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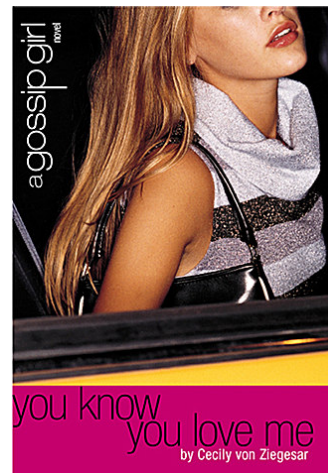
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## Book of the Month: "You Know You Love Me"

Do you love gossiping with your friends about who's dating who or what happened over the weekend? If so, this book is for you. The two main characters, Blair and Serena, go to an exclusive private school in Manhattan. Their friendship has gone wrong

so they no longer have each other to work out all their anxieties concerning boyfriends and college. Find out what happens with their friendship and how they fill their Saturday nights in this enjoyable, easy read.



## Guidance News, Con't.

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about something, chances are other parents want to know, too.

7. Ask for a conference if you need more time to talk one-on-

one. This isn't the time to talk about your child's individual needs.

Source: "How to Attend a High School Parents' Night," Parenting Teens, <http://parentingteens.about.com/cs/education/ht/parentsnight.htm>.

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## Dates to Remember

September 5	No School Labor Day
September 11	Grandparent's Day
September 16	School Dance
September 17	Constitution & Citizenship Day
September 18	State of CT Family Day
September 20	Underclass Photos
September 21	Early Dismissal
September 22	"Back to School Night"
September 26	Adult Ed. Enrichment

## Mindbenders

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# The Charger Times

## First Days of School

### 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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A great professional development day, new faces, looks of confusion, hurried paces, and expansions of programs dominated. These, along with our traditional Freshmen Orientation, contributed to what one secretary positively described as "organized chaos" the first few days. In other words, it was a typical opening during which things ultimately went the way they were supposed to go, and there were no surprises.

Polly Bath, the professional development, blended knowledge with vignettes

## Dollars for a Disaster

Internationally as well as locally, businesses, schools, groups, organizations, and families are working together to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Ansonia High School's Student Government will be asking fac-

ulty, staff and students to donate funds for Katrina's aftermath. Student Government members will accept donations during the homeroom period and during each lunch wave. All donations will be donated to the American Red Cross. that added humor to her presentation. The topic, "Managing Difficult Classroom Behavior," is one that was beneficial to all who was receptive. She stressed consistency and emphasized that we must take care of certain "environmental" factors- relationship building, classroom climate, etc. - before we can teach content to students. To help cultivate the kind of social climate that we envision, a series of talks have begun with the various classes. These forums cover a variety of topics, such as self responsibility,

academic expectations, attendance policy, etc.

August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> were days that seemed to blur. Everyone was frantically excited and in a hurry. In spite of questions like, "Where's room 103?," "Who is \_\_\_\_\_?", etc., we got through these days and provided positive experiences for all stakeholders. In fact, the unscientific consensus was that it was a smoother beginning than last year. The staff and the students deserve kudos for that.

## Join FBLA!

A new club is coming to Ansonia High School, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

FBLA is the oldest and largest national organization for students preparing for careers in business leadership. More than a quarter of a million students in 6,000 schools partici-

pate in this organization. FBLA prepares students for real world professional experiences through travel opportunities, challenging competitions, scholarships and prizes, leadership development, and community services experience. Members gain the competitive edge for college and career success.

## Hispanic Heritage Month

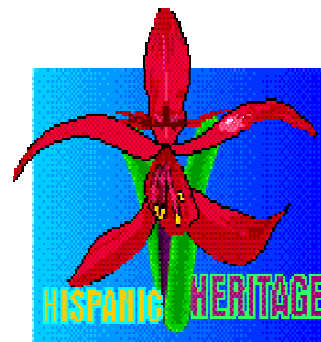
Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 through October 15, established by presidential decree in order to recognize the contributions Hispanics have made to the United States and to help foster the general public's awareness, understanding, and appreciation for Hispanic culture.

This annual celebration begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salva-

dor, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18.

More than 35 million people in the U.S. identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 Census. The U.S. Census now estimates this group to be the largest minority, at over 41 million or 12.5 % of the U.S. population. Hispanics are the largest growing group primarily

Any student enrolled in a business course or interested in furthering their knowledge in business can join. Applications and information sheets are available through Ms. Kelley or Mrs. Phipps.



due to high birth rates, but with a significant contribution due to immigration.

Ansonia High School will recognize Hispanic Heritage Month with a bulletin board decorated by the Spanish Club across from room 114 and classroom activities by the World Language Department.

business hallway.



## Artwork Brightens Up Business Hallway

Class of 2005, graduate Joe Boroski completed an original

painting in June 2005. Joe's painting can be seen at the end of the

## Post Prom Fundraiser

The Ansonia High School PTSO, along with the Class of 2006, is planning a Post Prom Party for the Senior Class. The Post Prom Party will take place following the Prom, at Ansonia High School, until 5:00 am. Games, entertainment, raffles, and food will be provided. In order to raise

money to cover the cost of the Post Prom Party the PTSO will be sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, September 10th at Hilltop Service Station, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased prior to the car wash through Ms. Mudry for \$5.00. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation, you may send it to

Ansonia High School, Attention Ms. Mudry. All families are encouraged to attend this fundraiser.

## Music Notes

Just sending a brief hello from the music department! This year, the band is bigger than it's ever been with 36 members strong. Be sure to check them out at the first home football game on September 15<sup>th</sup>. In order to prepare for this early performance, the band held a mini-band camp on August 25<sup>th</sup>. For four hours, band members learned marching band basics and pep tunes. The drumline was treated to a private clinic given by Jason Chuong, a sophomore percussion major at the University of the Arts in Phila-

delphia. Ice breaker games were included as part of the program as well.

Ms. Tangredi would like to thank all of the returning band and chorus members who came for two days this summer to file music and to get things ready for the new members. The students really own these ensembles and are doing a great job.

The chorus is all in one class this year, so there should be few disruptions for rehearsals! The class has over 40 members and is really getting down

to business right away. Stop by during set four to check their progress.

All concert dates will be posted as soon as they have been finalized. Support from faculty and students at performances helps create a really positive experience for all involved. Your attendance is greatly appreciated!

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Plan to attend Parents' Night on September 22

This year, AHS will be holding a Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 22, 2005. It can be a great way for you to get to know your teen's teachers. You will find out what they expect (and learn that, yes, they do assign homework). Here are some tips:

1. Make sure you attend. Try to

arrange your schedule so at least one parent can be there. Your attendance shows the school that you are serious about your teen's education.

2. Make a plan. Write down questions to ask each teacher.

3. Talk with your teen and get ideas for things to ask.

4. Introduce yourself and re-

mind the teacher whose parent you are, when you walk in the room.

5. Take notes. You'll hear a lot of information in a short time. Your notes will help you remember what each teacher said.

6. Raise your hand and ask a question. If you are wondering

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