

ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, March 15, 2024

Next Thursday, March 21, Amity will have an early dismissal schedule for testing purposes. The events for the day will be different for each grade, and the schedule will be:

- Gr. 9: Students will engage in a variety of activities focused on team building, successful completion of 9th grade, and preparation for 10th grade.
- Gr. 10: Students will take the Pre-ACT assessment and will prepare for the upcoming career fair.
- Gr. 11: Students will take the School-Day SAT. This is an opportunity for all students in the class to take the SAT for free, and it also serves as a major part of the state of Connecticut's schoolwide report-card measure for our school. It is essential that all our Juniors get to school on time and ready to do their best work that day. The SAT is being given in a digital format this year, so all Juniors will need to bring their fully charged school-issued computer to school with them on Thursday.
- Gr. 12: Seniors will have the opportunity to use the day to prepare for their upcoming Senior Internship or to use the day for post-secondary planning activities. Seniors will not be required to come to school on March 21.

Go Spartans!

Andre Hauser

Principal

Amity Happenings and Information

- **National English Honor Society Book Drive:** The NEHS will be conducting a book drive for a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books for people of all age groups beginning Monday, March 18. The books will be donated to Re-Reads and Boys and Girls Club to ensure that everyone who comes to either organization can pick a book that they will enjoy. A book drop-off box will be located at the main entrance to the high school.
- **Internet Safety Training for Caregivers:** The South-Central Child Advocacy Center is offering free training for parents, caregivers, and anyone who would like to learn the dangers of internet access for youth. The topic will include the risks associated with various apps, video game chats, and websites. The training will be held on

Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The training will also be recorded the training for anyone who was not able to attend. Anyone who is interested in joining will need to register beforehand at this [Registration Link](#).

- **Amity High School Class of 2025 Bottle & Can Drive** will be in the high school bus loop between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 16. Please consider dropping off your returnable to help the class of 2025 offset costs of future expenses (junior and senior proms as well as senior picnic).

Notes from the Counseling Department

- **Attention Sophomores:** Our annual **Career Day** event is scheduled for Thursday, March 28th. Career Day provides all 10th graders the opportunity to visit with guest speakers during an extended period 2. At our next Spartan Seminar on March 13th, 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. [Click here](#) to view this year's guest speakers.
- **Attention Juniors:** The Amity High School **Spring College Fair** will be held on Monday, April 29, 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 is one week 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 see Mrs. Cocco or Mrs. Vallie.
- **Understanding Your Financial Aid Package-** To learn more about understanding your financial aid offers, please find some valuable information [here](#).
- **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](#).
- **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. Jobs are becoming available in our own BOWA. Please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center for more information.

- **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](#).
- **Naval Academy-Summer Seminar** offering an opportunity for **rising high school seniors** to experience the USNA for one week. Participants learn about life at the Academy, where academics, athletics, and professional training play equally important roles in developing our nation's future leaders. The Summer STEM Program is a great catalyst to initiate the pursuit of a future in science and engineering, open **to rising 9th graders, rising 10th graders, and rising 11th graders**. Summer STEM is an opportunity for participants to create, build, and explore world-class lab facilities, working alongside USNA's distinguished faculty and Midshipmen. Please see attached flyers for more details. **Applications for both the Naval Academy's Summer Seminar and Summer STEM program close on April 15.** If you or your students have any questions regarding the Naval Academy Summer Program, please contact the Academy directly at 410-293-1858 or go to their website at the USNA <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php>.

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 help 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> With the money raised we want to provide more funds for senior scholarships, awards for all grade levels and help the different clubs our students are involved in. Please reach out to us with any questions at arhsptso@gmail.com.
- **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 March 31 and receive a small Amity A decal sticker FREE!
- Visit our NEW Athletics Booster Club Sports Gear store! Click the link below to purchase your customized items today: 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 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!
- Amity A decal stickers are back! Email goamityspartans@gmail.com to order yours. 2 sizes available: large for \$5 each (4 inches wide by 2.5 inches high) and small (3 inches wide by 2 inches high) for \$3 each.

Community News

- **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>
- **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. Parents or family members may not nominate a relative. Nominations are due to Youth Services by April 8, 2024. 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 or call the office at 203-389-3429.
- **Red Cross Babysitter Training during Spring Recess-** 2 morning sessions Tuesday, 4/16/24 & Thursday, 4/18/24 in the Woodbridge Library Meeting Room. Must attend both days to receive certificate. Learn valuable information to start childcare or improve your skills. \$60 fee includes instruction, materials, and snack. Call 203-389-3429 or email: Npfund@woodbridgect.org. Payment and permission forms due by 4/12/24. Space is limited.
- **Student Community Service Opportunities:**
 - 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.

- Party Helpers- Friday, March 22, 2024, at Amity Middle School-Bethany-2:30 – 5:00 pm. Call Youth Services to help with food, games, tickets, etc. for 7th and 8th grade party.
- **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.
- **Suicide Prevention Virtual Trainings- QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) –** Sponsored by Alliance for Prevention and Wellness- 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](#)
- **Parent Trainings by South Central Child Advocacy Center re: Internet Safety and Internet Risks and Signs of Child Trafficking-** See website to register: <https://southcentralcacct.org/>

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