

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

Over the past week and a half, our country has continued to respond to the horrific tragedy that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. Our very own student government has written a community letter and created a Google form for students to send personal notes to the student body of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to indicate our well wishes and solidarity as a community. I am inspired by our students' actions and filled with hope about our local community. As was mentioned last week, being communicative and empathetic are the two most important characteristics for the safety and solidarity of our school and larger community. As Coretta Scott King once said, **"Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated."** We are committed to continuing to highlight our core values throughout this year, including this month's core value of **RESPECT**. Our student body and faculty have demonstrated respect through actions, behaviors, and activities, including the amazing clothing drive sponsored by student government, the Unified Theater production held earlier in February, our continued work in classrooms to share the responsibility of learning with students, and the empowerment of our student-athletes not only through our athletic events, but also through our Class Act Sportsmanship Council, who created this [video](#) for the CIAC Battle of the Fans contest. Thank you for your continued support, empathy, and communication; by working together we can become a stronger and even more successful community. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

*Anna N. Mahon*

Principal

**College and Career of the Week:** This year the Career Center will highlight a complementary career and college of the week. This week the career is [Military Career](#) and the college is [Norwich University](#). Students will receive an e-mail that details aspects of the varying careers and colleges. Students can also view the bulletin boards in the Career Center and/or speak with the Career Center staff for details.

## **Happenings and Information**

**Jack Levine Efficiency Award Application:** Does your child have an idea on how the high school or district can save money or be more efficient? If so, please encourage him/her to apply for the annual Jack Levine Efficiency Award. More information can be found [here](#) and the application can be found [here](#).

**March Parent University:** Please join us for an important presentation on school safety and security at 6:30 on March 6<sup>th</sup> in the Brady Center at Amity Regional High School.

## **Senior Happenings**

**Community Service Reminder:** All seniors who have completed at least 100 hours of community service over the four years at Amity will be recognized on graduation day, only if all community forms are handed in by **April 2, 2018**. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your service hours, please email Mrs. Vallie at [paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us) or stop by the Career Center.

**Yale Pathways to Science College Decision Panel, 2/24:** As college acceptance letters trickle in, you will need to decide which college to attend next fall. Join Yale STEM Mentors at Yale on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm for their fourth annual College Decision Panel. Graduate student panelists will share their personal experiences from a variety of different academic environments (small school vs. large public school, commuting vs. staying on campus, etc). See the attached flyer for more information. Free parking is available at the Yale Ingalls Ice Rink and a light lunch will be provided. Registration required [here](#).

## **Local Scholarship Opportunities:**

- **Orange Youth Services Program** is awarding three \$500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Orange. Students must have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement and participation in extra-curricular activities while attending Amity. Scholarship applications will be available at the Community Services Office in the High Plains Community Center at 525 Orange Center Road in Orange. Office hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday

through Friday. The application deadline is Friday, May 15, 2018.

- **Orthopaedic Specialty Group Education Foundation** is offering six \$2,500 scholarships to students residing in the New Haven County pursuing post-secondary training (four-year or advanced degree) in a musculoskeletal care related field. To apply please refer to this [site](#) and scroll down to “**Educational Grants**” for criteria and application details. Submission deadline is Friday, May 4, 2018.
- **Association of Connecticut Fairs Scholarship** is awarding three \$1,000 scholarships to a seniors or a current college students. The applicant must have been an active participant or exhibitor in the Orange Country Fair, have an excellent academic standing, financial need or shown citizenship and leadership. Please apply by May 15, 2018. Applications are available in the Career Center.
- **Beth-Wood Baseball League** is offering a one-time \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who has participated as a Player or Umpire. Please pick up your application in the Career Center or log onto [bethwoodpres72@gmail.com](mailto:bethwoodpres72@gmail.com). Application deadline is May 5, 2018.

The **Waterbury Campus of The University of Connecticut** is offering numerous scholarships for entering students. Students can only access the scholarship if they have applied for admission to UConn-Waterbury. They do not need to have been admitted, but they will need a netID, which they will receive after applying to the University. To access the New Student Scholarships, go [here](#). The deadline for the application and recommendation form has been extended to Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. For questions, please contact Stuart Brown at [Stuart.Brown@uconn.edu](mailto:Stuart.Brown@uconn.edu).

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

**For juniors-Spring SAT Information:** All juniors will be taking the SAT during the school day on March 21, 2018 as part of the State of Connecticut SAT School Day. Students will report to testing rooms at the beginning of school and test through session 4. Students may be dismissed with a parent note at the conclusion of testing. Please see the [this](#) parent letter from the Connecticut State Dept. of Education for more information.

**Save the Date!! Career Fair:** Amity High School will be hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Career Fair on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.. Are you interested in volunteering to give insight to our students about

your career or job? We are looking forward to providing a variety of career clusters to our students. Please contact Paula Vallie or Karen Waterman in the Career Center: 203-397-4836 or at [paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us) or [Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us)

**Upcoming College Fair:** The annual **Amity High School College Fair** will be held **Monday, March 26, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:00pm** in the AHS Gymnasium. We have approximately 100 institutions signed up and more adding every day. 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 and open to the public. A complete list of colleges/universities attending will be posted soon!

**Housatonic Community College Field Trip:** The Career Center is planning a field trip for interested juniors and seniors to Gateway Community College on Thursday, March 8th. If you feel your 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade child would benefit from this field trip, please contact [Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:Karen.waterman@reg5.k12.ct.us).

## **Athletics**

**Athletic Department Website:** For all information regarding practice and athletic schedules for winter sports, please refer to the athletic department's website [here](#). Good luck to all of our winter teams who have begun their post-season competitions!

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

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

## **Community Happenings**

**Community Service Texts:** If your child is interested in learning about upcoming community service opportunities, please have them sign up for Remind notifications from the Career Center. Please have your child **text the message "@amityserve" to 81010**. When the Career Center hears about a community service opportunity, we will share it with our service-minded students.

**OBOA Fundraiser and Community Event:** Amity's very own OneBookOneAmity community read program will be hosting a

fundraiser at Seymour Cinemas next Wednesday. Come see the new blockbuster release of this past year's title *every day*. More information can be found [here](#).

**Amity Creative Theater Spring Musical Tickets!:** Tickets are on now on sale for the Amity Creative Theater production of the Broadway comedy the *Addams Family Musical*. Tickets can be purchased online at the [website](#). This show will sell out! Get yours today!

**Support Amity Creative Theater:** Do you have a local business? Support the Amity Creative Theater and purchase an ad in our AmityBill program. Your ad will be out in the hands of 3600 residents of the Amity Community. We have ads of all sizes. Go to the [website](#) and click the advertising tab.

**Summer Opportunity:** The **FBI of New Haven and Yale University Police Department** will be conducting their third annual Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy (FLEYA). The FLEYA will conduct a week-long law enforcement and legal training camp for selected youth throughout Connecticut. This overnight camp is open to youth from ages 15 to 18 years old. Student applications and instructions for FLEYA can be found [here](#). Applications will be accepted through April 6, 2018.

The **American Legion Department of Connecticut State Police** is offering a law enforcement practicum for high school students completing their JUNIOR YEEAR in 2018. The summer program will The program will be held at the State Police Training Academy in Meriden, CT, from Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more information, please stop in the Career Center.

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