

## ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, March 1, 2024

Good luck to all our Spartan athletic teams in either SCC or State Tournament contention this weekend and next week!

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### Amity Happenings and Information

- **One week left to register for 2024 AP Exams!** 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 CollegeBoard and the remaining will be refunded. Any cancellations after this date will not be refunded.
- **Student Parking Concerns:** We have recently seen an increase in the number of student drivers who are not parking in their designated parking spots and who are taking the spots of other students instead. This causes several problems for our students, particularly students with permits being left with nowhere to park and students arriving to classes late. Please talk with your children who drive about respecting others' parking spots, and if your child does not have a parking permit, please do not let them drive to school. To help you have a productive conversation with your child, here are the terms that all students agree to when purchasing a parking permit:
  - All student drivers are issued a designated parking space and are expected to park in that space only. Our parking lot is currently full, and Gr. 11/12 students who want to purchase a parking permit for the spring should go to the main office to be put on the waiting list in case any new spots become available.
  - Parking stickers are not transferrable; unauthorized transferring of a parking sticker will result in suspension of parking privileges.

- Suspension of driving privileges may result from failure to observe parking regulations, improper conduct with a motor vehicle, including speeding, reckless driving, etc..., and/or disrespectful behavior towards security personnel enforcing parking regulations.
- Students without parking stickers, those who do not park in designated student spaces, or those who park in staff spaces may be issued a ticket/fine of \$25.00 for each offense.
- Students with outstanding parking fines will not be permitted to purchase tickets for special events such as dances (and Prom season is almost here!).
- **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!

## College and Career of the Week

The [University of Maryland](#) (UMD) is located in College Park, Maryland and serves as the flagship school to the [University of Maryland state system](#). [Founded in 1856](#) as Maryland's original [land grant institution](#), UMD currently enrolls over 30,000 undergraduate students who choose from [100 majors/programs](#) within its [12 colleges and schools](#). Campus life offers a multitude of social and recreational [activities](#) for all students. A unique program that inspires a culture of philanthropy on campus is the "[Do Good Institute](#)". Do Good encourages students to engage in hands-on experiences, programs, curriculum, and funding opportunities that "Do Good" for the world throughout one's life. There are 20 NCAA-D1 athletic teams sponsored by the "[Terps](#)" who compete in the [Big Ten Conference](#). Estimated annual tuition, room and board for out-of-state students is [\\$60,918.00 \(2024-2025\)](#). For more information, check out [UMD's admissions website](#), view their [school profile](#), or take a [virtual tour here](#).

"[Pharmacists](#) dispense prescription medications and provide information to patients about the drugs and their use", (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022).

[Pharmacists](#) work in hospitals, retail stores, medical clinics, universities and corporations. To work as a pharmacist, one must earn a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree, and pass licensing exams - [the NAPLEX](#) and a [state licensing exam](#). The average annual salary

is \$132,750 with average job growth expected (3%) through 2032 (BLS, 2022). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Pharmacists Association](#), the [National Community Pharmacists Association](#), and the [American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists](#).

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

Univ of Maryland/Baltimore	University of Connecticut	Mass Coll of Pharmacy
Sacred Heart University	Univ of Saint Joseph (CT)	Northeastern University
University of New England	UMAINE/Farmington	Albany Coll of Pharmacy
Univ of South Florida	Western CT State Univ	Emory University
Univ of Rhode Island	University of Mississippi	Rutgers University
SUNY/Binghamton	University of Scranton	University of Miami

*or visit NAVIANCE to search for more choices!*

### **Notes from the Counseling Department**

- **Attention Sophomores:** Our annual **Career Day** event is scheduled for Thursday, March 28th. Career Day provides all 10<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to visit with guest speakers during an extended period 2. At our next Spartan Seminar, sophomores will choose three of the 24 careers represented that they would like to learn about. On Career Day, sophomores will visit three 20-minute sessions where their chosen Career Day speakers will share information about their careers, discuss pathways to their profession and take questions from students.
- **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 this event is open to the public. A list of college/universities will be posted in the coming months.
- **Attention Seniors-Important UELP Info:** There are 3 weeks left to find a site for your internship. Contracts are due on March 22, 2024, by the end of the school day. For questions, please set up an appointment with Mrs. Cocco.
- **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](#).
- **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).

- **Summer Employment-State of CT**-State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services is currently hiring for the summer season. [This link](#) will take you to a complete list of all the seasonal positions.
- **Yale Dramatic Association's High School Acting Workshop** is offering an immersive program that will give you a look into the world of acting, no matter your level of experience. From improvisation to character building, you'll learn the fundamentals of acting. This is open to grades 9-12 grades. This program will run 5:30-6:30pm March 7<sup>th</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup> (with exception of March 14<sup>th</sup> & March 21<sup>st</sup>). For dates and registration please click [here](#). For all other summer programs please click [here](#).
- **CT Aerotech in Hartford and the Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians in Stratford**, an extension campus of the Bristol Technical Educational Center, is offering an Open House on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. This open house will take place at Brainard Airport in Hartford. For more information, please visit [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](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 PTSO 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>
- **Job Bank Seeks Woodbridge and Bethany Teens Who Want Paid 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.
- **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.

- **Woodbridge Youth Services Community Service Opportunities:**
  - **Youth Program Assistance-3/22/23 at 2:30 – 5:00 pm at Amity Middle School**
  - **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.
  - **Youth Program Assistance Needed-March 22, 2024 at Amity Middle School-2:30 – 5:00 pm.** Call Youth Services to help with food, games, tickets, etc.
  - **Suicide Prevention Virtual Trainings- QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)** – Sponsored by Alliance for Prevention and Wellness-March 13, April 10, and May 8, 2024- 11 am to 12:30 pm-Learn to detect warning signs and offer hope to help save a life. Registration link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

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