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Guidance News

Seniors, the college application process is in full swing. Please be diligent in seeing your counselor for final completion and review of the following: applications, applicable waiver(s), teacher recommendations, essay, resume, deadlines, SAT and ACT. These packet items must accompany your application, whether on-line or on paper.

FAFSA forms will not be made available to the Guidance Department any longer. Students will apply on-line; those seniors who cannot apply on-line must request the paper application directly from the federal government. See your counselor for proper contacts. Even though FAFSA's cannot be submitted until January 1, 2008, each student and parent/guardian should apply for a PIN right away.

Colleges will continue visiting AHS throughout November. Mitchell College, WCSU, Johnson & Wales and others are coming to our campus; please sign up now.

On November 8th, the University of Hartford Art Department will provide a tour of its program and facilities to various seniors from the Art, Music, and Technology programs of AHS. An informal campus tour will also be provided.

The counselors are looking forward to meeting and speaking with parents during the Nov 14-15 Parent Night conferences. Parents can make arrangements by contacting our office.

The Career Interest Inventory has been administered to all Freshmen. Their effort and cooperation were outstanding and greatly appreciated.

God Bless America!

Dates to Remember

Nov. 2	ASVAB TEST
Nov. 4	Daylight Savings Turn Clocks Back
Nov. 5	Junior Ring Dance Villa Bianca
Nov. 6	No School Professional Day
Nov. 12	No School Veteran's Day
Nov. 13	Honor Society Blood Drive
Nov. 14	Parent Conferences 4-6 pm
Nov. 15	Parent Conferences 6-8 pm
Nov. 20	Early Dismissal
Nov. 21	Pep-Rally Door Decorating Contest Early Dismissal
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving Recess

Ansonia Scarves for Sale

Have you noticed the beautiful blue and white scarves sported by parents, students, members of the community, and some of our local officials? These warm, fuzzy creations are the handiwork of Mrs. Sharon Lawlor. To show her support of AHS students and the Gridiron Booster Club, Mrs. Lawlor made 15 scarves and is currently selling them with all proceeds – including her material costs and labor – going to the Booster Club. If interested, a few are still available and can be seen in the main office. Our thanks to Mrs. Lawlor for sharing her talent and for her generosity!



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The Charger Times

Hispanic Heritage Month

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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.

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Hispanic Heritage Month is the 30-day period between September 15 and October 15 when we celebrate and recognize Hispanic Americans and the contributions they have made to the United States, as well as Hispanic culture and heritage. First observed as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968 when Lyndon Johnson was president, it was extended to the 30-day period we now know as Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988, when Ronald Reagan was in office.

The date on which Hispanic Heritage Month begins is of great importance. It is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Honduras. Both Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days within this time frame as well. Columbus Day (El Día de la Raza), commemorating the discovery of the Americas, is October 12. Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

To kick off Hispanic Heritage Month at Ansonia High School, the Spanish Honor Society met to discuss important Hispanic Americans and what they have contributed to the United States and the world community. The society set up two bulletin boards to commemorate some of these outstanding individuals and the significant roles they play in American society today. One board, written in the Spanish language, can be found at the beginning of the world language hallway. The other, written in English, is located at the beginning of the math/history hallway.

The Spanish Honor Society has also been asking a question a day during morning announcements and on the televised announcements based on information from those bulletin boards. Students are able to answer the questions, hand the answers in to their teachers, and receive extra credit for their work.

Hispanic Heritage Month is one of the ways to celebrate Hispanic language, culture and heritage. ***¡Viva el mes de la herencia hispana!***

Student of the Month

The votes are in! The faculty and staff have selected Ann Medina as the AHS November Student of the Month. According to Ann's teachers, she has developed into a young woman who is not afraid of a challenge, is willing to help others in class, as well as receive help herself.

She has been stepping out of her comfort zone and has been successful at taking on new subjects. Please be sure to congratulate Ann this month for her outstanding achievement.

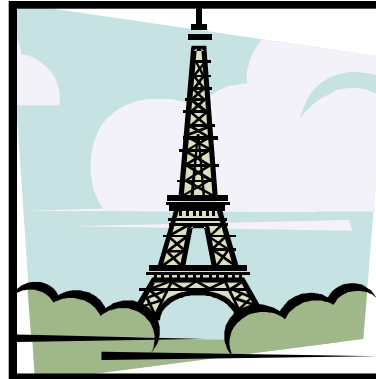
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November
Student of the Month

National French Week

The seventh annual National French Week is taking place from November 5-11, 2007. It is a week long celebration of all things French. Our French students have designed posters about French people who have influenced our lives, about French holidays, and about how French can open new doors. Please enjoy them around the building. French has

opened the doors between cultures of all countries that speak the language. It has opened people's minds by becoming a second language, thus opening the doors to an endless library of French literature and knowledge previously inaccessible. It is a language that has had colossal impact on lives from a universal perspective. The infant speaking his first words in Cor-

sica, the bilingual businessman in Brussels, and the trilingual missionary in Madagascar all must depend on French as the key for communication that unlocks the door to friendship with those surrounding them. There are doors all over the world and doors in every person's life that can only be opened with the use of French.



Feature of the Month: Owning a Service Business

The Ansonia High School business department is implementing a "Feature of the Month" guest speaker series. Each month, the business department, along with the Future Business Leaders of America Club, will be inviting speakers from all aspects of business to discuss with students their personal insights and experiences in their field of industry.

Mr. Firmender, guidance counselor at

AHS, was the first speaker in this series.

Mr. Firmender discussed opening and operating a service business. He is the owner of Ken Firmender Painting and Wallpapering. Students in Entrepreneurship were excited to learn about how Mr. Firmender opened his business, how he manages staff, and what it is like to be your own boss. Students were also interested in learning how Mr. Fir-

mender was able to turn his original business into three business ventures.

The business department and FBLA are looking forward to upcoming presentations from Carvel, Coach, Conair, KPMG and TJX Corporation. If you are interested in speaking to business classes and FBLA members please contact Mrs. Crooks at scrooks@ansoniam.org

Yearbook Picture Search

The Yearbook Staff invites students, teachers, and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school or community events, or of you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them.

Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

To submit photos for the Yearbook, drop off any of the following to Ms. Mudry:

- A memory card.
- Pictures on a CD-ROM
- Printed photos with your name and HR lightly printed on the back

Special Considerations

The Yearbook Staff reserves the right to reject photos to meet staff's stan-

dards.

We do not guarantee that submissions will be used in the book.

Every effort will be made to return printed photos. Submit copy prints of irreplaceable photos.

Are you Ready for Reptiles

On October 9th, members of the Just Friends Club as well as other AHS students were fortunate to meet Ms. Wendy Sabol from the Ansonia Nature Center. She brought a few friends with her including Timmy the bearded dragon and the ball python. Both were

very popular and the students were eager to hold them. Students also touched a baby snapping turtle and a five-legged turtle.

Ms. Wendy asked several questions about the reptiles and Cruz, Irene, Megan and Steven were some of the students who responded. Special thanks to

Ms. Hanbury for setting up this interesting and informative presentation.



THE CHARGER HEALTH CENTER: A Health Center for the Students of AHS

Charger Health Center – A comprehensive Health Center for Students of Ansonia High School

For:

All High School students whose parents provide written consent enabling the student to use the Health Center

Located:

The Charger Health Center is located in the front of the school building at the North Entrance next to the Guidance Department.

Staffed By:

A Nurse Practitioner
A Social Worker
A Medical Assistant

Providing:

- Physical examinations and screen-

ings, including Sports Physicals

- Diagnosis and treatment of acute illness and injury
- Management of Chronic Illness
- Health Education and Risk Reduction
- Individual Group and Family Counseling
- Immunizations
- Reproductive Care
- Laboratory Tests
- Psycho-social Assessments
- Referrals for Services

More about the Health Center:

The goals of the Health Center are to increase the access students have to mental and physi-

cal health services, to decrease the risky health behaviors of the students, and to help everyone become a knowledgeable consumer of health services. The Center is operated by Griffin Hospital and all care is supervised by Physicians. The Health Center works in conjunction with current school health staff and is supported by grants and funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and Griffin Hospital.

For Additional Information:

Please call the Charger Health Center at (203) 736-6977

Did you know...

Did you know that if every home in the United States replaced just one light bulb with one ENERGY STAR light bulb enough energy would be saved to light 3 million homes for one year, \$600 million dollars annually in energy costs would be saved, and greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of 800,000 cars would be prevented? ENERGY STAR light bulbs use 75% less energy than conventional light bulbs saving \$30 or more over the lifetime of the light bulb. You can make a difference by changing just one light bulb!

Source: energystar.gov

Yearbooks are now on sale!!!

Save money and order yours now.

Price will go up after November 30th.

Cost - \$55.00

See Ms. Mudry or order online

@jostensyearbooks.com