

## **ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter, April 26, 2024**

Now that we are back from Spring Break, the weather has finally begun to get warm and sunny, and with only two more weeks before our Seniors leave for their internships and interest projects, it is finally starting to feel like spring at Amity! Now for some news from the week:

- The Amity Haven's Harvest team has received our donation totals for 2023...We kept **8301** lbs. of food out of the waste stream in 2023! This is more than double our 2022 total. The agencies receiving our food include: My Sisters Place (Ansonia), Abundance of Joy Learning Ctr (Ansonia), LEAP (New Haven), and Berger Apts (New Haven). The Haven's Harvest team will also be one of the exhibits at Woodbridge Earth Day this Saturday, informing the public about food waste in CT and our food rescue program at Amity.
- Congratulations to the 80 students who were inducted into the Chinese, Latin, French, and Spanish Honor Societies this afternoon!
- Congratulations to Cora Doucette, who won second place in the SCC Art Competition. She was up against fierce competition, as each of the 23 SCC schools had entered three pieces of student artwork in the competition.
- In other art competition news, Amity had four students place in the top ranks of the statewide AATSP Spanish language art competition, and all four will now go on to the national competition. Those student artists are Hand-drawn Category (Grades 9-12): 1st place: Cathy Lee, and 2nd place: Kathy Scully. Digital Category (Grades 9-12): 2nd place: Aditi Bhattamishra, and 3rd place: Jasir Zafar.

***Go Spartans!***

**Andre Hauser**

**Principal**

### **Amity Happenings and Information**

- **AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 SCHOOL BUDGET: DISTRICT MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 6, 2023:** On Monday, May 6, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Amity Regional High School, the Amity Board of Education (the "Board") will hold the Annual District Meeting on its proposed 2024-2025 budget. The agenda for the evening will consist of the Board's presentation explaining the increases and decreases to the budget. No vote will be taken at this meeting. A budget referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m.

and 8:00 p.m. and all registered voters in Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge are encouraged to participate. The following question will be placed on the ballot labels:

- SHALL THE AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25, IN THE GROSS AMOUNT OF \$56,456,652 AND THE NET AMOUNT OF \$55,272,025, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5?
- Voters approving said question shall vote "YES" and those opposing said question shall vote "NO."
- **Amity High School's Honor's-Level Ceramicists and Photographers** want to invite you to their annual showcase at the Main Street Gallery in Ansonia. Work will be ready for viewing the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The reception will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:30pm. We hope to see you there.

### **College and Career of the Week**

Our Career Center staff has spent most of their time this week preparing for next week's College Fair and taking care of last minute internship details for our Seniors, but the College & Career of the Week will return next week. In the meantime, please know that our annual College Fair will be held on MONDAY, APRIL 29th from 6:30 - 8pm. There will be over 85 colleges, trade schools and military representatives present to meet and speak with students and family members. Click here to see a [complete list of participants](#). Students may [register HERE](#) for the College Fair through Strivescan.

Other upcoming events sponsored by the Career Center include:

- [Environmental Career Day](#)\*\* - Wednesday, May 1st during lunch waves (\*\*in partnership with the Science Department)
- [CT State/Gateway Community College, Application Day](#) - Thursday, May 2nd (during lunch waves)
- [Guest Speakers/Public Health 101](#) - Thursday, May 2nd at 2:30pm in the Media Center
- Also, check out the [H.O.T. Careers](#) guide for Health Occupations & Technology Careers in Connecticut. Published by our local AHEC (Area Health Education Center), this website gives detailed information about great careers and more.

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

- **Attention Juniors: College Fair-MONDAY NIGHT!** The Amity High School Spring College Fair will be held in our main gymnasium this **Monday, April 29th from 6:30 - 8:00pm**. Approximately 90 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. Juniors are encouraged to

attend. Sophomores are welcome too. Students are asked to please register for a barcode before the fair at [www.StriveFair.com](http://www.StriveFair.com). Please see a list of colleges attending [HERE](#).

- Junior SAT Scores: Any Juniors who took the SAT in school on March 21 can now access their scores online by logging in to their College Board accounts.
- **Local College Fair coming to Bridgeport!** Southern Connecticut College & Career Fair will be held on April 30, 2024, at Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater in Bridgeport from 4:40pm-7:30pm. There will be 191 Colleges, Universities, Businesses and Military. This event is free and open to all high school students. A map and list of attendees can be found <https://www.ctcollegefair.com/event-map>.
- **Spring is here and volunteers are needed!** There are plenty of volunteer opportunities in all 3 towns. If you are interested in helping, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **Summer High School Intern Program:** General Dynamics Electric Boat is offering local high school juniors an 8-week PAID summer internship between June 26-August 18. Each intern must be 16 years of age and have completed their junior year of high school. Students must be a U.S. Citizen and meet Electric Boat employment requirements. Interns will work side-by-side with trained mentors who have years of shipbuilding experience. Interns will become employees of Electric Boat and union members for the duration of their summer internship. The following organizations will be accepting SHIP students: Groton Design, Groton Operations and Quonset Point Operations. For more details on this opportunity, please pick up application information from Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **Summer Employment for Students:** The Camp Argo Day Camp in Orange is looking for Camp Counselors, ages 15-18, over the summer. This camp is an outdoor recreational day camp located in Orange. Camp Argo is 8 weeks long starting June 17th to August 9th. Help is needed with activities such as fishing, canoeing, archery, rope courses, arts, and a wide range of sports. If interested, please see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center.
- **Understanding Your Financial Aid Package-**To learn more about understanding your financial aid offers, please find some valuable information [here](#).
- **Summer LAW Camp:** 2024 LAW Camp is a One Week Only camp from July 8, 2024 – July 12, 2024, in New Haven, CT from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. LAW Camp is FREE for accepted applicants! LAW Camp is a one-week, in-person summer camp sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. LAW Camp offers high school students a unique opportunity to learn about the legal profession and develop critical and analytical thinking skills. During the week-long day camp, attendees will hear from practicing lawyers or judges, observe court proceedings, receive advocacy training, and participate in a mock trial competition. There is no cost to attend LAW Camp. Applications and more information can be found [here](#).
- **Mystic Aquarium looking for volunteers:** Mystic Aquarium is once again offering local teens the opportunity to volunteer at Mystic Aquarium this summer. The

Blue Crew offers unique opportunities in the areas of guest relations, education & summer camps, and landscaping. For more information, check out their website: <https://www.mysticaquarium.org/footer/volunteer/>. Applications for this program are due on May 8th. If you have any questions, please contact [volunteer@mysticaquarium.org](mailto:volunteer@mysticaquarium.org).

- **Service Academy Night!** On *Friday, May 17, 2024, at 6PM*, the Connecticut Congressional Delegation will be holding its annual Service Academy Night for middle school students, high school students, and recent high school graduates who are interested in attending one of our nation's preeminent military academies – U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the U.S. Naval Academy. This is a great opportunity for rising juniors and seniors to meet with representatives from each of the academies. This event will also give students a chance to meet with the service academy coordinators/staff from each of the CT Congressional Offices to learn more about the nomination process in each office. The event will be held at the *East Hartford Cultural Community Center located in East Hartford, CT*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office directly at 860-549-8463. You may speak with Kathy Bass or Sarah Lopez regarding details.

### **Amity HS Athletics Booster Club**

- Join now and receive a FREE Amity Spartans “PROUD” yard sign! Delivered to you, while supplies last. <https://sites.google.com/amityschoools.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)
- 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.

### **Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Information**

- If you signed up to donate an item to the **College and Career Fair this Monday, April 29th** please remember to drop the items off at school by 4pm this Monday.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation week** is the week of May 6th. During that week we are celebrating our wonderful teachers and staff, please see the sign up genius below to donate your time or an item. Thank you in advance. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549A4AD22A0FD0-49019021-amity>
- A separate email will be sent out next week about **Graduation Balloons**.

### **Community News:**

- **Jamie Hully Arts Foundation Raffle:** The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation provides generous support to all Region 5 schools for arts programming throughout the year, and they are currently holding a raffle to help keep that possible. Please see the attached flyer for details about how to enter the raffle. And if you are curious about the impact the JHAF has on the schools, here is a partial list of the programs they have helped to make possible this year:
  - At the high school:
    - Sponsor of the recent library event featuring storyteller Matthew Dicks
    - Sponsor of a workshop for Amity Creative Theater students with the stars of the Broadway production of Mean Girls
    - Sponsor of the fall play Love/Sick
    - Sponsor of the spring musical Mean Girls
  - At AMSB
    - Sponsor fall play Frozen, Jr
    - Sponsor Spanish culture music workshop for students
  - At AMSO
    - Sponsor spring play, Finding Nemo, Jr
    - Sponsor Spanish culture music workshop for students
    - Sponsor Spanish culture dance workshop for students
    - Sponsor film/video production after-school program

#### Attached Files

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