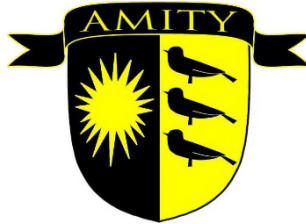


ARHS COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER, April 7, 2023



April Break begins today, and we hope you are all able to enjoy some time with friends and family during the break. The weather forecast looks great, and just in time, with all our spring sports in full swing and busy in the coming week. To end the week and celebrate the coming vacation, the Amity Student Government hosted a Springfest celebration during SSP on Thursday. It featured live music from a student band, displays and games from several clubs and activities, free ice-cream, and the big hit of the day, an opportunity for students who won the recent Pi Day competition to throw a pie at their favorite teacher, staff member, or administrator (thank you so much to all the Amity adults who agreed to participate!). Watching the students relax and enjoy some free time together was a great way to end the week, and we hope that all your children enjoyed the event. We ask a lot of our students at Amity, and these opportunities for us all to unwind and have some fun together are an important part of leading a healthy and balanced life, so thank you to Student Government for organizing it all.

Since we will not be in school next week, we will not be sending out a Community Happenings email on Friday, April 14, but the school newsletter will return for Friday, April 21.

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **Drug & Alcohol Speaker Series:** The impact of drug and alcohol abuse is an important topic for us to address with our students, and this week our student assistance counselor and the members of our PE/Health department worked together to host the annual Amity Drug-Alcohol Awareness Speaker Series for students in Gr. 9 – 11 Phys Ed classes. The series is a community

outreach program where speakers from our local communities speak with students in the health and physical education classes about the dangers, pressures, decisions, and consequences related to addiction. Some of the speakers are Amity Alum while others are members of the larger community who are passionate about helping young people make healthy choices.

- **Student Art Show at Orange Library:** The National Art Honor Society is proud to sponsor the last 7-12 Art Exhibition for the 22-23 school year at the Case Memorial Library in Orange. It is hung up and ready for viewing. The reception is on May 4th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Details on flyer attached. Thank you for your support of our students as always.
- **Hulley Arts Foundation Fundraiser:** The non-profit Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation is one of Amity's most generous sponsors – supporting special arts programming in all three Amity schools. Their annual spring “Keep the Arts Blooming” online raffle is currently going on. Once again, raffle tickets are \$20, and the prizes are Visa gift cards ranging from \$100 to \$2,000. Please see the attached flyer or visit www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org to purchase tickets.
- **Student Lunch Account Balances:** If you have questions concerning your student's lunch account or would like to be refunded the balance of your student's lunch account because we are again providing free lunch to all students, please contact Kelly Stoner at kelly.stoner@amityregion5.org.
- **World Language Honor Society Upcoming Events:** Please see the two attachments from the World Language Honor Society regarding two upcoming events, their annual Induction Ceremony on April 21, and the World Language Wellness Day they will host on April 28.
- **Student Parking Update:** Thank you to everyone who read and acted on the information we sent out last week regarding safe driving, student drop-off, and parking on and near campus last week – we appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping our students and staff safe in the parking lots. However, as students have stopped parking on Meetinghouse Lane, some have started parking in the Woodbridge Town Library parking lot instead of on campus. This makes it difficult for library patrons to visit the library during the day, and we have several student parking spots still available, so please remind your children who drive that they should be parking at school, not at the library. Anyone who still needs a parking permit can get the application in the main office.

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Scranton](#) is a private, Catholic and Jesuit university located in eastern Pennsylvania, about 170 miles from the BOWA area. [Founded by the Catholic church in 1888](#), Scranton enrolls approximately 5,000 students and offers [60+ liberal arts majors & programs](#) such as business, engineering, allied health and human services. There are an abundance of social opportunities, [clubs and activities](#) on campus, and [volunteering opportunities](#) are encouraged as well. The Scranton “Royals” sponsor 23 [athletic teams](#) that compete in the [Landmark Conference](#) (NCAA D-3). Annual [tuition, room and board](#) is approximately \$61,000 (2022-2023). To learn more, visit Scranton's [admissions website](#), read about their [fast facts](#) or take a [virtual tour here](#).

“[Advertising, promotions, and marketing managers](#) plan programs to generate interest in products or services” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021). Most advertising/marketing [managers](#) will use available data to estimate how much of a product will sell and then plan accordingly. Entry level positions in this field require at least a bachelor's degree and related experience. The median salary is \$ 133,380 and the profession is expected to have **faster than average job growth at 10% through 2031** (BLS, 2021). For

more information, please visit the [American Marketing Association](#), the [Data and Marketing Association](#) or the [Mobile Marketing Association](#).

Some colleges that offer programs in marketing/management include:

University of Scranton	University of Connecticut	St John's University
Southern CT State	Endicott College	UMASS/Dartmouth
University of New Haven	Fairfield University	Central CT State
Boston University	Hofstra University	SUNY/New Paltz
Sacred Heart University	Suffolk University	Bentley University
UMASS/Boston	Iona University	Rochester Inst of Tech

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **AMITY HS's ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR** - We hope you'll join us for our upcoming **college fair on MONDAY, APRIL 24th from 6:30-8pm** in our gymnasium. We will have over 100 colleges, universities, and trade schools in attendance. This event is FREE to all and **students may [pre-register HERE](#) for a barcode before the fair**. During the fair, colleges will scan your barcode to send you more information about their schools. The day after the fair, you will receive a report with information on the colleges you scanned.
- **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](#).

Summer Opportunities

- **Looking for a summer job?** There are many summer employment opportunities starting to become available in our surrounding communities. Here are a couple of sites to browse through as we head into summer: [Glassdoor](#), [Indeed](#), [Snag a Job](#) & [Simply Hired](#). One of the best job research skills you can develop as a teen is researching employers and job openings before applying. If you need assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **GAP Year Ideas:** Taking a gap year has become an increasingly popular choice for many students around the country. If you are someone who might be interested in completing a gap year, please find a list of websites we have compiled on our school website. Please click [here](#) for gap year opportunities. ***Please note that the Amity Regional School District #5 has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs/opportunities. Students should consult with their parents/guardians before deciding to pursue any of these options.***
- **2023 Summer Programs:** Looking to take a pre-college course or partake in a fun hands-on program? Please find a list of summer program opportunities as a courtesy to students and families. Amity High School has not conducted any review or background checks of these programs. If a student and their parents decide to pursue any of these programs, they should

conduct their own review. Please click [here](#) for a list of available summer programs in and outside of Connecticut.

- **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.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- Fun and creative? Join our team! Looking for motivated volunteers and board members for our Booster Club next year. Contact Carrie at goamityspartans@gmail.com for more info.
- Still not a member? You can still join! Help us to support ALL athletes by becoming a member today! Join here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxdB1gAEQ-ukkACc3cB76EgXfC3rAxeuQYtZZ7gZfawF8AFg/viewform>
- Get them while you can! Amity "A" decal stickers and "PROUD" Amity yard signs are here! Email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order. \$5 for each decal, \$15 for each yard sign. Cash or PayPal payments accepted, will be delivered to you.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information

- **College Fair 2023:** On April 24, Amity High School will host its annual college fair, where representatives from over 125 colleges will meet the students/parents, provide information, and answer questions about their schools. Please help us make this event a success by signing up to set up/clean up or to send in an item [here](#).
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00pm in the media center. For a full 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 school year.
- **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

- **Drug Take Back Day:** The DEA's National Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00am-2:00pm at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange. All unused/unwanted/expired medications will be taken (including liquids, sharps, and pet medications). Volunteers from the National Pharmacy Association will be on site to answer any questions, along with the Orange Police Department and CERT.
- **Local Volunteer Opportunities**
 - The **Orange Historical Society** is looking for ongoing volunteers to help with filing, cataloging, and other projects. If interested, please **contact Ginnie Reinhardt at 413-807-8362 OR email her at ladyjanegcr@snet.net** . OHS is also sponsoring an upcoming

luncheon event with the Orange Congregational Church **on Saturday, April 22. Volunteers are needed for set up and cleanup crews from 9-11am or 4-5pm.**

- The Towns Trail Group of **Woodbridge Land Trust and the Woodbridge Parks Association** are looking for volunteers to help with the trail clean-up event on the 2nd Sunday of every month starting on **April 16, 2023, from 11am-12:30pm**. The first clean-up event will take place on Sunday, April 16th at Sperry Park off Dylan Road. If interested in helping, please email Trail Master, Andy Danzig, at trailmaster@woodbridgect.org.
- [Yale School of Medicine Discovery to Cure Beverly Levy Walk & Festival 2023](#) is sponsoring an event on **Sunday, May 7th** at the Orange Fairgrounds. This event will bring awareness and education to reproductive cancers and provide an opportunity for survivors, families, and friends to come together and walk as we raise funds for cancer research at Yale school of Medicine. Volunteers will help with crafts for children and organize the event. Volunteers will receive breakfast and a t-shirt. The volunteer shift is 7:30am to 4pm. Please sign up [here](#).
- **Arts in CT** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to bringing the arts into diverse communities and art deserts to help individuals of all ages, abilities, cultures, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds pursue their creative and artistic dreams. Volunteers are needed for summer camps, weekly events, etc. Call 203-936-8567 or email at info@artsinct.org. Volunteer Forms can be found at this link [artsinct.org/volunteer-form](https://www.artsinct.org/volunteer-form)
- **Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade - to be held June 4, 2023:** The parade's committee is seeking volunteers for various tasks. Visit their website at www.elmcityfreddyfixerparade.com for more information.
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** - Earn some community service hours during spring break! The Bethany Historical Society needs help during spring vacation on Monday 4/10 and Wednesday, 4/12 11:00-2:00pm. Students can help with light landscaping, social media posts, rearrangement of furniture, organization of files and more. Help BHS, have fun, enjoy a delicious treat! Must provide own transportation. Contact Linda Wooster at Ljwooster@gmail.com

Attached Files

[Hulley Foundation Ad for Blooming Raffle 2023.pdf](#)

[Orange Library Art Show.pdf](#)

[Wellness Day Invitation 2023.pdf](#)

[WL Induction Ceremony Invitation 2023.pdf](#)

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