

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We have reached the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and the end of March. At this point in year, a little bit of spring fever tends to enter the high school. On Thursday, we held our monthly homeroom to review some expectations, offer some announcements and issue important information to students in various grades. The reviewed expectations included reminding students to clean up after themselves in the cafeteria, getting to class on time, a reminder that all doors to the building are locked at 7:34 and to not open doors for anyone and being safe while walking and driving in the parking lot. The 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period ends on Monday and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades will be finalized/posted on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the grade-specific information (listed below), students were also informed of our upcoming PRIDE Week (April 22<sup>nd</sup>-April 26<sup>th</sup>) and Diversity Week (May 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>). Finally, we also shared the official announcement of the 2019 OBOA title via this YouTube [video](#), which was filmed during the whole-school Open Mic Night last Friday. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** On Monday, April 1, we will host the annual College Fair at Amity High School College Fair from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the AHS Gymnasium. This is a great way for students and parents to meet one-on-one with college admission decision-makers and answer questions about a particular institute. The college fair is free and open to the public. A tentative list of colleges attending can be found [here](#). Mark your calendars for a great night!

## **Happenings and Information**

**12<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship link is open:** Every year, Amity Regional High School is able to select 12<sup>th</sup> grade recipients for scholarships supported by members of the Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge communities. Approximately 100 scholarships are given to members of the senior class who demonstrate the attributes and characteristics described in each scholarship. We are happy to announce that the scholarship application is now available. The application deadline is April 10th at 3:00 PM. The instructions on how to access the Ecollect form can be found [here](#). Also, be sure to check scholarship listings in Naviance under the Scholarship tab.

**PSAs from 3/28 homeroom:** Unfortunately, the videos shared on Youtube did not have the correct setting during yesterday's homeroom; that problem has been rectified. The links have been shared through all of this week's Happenings Newsletters (community, faculty and students). Please click on each of the links to watch the short (32-65 seconds) videos: : "[Virtue](#)", "[The Pilot](#)", "[Your Identity](#)". Each of these videos was submitted to the School for Ethical Education's (SEE) 2018-19 *Academic Integrity* PSA Contest. "Your Identity" has been selected as one of the top submissions in this year's contest!

**11<sup>th</sup> grade prep for SATs on April 9<sup>th</sup>:** As part of our homeroom announcements on Thursday, Juniors were given the SAT Student Guide in preparation for the statewide SAT Testing day on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Any junior that did not receive a SAT Student Guide in homeroom today can get a copy from the Career Center. Also, as we approach the CT School Day SAT and AP testing, please note that Study Island has a fully updated series of lessons and practice tests for SAT, ACT, and AP that all students can access. [Click here for directions](#) on how to use Study Island.

**SAT Day Information:** All juniors will be taking the SAT as part of State-mandated Standardized testing on April 9<sup>th</sup>. There is no need to register as ARHS students are automatically registered. Students will be completed the pre-administration session in social studies classes on April 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students will need to report to school on time at 7:34 with a calculator and number 2 pencils. Students cannot be admitted late to testing. Students will be permitted to leave after testing at approximately 11:45 if they have a parent note. No electronic devices (phones, smartwatches, etc) are permitted in the testing room. As part of the CT SAT Test Day, students can elect up to 4

schools to receive free score reports. More information will be forthcoming in a separate email to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents.

**10<sup>th</sup> grade career fair information:** Students can sign up for speakers for our annual Career Day to be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> during session 2. Registration instructions were sent to all students via Google email. The deadline for sign ups is April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP): The next deadline for participating SSLP students is April 10th, 2019.** Students will need to verify that they watched the Safety Training Presentation and hand in a completed Approved Experiential Learning Program Agreement Contract. Site supervisors, parents, and the student will need to complete and sign one copy and return to the Career Center for final signatures and approval. In case of emergency, both the site and parent should have a completed copy of each form. See attachment. **NO EXCEPTIONS FOR MISSED DEADLINE.** Lynn Cocco, our SSLP Coordinator, is available to answer and assist students with all their SSLP questions. Please find a copy of the SSLP Contract [here](#). A sample copy of the contract is [here](#).

**Community Service Information for Seniors:** Seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer service during their high school career at Amity will be recognized at graduation for their service to the community. Each Senior will receive a certificate along with a special honor cord to be worn at graduation. All completed community service forms **must be handed no later than April 15th, 2019.** Seniors can find their accumulated hours in PowerSchool under Ecollect Forms. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.

### **Local Scholarship Opportunities:**

- The **Orange Community Women** are offering scholarships to any graduating senior who resides in Orange. The primary criterion for the selection is the recipient must have completed community service in the Town of Orange and show financial need. Scholarship awards range from \$300-\$500. Applications can be found in the Career Center. No applications will be considered after **April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**
- **Beth-Wood Baseball League** is awarding a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who resides in

Woodbridge or Bethany. Student must have participated as a Player or Umpire, enrolling in a two or four-year accredited College/University and someone who has made a positive contribution to their school and community. Click [here](#) for an application. **Application deadline is May 3, 2019.**

- The **Orange Little League** is offering a \$500 scholarship for a senior that resides in Orange, Woodbridge, or Bethany and previously either played, was Scorekeeper or Umpire for the Orange Little League. **Deadline to apply is April 19, 2019.** Applications are available in the Career Center.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**Annual Academy Night:** On **Wednesday, April 24, 2019**, the Connecticut Congressional Delegation will be holding our annual Academy Night for students and recent 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 students to meet with representatives and cadets/midshipmen from each of the academies. The doors will open at 4:30 PM. The program is scheduled to begin promptly at 5:00 PM at the MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center, 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

**Are you interest in Chemistry? The Sacred Heart University Chemistry Department** is offering a two-week summer program called Computational Drug Discovery Summer Science Experience. This program is offered to students entering grades 10-12. The classes will run from **August 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Mon.-Fri., 9:00am-4:00pm.** and will provide a high level pre-college introduction to the scientific, ethical and legal aspects of drug discovery and gain knowledge and skills using computer-aided drug design and modeling software. Students are admitted to the program on a competitive basis. For more information please see this [link](#).

**Journalism Summer Camp:** The Connecticut Health Investigative Team(C-HIT) is offering a one-week summer camp for students 16 or older. The C-HIT Summer Multimedia Workshops provide select high school students with the opportunity to develop investigative reporting, video and digital journalism skills in a unique learning environment led by distinguished local and

national journalists. For more details and an application please click [here](#) .

**2019 UConn Pre-College Summer Program:** Find out what it's like to be a UCONN student for 4 weeks! The Pre-College Summer Program at UConn offers rising high school juniors and seniors (class 2020 or 2021) the chance to study and live on their university campus. Please see their [website](#) for detailed information.

**Yale University ITS High School Internship:** The Yale Information Technology Systems Department has a Summer Internship Program that runs from early July to mid-August. This is a paid internship, and the experience is resume-worthy. Students must complete an application [online](#) by April 19, 2109. Students will be notified in May if they are selected to participate, after an interview in April. The following are the qualifying factors:

1. **Orange residents only**
2. **US Citizen**
3. **Students must demonstrate strong aptitude**
4. **Well rounded, enthusiastic learners**
5. **An interest in Information Technology**
6. **Must be at least 16 by July 1, 2019**

**Volunteers Needed:**

- The **Peck Place Elementary School** in Orange is celebrating their **50th Anniversary** and would like at least 10 volunteers to help with this event on **Friday, May 31, from 5-8 pm** with a rain date set for June 1 from 2-5 pm. Help will be needed with the many of the outdoor events on that evening. Past students of Peck Place are encouraged to help. If interested, students are asked to sign up in the Career Center.
- The **Woodbridge Child Center** on Meetinghouse Lane is looking for 3-4 students to help with outdoor clean-up of the child center playground. Please sign up in the Career Center by **April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

- The **Bethany Community Garden, Inc.** is looking for students to help with handicap beds going in in about two weeks that need to be filled with soil. They also would love to have a student that wants to volunteer on a regular basis to care for the food pantry garden. Students can choose their hours and no gardening experience is necessary. Please stop in the Career Center for more details.

**Free Community College Field Trip:** Amity High School will be offering a field trip to **Gateway Community College on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please see this [flyer](#) with details. **Permission slips will be available in the Career Center and must be returned by March 28<sup>th</sup>!**

## **Important Reminders**

**2019-2020 New Haven Magnet Program/Open Choice Information:** Please find information through the following attachments, in both Spanish and English, regarding the New Haven Magnet programs. If you would like more information on applying, please see this [link](#).

**Amity Efficiency Award:** Please click on this [link](#) for the student application for the Jack B. Levine Efficiency Award of Excellence. The deadline for applications this year is April 26, 2019. There will be one recipient from each school. Each awardee will each receive \$300 and recognition at the June Board of Education meeting. Click on this [link](#) for more details. Completed applications should be sent to me in the main office.

## **Athletics**

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for spring sports, please refer to the athletic department's website [here](#).

For a copy of next week's schedule, please click [here](#).

**Show Your Spartan Pride:** The Amity Athletics Booster Club is selling Yard Signs through March 22nd. Support our club and proudly display your pride for your Amity student(s); suitable for

ANY high school or middle school student. Please see this [announcement](#) for more information.

## **Community Happenings**

**Amity Adult & Continuing Education - Spring 2019:** The Amity Adult & Continuing Education program cordially invites you to check out our Spring 2019 online [catalog](#)! There are lots of courses to choose from! We have new courses in creativity, health and wellness, fitness, finance, specialty interests, spirituality and many more! View a full list of courses [HERE!](#) Log on today to view our catalog and sign up for one (or more) of our fun and informative courses! The Spring Session is starting now!

**Babysitting Basics:** This course is designed to equip youth with skills needed to be ready and to handle an emergency before and when it happens. We cover learning about being prepared, taking preventative safety measures to keep children safe, giving basic childcare, stopping the spread of infection, recognizing emergencies and what to do. In addition we explore leadership styles used when babysitting, first aid, CPR and AED. At the completion of the course each student will receive a certificate of completion. If interested and successfully pass the skills testing, each student will receive a certification card for CPR and First Aid. There is an additional \$25 fee, payable to the instructor, for CPR and first aid certification. Register online [here](#). Courses are offered on April 25th or June 18th.

**Driver's Education:** Driver's education begins April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students who wish to take Driver's Ed. must register before April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes begin April 3<sup>rd</sup> and are Monday's and Wednesday's after school, 2:50-4:50. Log on [here](#) to register.

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