

AMITYVILLE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

THE RISING TIDE

SUCCESS FOR ALL NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE COMES TO AMHS...

"There is no more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread."

~ Mother Teresa

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America.

Powerful video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy holds students spell-bound during a one-hour school presentation that motivates them to positively change the way they treat others. The assembly creates the desire for positive changes within our students. The training session teaches the "how to" and ensures that the positive impact will continue in all that our students do on a daily basis.

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE AT AMHS

November 13, 2008

Grades 9 - 12 8:00AM - 9:00AM

Grades 10 - 11 9:30AM - 10:30AM

EVENING COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY - 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ AMHS AUDITORIUM

IMPORTANT DATES:

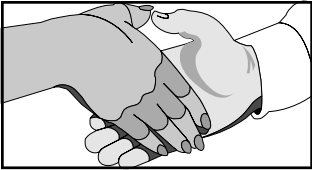
- *November 4th - School Closed for Students*
- *November 6th - APTC General Mtg., 7pm @ PAMES*
- *November 7th - End of 1st Marking Period*
- *November 11th - Veterans Day - Schools Closed*
- *November 13th - Rachel's Challenge, Evening Presentation, 7PM*
- *November 13th Making College Count/Financial Planning, 7PM*
- *November 18th - Parent/Guardian Teacher Conferences, 7PM*
- *November 21 - 22 - Awareness Weekend*
- *November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving Break, Schools Closed*
- *December 2nd - Fall Sports Awards, 7PM*
- *December 4th - APTC General Mtg., 7PM @ EWMMS*
- *December 5th - APTC Holiday Sing-Along, 7PM, Location TBD*
- *December 16th & 18th - Winter Concerts, 7PM*
- *December 24th—January 2nd - Schools Closed*

"I Accept Rachel's Challenge!"

1. Eliminate Prejudice by Looking for the Best in Others
2. Dare to Dream - Set Goals - Keep a Journal
3. Choose your influences - input determines output
4. Kind Words - Small Acts of Kindness = HUGE impact
5. Start a Chain Reaction with family & friends

The collage also includes a photograph of students gathered around a table, signing a large banner that reads "ACCEPT RACHEL'S CHALLENGE". A small image of a diary is also visible in the top right corner of the collage.

PARENT/GUARDIAN TEACHER NIGHT - NOVEMBER 18TH



TOGETHER we can work to ensure that your child meets with success

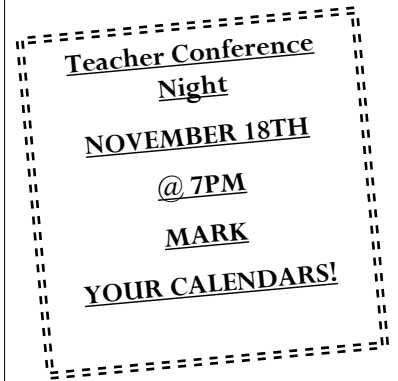
On November 18th, we will be hosting our Parent/Guardian Teacher Night. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers on an individual basis. You will be able to get more detailed information on their progress from the individual teachers.

Here are some helpful tips:

- ⇒ Make sure you attend.
- ⇒ Introduce yourself.
- ⇒ Take notes to share with your child.

We encourage you to put this date in your calendar. Knowing your child's teachers will help you better understand what is required to be successful at AMHS.

Please join us!



HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION A SUCCESS



AMHS celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 - October 15.

Activities included reading over the PA announcements of famous Hispanic-Americans, cultural aspects, and a sampling of Hispanic foods.

Our celebration culminated with our 1st Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration that took place on October 6th at 8PM. We celebrated the various Hispanic cultures and music. We enjoyed each others company and made new friends.



HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR STUDENTS

www.methodtestprep.com - SAT Prep site can be accessed through the AMHS Guidance website

www.factchecked.org - Helps students become savvy media consumers able to evaluate the "truth" behind information posted on the world wide web.

www.regentsprep.org - A wonderful site loaded with past Regents exams from all content areas. This is a must-see for all student seeking to improve their Regents scores.

*SENIOR MURAL
CLASS OF 2009*



Have a great day!



HOMECOMING 2008...SUCCESS



Homecoming Queen & King

Spirit Week, the Pep Rally, the Homecoming Parade, and the football games were all a great success!

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Homecoming Celebration!



**WARRIOR PRIDE
LIVES**



Cheerleaders Lead the Parade



TALK TO YOUR TEEN ABOUT ALCOHOL

Finding the right words when you want to discuss alcohol use with teenagers can be difficult. Get started by letting your teens know how drinking alcohol can put them at risk:

- ⇒ “Drinking alcohol slows reaction time and impairs judgment...many bad decisions are made under the influence of alcohol.”
- ⇒ “If you drink, you’re more likely to get in a fight, get mugged, or worse.”
- ⇒ “Teenagers who drink often have more problems at school. Bad behavior or grades could affect your future.”
- ⇒ “It’s against the law to drink before you’re 21 years old. If you get arrested, it could go on your permanent record.”

Remember, it also can be difficult for teens to know how to refuse an offer from friends who want to drink. Try discussing ways to handle peer pressure. Saying “No” simply and quickly is the best way for teens to control the conversation. Here are some other short phrases that your teen can use:

- ⇒ “Drinking isn’t my thing.”
- ⇒ “No, thanks.”
- ⇒ “I don’t feel like it.”

When parents/guardians talk, it may not seem that their teens are listening, BUT they are. Talking OPENLY about alcohol today may help make it easier for your teen to come to you with other concerns later.

**AMITYVILLE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION**

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PLEASE VISIT US!



WARRIOR PRIDE

MARINE SCIENCE CLASS KAYAKS THE BAY

Students from Mrs. Weber's Marine Science class met at The Dinghy Shop on South Bayview Avenue in Amityville for a truly experiential trip. The proprietor of The Dinghy Shop, Mr. Jim Koehler, organized a double-pronged trip for the students. All students were outfitted with safety gear and fitted for their own kayaks. The kayak guides instructed the students on proper and safe kayaking techniques. The students gained valuable lifetime experience in a hobby that they can enjoy for the rest of their lives. This was followed by a 1/2 hour lesson on the ecology of the Great South Bay and some of the native marine life.



The students then set out across the bay to one of the many islands - a 30 minute paddle south. The marine science instruction continued on the island as Jim Koehler and his guides are experts on the local marine life native to our bays. The students enjoyed the return paddle back to The Dinghy Shop. We want to thank Mr. Jim Koehler for his support of our students!



**Students & Mr. Hutch
Explore the Bay**



PROJECT WISDOM...BUILDING CHARACTER ONE DAY AT A TIME

ALL THAT MATTERS

You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.

~ Gandhi

It can be difficult to do the right thing, especially when no one is looking. It can be especially difficult when we don't see the point. What difference will it make? I'll certainly never see the results, at least not in my lifetime. But as Gandhi says, all that doesn't matter. All that matters is that we do the right thing.

With something to think about.....this is Dr. Andrews.

"Project Wisdom"