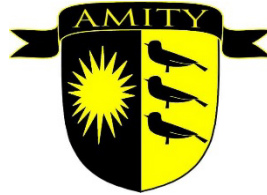


ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, March 17, 2023



Parents:

Every year, the Amity schools ask parents to provide us with feedback on what we are doing well, we you would like to see happen in the schools, and what areas we still need to work on improving. It is that time of year again, and we would appreciate every parent's participation in our annual School Climate Survey – the more parents we hear from, the more accurate our information and the actions we take to act on it will be. Our students were surveyed in class school today for their input as well, and you can access the parent version of the survey here: [Family Climate Survey](#)

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Bus and Crosswalk Safety:** We have seen an increase in unsafe driving near and around school buses at bus stops throughout the school district recently, and we are reaching out to everyone to talk with your friends and family about the importance of stopping for school buses with flashing lights and their stop signs out. Most important, it will help keep all our kids safe, and it's also important to remember that passing a stopped bus with its lights flashing is illegal. The fine for doing so is \$475, but the biggest reason not to do it is to help avoid a tragedy for kids going to and from school. Thanks to everyone for keeping our students' safety front-of-mind!

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Connecticut at Avery Point](#) is a regional branch campus, located on 72 acres along the southeastern coast in Groton, Connecticut. Approximately 600 undergraduates are enrolled and usually plan to transfer to the UCONN/Storrs campus once they have earned at least 54 credits. However, students also have the option to attend UCONN/Avery Point for [complete bachelor's programs in 5](#)

[majors](#) such as marine sciences, maritime studies and American studies. While UCONN/Avery Point does not have dormitories, [off campus housing](#) is available in the area. Students are offered [many recreational activities](#) via the Avery Point Athletic Center that includes a 6-lane pool, gym and fitness center. Both recreational and [intercollegiate sports](#) are also available (compete in the NJCAA) and includes men's baseball & basketball, women's basketball and a sailing team. [Annual tuition](#) for in-state residents is \$16,332 (2023-2024). To learn more, check out the UCONN/Avery Point [admissions website](#), [check out this video](#) or read about UCONN's [branch campuses here](#).

"[Marine biologists](#) are scientists who research life in the oceans and other saltwater environments such as estuaries and wetlands. [They](#) observe and analyze data, conduct experiments, rehabilitate injured marine animals and document the origins, behavior, genetics and diseases of marine life" ([betterteam.com](#), 2021). Entry level jobs will require a bachelor's degree in marine biology. It would also benefit job candidates to have good scuba diving skills. "No job growth is expected at 1% through 2031 and the average salary is \$ 64,650" ([Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021](#)). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA), the [American Fisheries Society](#), and the [Oregon Institute for Marine Biology](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in marine biology include:

University of Connecticut	University of Miami	College of the Atlantic
Roger Williams University	SUNY/Maritime	University of Tampa
Univ of Maine/Machias	University of New Haven	Salem State University
University of Rhode Island	UMASS/Dartmouth	Boston University
Northeastern University	Eckerd College	FLA Gulf Coast University
Sacred Heart University	SUNY/Stony Brook	Univ of New England

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **ATTENTION SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS-Save the Date!! Amity High School Spring College Fair is coming soon!** Mark your calendars for **Monday, April 24, 2023, from 6:30-8:00pm** in the AHS Gymnasium. This is a great way for students and parents to meet one-on-one with college admission representatives from around the country. The college fair event is free and open to the public. A list of colleges attending will be posted soon! It will be an exciting night!
- **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](#).
- **Local Campus Offering Open House: Central CT State University** will be offering an Open House on **Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm.** Take a student-led campus

tour, meet with faculty and students, student life, learn about admissions and how to navigate the financial aid process. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Senior Happenings

- **Attention UELP Interns:** Seniors who are participating in the 2023 UELP are encouraged to search for job sites over the next week. Please reach out to individual businesses/companies through an email or phone call. **The due date for signed contracts is Friday, March 24th!** Please refer to the UELP 2023 Google classroom for details.
- **Lunch Balances:** Although we have been able to begin providing free lunches to all students again as of March 1, we do have some seniors with outstanding balances on their cafeteria accounts. Having any negative account balances to the school can potentially interfere with eligibility to participate in some of the fun end-of-the-year Senior activities, so we encourage all seniors and their parents/guardians to check their balances and take care of that as soon as possible. You may send cash or check. Payments can also be made online at www.MyPaymentsPlus.com. Checks should be made payable to the Amity Lunch Program. If you have any questions concerning your child's account, please call 203-397-4853.

Summer Opportunities

- **FBI New Haven Future Law Enforcement Summer Youth Academy** is now open to **16- to 18-year-old high school students. The academy will be held at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut from July 16, 2023, to July 22, 2023.** Professional behavior and appropriate dress will be required of all students attending this program. The program is not exclusive to students interested in criminal justice. Due to the vast diversity in our workforce, any student with an interest in the FBI, what we do and how a relationship with the FBI can help their school is encouraged to apply. All students will be evaluated based on their application (GPA, school activities and community involvement) and essay to determine which students will be offered a seat in the class. None of the above elements will be the sole basis of evaluation of an application and the application process should be taken seriously by all applicants. This application and supporting essay must be received by email **no later than Friday, March 31, 2023**, for panel review. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted because of security policies. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted. To submit an application, please email FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov or find an application and instructions [here](#).
- **The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police** are pleased to announce the 2023 applications are now available for the **State Police Youth Week** this summer from **July 9-14, 2023. This program is for students completing their junior year in high school.** Youth week is modeled after State Police recruit training and provides students with a unique opportunity to gain insight into the training, duties, and expectations of Connecticut State Troopers. Form information please [click here](#) or contact the American Legion Department HQ or your local American Legion Post. **Applications are due by June 9th, 2023.** For questions, please contact their office at 860-436-9986 or admin@ctlegion.org.
- **Interested in traveling the globe while earning a salary? Work on US Navy bases around the world! Operation HomePort (OHP)** provides opportunities to gain invaluable hands-on experience working with children and youth participating in Navy Children & Youth Programs (CYP) Child Development Centers (CDC), School Age Care (SAC), and Teen programs. OHP interns engage in planning and leading developmentally appropriate activities, facilitate and participate in planned activities, supervise, and account for the whereabouts of children and youth, and

support and facilitate positive, respectful relationships between children, youth, parents, and CYP professionals.

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.
- **Meetings:** Monthly meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month in the media center. For a full 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

- **NEXT GENERATIONS Rotary Youth Conference 2023 ONE DAY EVENT!** We are less than two weeks away from Next Generations! This Rotary day-conference aims to facilitate a safe space for high school students to engage in constructive peer-to-peer dialogue and exchange of ideas. Workshop topics change annually based upon student interest. Next Generations aims to promote peace through understanding and advance participants' growth as communicators and leaders.
Conference Details:
 - **Date:** Saturday, March 25, 2023
 - **Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - **Location:** West Haven High School, 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT 06516
 - **Sponsorship Fee:** Rotary clubs pay the sponsorship fee of \$30.00 per student
 - **TO APPLY:** Visit the Rotary District 7980 website for the application form and permission slips. <https://rotary7980.org/next-generations/>
[Click here](#) to watch this brief video prepared by our 2023 conference student leaders and facilitators where they discuss their experience as participants last year.
- **BOWDAAC Update:** [Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling](#) will be presenting a virtual showcase of videos created by CT Youth Committees including **our own BOWDAAC Youth Committee!!!!** The showcase takes place on March 22 from 3:00-4:00pm. Register today to see all the videos:
<https://crec.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqfuGorTMsG9XG7SaFi3fMVHund8dxftx6?fbclid=IwAR39nvLlJNpX61FRFYelhUEIRLuFZ8vGK0cFFezE6D2idkngT9kHQn3h30M>
- **BOWDAAC Fundraiser:** Last year, more than 108,000 people were lost to overdose in the United States. We need your help to break the cycle and change the narrative! HELPING BREAK THE CYCLE OF ADDICTION STARTS WITH OUR YOUTH! BOWDAAC (Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge Drug & Alcohol Action Committee) along with the Milford & West Haven Prevention Councils, will hold our **11th Annual Ride For Hope charity motorcycle ride on Sunday, June 11, 2023.** With your support, we can continue our community outreach and educate our children on overdose awareness, underage drinking, vaping, and substance use prevention. This community issue has touched each one of us in some way, shape or form. Our groups offer education to Milford/West Haven/Amity region students, community presentations/town halls, and more.

Help us sustain our programs and offer new ones as needed! \$30 PER BIKE (includes rider/passenger). Link to register on our Facebook: www.facebook.com/bowdaac

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