

ARHS HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER



We are winding down the first quarter and it is amazing to reflect on all that has happened so far at ARHS. Throughout the first few months of school, our students and staff members continue to “go the distance” and live our core values and beliefs. Throughout September we considered integrity as we prepared to focus in classes and honor the integrity of the institution and community of which we are a part. Throughout October we have inspired one another to be our best selves, set goals and identify those goals through visual representations of vision boards in Spartan Seminar. In November we will celebrate collaboration and service through various programs and school events. The ARHS community is not only founded on the core values and beliefs, we are working to make them a part of our lifestyles...everyday. Have a great 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 [Audiologist](#) and the college is [East Tennessee State 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

Halloween costumes: As per school rules, if any student intends to dress up for Halloween during the school day, we ask that the costume not include a mask.

Special Programming in November: As an FYI, there will be a few days with special programming in November, including November 6th with the David Levithan, author of the OBOA book *Everyday*, visiting the school to address the student body, school-wide Veterans' Day programming on November 10th and a special program day on November 22nd (the day before Thanksgiving). With the exception of November 22nd, these special programs will not disrupt more than 1 period of classroom time. Regular period

and daily attendance will be recorded for all school days, including any special programming.

Change of time for November PTSO Meeting: The November PTSO meeting will be on November 9th at 6:00 in the library, instead of the previously scheduled 7:00 start time. At this meeting we will discuss, among other things, a summary of the fall school climate survey results for parents, students and teachers. The Faculty Follies fundraiser will begin at 7:00 on the same night in the Brady Center.

Senior Happenings

Attention seniors-first quarter grades: If you would like first quarter grades to be sent to colleges, you must fill out a form in the Counseling Office. We will plan to send out first quarter beginning the week of November 13th, according to the college deadlines.

SCSU Field Admission Day: [Southern Connecticut State University](#) will hold a Field Admission Day at Amity Regional High School on Tuesday, November 14th. Interested seniors may meet with an SCSU admission representative. SCSU admission representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply to Southern Connecticut via the [Common Application](#) by November 7th. Interested seniors should speak with school counselors or see Ms. Salemme in the Counseling Center to schedule a meeting.

Here are the criteria which SCSU shared. If you do not fit into this criteria please speak with your school counselor:

- College Prep courses or higher
- 2.7 GPA or higher
- At least a 980 SAT or a 19-21 ACT score
- Have SCSU as a top 3 choice

UNH Field Admission Day: [University of New Haven](#) will hold a Field Admission Day at Amity Regional High School on Monday, December 11th. Interested seniors may meet with a UNH admission's representative on-site. UNH admissions representatives will review completed applications and provide on-the-spot admission notifications. Students must apply through [The Common Application](#) by December 4th. Interested seniors are asked to speak school counselors or see Mrs. Vallie in the Career Center to schedule a meeting.

Here are the minimum criteria that UNH shared. If you do not meet these criteria, please speak with your school counselor:

- 2.7 GPA
- 980 new SAT

College Visits: Each week, throughout the fall season, Amity High School hosts representatives from many colleges throughout the country. These representatives are available to share information about their institutions and discuss the admissions process with our juniors and seniors. A list of schools visiting Amity can be found on Naviance or [here](#). If a student is interested in attending any of these info sessions, please register on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Career Center. Students are provided excused absences from class to meet with representatives. Please see a list of colleges [here](#).

Paying for College: The college financial aid process can be overwhelming. The Office of Higher Education State of Connecticut has offered a guide explaining the financial aid process, the types of financial aid available to Connecticut students and links to other sources of information. Please find a wealth of information through this [link](#).

Local Scholarship Opportunity: Big Y Foods: In tribute to both its employees and its customers, Big Y offers an annual scholarship program. This program offers over 300 scholarships each year totaling \$250,000. Big Y scholarships recognize academic merit and achievement and are awarded to the most academically outstanding students in the Big Y area. In addition, there is a scholarship program to commemorate Big Y's 50th Anniversary, which recognizes the contributions in the area of Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters, and a category acknowledging the tremendous sacrifices made by the Military Service Members and their families. All applications, together with required supporting documents, must be submitted by **February 1, 2018**. Applications are available in the Career Center.

Notes from Counseling Department

Naviance Parent Workshop: Parents who want to learn more about Naviance Family Connection may come to the Naviance Family Connection Parent Workshop on Thursday, October 19th at either 7:30 am or 2:30 pm in computer lab room 501. College and Career Counselor, Karen Waterman, will walk parents through the benefits of Naviance. To sign up, please contact Paula Vallie in the Career Center at 203-397-4836 or by email at Paula.Vallie@reg5.k12.ct.us

Important Reminders

First Marking Period & Report Cards: The first marking period will end on Wednesday, November 1. Teachers will soon begin entering final MP1 grades in PowerSchool. Please note that grades will not be finalized for the first marking period until Wednesday, November 8.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 16 and Wednesday, November 29 between 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM and on Wednesday, December 6 between 12:45 PM and 2:45 PM. Information about scheduling parent/teacher conferences using our computerized, on-line, scheduling system will be emailed to all parents by Wednesday, November 8.

Underclassmen Photo Make-Ups and Re-Takes: Underclassmen photo make-ups and re-takes will be taken in the district presentation room from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, November 1st**. If your child still needs to have his or her school photo taken or would like to have it retaken, he/she should go to the district presentation room during a study hall period if possible. If your child does not have a study hall during periods 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7, he/she should see Mr. Clark or Mr. Gaipa to obtain a pass before the end of the day on Tuesday, October 31st. All students desiring a re-take will need to return their original photo package, including all photos. There is a also \$5 re-take fee. Checks should be made out to Robert Taylor Photography.

Athletics

Winter Sports Meeting: There will be an important winter sports information meeting for all potential parents and student-athletes on Thursday November 2nd at 6:30pm in the main gym. Mandatory informant and try out information will be given. Meet our coaches!

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

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

ARHS Student Fundraiser: On Saturday 10/27, Amity HS students are hosting a bake sale at the Stop & Shop on Amity Road from 9:00-2:00. If you're out shopping, please stop by our table.

Milestone C Spring Semester @ ARHS: This a groundbreaking after-school aerospace program that runs for roughly 14-weeks. Students learn about aeronautical engineering, flight and more while honing their collaborative and problem-solving skills. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information on the program and how to register. Classes begin in January, 2018.

Fundraising for Logan Testa: A member in our community has been diagnosed with multiple tumours. We are asking student groups (teams, clubs, and organizations) to help fundraise for the Testa family, possibly collect travel supplies/ books/ videos for Logan, or send cards. Any and all ideas would be great. Please contact ARHS Club Council if you may be able to support fundraising efforts through Mr. Barretta at frank.barretta@reg5.k12.ct.us.

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