

THEY GOT GAME!!!

I've played sports all my life, and nothing prepared me for the Battle of the Classes on April 28, 2005. For some Ansonia High School students, April 28, 2005 is a day that will live in infamy. For on this day, a rag-tag team of teachers and staff joined forces for a little "hoops" contest culminating in two games that students must surely wish they could have back.

Joining such infamous moments in sports history as the "Pine Tar Incident" and the Chicago Black Sox scandal, the semifinal match between the freshmen and senior teams was the scene of some clock chicanery. The seniors, down by one and the clock winding down, took the inbounds pass and bore down on the

freshmen for what should have been the final drive. As the clock spun down past 10 seconds, the seniors had trouble with the freshmen defense. The clock mysteriously froze with 7.4 seconds remaining during the senior team's last gasp drive. No whistles were blown, and in spite of the extra game time afforded them, the seniors could not pull off a buzzer-beating basket to clinch a win.

Maybe they should have been happy, considering what happened next.

The crowd was in a frenzy as the partially tied staff team took the floor to warm up. There was obviously a bit of sand-bagging going on during warm-ups, because our team missed more shots than we hit. Over on the other side of the court, the

freshmen were juking and jiving and laughing at the prospect of taking on our corps of slightly past-their-prime-time players. Dick Vitale would have had a field day with what happened after the tip off. Almost before the freshmen got their hands on the ball, Mr. Manuel had struck for two three's from downtown and another swish that caused the freshmen team to look up at a lead they would never regain. In a 15-minute flurry, our creaking joints had combined for a lopsided victory that left the freshmen stunned and Mr. Manuel's fan club shouting for more.

Next up for the tired but game staff team were the seniors, given a reprieve for their shocking

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Students Appreciate Teachers

Several students took it upon themselves to show their appreciation of the staff at Ansonia High School during Teacher Appreciation Week. Seniors Jessica Kuspinsky, Stacie Krivda and Crystal Tinney, with the help of Tom Dempsey and Krystal Boylan, created a "We've Got to Hand it to You..." bulletin board in the Business Wing. Students were asked to write appreciative messages on hands and attach them to the bulletin board. Messages of thanks were

also left for administration, support staff, and the Charger Health Clinic.

The Locker, Ansonia High School's school store, sponsored "Have a Cup on Us." Teachers were able to have a cup of coffee on The Locker. The Locker made a donation to the yearbook on behalf of the faculty.

Mr. Durette's Foods classes prepared a luncheon on Friday. Students prepared a variety of items including, sausage and peppers, roast beef and gravy, potatoes, chicken and pasta al-

fredo, tossed salad and pasta salad. Food was served by students to faculty and staff during lunch. The sophomore class donated cookies.

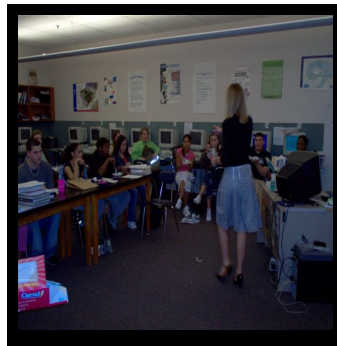
The faculty was extremely thankful for the kind words and excellent luncheon. The students did a great job!



CONGRATULATIONS "Teacher of the Year"

Nominees:

Mr. Balisciano
Ms. Eisenhandler
Ms. Kelley
Ms. Lonardo
Mrs. Phipps
Mrs. Rzasas



Future entrepreneurs enjoy ice cream cake provided by Kathleen Kelley from the Carvel Corporation

Ice Cream for Entrepreneurs

Kathleen Kelley, Supermarket Account Manager for Carvel Corporation, was invited by Shaunna-Kay Chambers and Tom Dempsey to speak to their Entrepreneurship class. Kathleen discussed the history of

Carvel and the products available, and she shared other industry data. Information was presented using an informative PowerPoint presentation. The class even got to see a preview of the newest Carvel product, a M&M ice

cream cake. She quizzed students on the Carvel Corporation presentation and gave out prizes. Every student was given a piece of Carvel ice-cream cake. The class agreed that Carvel has the best tasting ice-cream cake.

Walk Out Smoking

Tuesday, May 24th, was the 5th Annual Smoke Stoppers Walk-a-thon. This year was our most successful year to date. We had 95 students participate and raised over \$2,500 for Swim Across the Sound, which is \$1000

more than last year.

The Teen Smoke Stoppers program is run in 90 high schools across the state. It's an important program geared towards educating teens on the dangers of smoking and providing them with the tools

to quit. Statistics show that the earlier a smoker attempts to quit, the easier it will be.

Thank you to all who participated in this event. It wouldn't have been a success without you.

Guidance News

FINAL SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS

Counselors have been meeting with homerooms and reviewing important items pertaining to the end of the academic year. Such items include:

- ❑ Final average grade includes each semester grade along with mid-term and final exam grade
- ❑ All students are to take ALL Final Exams!
- ❑ Absent days must be clarified by the end of the year!
- ❑ Global II/Civics grade need to be a C or better or Civic graduation requirement must be met
- ❑ CAPT results due in October
- ❑ One summer school course is allowed if final grade is a 50-59
- ❑ Athletes must pass four (one credit)

classes to participate in the fall.

- ❑ Peer tutors are in the library daily!
- ❑ See your teachers for extra help!
- ❑ Read and complete homework!

WELL DONE!

Congratulations to the top 10 graduating seniors: *Veronica Fabrizio, Kierstin Weslowski, Bryan Marazzi, Daniel Hoyle, Jacob Scaife, Ashley Schultz, Kyle McCarthy, Lauren Erlingheuser, Danielle Graham, and Sara German.*

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school is an option for students who did not pass a class during the academic year. A student is eligible for summer school if he/she failed a class with a grade of F+, 50-59. If a student's final grade is below 50, he/she is ineligible for summer school.

Instead, the student would retake that course, if required, or make up the credit during the next school year. Our students are limited to one class during summer school, and they typically choose to attend summer school at Derby, Amity, or Shelton High School. There is a fee charged to the student for attending summer school. If the student passes the class, the summer school confirms this by sending a grade report to AHS. That student would then earn the credit with a grade of 60, which is then added to his/her official AHS transcript. Not all classes are offered in summer school. However, subjects such as English, math, social studies, and science are usually available. We encourage all eligible students to attend summer school.

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Music Notes

Band and chorus members did Ansonia proud on the weekend of May 13th. At the Music in the Parks Festival in Hershey, PA, the band earned a rating of Good, while the chorus earned a rating of Excellent for their performances. They also had time to enjoy the park and eat lots of chocolate!

Senior members of the band and chorus were honored at our informal Pops concert that was held June 8th in the auditorium at 7 pm. They did an excellent job.

Wigs for Kids

Ansonia senior Sarah Thayer, teacher Mrs. Jennifer Smith, parent Karen Petrowsky, and Seymour resident Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn faced their fears and cut inches off their long locks at Cindy's Hair Company in Seymour on May 23rd. Cindy Boladz, an Ansonia alumni, is the owner of Cindy's Hair Company, which generously donated free hair cuts and styles to those who participated in the Wigs For Kids hair drive. Ansonia students, who were not able to cut the minimum 10 to 12 inches required for donation, have graciously contributed their spare change for the cause. Wigs For Kids is a non-profit

organization that provides a hair replacement system to any eligible child who has lost hair as a result of chemotherapy, radiation treatments, alopecia, burns or other medical circumstances. For more information, check out www.wigsforkids.org.



Art Teacher, Mrs. Smith and senior Sarah Thayer show off hair they donated to Wigs For Kids