

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, January 5, 2024

Happy New Year!

We are just over a week away from Midterm Exams, which will occur from Tuesday, Jan. 16 through Friday, Jan. 19. The attached schedule document includes the order and timing of all the exams as well as information on topics including when students do/do not need to attend exams, lunch service during exams, senior exemptions, and how the schedule will be impacted if there are any weather delays or cancellations during exams. For the first time, we will be serving lunch for students who want it between and after exams, which means that our buses will be loading to bring students home at 12:20 pm. To help accommodate this safely, we are asking all parents who are picking up students after the second exam each day to enter school through the North Pease Road entrance and pick their children up at the morning drop-off location instead of in front of the main entrance. This will allow our buses to safely load students and depart without interfering with parent traffic. Any parents picking a student up after 12:30 will be able to get them at the main entrance again, since buses will have already departed for the day. Thank you all for your understanding and flexibility with this, and good luck to your kids as they prepare for midterms!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- Hey 9th Graders! **EXAMS ARE COMING and LINK CREW CAN HELP!** Link Crew is sponsoring **Cocoa and Cram**, an evening with Link Leaders to help all ninth graders prepare for exams. Wednesday January 10th from 6 -- 7:30 in the Café. Link Leaders will be available to help with both course-specific tutoring as well as with general study skills. *Link Leaders are familiar with both content and exam procedures. This is an excellent way to prepare for exams.* As if that wasn't enough to entice you, **Free baked goods and cocoa will be served!** Bring your charged computer, notebooks, and any review packets you may have for your classes.
- **Ninth Annual Yearbook Grad Ad Design Night:** Interested in purchasing a grad ad? Not sure where to begin? Our ninth annual *Embers* Grad Ad Design Night will be held on **Tuesday, January 30th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** at ARHS. [SIGN UP HERE!!](#) Sit down with one of our awesome yearbook staff members to craft the perfect dedication for your graduating senior and approve it right then and there! Take care of everything at once - designing and completing your design as well as the paperwork and payment (cash or check). Please come with photos to use! Sample ads from previous ads are also available for viewing [here](#). The final deadline is February 2nd so be sure to utilize this opportunity!!

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Missouri](#), aka “Mizzou”, is located in [Columbia, Missouri](#), approximately 1,200 miles from the BOWA area. [Founded in 1839](#), Mizzou serves as the flagship campus in this [4-university system](#). Over 31,000 students are currently enrolled and choose from [300 undergraduate degree programs](#) within its [13 colleges and schools](#). [Campus life](#) includes a variety of amazing opportunities for all. Students are encouraged to work with [“involvement ambassadors” who assist and advise](#) with [finding meaningful activities](#) that enhance one’s learning. There are [18 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored by the “Mizzou Tigers” who compete in the [Southeastern Conference](#). Estimated annual tuition, room and board for out-of-state students is [\\$51,472 \(2023-2024\)](#). For more information, check out Mizzou’s [admissions website](#), view [their fact sheet](#), take a [virtual tour](#), or watch “The College Tour’s [episode” for Mizzou HERE](#).

“[Radiation therapists](#) administer doses of radiation to patients who have cancer or other serious diseases” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Radiation therapists](#) usually work full-time hours in hospitals, clinics, and doctors’ offices. An associate degree in radiation therapy is required for entry level positions in this career field. Other qualifications include good physical stamina, and good bedside manners (strong communication and empathy skills). The median annual salary is \$89,530 and **average job growth is expected (2%) through 2032** (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the following websites: The [American Society of Radiologic Technologists](#), the [Radiological Society of North America](#), and the [American Healthcare Radiography Administrators](#).

Some colleges that have radiography programs include:

CT State/Gateway CC	Mass Coll of Pharmacy	Rowan College (NJ)
St Vincents/Sacred Heart	Quinnipiac College	Rhode Island College
University of Hartford	Manhattan College	Univ of Central Florida
Fairleigh Dickinson College	Regis College	SUNY/Upstate Medical
Long Island Univ/Post	Gulf Coast State College	Eastern FLA State College
SUNY/Downstate Medical	CT State/Naugatuck Valley	SUNY/Westchester CC

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Attention Senior Parents! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for UELP/SIP INFO NIGHT!** Mrs. Cocco, our College & Career Counselor, will review the expectations for our mandatory senior internship programs on **Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30pm in the Brady Center Auditorium**. Seniors must choose one of the two programs offered this spring - the UELP, [Unpaid Experiential Learning Program](#) (formerly known as SSLP) or the SIP, [Senior Interest Project](#).
- **Upcoming USA Gap Fair coming to Fairfield!** Students & parents are welcome to attend a gap year presentation and fair at Fairfield Ludlow High (gymnasium), 785 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT on **Thursday, January 11, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:30pm**. Get the most up to date information about gap year and summer opportunities as well as tips for researching and planning a gap year, navigating the college deferral process, and which programs are accepting applications. For more information and to register for this event, please click [here](#) to reserve a spot.

- **Upcoming Yale Programs being offered to high school students:**
 - **Yale Pathway to Science-Medical Specialty Exposure Pipeline seminar for grades 9-12:** Join Yale physicians of various specialties— pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, internal medicine, psychiatry, emergency medicine, surgery, and more—for fun, interactive case seminars! The MSEP Program aims to empower students from groups historically minoritized in STEM to pursue medical careers. For more information and an application for this opportunity, please click [here](#). These seminars will take place Saturdays from 10am to 12pm on 1/27, 2/17, 3/23, 4/20, and 5/18 at the Jane Ellen Hope Memorial Building on Cedar Street in New Haven or on Zoom. Application is due by January 8, 2024.
 - **Yale School of Medicine Discovery To Cure-Summer High School Program:** This program is created for STEM students to have the opportunity to spend the summer working hands on in a Yale Research Lab, where it will promote interest in science and medicine. Students must have completed their junior year of high school and be 16 years of age to participate. Students must agree to fulfill all requirements of the Internship. Please visit their [website](#) for a list of requirements all students must meet in order to apply. A link to apply will be sent our January 15, 2024. If you want to be included in this opportunity, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center. Applications are due February 11, 2024.
 - **Yale Brain Bee:** Want to showcase your knowledge of neuroscience? Want to put your wits to the test against other brainiacs? Join the 2024 Brain Bee to compete in Yale’s only high school neuroscience competition. This event is open to grades 9-12 on Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 1-4pm in the Rosenfeld Hall on 109 Grove Street, New Haven. Please sign up [here](#).
- **CHRO Kids Court Academy:** The Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities is co-sponsoring the second year of the CT Kids Court Academy for middle school and high school age students. This program is a pipeline program to develop interest in youth regarding civil and human rights law. The program will be 17 weeks and will feature attorneys, law students, investigators, and other civil right and social justice professionals, who will present a case or show a film and do an activity with the student participants on a bi-weekly basis for one hour. The bi-weekly will be remote and held through Teams. Kids Court Academy will begin on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. See the schedule for the 17 weeks [here](#). For more information and registration, please click [here](#) or email Cheryl.Sharp@ct.gov.
- **MLK Children’s March for Peace and Bell Ringing Ceremony:** The aim of the march is to honor Martin Luther King Jr. and to promote peace, unity and hope while celebrating the power of today’s youth to make a difference in the world. The march is on Monday, January 15th @ 1:00pm and will take place at the St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 59 Main Street in Cheshire. [This event](#) is sponsored by the CHRO.

Amity HS Athletics Booster Club

- JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB! Join us in supporting and celebrating our athletes by becoming a member of the Athletics Booster Club. We are dedicated to promoting positive team spirit and recognizing all athletes in their endeavors. Visit our website and join here: <https://sites.google.com/amityschools.org/amityathleticsboosterclub/home> JOIN NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31 and receive a small Amity decal sticker!
- Send us pictures of your athletes in action! In our efforts to promote and recognize our student athletes, we would like to share your photos to our FB page. Please email your photos

to goamityspartans@gmail.com with a brief description. With your permission, we will post your images to our FB page. Let's recognize our student athletes for their outstanding dedication and drive!

- Purchase your Amity A decal sticker and PROUD yard sign today! Decal stickers are \$3 (small, 3"w by 2"h) and \$5 (large, 4"w by 2.5"h). Yard signs are \$15, payment through PayPal or Venmo. Please email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order yours today!

Community Events and Information

- **Woodbridge Youth Services News:** Call 203-389-3429 or email npfund@woodbridgect.org for information or to sign up for programs.
 - *Sign up for Youth Services Notifications:* <https://www.woodbridgect.org/list.aspx>
 - *See Youth Services' Website:* <https://www.woodbridgect.org/160/Youth-Services>
 - *Follow us on Facebook:* <https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeYouthServices.CT>
- **Woodbridge Youth Services Community Service Opportunities:**
 - **Tech Tuesdays (or other days as needed):** Students assist older adults who wish to learn about cell phones, PCs, and laptops.
 - **Woodbridge Conservation Trust Second Sundays:** Need assistance clearing trails for few hours on Sundays. Spend time outside with friends doing a service to your community.
- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge and Bethany Teens Who Want Work:** The Job Bank guides teens ages 13-18 as they apply, interview, and earn money doing odd jobs for Woodbridge residents. Teens are needed now. Contact the Job Bank to schedule your interview. Jobs include yard work, babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.
- **Woodbridge Youth Advisory Board:** Woodbridge Youth Services seeks Woodbridge parents to join its Advisory Board which meets five times per year (September through May). Contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429 for more information. Our goal is to create diversity within our board.
- **BOWDAAC Update:** A combined meeting of the prevention councils from Milford, West Haven, and the BOW area will be held on January 10th at 3pm. Melissa Mc Garry will speak about **CT Cannabis Laws**. It will be offered both virtually and in-person at Milford United Way. Registration is required. The link to register is as follows: <https://forms.gle/nKvwcVhtg9xdWPr6A>

Attached Files

[Midterm Exam Schedule 2024.pdf](#)

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