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Guidance News

HARRINGTON-O'SHEA INTEREST INVENTORY

Counselors have administered 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 AT AHS

Please sign up in the guidance office to attend any of the college representative visits this fall. Students must obtain a teacher's permission in order to miss a class. College visits for November are listed in the calendar.

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.

SAT/ACT EXAM DATES

To take the December 3rd SAT exam you must complete the late registration by November 9th. To take the ACT exam on December 10th, students must register by November 4th. Late registration for the ACT exam must be completed between November 5th-November 17th.

Dates to Remember

November 1	ASVAB Test Housatonic CC
November 3	Blood Drive Presentation: <i>Making Choices</i>
November 4	Marking Period Closes
November 7	Blue Jeans for Babies Junior Ring Dance
November 8	No School Election Day
November 9	Southern CT State University
November 10	Briarwood College
November 11	No School Veterans' Day
November 16	Parent Conferences 6 pm-8 pm
November 17	Parent Conferences 4 pm-6 pm Great American Smoke Out Club Photos
November 22	Naugatuck Valley CC
November 22 & 23	Early Dismissal
November 24 & 25	No School Thanksgiving

Mrs. Christon and Mr. Lisi for allowing this event to take place. The seniors would also like to give a big thanks to Sardo's Auto for donating \$100 to the winning class. The event raised over \$450 for the senior class!

Battle of the Classes Bombardment Tournament

On Monday, October 24th, the senior class held a bombardment tournament as a fundraiser. All classes and brave members of the faculty participated in the event. The event was created by Mike Sardo, with help from Jeremy Jackson, Julian Abreu and Dan Maldonado. Julian and Dan acted as the MCs for the night.

The sophomore/freshman team beat the junior team. The sophomore/freshman team then lost to the senior team. The faculty took on the senior team, but lost. Mr.

Durette and Ms. Princevalli did a great job refereeing.

At the end of the night, the seniors held a pie-in-the-face raffle. Students were able to purchase raffle tickets from Heather Kuraczea and Elysse Cannatta to pie Mrs. Lockett, Mr. Manuel and Mr. Pascale with a whip cream pie. The seniors would like to thank all the students and faculty that participated in the competition. A special thanks goes out to the senior class advisors, Ms. Mudry and Mrs. De-Profio, and administrators

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Connections

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.

All research indicates that parents' involvement in the student's education is a determining factor in his/her success. Therefore, it is critical that we form connections between the family and the school.

Parents are encouraged to become involved in the student's academic and social development and to communicate with the school so that we work together to help students become their personal best. This involvement can (and should) take place at all times. Nevertheless, the school schedules two events per year for the purpose of building positive relationships with parents.

One such event was our *Back-to-School Night*. Invitations were sent to

parents/guardians of every student. Not only did we want to meet parents/guardians, but we also wanted to hear your views, to solicit your help, and to inform. A special addition was the hour preceding the "day in the life of your student;" during this time, we tried to help ease the transition from middle school to high school. While the turnout was fair, our goal was to have almost every freshman parent as well as a large number of others. Unfortunately, neither happened.

Next, we have scheduled *Parent Conferences*. These will take place on November 16th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and November 17th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Report cards will be

disseminated, and you will have a brief time to talk with teachers. If needed, you may arrange to have a more lengthy conference with the teacher(s) at a convenient time. Parents/guardians of all of our students are urged to attend. It will send a most powerful message to your children.

Your involvement can be demonstrated through other visits, phone calls, email, etc., and your presence is equally welcome at any of our scheduled events.

Check the Ansonia Public Schools website, (www.ansoniam.org), the printed calendar, and your child/children.

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Student of the Month

The teachers of Ansonia High School have nominated and voted for student of the Month, and the results are now in!

Rebecca Walkinshaw has been named October Student of the Month. Rebecca's willingness to help out, especially in her role

as student intern in a pre algebra class, has set her apart this month.

Please congratulate Rebecca this month for this noteworthy achievement!!

Career Fair

On Thursday, October 13, Mr. Powers' Family Life class hosted a career fair in the AHS media center. The students were responsible for researching a particular career and then creating an interactive booth or station where they set up posters, displays and invited a professional in to represent their chosen career.

The family life students did a wonderful job of researching their chosen careers, and the careers they researched were real estate agent, nurse, teacher assistant, counselor, accountant, athletic

trainer and politician. A professional came in from each of the above careers and assisted the student on answering questions about the career and also assisted in doing activities with the AHS students that attended the career fair.

Some examples of the activities that the students who attended the career fair had the opportunity to participate in were:

- learning about stress at the counselor booth and making stress balls,
- watching how politicians prepare and give speeches while being taped on live television,

- learning how athletic trainers wrap injuries,
- creating and analyzing budgets with a professional accountant, and
- watching how real estate agents research houses and display a home for an open house.

Thank you to all of the family life students for all of their hard work and to all of the AHS students that attended the career fair. The dedicated professionals that came in to assist with the AHS career fair deserve special thanks as well!

Music Notes

The AHS music department has been very busy recently. Both the band and the chorus elected new officers for The AHS music department has been very busy recently. Both the band and the chorus elected new officers for the 2005-2006 school year.

This great group of leaders has gotten off to a great start. They have been hard at work, fundraising for the 2006 adjudication trip which will include taking in the sights in New York City and a day at 6 Flags Great Adventure. We will again be participating in the Westfield Works Wonders mall night at the CT Post on November 13th. Tickets will be on sale soon for \$10 each. Every ticket acts as admission to this special event which in-

cludes many shopping discounts and entertainment. The students make \$7 towards their trip for each ticket they sell. Please help support this worthwhile cause if you can.

On Saturday, October 22nd, three chorus students—Maryssa Bostic, Rebecca DeLorenzo and Kristen Larkin—represented AHS at the CMEA Southern Regional Adjudication. At press time, it was unknown who will be chosen for membership in the Southern Regional Chorus, but they all performed well and did our school proud!

Lastly, plans are in the works to develop a collaborative program with the CT Hurricanes Drum and Bugle Corps and the members of the AHS band. This proposal will be presented to the Ansonia Board of Education for its approval. If

approved, our band members who opt to participate in the corps could earn ½ credit in voluntary/community service toward graduation. Most importantly, the skills learned by participating in this group will help all of our band members to become even better musicians.

Senior Band Co-President Greg Sember marched with the corps this past summer and had an unbelievably great experience. He stated, "This experience has been a chance of a lifetime for me, and I am grateful that I did not release this chance from my grasp." Hopefully, more band members through the years will be able to say the same.

Pie Anyone??

The Class of 2007 raised more than \$2,600 during its pie and cookie dough fundraiser. With the help of our top sellers Taylor Jones, Michele Wrice, Sam Chameides, Rachel Kichar, Stephanie Burgess, and Anna Rego, we were able to beat last year's sales of \$1,600. As always, Ms. Lonardo was a big help selling many pies and cookie dough!

We ask that all students in the

Class of 2007 to begin participating in fundraising if they have not done so.

Thank you to everyone who sold and purchased pies and cookie dough. We are look forward to seeing you at the Junior Ring Dance on Monday, November 7th.

FBLA Officers Elected

The following students have been elected as the Future Business Leaders of America Officers for the 2005-2006 school year:

President
Steven Santa

Vice President
Anthony Mincello

Secretary
Jennifer Umego

Treasurer
Brittany Bisson

Reporter
Rachel Kichar

Senior Social

On Friday, September 16th, the class of 2006 organized the very first Senior Social. The dance was open to all AHS students, as well as their guests from other schools. The main attraction at the social was a raffle of 20 seniors, both boys and girls, to win a "Dance with a Senior."

When asked about how things went at the dance, Ms. Mudry replied, "I was very pleased and impressed by the mature behavior demonstrated by all who attended. The kids really seemed to have a good time."

Computer Donated

As a result of the generosity of an employee at Wal-Mart, located on Route 34 in Derby, a Compaq Presario computer and printer were donated to Ansonia High. This was one of two computers donated to local schools. The other was West Haven High.

The computer was placed in a business classroom for faculty and student use. Prior to Wal-Mart's generous donation, this classroom was one of the only classrooms in the building that did not have a computer.

The computer will be used to enhance daily lessons, provided Internet access, and give students the opportunity to work on and present projects.

The school administration appreciates the generosity of the people at Wal-mart. That includes the parent who works there, the winner of the computer, and the manager who allowed all of this to happen. To reach out to our school was a gesture that we will remember.

Band and Chorus Officers
Maryssa Bostic (Chorus President)
Daniel Maldonado (Band Co-President)
Greg Sember (Band Co-President)
Chris Antezzo (Band VP Set 3)
Josh Tarnoczy (Band and Chorus VP- Set 2)
Teresa Caldwell (Chorus Secretary)
John Gamble (Band Secretary-Set 2)
Mike Tchir (Band Secretary-Set 3)
Cynthia Buker (Chorus Fundraising Chair)
Carissa Madden (Band Fundraising Chair)
Millicent Caldwell (Chorus Public Relations Chair)
John Marrero (Band Public Relations Chair)
Kyle Flynn (New Member Representative)
Ewa Januskiewicz (New Member Representative)