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People to People

Senior, Anna Rego was selected as a Delegate to the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Anna was selected from her peers based on recommendations and an interview process. As a Student Ambassador, Anna will travel to Portugal, Spain, France, and Morocco. This twenty day trip will begin on July 12th. During her trip, Anna, will visit the Eiffel Tower, Straight of Gibraltar, and visit the beaches of Morocco. She will participate in bull fighting, eating frog legs, and staying with a family in Portugal. Anna is looking forward to visiting Portugal the most. Her family is from Portugal and she is hoping to visit her grandmother's house.

Book of the Month: *The Wanderer*

Reviewed by: Cheryl Cote

In this story by Sharon Creech, Sophie, a young girl, begs her way aboard "The Wanderer", a sailboat that is taking her uncles and cousins for a cross-Atlantic journey to visit her grandfather. Sophie, the only female on board, must constantly prove herself. Along the way, she is forced to deal with the long-repressed memories of the sailing accident that killed both of her parents when she was four years old. This "inner" story of Sophie's past and her journey to the shelter of her loving adoptive-family is woven into the plot. The adventure is told by Sophie and her cousin Cody through

entries in their journals. It is a beautifully written and constructed novel that speaks to the power of survival and the anguish of grief, truly a journey of the heart.

January Calendar

January 2	Classes Begin
January 15	No School Martin Luther King Day
January 16-19	Mid Term Exams

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The Charger Times

Student Ambassador Program

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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.

The primary mission of the student ambassador will be to guide/welcome new students coming into Ansonia High School and/or those students that would like to visit (shadow a student) the high school with possible intentions of becoming a future student.

The Ambassador would spend the day with the new student to make sure that he/she gets to his/her classes and gets familiarized with the building. Often new comers feel a little out of sorts when they transfer to a new school/area. The ambassadors make them feel welcomed and hopefully ease any concerns or anxiousness a

new student may have. They would have lunch with the new student and explain some of the rules and regulations of the school (refer to the student handbook for all rules).

This school year of 2006/2007 the Ambassadors served as guides for parents/guardians during the annual 'Parent-Teacher Conferences'. This spring the group intends to participate in the 'Bowl-To-Benefit the Umbrella' program, a benefit to raise money and awareness of domestic abuse in our community.

The student ambassadors represent our school well with high intentions. A student ambassador must show responsibility and capability of being reliable and also friendly.

They also help out

student government and other clubs, in need of help for fundraising.

By being a student ambassador you get a lot of hours put down for extra curricular activity and community service which is needed to graduate from high school.

The A.H.S. Student Ambassador's are beginning their second year, and looks forward to expanding its goals and mission as the years go by.

This program is a club we are proud to represent as a whole and as co-presidents.

Special thanks to our Advisers Mrs. Southard and Mrs. Princevalli.

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Student of the Month

Danielle Nelson has been voted in as Student of the Month for January! According to several of Danielle's teachers she is a polite, trustworthy, consistent, dedicated member of the junior class who is forever striving to improve. Dan-

ielle is always willing to help others and her etiquette has been noted as exemplary. She is also an active school participant, especially with the tennis team. Please congratulate Danielle this month on this significant achievement.

Danielle Nelson is the
January Student of the
Month

The Cooperative International Studies Program

The Cooperative International Studies Program (CISP) just completed its first semester of the 2006-2007 school year.

The final night of presentations was held at Ansonia High School. Both students, their families and staff were treated to table linens and fine service thanks to the generosity and hard work of Mr. Dom Golia and his staff. This special night was truly a treat for everyone.

Throughout this 1st Semester, students attended Yale lectures on international traditions and customs. In addition,

our students worked cooperatively with students from other schools participating in CISP to research and explore the many topics associated with this theme.

Semester II will begin on February 8, 2007. International sports and recreation will be the highlighted theme. Any students interested in joining the program should see Miss Mead in Room 103 or Mrs. Nargi in Room 104 for application forms. The opening activity will take place on Thursday, February 8, 2007. We look forward to welcoming back our old members as well as any new members.

Toys for Tots

The Ansonia High School Chapter of The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) sponsored the Second Annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive in December. Together, we collected 186 toys. This greatly surpassed our goal of 100

toys. These toys were donated to TEAM in Derby and will be given to needy children in the Valley. Mr. Pascale's homeroom collected 32 toys! Special thanks go to Ms. Boroski for her generous donation and the monetary donation

from the History Club. FBLA would also like to thank Mr. Golia and the cafeteria staff for donating free ice cream to the homeroom that collected the most toys.

Trip to New York City: En Español (and English)

En Español

El ocho de diciembre, los estudiantes de español 4 y ESOL visitaron el Museo de Solomon Guggenheim en la Ciudad de Nueva York. Allí aprendieron "el Tiempo, la Verdad y la Historia" del arte español. La exhibición, que continua hasta marzo, incluye las obras de los pintores españoles desde El Greco hasta Picasso. Después de mirar la exhibición, el grupo merendó en *Times Square*, gozó del árbol navideño en *Rockefeller Plaza*, visitó la Catedral de San Patricio y caminó a *Grand Central Station* para subir al tren a Derby.

In English

On December 8 Spanish 4 and ESOL students visited the Solomon Guggenheim Museum in New York City where they learned the "Time, Truth and History" of Spanish Art. The exhibit, which runs until March, includes the works of Spanish painters from El Greco to Picasso. After touring the exhibit, the group had a late lunch in Times Square, enjoyed the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Plaza, visited St. Patrick's Cathedral and made their way back to Grand Central Station to catch the train home.

Career Project

Ms. Kelley's Consumer Economics class recently finished their "Career Project." They completed career interest surveys, resumes, cover letters and participated in an interview. Interviews were conducted by Mr. Affie, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Czapor, Mr. Pascale, Mrs. Phipps, and Ms. Sheffield. The top interview score was received by Johanna Benitez with a 97.5. The most professional dressed female was

Karen Sheldon who also brought her portfolio on the interview, and David Godfrey who looked very professional. All students received award certificates and gift bags. The highest grade for the entire project goes to Justin Matusz with a score of 99. Congratulations students, you are ready for the real world!

Workplace Rules

On December 15th, Jim Fusaro from the Connecticut Department of Labor was kind enough to visit Ms. Kelley's Consumer Economics class to talk about wage and workplace standards. Students discussed many of their own jobs and the duties they perform. Students were very happy to find out the minimum wage in CT is going from \$7.40 to \$7.65 on January 1st. Make

sure all employees check their paycheck to make sure you are receiving the correct minimum wage in the new year.

Music News

December was a busy, yet very successful month for the music department. Curtis Mabery learned that he not only made the CT Southern Regional Chorus, but that he is also eligible to audition for All-State chorus! The band went straight from pep band mode to concert band mode, while the chorus had its first performance of the year at the Ansonia Tree Lighting at City Hall. The band, chorus and Ladies of Harmony performed what many felt was their best show ever at the annual holiday concert on December 13th. All of the students were very professional in their conduct on stage, they performed with great musical maturity, but what was most apparent was their ability to have

fun in what they were doing. The department wrapped up the holiday season with performances at Ansonia Middle School and at Mead School.

On behalf of the Ansonia High School Music Department, I would like to extend our wishes to all for much success in the new year!