

## ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, March 22, 2024

Here is the recap of another busy and productive week at Amity:

- Spring sports pre-season practices started this week, so good luck to all of our spring season student-athletes!
- Our special schedule on Thursday went well, with our Seniors off-campus for the day to get their senior internship contracts signed, our Juniors taking the SAT, our Sophomores taking the Pre-ACT and signing up for their upcoming Career Day sessions, and our Freshmen participating in a series of activities for the day focusing on broadening their perspectives and exploring aspects of the Portrait of the Graduate in a series of group activities.
- The Third Marking Period ends today, and after teachers have had time to grade recent student work and update their grades, report cards will be available in just over a week. We only have one quarter of the year left, so this is a great time to have a conversation with your kids about their progress so far this year and setting goals to finish the year strong.

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### **Amity Happenings and Information**

- **Student Drivers – A message from the Woodbridge Police Department:** Woodbridge PD has received complaints recently about students parking on Meetinghouse Lane and in the Woodbridge Library parking lot throughout the school day recently. Please keep in mind that these are not meant to be long-term parking options, and students should not be using these as “unofficial” parking spots for the school day. Only students with valid ARHS parking permits should be driving to school, and they should be parking only in their assigned on-campus spots.
- **National English Honor Society Book Drive:** The NEHS is conducting a book drive for a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books for people of all age groups. The books will be donated to Re-Reads and Boys and Girls Club. A book drop-off box is 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](#).

## College & Career of the Week

The [University of Oklahoma](#) (UOK) is in Norman, Oklahoma, approximately 1,570 miles from the BOWA area. (Norman is located about 3 hours north of Dallas, Texas.) [Founded in 1890](#), UOK was established even before Oklahoma became a state. In addition to the main campus, there is a [satellite campus](#) in Tulsa, and a [Health Sciences campus](#) in Oklahoma City. About 22,000 students currently call UOK home and enroll in over 170 [majors/programs](#) within its [12 colleges](#). [Campus life](#) is very active with a multitude of [clubs](#), [recreational sports](#) and other [activities](#). There are 19 [NCAA-D1 athletic teams](#) sponsored by the “Sooners” who currently participate in the [Big 12 Conference](#), but **will be moving to the [Southeastern Conference](#) for ALL sports in the fall of 2024**. Estimated annual tuition, room and board for [out-of-state students is \\$46,633.00](#) (2023-2024). For more information, check out UOK’s [admissions website](#), check out this [brief introductory video](#) or watch the [Sooners Marching Band here](#).

“[Atmospheric scientists, including meteorologists](#) study, report on, and forecast the weather and climate”, (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022. [Atmospheric scientists, including meteorologists](#), work in laboratories, weather stations or media outlets and are required to have earned at least a bachelor's degree in meteorology or other related field. The average annual salary is \$83,780 with average job growth expected (4%) through 2032 (BLS, 2022). To learn more, please visit the following websites: the [American Meteorological Society](#), the [World Meteorological Organization](#), and the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#).

*Some colleges that offer programs in meteorology include:*

<a href="#">University of Oklahoma</a>	<a href="#">Western CT State Univ</a>	Plymouth State University
UMASS/Lowell	Vermont State University	Univ of Maryland/Coll Park
Penn State/Main Campus	University of Miami	Univ of California/Davis
Rutgers University	SUNY/Stony Brook	Embry Riddle/Daytona
U of N Carolina/Charlotte	Georgia Inst of Tech	SUNY/Env Sci & Forestry
SUNY/Albany	Kean University (NJ)	East Carolina University

*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 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<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.
- **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](#).

## 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!
- **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](mailto: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](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!
- Amity A decal stickers are back! Email [goamityspartans@gmail.com](mailto: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**

- **Thursday Game Nights at Clark Memorial Library in Bethany:** Clark memorial Library is establishing a new program to give teens and tweens space in the library and access to a variety of tabletop games on Thursdays from 3:30 – 6:30 pm. See the attached flyer for more details.
- **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>
- **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](http://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](mailto: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.
- **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/>

#### Attached Files

[Thursday Game Nights Flyer \(Color\).png](#)

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