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Teacher**November Book of the Month: Selected by Anna Kolk**

I recommend *If You Come Softly* by Jacqueline Woodson. It's a very powerful book about a first love that will stir your emotions. You will learn how two complete

opposites see each other in a way no one else could. You will journey along with their struggles and obstacles, leaving you in tears when it all ends.

Fact of the Month: By Kevin Belden

Correction: The Ansonia High School Football Team has had 64 wins and 7 losses in the past six years.

Did You Know: The newest league rivalry is Woodland. Ansonia will be playing the Woodland Hawks for the second time on November 12th at home.

The oldest rivalry is Naugatuck. Ansonia will be playing the Naugatuck Greyhounds for the 105th time at home on Thanksgiving day.

New Club, Con't

(Continued from page 3) but we need additional members to join. That's where you come in. Positions are open for anchors, camera-

men, producers, directors, writers, and more. But be warned; this club is for those who are willing to work and work hard. Meetings are held

every Monday afternoon from 2:00-3:00. We guarantee that you will have a blast in making this club one of the best things that have come out of AHS

Dates to Remember

November 1	"Ghosts" AHS Auditorium
November 2	Election Day No School
November 3	Blood Drive
November 4	ASVAB Test
November 5	First Marking Period Closes
November 8	March of Dimes Blue Jeans for Babies
November 9	Football Team Ziti Dinner, AHS Cafeteria
November 10	Junior Ring Dance
November 11	Veterans' Day No School
November 14	Underclassmen Photo Retakes
November 15	Parent Confer- ences 4-6 pm
November 16	Parent Confer- ences 6-8 pm
November 18	Club Photos
November 23 & 24	Early Dismissal Thanksgiving Break

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The Charger Times

The NEASC Visit and the Aftermath**Mission Statement**

To prepare every learner to meet ever-changing personal and global challenges, the primary mission of Ansonia High School is to cultivate the emotional, physical, social, and intellectual growth of each student. The success of our mission requires the active participation of students, faculty, parents, and community in the learning process.

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Mid-October, we welcomed a committee of 15 from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) to our school. Skilled professionals all, their charge was to examine Ansonia High School's adherence to seven standards which are based on sound educational principles for teaching and learning. In addition to having studied the self-study prepared by members of the faculty and staff, the visitation committee sought at

least three pieces of corroborating evidence to support any recommendation and/or commendation that they might make.

The visitation was professionally organized and conducted. We are all relieved that this phase is over. However, the reality is that it has not ended. The final report of the visiting committee will not be available until March, and it will have to be made public. We will have an opportunity to express disagreement with

what we perceive as unfounded feedback, and periodic reports will have to be made to NEASC.

At the same time, we know, or should know, that there are issues and challenges that we must address as a high school and as a district. If we accept them as ways that we can get better and work together to affect change, everyone wins.

Student of the Month

John Kahyaoglu has been named November Student of the Month. John, a junior, is active in his community. He is a member of the Ansonia Rescue Medical Service (ARMS) and teaches karate at Ansonia Tae Kwon Do. He is a second degree

black-belt. John maintains above average grades. He can often be found in homeroom working on assignments and studying for tests.

John can be seen daily working at his family's restaurant, JRB's.



John Kahyaoglu is the November Student of the Month

Guidance News

HARRINGTON-O'SHEA INTEREST INVENTORY

Counselors are in the process of administering the *Harrington-O'Shea* interest inventory to all freshmen in English classrooms. This is a self-interest questionnaire that assists students in understanding the relationship between their career interest areas and their own values, abilities, and academics. It will assist in academic planning.

COLLEGE VISITS

Seniors are continuing to meet with college representatives that visit Ansonia High School. Colleges visiting in November include Western Connecticut State University, Assumption College, Nauga-

tuck Valley Community College, St. Vincent's College, and Western New England College.

SAT/ACT REGISTRATION

The registration deadline for the January 22 SAT is November 24. This is the last administration of the old format SAT. The new SAT format begins in March. Registration deadline for the December 11 ACT is November 5. Registration for the February 12 ACT is January 7.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Upon completion of the first semester, students who fail one or more courses will attend a silent study and/or visit the tutors or receive peer tutoring. Seniors on academic probation will lose the

privilege of early dismissal.

ASVAB

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be available to interested juniors and seniors on Thursday, November 4. The ASVAB is a test administered by the military designed to assist students with career exploration. While it is administered by military personnel, a student is not obligated to the military in any way after taking the ASVAB. The results can provide valuable information to students as they begin to plan for life after high school.

Freshman Class Officers

Class President:

Jessica Santa

Vice President:

Kristen Larkin

Secretary:

Jessica Goggi

Treasurer:

Brittany Bisson

Representatives:

Christiana Kachoulas

Allison Phipps

Frankie Green

Kayla Flores

Tim Rinaldi

And the Winner Is...

This time of year there is election fever around the country, and here at Ansonia High School is no different. This past week, the AHS Student Government held its annual Freshmen Elections. This is an important event

for the freshmen class because the students elected as class officers are not only responsible for representing the Freshmen class but are also in charge of the fundraising activities for the year.

Art News

The Art Club has been busy this fall! We have three windows painted in the art wing. They include a reproduction of a famous Picasso painting and a reproduction of a photograph by Amy Lamb, titled, "Delia One." Members of the art club are also busy painting a mural on the wall by the portables, adding

brightness and color to the hallway by the Business Labs.

Getting into the spirit of the holidays, the Art Club hosted a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The winners of the contest in the category Most Scary were Nadia Gaddis' "Evil Mime" and Rich Hudson's "Skull Child." In the

category of Most Creative, Beth Skrabl's "Spider" took the prize and the Best Overall pumpkin was Dan Hoyle's "Witch".

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating this year's annual Winter Art Show and Music Contest, which takes place December 15 at Ansonia High School. Hope to see you there!

New Club

Have you ever wondered what it was like to be on a TV show? If that doesn't suit you, how would you like to work behind the scenes and learn about all the amazing technical work that is necessary to put together real TV shows? Ansonia High School presents to you a newly formed club, simply named the *Media Club*, which will engulf you and put you

in the middle of making your own TV news show!

With the help of Ms. Mudry, Mr. Riello, and Mr. Powers, along with the support and encouragement of Mrs. Christon, we will be creating live morning announcements which we hope would be far more entertaining than just listening to a voice on the intercom.

In addition, Mr. James Abate from *Telemedia* is helping us create a monthly news show that will air on Cable 10. This newscast would highlight many of the great happenings going on in our school.

We presently have a group of dedicated and hard-working students who are willing to give of their time and energy,

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Let's Fundraise!

The Class of 2007 successfully raised \$1,145 from the Little Caesar's fundraiser. The top three sellers were Anna Rego, Taylor Jones and Kaitlyn

Couillard. Ms. Lonardo and Ms. Kelley would like to thank everyone that participated and those who purchased pizza and cookie dough. The fundraising doesn't end here.

We need support from each and every sophomore so your advisors can bring you successful events in the future.