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2007. We are already eagerly counting down. Please help support all of our fundraisers so that this trip can become a reality for all those who would like to attend.

Book of the Month: The Sledding HillRecommended by
Mrs. Lonardo

In *The Sledding Hill* by Chris Crutcher, Eddie Proffit suffers two personal tragedies in quick sequence. First, his father dies, and three weeks later, Billy, Eddie's best friend, and the narrator, dies both to violent accidents in the opening pages.

The story is wrapped around Billy, who, now in Heaven, is in a very good place, free of pain and full of neat tricks, to carry out his ghostly mission - to help Eddie overcome sadness so deep he has stopped speaking.

The exploration of death and of being silenced by grief takes a turn when book ban-

ning-a very different type of silencing-becomes the focus of the novel's second half.

Weaving together Eddie's personal survival and his losing battle against censorship, this book succeeds by combining its controversy with artful humor. This author entertains, inspires, invites intellectual inquiry and concedes well-meaning motives to both causes - a lot to pack into a novel, but that's what makes it worth the read.

October Calendar

November 3	First Marking Period Closes ASVAB Test
November 6	Junior Ring Dance
November 7	No School Election Day Teacher's PD
November 8	Underclassman Picture Re-takes
November 9	Homecoming Dance
November 10	No School Veterans Day Observed
November 11	Veterans Day
November 14	Blood Drive
November 15	Parent-Teacher Conferences 6 pm—8 pm
November 16	Club Photos Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 pm—6 pm
November 21	Early Dismissal
November 22	Early Dismissal
November 23 & 24	No School Thanksgiving Break

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Parent Conferences**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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The connection between the home and the school is crucial. To encourage communication about and collaboration toward the achievement of our students' school and career goals, we schedule three major evening events for parents and/or guardians. The first was our *Back-to-School Night* that was held in September; the second will be our upcoming *Parent Conferences* that will be held on November 15th and 16th. In addition, the building principal is available the third Tuesday of every month, by appointment only, to conference with a parent/guardian.

During the former, the participation rate was not as high as we expected, but

those in attendance were very responsive and were afforded an opportunity to meet the teachers and to learn about the class expectations for the year. The *Parent Conferences* will be held on November 15th, from 6-8 p.m. and on November 16th, from 4-6 p.m. Our hope is that this structure will be more convenient and will provide the opportunity for more parents/guardians to attend on one of the two days.

Report cards will be disseminated at this time, and parents/guardians will have a "brief window" with which to conference with teachers. If there is a need for an in-depth conference, keep in mind that arrangements can be made that are convenient for both parties.

Those interested should call the school or email the person with whom you desire a meeting.

Student of the Month

The faculty and staff of AHS have voted, and senior Kwabena Kyenkyehene been voted in as the November winner! According Kwabena's teachers, he is a polite, well-mannered student

with a great work ethic. In addition to a successful academic career, Kwabena also has a demanding part-time job.

Please congratulate Kwabena this month for this honor!

Kwabena Kyenkyehene is the November Student of the Month

National Youth Leadership Forum

Ansonia High School Student, Michelle Evanich, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy (NYLF/DID) in Washington, D.C. from October 17th-24th.

Michelle was exposed to key leaders in the defense, intelligence and diplomatic communities, explored career options in these fields, and developed her personal leadership skills. Michelle was assigned to the Eisenhower National Security Action Meeting (NSAM) group led by Malcolm Ewing.

In her group's first meeting, Michelle engaged in icebreakers to

become better acquainted with her fellow scholars. Michelle worked closely with her new colleagues and friends in her NSAM group for the duration of the Forum.

Michelle also received an introduction to the Forum objectives and created a group code of conduct. Michelle received an up-close and personal look at defense, intelligence and diplomacy at her site experience. The site experiences offered at NYLF/DID allowed Michelle a chance to observe leaders in diplomatic institutions, military installations and intelligence agencies as they go about their daily tasks.

This first-hand exposure provided Michelle valuable and practical information about careers and opportunities in these communities.

Michelle also attended a seminar led by a local professional to learn about and discuss key issues facing the national security community today.

Congratulations

Sam Chameides ran in the Woodbridge Road Race on Saturday, October 21st. His time was 24.25. This is 20 seconds off his personal record 24.05. Sam is also a member of the boys varsity Soccer team.

National Honor Society News

Members of the National Honor Society participated in the Annul Senior Fair at Warsaw Park on October 19th. The Senior Fair allows elderly citizens to receive information about their health and other issues affecting their lives. The Honor Society will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday November 14th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Any

student over the age of 17 and all members of the community are welcome to participate in the blood drive.



LISTEN UP

On Monday, October 16th four corrections officers from Garner Corrections in Newtown spoke to more than 50 students. Students in Ms. Kelley's and Ms. Cahoon's Law class will be attending a tour within the next few weeks. The officers discussed prison life as well as their career for over an hour.

Music News

The Ansonia High School Music Department is proud to announce the band and chorus officers for this year. For the band, winners are:

President- John Gamble; Vice-Presidents-Zach Hallet and Joe Rinaldi, Secretaries-Eva Januskiewicz and Penny Efthymiou; Fundraising Chairs-Matthew Palmer and Lauren Todd and New Member Representative-Amber Gould. Chorus officers are: President-Kristen Larkin; Vice President-Jessica Goggi; Secretary-

Ann Medina and Fundraising Chair-Cynthia Buker. All of the students who ran for office were excellent candidates.

On Friday November 3rd, all of the band seniors will be honored as part of Senior Night festivities. Seven seniors will be leaving us after this year. Any student who used to play in band at AMS or who wants to learn a new instrument should sign up for band for next year. New members are wanted and needed!

On Saturday November 18th, 10

members of the chorus will represent AHS at the Southern Region Auditions at Foran High School in Milford. Each of them has to learn an aria in Italian as part of the audition process. We wish them all good luck!

Finally, the music department will take its annual adjudication trip to Philadelphia, PA with stops at Six Flags New Jersey, the Philadelphia Zoo and various museums and other tours. The dates of the trip are May 4th-6th,

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Guidance News: College Prep Checklist

Remember to:

Apply to several colleges or universities – many students choose between five and eight.

Apply to at least one stretch school – a college or university that you would like to attend but believe may be out of your reach financially.

Begin your college application process as early as possible with the objective of receiving college admission letters no later than March of the year you plan to attend college.

Apply for as many scholarships as possible. This broadens your opportunities to receive funds to attend your “stretch” college or university.

Apply for a Personal Identification Number (PIN), which will help

expedite your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Submit your FAFSA to federal Student Aid Programs as early as possible, and no later than February 1, 2007. Do not wait for your parents'/ guardians' tax return to be filed.

Beat the deadline when submitting all applications for college admissions and scholarships.

Choose recommenders (teachers, counselors, coaches, etc.) who know you well – people who can give specific examples of why you are an excellent candidate for admission.

Take some time to evaluate your SAT scores. Are you satisfied with your SAT scores? If you believe you can do better, consider retaking these exams at least once.

Congratulations Class of 2010 Officers and Representatives

President

Lucilla Cooper

Vice President

Elise Pittman

Secretary

Emily Diurno

Treasurer

Jeanne Whalen

Representatives

Jodie Cegelka

Noel Cielo

Chris Pedevillano

Class News

Class of 2007

Advisors: Mrs. Kelley-Mastroni, Ms. Lonardo

- The Class of 2007 will be hosting a Homecoming Dance on Thursday, November 9th at Ansonia High School. Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$7 for any outside guest. We hope to see you there.

Class of 2008

Advisors: Mrs. Rzasa, Mrs. Wynus

- The Class of 2008 Junior Ring Dance will be held on Monday, Nov. 6 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Inn at the Villa Bianca in Seymour.

Class of 2009

Advisors: Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Phipps

- The Pie Fundraiser has arrived. A parent or guardian must pick up the fundraiser as soon as possible. See Mrs. Davis or Mrs. Phipps to schedule a date and time.