

## ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, February 23, 2024

It was a short week here at Amity Regional High School following February break, but it did include the mid-quarter point for the third marking period, so please take some time in the next few days to log on to PowerSchool, check on your child's progress so far, and help them set ambitious-yet-attainable goals for the rest of the marking period.

We also had some great news from our Athletic Department this week. In a rare occurrence for any school, Amity had every single winter sports team qualify for the CIAC State Tournament. Some of our student-athletes are already competing in their tournaments this weekend, while others won't see the start of their tournaments for another week, but we wish every one of them the best of luck in the rest of their seasons. As a result of the Girls' Basketball team's first-round tournament game scheduled at Amity next Tuesday at 6:30 pm (one of the perks of being the higher seed), we need to move our Spring Sports Information Night to Thursday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30. If you are the parent of a potential spring athlete, this is a must-attend information session, so we hope to see you there.

And speaking of excellence in interscholastic competition, congratulations to the Amity Math Team Spartans, who won first place in the Greater New Haven Mathematics League Competition yesterday. In addition to the team victory, it was a big day for individual performances as well. Iris Yan secured 1<sup>st</sup> place senior and overall top scorer, while Edward Han achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place senior. Additionally, Hallie Lai and Fred Xiao finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the junior and underclassmen divisions respectively. The Amity Math Team Spartans will move on to the Connecticut State Association of Mathematics Leagues Competition to be held Thursday, April 4.

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### **Amity Happenings and Information**

- **Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures:** If you are dropping off or picking up your child rather than having them take the bus or drive themselves to school (only students in grades 11-12 can drive to school), it is important to enter only from the back entrance (North Pease Road). Vehicles will exit out the front driveway (Newton Road) after dropping off or picking up students on the side of the building. Traffic is always heavy at the start of the school day, so make sure to account for that in your planning if you will be driving your child to school.
- **Ray Heenie Box of Socks Fundraiser:** March 5, 2024, marks the three-year anniversary of the death of beloved AMSO student Ray Heenie. Ray was very interested in helping others. He was known for literally giving the shirt off his back to those in need. We chose to honor him with an annual fundraiser called "Ray's Box of Sox." Within the three Amity schools and Racebrook School in Orange, we collected new socks and donated them to local homeless shelters. This is

something that Ray would certainly support. Last year, we were able to collect over 1000 pairs of socks that were distributed to four local shelters who were extremely grateful. This month, we will continue the work we started in Ray's honor. "Box of Sox" collection boxes will be in our school until Friday March 29th. Please consider honoring Ray's memory by doing good for someone else. This small gesture can have a big impact. Thank you in advance for your support and please spread the word!

- **Only a few weeks left until the late AP Exam registration window!** Reminder, AP exam registration will close on March 8, 2024. THIS IS THE FINAL CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THIS YEAR. There is an extra \$40 late fee per exam as set by CollegeBoard (not ARHS). You can use this link to register and pay for AP exams: <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/070965>
  - AP Exam Fee: \$145 per exam (including late fee)  
AP Seminar and Research Exam Fees: \$190 per exam (including late fee)
  - Cancellation Fee: If you cancel by March 8, 2024, \$40 of your registration fee will go to College Board and the remaining will be refunded. Any cancellations after this date will not be refunded.

### College and Career of the Week

The [University of Wisconsin/Madison](#) (UWM) is an [R1](#), public university and serves as the flagship campus for this [13 university system](#). Located in the capital [city of Madison](#) (approximately 1,000 miles from the BOWA area), the UWM campus was originally [founded in 1848](#) as a [land grant institution](#). Over 35,000 students are currently enrolled at UWM and choose from over [132 majors/programs](#) within its [8 undergraduate schools and colleges](#). Campus life is very active with a [multitude of clubs, recreational activities and social events](#) to engage in. There are 23 [NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored by the "Badgers" who compete in the [Big Ten Conference](#). [Estimated annual tuition, room and board for out-of-state students](#) is \$58,912.00 (2023-2024). For more information, check out UWM's [admissions website](#), view their [quick facts](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

"[Optometrists](#) diagnose, manage, and treat conditions and diseases of the human eye and visual system, including examining eyes and prescribing corrective lenses", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022). [Optometrists](#) are employed in doctors' offices, in specialized retail outlets or in their own practices. To work as an optometrist, one must complete a four-year doctoral program, pass a national board examination and obtain [a state license](#). The average annual salary is \$125,590 with much faster than average job growth expected (9%) through 2032 (BLS, 2022). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Optometric Association](#), the [American Academy of Optometry](#), and the [National Optometric Association](#).

*Some colleges that offer programs in pre-optometric/optometric studies include:*

University of Wisconsin	University of Connecticut	UMaine/Farmington
Mass Coll of Pharmacy	University of Rhode Island	Western CT State Univ
Assumption University	SUNY/Binghamton	Utica College
Saint Anselm College	Pace University	SUNY/Oswego
Univ of MO/St Louis	Emory University	SUNY/State College of Optom.
Northern Michigan Univ	University of Scranton	Rhode Island College

or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!

### Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Important UELP Info:** Seniors, step 2 & 3 in your Schoology course must be completed by Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>! There are 5 weeks left to find a site for your internship. For questions, please set up an appointment with Mrs. Cocco.
- **2024 New Haven Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy** is open to 16- to 18-year-old high school sophomores and juniors not graduating in Spring 2024. The academy will be held at Yale University Police Department in New Haven, Connecticut from **July 14, to July 20, 2024**. 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 at [FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov](mailto:FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov) no later than **March 29, 2024, at 5 p.m.** Eastern (no exceptions) for panel review. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted because of security policies. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted. To apply, please email [FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov](mailto:FLEYAprogram@fbi.gov).
- **The ASVAB Test** will be given at Amity High School on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 7:30am 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 TO 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](#).
- **Attention Juniors:** The Amity High School Spring College Fair will be held on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](http://amityptso.org) and under membership click on Click here to join!
- We hope you will support the RaiseRight fundraiser that we introduced a few weeks ago. **RaiseRight** is gift card fundraising and is the easiest & most convenient way to earn money for our school. Gift cards can be used for daily purchases or as gifts for family and friends. It is simple, all you need to do is purchase a physical or eGift card(s) to your favorite store(s) through the RaiseRight website or app and a certain % of each gift card purchase goes directly to Amity PTSO. See the attached flyer for more details on RaiseRight. To get started with RaiseRight,

please click the link below. <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=99MMZP8XLXU9>  
The PTO will be running this fundraiser from now until the end of the year. With the money raised we want to provide more funds for senior scholarships, awards for all grade levels and help out the different clubs our students are involved in. Please reach out to us with any questions at [arhsptso@gmail.com](mailto:arhsptso@gmail.com)ndraising.

- **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>
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sports Gear store! Click the link below to purchase your customized items today: [blanchettesportinggoods.chipply.com](http://blanchettesportinggoods.chipply.com)
- 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](mailto: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!

### Community News

- **Woodbridge Youth Services News:** Call 203-389-3429 or email [npfund@woodbridgect.org](mailto: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 Opportunity: 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 snow shoveling, yard work, babysitting, housework, animal care, tutoring and tech assistance. Residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire a student.
- **A Conversation on Disability: What Should We Know and What Can We Do? Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 7 pm- Location: Woodbridge Town Library** - Join a community conversation about disability, ableism, and allyship with special guest Tim Kellogg. He will share his personal and professional perspective and hopes to encourage open dialogue. This event is hosted by The Woodbridge Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion and the Woodbridge Town Library. Space is limited. Register at [A Conversation on Disability - Woodbridge Town Library](#). Please contact [sullivan@woodbridgetownlibrary.org](mailto:sullivan@woodbridgetownlibrary.org) if you need accommodations. This event will be live streamed on the [Town of Woodbridge's YouTube channel](#) and recorded for later viewing.
- **First Selectman's Youth Award: Nominations Sought- First Selectman's Youth Award Nominations Requested-** If you know a Woodbridge youth (up to 18 years old) who has

volunteered their time working to improve the Town of Woodbridge or its residents, consider nominating that deserving resident. Principals, teachers, fellow students, neighbors, group, and religious leaders, etc. are encouraged to make nominations. Parents or family members may not nominate a relative. Nominations are due to Youth Services by April 8. The winner will receive their award at a Volunteer Celebration this spring. The nomination form can be found on the Town Website at [www.woodbridgect.org/472/Programs](http://www.woodbridgect.org/472/Programs) or call the office at 203-389-3429.

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