

TO: Senior Parents
FROM: Pat Lichty and Gail Wellenstein, Senior Class Moderators
DATE: November 4, 2009
RE: Important Dates and Senior Activities

Parents, please read the following very carefully, as there is a lot of information to communicate with you. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Lichty at plichty@am-hs.org.

CAPS/GOWNS/ANNOUNCEMENT ORDERS

Friday, November 6 National Achiever will meet with seniors to explain the
10:50 a.m., Gym ordering process and offerings.

Monday, November 16 National Achiever will take graduation orders.
& Tuesday, November 17
2nd lunch, Cafeteria

Please note: If your student is just ordering a cap and gown, there is no charge as that cost has been **included** in the contractual \$200 graduation fee parents pay to AMHS (due in February). However, if seniors want to order graduation announcements and other senior memorabilia, they must pay for these. **Please think about the number of family and friends that you would like to send graduation announcements to and let your senior know how many graduation announcements to order.**

If the cost of your order is less than \$60, you must pay in full at the time you place your order. If the order is more than \$60, you may make a \$60 deposit and pay the remainder when the order is delivered. You may pay by check, VISA or MC.

SENIOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Friday, November 20
8:55-9:35, AMHS Cafeteria

The Senior Pancake Breakfast has been planned as a fun event to promote class unity. Cats' Crew is supporting the function. If you would like to assist in this event, please contact Cathy Kouchakji at cakouchakji@gmail.com. Help is needed in the following areas: supply purchase; food prep; servers; and clean up.

In addition, Cathy would like to put up a bulletin board with pictures of AMHS seniors at ages 0-5. The students will have a fun time trying to identify their classmates. If you would like to participate, please send a color copy (will not be returned) to Cathy c/o the main office or e-mail a picture to her.

If you would like to help with these activities, please contact Cathy by Monday, November 9th. This is a great way to provide service hours and to celebrate senior year with your senior!

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT and REQUIRED FORMS

Wednesday, December 2

7:00 p.m., AMHS Cafeteria Fran Henderson, a financial aid counselor at Seattle University, will discuss changes in the new **FAFSA** and answer questions about the application and award processes for financial aid at public and private institutions. Loans and scholarships will also be discussed.

Please note: College scholarship and financial aid information is provided on the counseling page of the AMHS website. There are links to the scholarship list and to the Senior-Junior Parent College Night 2009 packet (see pages 6 and 30-32).

FAFSA: Please be aware that even if you think you will not qualify for **federal grant aid**, there are reasons to complete the FAFSA. If you are interested in obtaining **federal loans** (subsidized or unsubsidized) you **must submit** a FAFSA. In addition, most colleges and universities **require** you to submit a FAFSA in order to be considered for **institutional aid** (grants and scholarships awarded by the colleges). See pages 6 and 30 of the Senior-Junior Parent College Night 2009 packet.

PROFILE: In addition to the FAFSA, some colleges and universities require the CSS PROFILE, another financial aid form developed by the College Board. Check the website of colleges where your student is applying to see what financial aid forms are required and to check the priority deadlines for submission. See pages 31-32 of the Senior-Junior Parent College Night 2009 packet.

Deadlines: Submit the FAFSA electronically as soon as possible **after** January 1, 2010. Get a head start on completing the form by using the **FAFSA4caster**. When the 2010-2011 FAFSA is posted, you can easily transfer the information from the FAFSA4caster: (www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov).

If your student is applying to colleges that require the PROFILE, submit it **as soon as possible**, but no later than two weeks before the **earliest** priority filing date specified by the colleges your student is applying to.

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, November 20 Yearbook Ads Due. This is the first reservation date. Prices go up after this date. See the "Class of 2010" page of the website (link on the homepage) for more information about placing yearbook ads.

Tuesday, June 1
10:30 a.m., AMHS gym Baccalaureate Liturgy and Light Lunch (for senior and 3 guests)

Tuesday, June 1
7:00 p.m.
Everett Civic Auditorium Graduation (for senior and 8 guests)