

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, January 12, 2024

Today marked the last day of the second marking period, and midterm exams will take place next week between Tuesday, Jan. 16, and Friday, Jan. 19. Please encourage your kids to study carefully during the three-day weekend, and to make good use of any study materials their teachers provided for them. And if you have a Senior who has been exempted from exams due to high grades, remember to congratulate them for the job well done of their high performance throughout the semester!

We are attaching the midterm exam schedule and guidelines again this week for anyone who needs it as a reference. It 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. The weather forecast for next Tuesday is questionable, so please be sure to consult this if we have a delay or closing – information on both of those is included. Parent drop-off and pick-up on exam days can be a challenge, so 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

- **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 Wyoming](#) (UWYO) is located in [Laramie, Wyoming](#), approximately 1,860 miles from the BOWA area. [Founded in 1886](#), UWYO is a [public land grant university](#) that serves 12,000 students (59% from Wyoming). Academic offerings include 85 [undergraduate majors](#) and over 200 areas of study within 14 [colleges and schools](#). Campus life is active with over [200 clubs and organizations](#) to choose

from. Those who enjoy [outdoor activities](#) will appreciate the altitude (over 7,000 feet above sea level), about 50 inches of snow and yet 320 days of sunshine per year. The “Cowboys” sponsor [17 NCAA Division 1 athletic teams](#) who compete in the [Mountain West Conference](#). Estimated [annual tuition, room and board](#) for out-of-state students is approximately \$43,000 (2023-2024). For more information, check out UWYO’s [admissions website](#), view [some basic info](#), watch a quick [video](#), or learn about some fun [school traditions here](#).

“Nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and [nurse practitioners](#) coordinate patient care and may provide primary and specialty healthcare” (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Nurse practitioners](#) are also referred to as APRN’s (Advanced Practice Registered Nurses). [There are 4 types of APRNs](#) - nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists and nurse midwives. To work as a nurse practitioner, one must obtain a master’s degree as well as pass national and [state licensure](#) examinations. The median annual salary is \$125,900 and ***much faster than average job growth is expected (38%) through 2032*** (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the following websites: The [American Association of Nurse Practitioners](#), the [American Nurses Association](#), and the [American Psychiatric Nurses Association](#).

Some colleges that have BSN/APRN programs include:

Central CT State	University of Connecticut	Fairfield University
SUNY/Upstate Medical	Mass College of Pharmacy	UMASS/Boston
Adelphi University	Quinnipiac University	Sacred Heart University
Southern CT State	Western CT State	Univ of Saint Joseph
Endicott College	UMASS/Lowell	SUNY/Stony Brook
SUNY/Binghamton	Goodwin College	Salem State University

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Local College Fair coming to Amphitheater in Bridgeport!** The Southern Connecticut College & Career Fair will be held on Tuesday April 30, 2024, at the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater in Bridgeport. This event has grown to become the largest college and career fair in Connecticut. The event is free and open to all high school students and their families. Please see more information [here](#).
- **SAT Prep Course:** See the attached flyer from Lentz & Lentz for information on an SAT prep course they will be offering beginning Jan. 28 at the JCC.
- **Yale Programs offered to high school students:**
 - **Yale School of Medicine Discovery To Cure-Summer High School Program:** This program was 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 will become available as of January 15th and are due on 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.
- **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 10, 2024, 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. Applicants can fill out our [online application](#) starting January 8, 2024, through the application deadline on January 25th, 2024, till 7 PM. The IWEM workshop has limited capacity, so applicants should not delay. Please click here for a video to see IWEM in action: <https://youtu.be/Qen2Lbmez5k>. Additional information can be found on Dr. Coyner's website: <https://www.drcoyner.com>. Please feel free to contact the IWEM staff directly with any questions you may have at: IWEMworkshop@gmail.com.

Parent-Teacher-Student Organization

- **Please Support Us!** Joining the PTSO does not require you to volunteer, it enables us to continue to support and fund events and special celebrations for our students, teachers and school. To join the PTSO, please visit our website amityptso.org and under membership click on Click here to join!
- We want to thank those families that have joined the PTSO this school year. With your support the PTSO has been able to provide a back to school lunch for teachers & staff, lunch for link crew, assisted a few clubs with events, provided monthly snacks for teachers & staff and adopted 3 families within our Amity community for the holidays.
- We hope that you can join us for our first meeting of 2024 on Thursday, January 18th at 7pm in the media center.
- **Join our Facebook Group by** Be a part of our virtual community by visiting [this page](#) and answering the security questions required to gain access

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 on 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>

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[SAT Prep Spring 2024.pdf](#)

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