

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, February 2, 2024

As you may have heard either from your kids or from social media already, a small group of students held a “sit in” in the Career Center and Main Office of the school during school today. The Amity Regional School District respects the First Amendment rights of all our students. We just ask that any students expressing those rights do so in a manner which does not cause a substantial disruption, interfere with the rights of others, or impact our ability to operate the school. If student behavior does cause a disturbance, there is Board policy in place to address student misbehavior. As part of our effort to provide our students with information about a wide range of post-secondary planning options, Amity Region 5 fully supports the presence of military recruiters and the ability for all students to access them in accordance with state statute. As we head into the weekend, I want to remind everyone that exciting accounts of controversies posted on social media are rarely accurate or complete. Out of respect for the privacy and dignity of the individuals involved, we ask that everyone use common sense, kindness, and good judgment in their decisions about what to post or comment about online. And if you have any questions about any of these issues, please reach out to me directly at andre.hauser@amityregion5.org.

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **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 2024 will be on April 6, from 9 AM to 4 PM, and held on Yale’s campus. Students can make a profile 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 (lunch provided), with an option for a \$10 T-shirt. Financial Aid for students is available upon request. More information and registration details can be found at <https://yale.learningu.org/learn/splash.htm>! Make sure to create an account on our website to hear from us when registration goes live on Feb. 27! Please reach out to us at yalesplash@gmail.com with any questions.
- **Second Annual Skate With The Players Day:** The Amity Boys Hockey team will be hosting their second annual skate day for all K-6 students in the BOW communities at Bennett Rink in West Haven on Sunday, Feb. 25. The attached flyer has more details on this wonderful event to benefit the Yale Children’s Hospital Toy Closet. We hope to see your younger kids there!

College and Career of the Week

The [University of Nevada, Reno](#) (UNR) was [founded in 1874](#) as a [public land grant university](#). UNR’s beautiful 290-acre campus is located about 40 miles northeast of Lake Tahoe, which is also where UNR’s [satellite campus](#) is located. Today there are over 20,000 students enrolled at this [R1 institution](#) who choose from the 560 [majors, minors and certificate](#) programs offered within its [13 colleges and schools](#).

Students enjoy a very active [campus environment](#) with over 250 [clubs & organizations](#), many school [sponsored activities](#) and an abundance of volunteer opportunities to choose from. There are [17 NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored by the “Wolf Pack” who compete in the [Mountain West Conference](#). Estimated annual [tuition, room and board for out-of-state students](#) is \$37,643.00 (2023-2024). For more information, check out UNR’s [admissions website](#), take the [official campus tour here](#), or [watch a brief video here](#).

“[Genetic counselors](#) assess clients' risk for a variety of inherited conditions, such as birth defects”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Genetic counselors](#) need a masters degree to work in their field and generally work in healthcare settings such as hospitals, clinics and doctor’s offices. [Certification exams](#) are required and some states (such as [CT](#)) [require licensing](#) for genetic counselors as well. The median annual salary is \$89,990 and ***much faster than average job growth is expected (16%) through 2032*** (BLS, 2022). For more information, please visit the following websites: the [National Society of Genetic Counselors](#), the [Connecticut Genetic Counselors Association](#) and the [American Board of Genetic Counseling](#).

Some colleges that have genetic counseling programs include:

Boston University	Rutgers University	George Washington Univ
University of Pittsburgh	Case Western Res Univ	Johns Hopkins University
University of Florida	Ohio State University	Indiana State University
Bay Path University	Michigan State University	Northwestern University
Stanford University	Boise State University	Univ of Alabama/Birmingham
Martin University (IN)	University of Utah	California State/Northridge

or search in Naviance for more choices!

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Save the Date! Spring College Fair coming to Amity:** Our annual Spring College Fair will be held on Monday evening, April 29th from 6:30 - 8:00pm in our main gymnasium. Approximately 120 college representatives will be in attendance. This is a great way for students to meet many of the college admission decision-makers in an intimate and convenient way. The college fair is **free** for students and parents and is open to the public. A list of college/universities will be posted in the coming months.
- **Attention Seniors! Scholarship Season has begun!** Naviance is only one of the many resources for researching scholarships. The College and Career Center posts local and national scholarships on Naviance throughout the school year. Students can navigate through these scholarships in Naviance under, as well as, our school [website](#). Additional merit based and need based scholarships may be available by checking with the individual college/university or additional websites like <https://www.fastweb.com/> If you need help navigating scholarships and/or help with the process of applying, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- The **Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary** is offering ten \$2,500.00 scholarships to area students planning to pursue a career in a healthcare-related profession. The application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2024. Scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, financial need, personal statement, community service, including school and community activities and/or employment. Please be sure to read entire [application](#) before applying.

- **West Point Live Event:** Join USMA's Major Richard Simpson '12 (Northeast Regional Commander) + Cadet Elijah Bellamy '24 (2023 SLE Cadet Commander), on Facebook Live on January 31st, at 6pm EST for an informational session about West Point's Summer Leaders Experience. The admission requirements, application process and the opportunities that SLE offers will be covered during this event. Current candidates, potential candidates, and families are welcome to attend. Please go to this [link](#) to join this event. The second and final Facebook Live event covering SLE will be held on February 15th at 6pm EST and available through this link - <https://fb.me/e/4Qfo9TEDv>. Major Mark Owens (Southeast Regional Commander, USMA '13) and Cadet Raquel Zitta (USMA '25) will cohost this event and discuss SLE and how to apply. Current Juniors may apply for SLE and West Point's Class of 2029 starting February 1st on West Point's website, westpoint.edu and clicking "apply now" in the top right of the landing page.
- **The ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 7:30 am in the Career Center. 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 TTO TAKE THE TEST BY SIGNING UP 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](#).

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!
- Please join us for our next PTSO meeting on Thursday, February 22nd at 7pm in the media center.
- January's monthly treats for the teachers & staff were sponsored by Rayven & Co. Candles and the Windsor Family. Thank you!
- **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!
- Visit our **NEW Athletics Booster Club Sportswear store!** Click the link below to purchase your customized items today.
- Our next meeting will be held next Thursday, February 1. Please join us at 6:30pm in AHS room 501.

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 News

- **Bethany First Selectman’s Youth Award:** This award is intended to recognize a Bethany youth, 18 or under, who is in school, and who, either individually, or as part of a group, has demonstrated positive actions to improve Bethany or assist Bethany residents is eligible to be nominated for the First Selectman’s Youth Award. Areas of involvement may include group or individual volunteer work aimed at improving the quality of life in the Bethany community. Nominations are open now through April 5, and the attached documents provide information about how to nominate an exceptional Bethany youth.
- **Case Memorial Library Updates**
 - **Teen Treasure Hunt (Take Your Child to the Library Day) - February 2-3: Teens in grades 7-12** can drop by the library any time on Friday, February 2 or Saturday, February 3 for a **Treasure Hunt!** Solve all of the puzzles and present your library card and you can choose a free book to keep! If you don't have a library card we can sign you up - just bring your school ID and proof of residence to register for a card (or your parents who can show their ID and proof of residence). If you live in another town, you're welcome to participate - just bring your hometown library card. One book per teen, while supplies last. No registration required. <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-treasure-hunt-5813>
 - **Teen Book Box - Pick up February 20-26: Free book box service for teens in grades 7-12.** Each month that you register you will pick up a box containing two hand-selected teen books for you to borrow as well as some treats and other surprises for you to keep. After registering, you should receive a confirmation email with a link to a Google Form. Please be sure to complete this form to finalize your registration and personalize your book box. You can also access the form at casememoriallibrary.org/teenbookbox. **Please note:** You must register and complete the personalization form each month you wish to receive a book box. <https://casememorial.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-book-box-february-5753>

Attached Files

[Community Skate 2024.pdf](#)

[FSYA - Letter Requesting Nominations 2024.docx](#)

[FSYA Nomination Form 2024.doc](#)

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