

Weekly Calendar

October 1, 2009

CAC Holiday
October 4-5

6th of October Holiday
October 6

Middle School Social
October 8 - 7:00 to 9:30 pm -
High School Gallery

**Grade 8 PRIME Trip to the
Western Desert
Parents Meeting**
October 7 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm
in Room 600

**Grade 6 PRIME Trip to Luxor
Parents Meeting**
October 11 at 2:15 pm
in Room 70

**Grade 7 PRIME Trip to
Dahab
Parents Meeting**
October 13 at 2:15-3:00 pm
in Room 600

Dear Parents,

Every year Cairo American College conducts various emergency drills to ensure student safety on campus. Since September 22 we have conducted a real drill of our "Virtual Middle School" which also supports student safety and educational continuity. As we shared at the "Town Meeting" with parents this week we feel very pleased that not one student was left behind in terms of access to a viable teaching and learning process during this campus closure. Like any drill, we have learned a lot about our practices and performance. All of the constructive feedback from students, teachers and parents will be factored into future plans in the event of another school closure.

We salute the faculty of the Middle School who have modeled our core values of Respect, Caring, Trust, Safety and Diversity (powered by technology) over the past eight days. It is now time for everyone to take a long weekend to reflect and recharge. It would be an understatement to say that we look forward to seeing students and parents back on campus. We thank you for your continued support of our international learning community. Travel safely and classes resume on October 7.

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Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, 4	No Classes
Monday, 5	No Classes
Tuesday, 6	No Classes
Wednesday, 7	1A
Thursday, 8	2B



School Activities

Middle School PRIME Trips – Parent Information Meeting

PRIME Trips (Primary Resource in the Middle East) are an important part of the Middle School program. This off-campus activities-based program offers students the opportunity to develop new friendships, try new experiences, explore the host nation culture, and build self-confidence outside of the classroom environment. The CAC PRIME Trips are an integral and mandatory part of the Middle School curriculum.

The Middle School teachers spend a great deal of time planning each trip to ensure that the trips are educationally and developmentally appropriate for each grade level. Students complete group and individual projects that are graded and included in their final course grades. Each school year parent orientation meetings are held prior to these trips to discuss details, address concerns, and answer questions.

The PRIME trips parent information meetings are scheduled as follows:

Grade 8 Western Desert Trip, will be held on October 7 at 6:00-8:00 pm in Room 600.
Grade 7 Red Sea Trip to Dahab, will be held on October 13 at 2:15-3:00 pm in Room 600
Grade 6 Luxor Trip, will be held on October 11 at 2:15-3:00 pm in Room 70 of the Middle School building.

REMINDER: The Health Office needs to approve the Health form for all students in the Middle School. This must be done in advance so as to be sure that the immunization record is up to date. Failure to do this on time will result in preventing a student from participating in the trip.

Western Desert Notice

For the Grade 8 trip to the Western Desert, students will receive paperwork on October 8, following the parents meeting on October 7. These trip documents must be returned by October 23 to Mr. Stavinoha. The trip will depart on November 2 at 5:00 am from Victory College car park. If you have any questions, please e-mail Mrs. Dillon, adillon@cacegypt.org.

Middle School Social

We look forward to celebrating the return of all students on October 7th and are now proceeding with plans to host our first Middle School Social on Thursday, October 8th from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. All Middle School students will be welcome to attend this social. This event is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council and is supervised by members of the Middle School faculty and administration. This will be a great way to welcome back our students. Students will need their CAC Photo ID to come onto the campus and there is an entry fee of 10 LE to the event.

From Performing Arts

Grimm Tales Drama Production

The cast of the Drama Production "Grimm Tales" is working hard to get ready for October 15 and 16 production dates. Check out the great posters around the campus. Tickets go on sale October 11th. They can be purchased from the Theatre Office, at the main gate in front of the CAC Health office at 3:15pm or from Mrs.Yendall in Room 37. Book your tickets in advance for this Middle School production!

Middle School 24 Hour Drama

The 24-hour Drama experience has been rescheduled for the weekend of Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th! The Middle School will play host to all those students who had previously signed up for the 24 Hour Drama Experience. If you did not get your Medical release form to Mrs.Yendall before the school closure please do so by October 8th. Check for further information and reminders in the Middle School Daily Bulletins.

Community Announcement



THREE CHEERS

Three Cheers for all the students and teachers in the Middle School who embraced the challenge of participating in a "Virtual School" during the campus closure – you modeled our core values!

Three Cheers for all the faculty members who, in a professional manner, maintained educational continuity through the use of instructional technology!

Three Cheers for Mr. Steve Roberts and all the CAC technology staff members who provided important technical support during this period of on-line instruction!

Three Cheers for the parents of the Middle School who supported us during the campus closure by offering constructive feedback and helpful ideas – we appreciate this spirit of partnership!

Counselors Corner

Whether we're in Virtual School or back on campus.....

It's not too late to set up a schedule for success for your student. Get ahead of academic problems by helping your young adolescent set goals and get a handle on homework and projects.

As you negotiate ground rules, listen attentively to your child's preferences for time to complete homework, time for the computer, phone, or TV, and time for other school night activities. Remember, though, that you are the adult and your guidance in apportioning time is extremely important.

Evaluate the schedule you have set up together by checking for achievement. Stay in contact with your child's teachers to assure that they are also seeing the fruits of your child's work.

From *The Family Connection*, National Middle School Association, www.nmsa.org

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