

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We are one week away from the winter solstice and our December break, but the activity pace of Amity Regional High School continues to be high between academic commitments, athletic practices and competitions, artistic performances and installations and a continued focus on creating an inclusive school community. This week, students in some world language and English classes had the opportunity to hear from researchers from Yale University about “Linguistic Prejudice: Revealing our Implicit Biases about Language.” Students were able to learn about the work being done by these researchers and make connections with what they have been learning this year regarding implicit bias through Amity’s OBOA discussions and Day of Diversity programming. There have also been numerous food, clothing and gift drives held by clubs, classes and the PTSO. This has been a busy fall and is a busy time of year for everyone, particularly in the life of high school students. Once again this year, faculty have been asked to mindfully plan their workloads over the next few weeks so that they—and their students—are able to take an intentional break from work during the December school break. This time to rest, relax and reflect is imperative to restore the mind and the spirit. Please remind your children to take a deep breath and pace themselves over the next several weeks, so they can have some time to mentally recharge. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Anna N. Mahon

Principal

College and Career of the Week: This week’s college is [Bentley University](#), and the career of the week is [Accountant](#). Founded in 1917 as an accounting school, **Bentley University** recently celebrated its centennial as a top-ranked business university. According to Princeton Review’s 2019 data, Bentley ranks #1 for career services and #4 for internship opportunities. **Accounting** is often referred to as the “language of business”; people cannot make good decisions regarding any business without accurate financial information. Therefore, accountants prepare and inspect financial records. For more information, students can view the bulletin boards in the main hallway and in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff.

Happenings and Information

PTSO Donations Needed: Every holiday season the Amity High School PTSO supports a family in need from Bethany, Woodbridge and Orange. We are collecting monetary donations or gift cards to Walmart, Stop & Shop, Walmart, Savers, Old Navy, Bob's, Target and iTunes. Anything Elsa from Frozen or Power Rangers would also be appreciated. So that we can shop and meet the family’s needs in the best way possible, all donations can be sent into AHS main office by

Monday, December 17th.
Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Senior Service Learning Program Parent Informational Evening:
On **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30pm** in the Amity Senior High School Cafeteria, Lynn Cocco, the College and Career Counselor will be presenting the expectations and guidelines of the 2019 Senior Service Learning Program (generally referred to as the Senior Internship or SSLP) and the pilot-Senior Interest Project. **Parents are asked to attend if your senior is likely to participate in the May-June 2019 unpaid experiential learning program.**

PSAT Score Information: College Board released PSAT scores on December 11th. Students should log into their College Board accounts to access the detailed score reports. General test scores have been uploaded to student Naviance accounts. Please see this [link](#) for information from College Board. If you need assistance with accessing scores, please contact your child's school counselor. Next week's Spartan Seminar activity for juniors will focus around PSAT scores and how to link to Khan Academy for access to free resources.

December 21st Early Dismissal: Next Friday, December 21st, will be an early dismissal day with students being dismissed at 12:12. We will also be holding a special Spartan Seminar on that day to recognize students who have positive exemplars of the ARHS social and civic learning expectations throughout this fall through Spartan Seminar. The assembly will be live-streamed to all students and will be shared in next week's ARHS Community Happenings Newsletter.

Senior Happenings

Senior SSLP: The Senior Service Learning Program primary application window will be open starting January 2nd through January 18th, 2019. **This application will declare your intention to participate in the SSLP.** For additional information, all seniors should register for Remind101 SSLP updates through Remind.com. To register please text @sslp2019 to 81010.

Attention Seniors – By now, most of you have filled out the FAFSA form to apply for financial aid. In addition, **some colleges require** the [CSS Profile](#) form to be submitted as well.

Reminder for Seniors: Please go onto Mypayments Plus and purchase your cap and gown. The due date is December 31st. Also you must sign onto powerschool and complete the diploma name and cap and gown size order form. The directions for completing this are below. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Davis.

1. Students should log into Unified Classroom
2. Click on Quick Links on the left hand side page
3. Click on Portal Log in Page on the top
4. When the new tab opens up, choose ECollect forms

5. They need to choose "[Amity-AHS-Senior Survey-Mr. Davis](#)"

Notes from Counseling Department

SAVE THE DATE: The **USA Gap Fair** will be held at Conard High School, 110 Beechwood Road in **West Hartford, CT on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 6:00-8:30pm**. This is an incredible FREE opportunity to learn about a number of life-changing gap year programs from all around the world! . This fair will provide students with a broad exposure to Gap Year Programs and the opportunity for face-to-face conversations with professionals in the field. Many of these programs also offer summer opportunities for students. For more information and to register, please visit this [link](#).

ASVAB Career Exploration Program: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. The ASVAB will be administered at Amity High School on **Wednesday, February 4, 2019 beginning at 8:00AM** to interested sophomores, juniors and seniors. **We will ask the students to arrive at 7:34AM**. If your child takes the ASVAB, they do not have any obligation to the US Armed Services. It is a comprehensive battery that will look at ability, along with interests to explore possible career choices. For more information, please contact Lynn Cocco in the Career Center at lynn.cocco@amityregion5.org or you child's school counselor. It is recommended that students prepare for the test; student can access the free ASVAB [practice test](#).

Hamden Adult Education: The next registration for Semester 2 for the Hamden Adult High School Credit Diploma Program will be held Monday, Dec. 17 through Wednesday Dec. 19, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Hamden High School, in Rm. D-107. Eligible students must be at least seventeen years of age and be officially withdrawn from high school. Please *call their office at (203) 407-2028 to make an appointment*.

Yale Summer Program: The Yale Young Global Scholars Program is offering a summer academic enrichment and leadership program for outstanding high school students from around the world. The YYGS offers nine sessions at Yale's Campus in New Haven and one session in Beijing, China. Admission to the program is very selective and is offered to sophomores and juniors only. **The application deadline is February 6, 2019 at 11:59 PM**. For additional information, please **visit the [website](#)**.

Community Service Postings: To be updated on community service opportunities sign up for the Remind notifications by texting @amityserve to 81010 to register. Community service opportunities are also posted on a bulletin board in the Career Center. We have blank forms to be signed at your service sites and all hours are to be logged into PowerSchool/Unified Classroom before submitting to our office. See Mrs. Vallie or Mrs. Cocco with questions.

Important Reminders

Speak-Up Reminder: Parents and students can help stop intolerant and inappropriate behavior by using our anonymous “Speak Up” system to report any bullying, drug possession, crime, and other school or community safety concerns by calling or texting 203-404-6740. There is also a link on the District 5 [website](#).

Athletics

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

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

For a copy of this past week’s results, please click [here](#).

Community Happenings

Substitutes needed: Please see this [memo](#) for information about becoming a substitute for the Amity Regional School District #5.

Amity Enterprises and FBLA Club: In a collaboration between the Amity Future Business Leaders of America Club and the Amity Manufacturing class, a wide range of products will be sold through Amity Enterprises. Amity Enterprises offers a variety of products that will lighten up any home with all sorts of customizations available with custom lettering and fonts. These products will be great for any home or they can also be a gift for the holidays. You can view the products and find information on how order by navigating to this [link](#).

Support the high school newspaper: The Trident is Amity's independently run student newspaper that is published once a month and consists of articles written by students about events in the Amity community. The cost of publishing is covered by advertisements that are printed in the paper, so if you are a business owner or know a business owner that would be interested in taking out an advertisement, please contact the editorial staff (amitytridentnewspaper@gmail.com). Ads come in a variety of sizes and prices, and to check out past editions, please visit [this website](#)!

Student Government Clothing Drive: The Amity student government will be running the annual clothing drive from January 2nd through February 14th. Over the years support has been second to none. Please take a moment over winter break to clean out those closets and drawers. All clothing in good shape is accepted.

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