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts](#) is a public college in North Adams, Massachusetts. Located in the Berkshire Mountains, [MCLA](#) prides itself on providing a quality liberal arts education at a reasonable price. Annual [tuition, room and board for New England residents is \\$26,306](#) (2022-2023). Approximately 1,400 undergraduates enroll in over 80 [areas of study](#), in addition to an [honors program](#), and an [advising program](#) that assists undeclared students. Student life is active on campus with over 30 [clubs and organizations](#) to choose from, as well as 14 NCAA-D3 [athletic teams](#) that compete in the [North Atlantic Conference](#). For more information, please visit the [admissions website](#) or take a [virtual tour here](#).

“[Plumbers](#), pipefitters, and steamfitters work in factories, homes, businesses, and other places where there are pipes and related systems. [Plumbers](#) are often on call for emergencies, so evening and weekend work is common” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). As with other trade careers, plumbers learn on the job through apprenticeship programs and/or trade schools. All plumbers must be [licensed by the state](#) they work in. The national average annual salary is \$59,880 with *slower than average job growth expected* (2%) through 2031 (BLS, 2021). However, the average annual salary in CT is [higher at \\$65,330](#) and many job openings become available due to retirements and general attrition. To learn more, please visit the following websites: [Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association](#), the [American Society of Plumbing Engineers](#), and the [International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials](#).

Some trade schools/programs that offer electrician's training include:

[CT Apprenticeship program](#)
[New England Institute of Technology](#)

[Industrial Management Technical Institute](#)
[Porter & Chester Institute](#)

or visit the PLUMBER'S table during TRADES WEEK to learn more.

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. Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking our school website [here](#). If you need help navigating scholarships and/or need help with the process of applying, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Counseling Department Happenings

- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - The Counseling Department will be offering a webinar presented by Ferne Bork of Landmark College titled, **Navigating the College Search for Students Who Learn Differently**. The date is THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023, at 6:30pm and the webinar link will be made available soon.
- For those who missed the **UELP/SIP Parent Info Session** on Tuesday, [click here for a copy](#) of the slideshow presentation. Parents/guardians are also encouraged to check your email for more details about these programs.
- **Midyear Transcripts for Seniors:** Just a reminder that we automatically send a mid-year transcript to all schools listed in Naviance. Please be sure to update Naviance with college outcomes and make sure the list is up to date. Mid-year reports will be going out beginning the week of January 30th.

Career Center Information

- Applications are now open for the [Connecticut Youth Leadership Project, Inc. \(CT-YLP\)](#) - 2023 CT Youth Leadership Forum (YLF), scheduled for July 31 – August 3, 2023 at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus. This program is only for special education students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan). The application is available on the [CT-YLP Student Applications webpage](#). The deadline for the application is February 20, 2023. Questions can be directed to Stephanie Barksdale, Executive Director, by phone at 860-689-6868 or by email at execdir@ctylp.org. All information in your application is strictly confidential and will only be shared with members of the YLF Selection Committee.
- **Yale New Haven Hospital** is hosting a webinar called "**Careers in Healthcare Discussion**" on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, from 11am - 12 noon. **(The event will be recorded for those who cannot attend.)** This webinar will feature panelists in nursing roles who will talk about their positions and responsibilities and describe the challenges they faced in pursuing their professional objectives academically and professionally. Panelists will educate, inform and provide a realistic preview of what to expect in the pursuit of a career in healthcare. [CLICK HERE to join the webinar](#) on ZOOM (Webinar ID: 996 3224 1466, Passcode: 458970)
- **Coming Soon! TRADES WEEK EVENT-Feb.13-17th!** Trades week will be an engaging week-long event designed to foster, promote, and learn about careers in the skilled trade fields. All grades' levels will have the opportunity to meet with over 20 different skilled trades, who will share their pathways and experiences in their industry. A list of trades attending and more information to follow!

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Still not a member? Membership sign-ups are going on now! Help us to support ALL athletes by becoming a member today! Join here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxdB1gAEQ-ukkACc3cB76EgXfC3rAxeuQYtZZ7gZfawF8AFg/viewform>
- Join us at our monthly meetings! Bring your ideas and suggestions. Become a volunteer. Hear about upcoming plans. Our next meeting will be held February 2 at 6:30pm in AHS room 501.
- Available now! Amity "A" decal stickers. Get them while you can. \$5 each. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. Cash or PayPal payments accepted. We will drop off to you or arrange a pick-up at the high school. Catch the Spartans Spirit! ♥️
- Thank you to the supporters of our Shoe and Sneaker Fundraising Drive. If you still have any SNEAKERS you would like to donate, please email goamityspartans@gmail.com for drop off locations.
- SENIORS! The Booster Club recognizes graduating seniors who will pursue a career in any sports related field. We award several scholarships based on character and ability. Scholarships are given to Booster Club members.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **Our Work:** Thanks to your contributions, the PTSO can meet its goal of supporting the school and helping build a community for our students and families. Here are the ways we were able to fulfill our goal in December:
 - **Community Support:** The PTSO adopted 3 families within the Amity community for the holidays. With the help of the ARHS counseling department, we purchased items for each family member as well as gift cards to Target, Walmart, Kohls, and Big Y.
 - **Club Support:** The PTSO was happy to support the Latin and Spanish National Honor Societies and the Junior State of America Club.
 - The Latin and Spanish National Honor Societies needed help to purchase items for the annual winter wonderland at the Fair Haven School in New Haven. For the past 18 years, the Honor Societies have helped this school by assisting with their food bank on Thanksgiving, participating in their annual winter wonderland, tutoring students, and bringing fun activities for the entire 2nd grade.
 - The Junior State of America Club asked for help to defray their costs to attend the winter convention in Washington, D.C. The club has done a great job to fundraise but needed additional financial assistance.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 19** at 7pm in the media center. We hope to see you there! For a list of our remaining meeting dates, visit our website amityptso.org and click on Meeting Info.
- **Support Us!** Help the PTSO and your student by joining us today! To access our membership form, please open amityptso.org in a new browser, click on Membership, and then Click Here to join! PTSO membership must be renewed every year.
- **Donate through Amazon Smile:** Donate to the PTSO every time you shop, at no cost to you, by visiting [this site](#) and selecting Amity High School PTSO Inc as the charity of your choice.

- **Join our Facebook Group:** Be a part of our virtual community by visiting [this page](#) and answering the security questions required to gain access.

Community Happenings

- **Hello from BOWDAAC!** BOWDAAC is the Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge Drug/Alcohol Action Committee. We are a dedicated committee of volunteers, community leaders and concerned citizens from Bethany, Orange, & Woodbridge whose mission is to reduce underage drinking and substance misuse by promoting awareness through educational programs and outreach, working in collaboration with our schools, other community organizations, businesses, and local government agencies. We are also always promoting positive mental health for our youth. All are welcome to attend our monthly meetings – 1st Wednesday of every month at 3:00pm via Zoom. Connect with us!!!! Email: info.bowdaac@gmail.com Website: www.bowdaac.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/bowdaac Instagram: @bow.daac
- **New Plans for the Old Woodbridge Firehouse** will be presented on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7:00 pm at an informational forum at which plans for conversion of the old firehouse to a new community and cultural center. It will be held in the Friends Meeting Room in the Woodbridge Library. Woodbridge residents, including students, are encouraged to attend to learn more about the proposed plan, ask questions, and provide feedback. Anyone seeking more information should contact Gerry Shaw at gshaw@woodbridgect.org or 203-389-3401.

Attached Files

[Come Join the Amity Region 5 Staff.pdf](#)

[Virtual Keynote January 2023.pdf](#)

