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Dates to Remember

May 1	Day of Silence
May 3	Business Law Trip
May 4	Band & Chorus Adjudication Trip to Philadelphia, PA
May 6-12	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8	National Teacher Day AHS Clinic Presenta- tion "Heads Up" Class of 2007 Presenta- tion "Making College and Career Count"
May 9	Early Dismissal Teacher Professional Day AP Calculus Test School Nurse's Day
May 10	AP English Test
May 11	CTE Test
May 13	Mother's Day
May 15	FBLA Trip
May 18	Student's Against Vio- lence March & Rally
May 23	Class of 2009 Order Class Rings 6 pm
May 24	Senior Banquet
May 28	No School Memorial Day (observed)
May 31	Physics Trip

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The Emerald Isle excursion was an amazing experience for both teachers and students alike. The group was able to experience Irish hospitality first hand. The long trip home across the Atlantic was tiresome, but students returned safely and are eager to share their memorable experiences with all.

"Who am I Without Him: Short stories about girls and the boys in their lives" By Sharon G. Flake

Reviewed by: Lucilla Cooper and Megan Hernandez

for boys anyway. Overall, we loved the book and hope other students will read and enjoy it, too.

Lucilla Cooper and Megan Hernandez review a book by Sharon G. Flake

The book that we read was "Who Am I Without Him" by Sharon Flake. We would recommend this book to all girls attending this high school. It talks about the teenage problems that, specifically, black teenagers, all go through. It also shows us the perspective of boys' thoughts that we never get to see. We think that both girls and boys would enjoy it and understand it because it is told in the language we use everyday, making it easier to connect with the characters in the story. The characters are diverse and believable, including Erika, the "ghetto girl" and the church girls who are forbidden to date but go hunting

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The Charger Times

Students Tour the Emerald Isle

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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Over April vacation, nine students chaperoned by Mrs. Davis and Ms. Sheffield visited the beautiful country Ireland with EF Tours. The first two days of the trip were spent in Dublin where the group toured Trinity College and admired the *Book of Kells* produced in the ninth century by monks of Iona. All admired the Georgian architecture found throughout the historic capital of Ireland. The group visited the crypt at St. Michan's Church, where several touched a mummified 650-year-old crusader for good luck and received a history lesson about "cruel and unusual punishment." Also in Dublin, the group toured the Guinness Brewery and learned how this famous Irish beer is made,

and they shopped on the famous brick-lined Grafton Street.

The group departed Dublin and headed southwest to County Kildare to visit the National Stud Farm, where world-class horses are bred and trained. This was also the location of the beautiful Japanese Gardens that recreate the story of "The Life of Man." County Cork was next on the itinerary to visit the historic Blarney Castle. The group toured through dungeons and caves as they climbed the narrow, spiraling staircases to the top of the castle and location of the famous Blarney Stone. Teachers should be warned, because all members received the "gift of gab and eloquence" as they leaned upside down to kiss the Blarney Stone. Further, the group had the opportunity to take jaunting cars through the 24,000-acre Killarney National Park.

To end the tour, the group traversed one of Europe's most spectacular coastal routes known as the Ring of Kerry and encountered magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean, the Lakes of Killarney, and Macgillycuddy's Reeks, the tallest mountain range in Ireland. All enjoyed the splendor of Ireland's best-restored medieval castle for the last stop of the tour. Bunratty Castle was built in 1425 and showcases stunning tapestries and furnishings from the medieval era.

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Student of the Month

The votes are in, and Michael Futschik has been declared student of the month for May! His teachers have described Michael as an eager participant, excited to learn and help out when necessary. As an active member of AHS-TV, Michael volunteers daily and has been present for every taped event this year. His energy and enthusiasm keep other club members in-

involved. Michael also worked on the Fox 61 Student News piece that was nominated for two awards. Michael has continued to persevere in the face of adversity and has shown a lot of growth since his freshman year. Please congratulate Michael for this noteworthy achievement!

The May Student of the Month is Michael Futschik

Thank You
PTSO for an
Amazing
Post Prom!
- Class of 2007

Ready, Set, Tableau

Due to the generosity of the Katharine Matthies Foundation, Shakespeare Productions, Inc. performed *Romeo and Juliet* on April 24th for freshmen and sophomores. This production focused specifically on introducing students to a classical work of literature through dramatic performance. The performance included a pre-

show interactive discussion with the use of tableau.

Various students were selected from the audience to practice tableau with the company of actors. Tableau is the representation of a scene or emotion by a group posed in costume. This technique was applied to give students some concise and useful background information on important

events and themes in *Romeo and Juliet*. The performance concluded with a post-show question and answer session. Overall, it was a wonderful and enriching opportunity for AHS students.

Mock DUI Accident 2007

About three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives (NHTSA). According to MADD statistics, in 2005, 274 people were killed in a motor vehicle accident; out of those 274 people, 120 were killed in a motor vehicle crash which involved drinking alcohol. Combining alcohol and young drivers can be a deadly mix.

On April 26, 2007 School Resource Officer Jen Pella, in collaboration with the Charger Health Center, the Ansonia Police, Ansonia Fire Department, and Ansonia Rescue Service, conducted a **MOCK DUI ACCIDENT** in the student parking lot. This

demonstration, viewed by our juniors and seniors from the Ansonia High School, was of a deadly car crash, which illustrated the dangers of drinking and driving. Hollie Brandstatter, Terri Goldson, Mike Gandelman, Jessica Goggi, and Brian Talbot participated in the **MOCK DUI ACCIDENT**.

One student was thrown through the windshield of the car and was "pronounced dead" at the scene by an Ansonia Rescue Paramedic. Malerba Funeral home was called to remove the "deceased body."

The Ansonia Police Department conducted a roadside sobriety test on another student who then failed and was placed under arrest for DUI. The Ansonia

Fire Department and the Ansonia Medical personnel utilized the "Jaws of Life" to extricate three young men from the second vehicle.

The Media Club, coordinated by Mr. Powers and Ralph Riello, videotaped the event. Laura Minnick from Griffin Hospital and Amanda Mark from the Oxford Ambulance supplied makeup for the "injured" students in order to increase the dramatic graphic effect of the crash scene.

We understand we cannot prevent everyone from drinking and driving, but if this **MOCK DUI ACCIDENT** program saved at least one life, then it was a success.

Music News

On May 4th, members of the band and chorus will travel to Philadelphia and to New Jersey to perform and be judged on their performance at the Music in the Parks Festival. The students plan to take in the sights of Philadelphia with a trip to the Franklin Institute to view

the famous King Tut exhibit and the Lights of Liberty Tour. The students will also dine at Hard Rock Café in Philadelphia and have some fun at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. Please wish them luck!

AHS Visual and Performing Arts Students Honored

On Thursday, April 12, 2007, at the Aqua Turf in Southington CT, Connecticut's top Visual and Performing Arts students were honored by the Connecticut Association of Schools.

Representing Ansonia High School were Nadia Gaddis for visual

arts, and Johnathan Gamble for music. With their families, their teachers, and Mrs. Christon in attendance, the two were presented with plaques acknowledging their achievements.

At this time, Nadia plans to attend the University of Hartford to

major in art, possibly to become a teacher. Johnathan's college choice is as yet undecided, but he plans to pursue photography.

Guidance News

Congratulations to many of the seniors on successful college acceptance; your diligence and achievement have truly paid off. Keep up the good work as you finish your high school career and move toward graduation.

Underclass course selection for 2007-2008 is moving successfully toward completion. We thank all juniors, sophomores, and freshmen for their terrific participation and cooperation. Changes are still possible; tentative schedules will be available in June.

Seniors, please be aware that your final transcript must be forwarded to the college of your choice. Be alert to a specific Guidance Department announcement to come.

Specific preparations for next school year, 2007-2008, have begun for all students. The primary objective for all should be a very strong finish in the fourth marking period and final

exams. More specifically, JUNIORS should begin the college exploration process and plan on doing summer volunteer work. Sophomore CAPT scores will be available in June. Freshman should realize that the transition to high school is over and that renewed emphasis should be placed on the academic achievement that accompanies good daily attendance and discipline.



Ocean Bulletin Board
created by Ms. Hanbury's class

Charger Health Clinic Reminder: Spring is on the Way

Spring is on its way, and many people will notice themselves with itchy eyes, coughing, sneezing, and experiencing other common seasonal allergy symptoms. If you are one of these people, KidsHealth.org has some tips to keep you feeling your best:

- Avoid the things that trigger your allergies like pollen or dust
- If you're allergic to pollen, keep windows closed when pollen season's at its peak and/or change your clothing after being outdoors - and don't mow lawns.
- Clean frequently — spring

cleaning is a great time to air out dusty rugs and pillows.

- Remove carpets or rugs from your room.
- Use special covers to seal pillows and mattresses if you're allergic to dust mites.
- Don't hang heavy drapes, and get rid of other items that allow dust to accumulate.
- Keep pets out of the bedroom.