

ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, February 10, 2023



As anyone who has attended a concert at Amity knows, we have a diverse group of talented student-musicians, and this Wednesday they had the opportunity to showcase their talents with visits to both Amity Middle School Bethany and Amity Middle School Orange. Students and teachers in our band, chorus, and orchestra programs put on a show for the students at both schools, and the reviews we have received from the middle schools are that the shows were excellent and really appreciated. Students in performing arts programs see tremendous growth from their middle school years through their high school years, and these visits were a wonderful opportunity for the younger musicians to see and hear what a few more years of practice and the opportunity to study with excellent teachers will create. We take all three of the “A’s” seriously at Amity, and this Wednesday was an excellent opportunity to put the Arts at center stage!

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **COMING NEXT WEEK! TRADES WEEK EVENT!** Trades Week will be an engaging, week-long event (**February 13-17**), designed to foster, promote, and teach students about careers in the skilled trade fields. **All students** will have the opportunity to meet with over 20 different skilled trades people, who will share their pathways and experiences in their industry. [Click HERE](#) to see a list of our scheduled visitors. Students may [CLICK HERE to sign up for a pass](#) to visit during their SSP time on any day.
- **SPRING SPORTS INFORMATION NIGHT:** The athletic department invites parents and students to our annual spring sports information night **IN-PERSON** on Thursday February 23, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Mengold Gymnasium (Main Gym). This must attend event will cover general athletic department policies, procedures, and protocols followed by individual breakout sessions with our Coaches. If your child is interested in trying out for a spring sport, it is imperative that you and your child attend. We look forward to seeing you on 2/23 at 6:30pm!

- **Last Call to Guarantee Your Yearbook Order:** The deadline to guarantee your copy of *Embers* 2023 is February 17th. After this deadline passes, yearbooks will be available for purchase only in person at the school level (not online), while supplies last, and on a “first come, first served” basis.
- **Bethany Library Art Exhibit:** The 7-12 art teachers are proud to present a collection of work being exhibited at the Clark Memorial Library in Bethany. The show will stay up through mid-March. There will be an opening reception from 4-5:30 on February 23rd.
- **A Message from the Music Department:** Course selection is starting, and we hope that you will consider continuing your musical journey with us at the High School. Please take a moment to look at what we offer and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us! [Click this link](#) to see highlights and information about our performing arts offerings.
- **Inspiring Women in Engineering and Medicine (IWEM) Workshop-**Now accepting applications from HS Females in Grades 10th through 12th who are interested in the field of Engineering or Medicine. The [upcoming workshop](#) will take place on **Saturday, February 25, 2023**, at the **Musculoskeletal Institute (MSI) at UConn Health in Farmington, CT**. This workshop will expose young women with the excitement of a FREE, four-hour, hands-on workshop, and the knowledge and mentorship necessary to pursue careers in these fields. There is a limited capacity, so applicants should fill out an online application starting now and no later than February 9, 2023. This application can be accessed at [this link](#).
- **Splash at Yale** is a twice-year opportunity for middle and high school students to attend classes taught by Yale students on our campus – and we would love to see you there this Spring! Splash 2023 will be on April 1st, from 9 AM to 4 PM, and held on Yale’s campus. Students can register at any time. Classes include a wide variety of topics, from Fast Fashion, Stand-Up Comedy, and Feminism and Beyonce to Elementary Particle Physics. Splash is \$20 for the day, with an option for a \$10 T-shirt. Financial Aid for students is available upon request. More information can be found at <https://yale.learningu.org/learn/splash.html>, and students can register [here](#)! Please reach out to us at yalesplash@gmail.com with any questions.
- **2023-24 State Board of Education Student Member Search:** The CT State Board of Education is beginning the search process for the 2023-24 student Board members. The application package is attached and can be downloaded from the Department’s website: [SBE-Student-Application-2023-2024](#). Please distribute this notice to your school counselors, PTA presidents, and student council members. Note the deadline for application submission is February 24, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the State Board Office at 860-713-6510.
- **Are you interested in a Beauty Career? Paul Mitchell The School in North Haven** is offering an **Open House on February 21, 2023, from 3:00-5:30pm** to learn about their Cosmetology programs. Students will explore their classrooms, watch live demos with current students, learn about the educational path and join a Financial Aid session. If interested, please RSVP admissions@northhavne.paulmitchell.edu. For questions, see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

College and Career of the Week

[Morehouse College](#) (MC) is a private, liberal arts college for young men located in Atlanta, Georgia. [Founded in 1867](#), MC is an [HBCU](#) (historically black college or university) that ranks #4 out of all HBCUs ([US News & World Report](#)). Also, MC is part of the “[Atlanta University Center](#)”, a consortium with Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University. The college’s [mission](#) is to “*develop men with disciplined minds who will lead lives of leadership and service*”. MC offers its 2,200 undergraduates over 30 [majors](#) and [minors](#) to choose from. Social opportunities here are plentiful with a generous array of [clubs](#), organizations and [athletics](#) (NCAA D2, [Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference](#)). Annual

[tuition, room and board](#) is approximately \$45,000 (2022-2023). To learn more, check out MC's [admissions website](#) or read about their [facts and figures](#).

“[Barbers, hair stylists, and cosmetologists](#) provide haircutting, hairstyling, and other services related to personal appearance” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). All [barbers, hair stylists and cosmetologists](#) are [licensed](#) by their state of residence and usually work full time. Training can be accomplished through trade schools or apprenticeships. The national average annual salary is \$29,680 with *faster than average job growth expected (11%)* through 2031 (BLS, 2021). However, the average annual salary in [CT is higher](#) at \$35,180, and more job openings are expected to become available due to retirements and general attrition. To learn more, please visit the following websites: The [Professional Beauty Association](#), [Associated Hair Professionals](#), and the [American Barber Association](#).

Some trade schools/programs that offer hair stylists/barbering training include:

[Oxford Hair Academy](#) Seymour, CT
[TIGI Hair Academy](#) Guilford, CT

[Paul Mitchell School](#) North Haven, CT
[CT Apprenticeship program](#)

or visit the hair stylist's table during TRADES WEEK to learn more.

Senior Happenings

- **Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun!** Please check our school website [here](#) for some local scholarships. Other resources include Naviance and a free and safe scholarship database called [Fastweb](#). If you need help navigating, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.

Counseling Department Happenings

- **The ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School **on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:30 am** in the Presentation Room (next to the cafeteria). Any student in grades 10, 11 or 12 is welcome to take the test. All ASVAB Career Exploration Program tests will be offered through an online format. **Students may register for the test by clicking [HERE](#)**. While the US military branches all use the ASVAB as an admissions exam, *students do NOT have to be interested in military careers to take the test. Taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test does not obligate students to enlist!* Please find more information about the ASVAB [here](#).
- **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.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Join us on Thursday, February 23rd for the Spring Sports Info Night given by the Athletic Department. The meeting starts at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Breakout sessions for individual spring sports to follow. Be sure to visit our info table!
- Still not a member? Membership signups 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>

- LOOKING FOR TEAM LIASIONS! Would you like to help spread the word about the ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB? If you are interested, please contact Carrie at goamityspartans@gmail.com. We would love to share our vision with the Amity High School Community. Help us to spread the Amity Spirit! 🟡❤️
- Available now! Amity "A" decal stickers. Get them while you can. The "A" decal measures 2.5" by 4" for \$5.00 each. Email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. Cash or PayPal payments accepted. We will drop off to you or arrange a pickup at the high school. Catch the Spartans Spirit! 🟡❤️
- SENIORS! The Booster Club recognizes graduating seniors who will pursue a career in any sports related field. We award several scholarships based on character, focus, determination, and ability. Preference is given to Booster Club members.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **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.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 16 at 7pm in the media center. For a list of our meeting dates, visit our website amityptso.org and click on Meeting Info.
- **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

- **Health Information from BOWDAAC:** According to the CDC, 107,375 people in the United States died of drug overdoses and drug poisonings in the 12-month period ending in January 2022. A staggering 67% of those deaths involved synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Only two milligrams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose. BOWDAAC is here for you if you have any questions!! See the attached flyer for more details and reach out to us at: info.bowdaac@gmail.com

Attached Files

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