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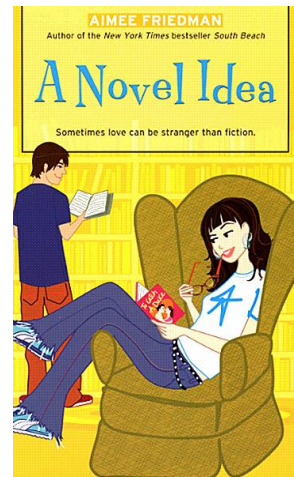
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Book of the Month

Norah's guidance counselor informs her that she needs more extracurricular activities to strengthen her college applications. Along with her two best friends, she starts a book club at a local bookstore. Soon after, her focus is on James, a new member, and how to grab his attention. Taking cues from her favorite romance writer, she starts engaging in various plots

that inevitably go askew. Ultimately, Norah discovers that James has read the same romance novel and has recognized her plotting schemes.

Norah's quick-wit and lack of self-confidence as well as numerous references to pop-culture icons are sure to keep any reader engaged.



September Calendar	
Sept 4	No School Labor Day
Sept 11	Grandparent's Day
Sept 17	Constitution and Citizenship Day
Sept 18	Family Day
Sept 19	Underclassman Photos
Sept 20	Early Dismissal
Sept 21	"Back to School Night"
Sept 23	Autumn Begins
Sept 29	Progress Reports

Congressional Page, Con't.

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bills are placed. Britany hopes that her participation in the Congressional Page Program will further her education in politics. She would like to study International Business Law and work for the United Nations.

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The Charger Times

A New Beginning

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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My, how time flies! It seems that we never left the hallowed halls of Ansonia High School. Nevertheless, from the reactions and behaviors of everyone in the building, the opening was a phenomenal success. In fact, some categorizes it as one of the best beginnings in a very long time.

District-wide, we participated in the professional day discussion on creating a positive social environment in the school and the classroom. Naturally, the focus was on discipline/classroom management. Across grade levels, we talked about "what we do" in our respective buildings to ensure a positive environment and "what skills we wanted a graduate of district to possess." Meaningful insight was gained,

and our goal was to go back to our buildings to implement some of the ideas into our existing policies and procedures.

Next, during Freshmen Orientation, the young people were perfect young ladies and gentlemen. Aided by upperclassmen, they received their schedules and turned in papers, attended the "opening talk" in the auditorium, attended classes on an abbreviated schedule, and enjoyed a delectable "indoor picnic." Contrary to the rumors, this group of students appears to be ready for their most important job: getting a good education.

Each of the upper classes also attended a welcome back assembly. During these talks, important policies were reviewed,

and students were reminded that they should be "role models" and of their purpose for being here. Key personnel spoke at various meetings about issues pertinent to the specific class.

Finally, we are all somewhat superstitious of this awesome beginning. The veterans have embraced our new staff, and the students are doing what they are supposed to do. The overall atmosphere is warm, inviting, and safe.

Student of the Month

The votes are in and Carissa Madden has been voted in as September Student of the Month.

According to Carissa's teachers, she is a dedicated, hardworking, trustworthy student who has not hesitated to take on challenges, such as UCONN Calculus, during

her time here at AHS. Carissa is also an active member of Student Government and the AHS Band.

Please congratulate Carissa on this noteworthy achievement!

Carissa Madden is the
September Student of
the Month

Welcome! New Staff

Ansonia High School would like to welcome the following new staff members to AHS:

Business Department: Ms. Sara Cahoon

Ms. Cahoon will be teaching Marketing, Business Law, Internet/E-Commerce, Testing Strategies and Computer Applications. Ms. Cahoon is a graduate of Albertus Magnus College and The University of New Haven. She completed her student teaching last year at North Haven High School. Ms. Cahoon recently moved to Ansonia and will be getting married in January.

History Department: Mr. John Boni

Mr. Boni will be teaching Global History and can be found in Portable B. He is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University and completed his student teaching at North Haven High School.

Fine Arts Department: Mrs. Nancy Bennett-Morgenstern

New to Ansonia High School, but not new to teaching, is general art and ceramics teacher Mrs. Bennett-Morgenstern. Mrs. Bennett-Morgenstern is a graduate of Southern

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Brittany Bisson: Congressional Page

Junior Brittany Bisson is currently in Washington D.C. working as a Congressional Page. Brittany is one of 72 high school juniors selected to this program. She is sponsored by Connecticut Congresswoman Rosa

DeLauro. Congressional Pages are hired to serve as helpers for the U.S. House of Representatives. Brittany will live, work, and study in Washington, D.C. until January. She is required to attend Page School and complete all

classes in a normal junior year curriculum. As a Page Brittany will run errands, give tours, take phone calls, run messages between members of congress. She will even be running Bills to the hopper. The hopper is a box where potential

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Financial Literacy and Responsibility

This year's Accounting students will be participating in a year-long lesson on financial literacy and responsibility. Students will be keeping track of "Business Bucks" in a checkbook register.

Students will receive "Bucks" for doing well on tests and quizzes, participating positively in class, showing improvement, and being prepared and willing to learn. Students must deduct "Bucks" from their register if they come to class unprepared and need to borrow a text, pencil or accounting forms or if they need to use the pass. At the end

of each marking period "Bucks" can be turned in for points.

This lesson was created to teach students how to keep track of money in a checkbook register and prepare them to be responsible adults.

Checkbook registers were donated by Assistant Manager Caroline White at Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan located on Pershing Drive.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Rzasa on the birth of your baby girl Jayden, born June 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Brockett on your wedding, July 3rd.

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Connecticut State University and has taught public school for 17 years. She taught art at Ansonia Middle School and in Bridgeport.

World Languages Department: Ms. Paula Erardi & Mr. Jerome Manning

Ms. Erardi will be teaching Spanish I and Spanish II. In the Fall of 2002 she studied abroad in Granada, Spain. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and Central Connecticut State University. Ms. Erardi completed her student teaching at New Britain High School.

Mr. Manning will be teaching Spanish I and Spanish II.

Science Department: Ms. Flavia Cruz

Ms. Cruz will be teaching General Biology and College Biology.

Music Notes

Despite losing key seniors, the music department is stepping up its game this year. We are a bit smaller in number, but all new and returning members are enthusiastic and ready to work!

Please check out the band at the first home football game on September 22nd. The chorus is looking forward to making its debut closer to the holidays with performances at various locations around town.

Parental support is key this year as the students would like to plan some events that involve help from our families. More information will be coming soon.

Please contact Ms. T. by e-mail at: mtangredi@ansoniah.org with any questions you may have.

Seniors: 1956-2006

On September 29th the Class of 1956 will be touring Ansonia High School as part of their 50-year reunion. The Class of 1956 will be meeting with history teachers Mr. Pascale, Mr. Rotteck, and the History Club.

Below are some differences between each senior class:

	1956	2006
Average Income	\$4,454	\$46,326*
Average Price for a House	\$22,000	\$264,000
Average Price for a Car (Ford)	\$2,450	\$28,000
Average Price for a Gallon of Gas	.22	\$2.37-\$3.45
Price of a Stamp	.03	.39
#1 Movie (Oscar Winner)	"Around the World in 80 Days"	"Crash"
#1 Song (Billboard Chart)	"Heartbreak Hotel" Elvis Presley	"We Belong Together" Mariah Carey*

*2005 information used, 2006 information unavailable

Class News

Class of 2007

Advisors: Mrs. Kelley-Mastroni, Ms. Lonardo

- Yankee Candle fundraiser begins on September 14th.
- Senior Prom April 27th.
- Senior Banquet May 24th.

Class of 2008

Advisors: Mrs. Rzasa, Mrs. Wynus

- Meadow Farms catalog fund-

raiser begins on September 5th

- Junior Ring Dance November 6th

Class of 2009

Advisors: Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Phipps

- Chef Pierre pie fundraiser begins on September

Class of 2010

Advisors: Ms. Hanbury, Mrs. Nargi

- Officer Elections TBA