

## ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



Throughout the last month, our nation, state and local community have all been witnessing a surge of youth public expression. While much of the media attention has been about student activism, Amity Regional High School faculty and staff have been intentionally focusing on increasing opportunities for students to take ownership of their learning and express themselves for the past year and a half. Our mission statement speaks to helping students develop into active members of society and our core values and beliefs highlight the foundational importance of such things as fairness, respect, passion and communication. I have been particularly impressed with how involved our students have been in the efforts to make our school community and our larger community better places to live and work. Whether it is organizing new school dances to benefit the homeless, working with students from elementary schools to inspire them to focus on their education or organizing a community action that showcases student voice in an impactful way, our students have made our mission statement a living document. We continue to have work to do, but the stage has been set and we are on our way to creating the “just society” we all hope for our children. 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 [Creative Writer & Authors](#) and the college is [Oberlin College & Conservatory](#). 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

**RESCHEDULED-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night:** Parents of current 8th grade students are strongly encouraged to attend an

informational session on **March 20<sup>th</sup>** (second snow date) at 6:30 pm beginning in the main gymnasium as the high school. Amity High School administrators will provide an overview of the transition, credit requirements and supports offered at the high school. Department Chairs will be available to present courses and overview curricula for their various departments. Parents will also have a chance to see the facility during tours led by members of the National Honors Society. The event will conclude no later than 8:00pm.

**March 21<sup>st</sup> is Spring SAT Day for Juniors:** 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/guardian note at the conclusion of testing (Around 11:45). This will be a regular full day of classes for all other students. Please see [this webpage](#) for more information from the Connecticut State Dept. of Education.

**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 can be found [here](#).

## **Senior Happenings**

**Senior Service Learning Program:** Many seniors are going through the process of finding a Senior Service Learning Program (SSLP) site. The deadline for safety training, selecting a site, and the completed Commitment Contract is Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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 1, 2018. If you have any questions regarding community service, please stop by the Career Center.

## **Local Scholarship Opportunities:**

- The **Amity Charitable Trust Fund**, established by the Amity Club of New Haven, is awarding scholarships to Orange and Woodbridge seniors who will be attending college in the fall. This scholarship is based on your SAT and GPA scores. Applications must be submitted by **March 31, 2018**. All applications are available in the Career Center.
- The **Orange Scholarship Fund** is available to all Orange students entering college in the fall. Criteria includes, financial need and leadership. The application deadline is **April 15, 2018**. Applications are available in the Career Center.

## **Notes from Counseling Department**

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**Save the Date!! Career Fair:** Amity High School will be hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Career Fair on Friday, April 27th at 8:30a.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)

**Local Event:** On **Wednesday, April 25, 2018**, the **Connecticut Congressional Delegation** will be holding an 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. In addition, there will be representatives from several collegiate ROTC programs, the National Guard, and

the Military Reserves who will be able to discuss other paths to military service and commissioning programs for aspiring military officers. **The doors will open at 5:30 PM. The program is scheduled to begin promptly at 6:00 PM at the MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center, 375 Smith Street, Middletown, CT.** If you have any questions, please call 860-549-8463.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Volunteers are needed for the **Cinco K deMayo Road Race, which will take place at the High Plains Community Center in Orange on Sunday, April 29, 2018.** If you are interested in helping, please email Carol Smullen at [director@orangectchamber.com](mailto:director@orangectchamber.com).
- The **Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven (JCC) in Woodbridge** will be hosting their “**Mitzvah Day**” on **Sunday, March 18, 2018** from 10:00am to 5:00pm. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please register on their [website](#).
- New to our community is **Camp Argo**, a non-profit outdoor, recreational day camp program at Camp Cedarcrest in Orange from June 18<sup>th</sup>-August 10<sup>th</sup>. Camp Argo is seeking volunteer camp counselors to help teach and mentor campers ages 4-14yrs, also to work alongside those campers on the Autism Spectrum. If you are interested in volunteering as a camp counselor, a sign-up booth will be set up during the Strawberry Festival at High Plains Community Center on Saturday, June 10, 2018. Please log on to their [website](#) for more information.

### **Important Reminders**

**2018-2019 School year:** We are beginning to plan for scheduling for the 2018-2019 school year. The Program of Studies is now available online. You can find the link [here](#).

### **Athletics**

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

## **Upcoming Schedule:**

- The Amity Boys Basketball Team will compete on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the State Basketball Championship. This is the first time in school history that the team has made it to the championship! Buy your tickets [here](#)!
- The Amity Boys Swimmers will compete in the State Open Championship on Saturday at Yale.

**Results:** Congratulations to all of our winter teams and winter season athletes. Awesome job, Spartans!

## **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.

**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](#). 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 [website](#) and click the advertising tab.

**AMSO Presents *The Music Man, Jr*:** Come support the budding thespians of Amity Middle School-Orange in their rendition of *The Music Man, Jr*. Shows are the weekend of March 23rd. Tickets may be purchased [here](#).

**Advertise Job Opportunities:** If you are a business owner or looking for a student to hire, contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center to advertise. The Career Center posts job openings for our students to investigate. Paula Vallie, phone: 203-397-4836 or [paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:paula.vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us)

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