

**Weekly Calendar**

November 1, 2007

**High School /Middle School  
Combined Music Concert**  
November 5  
7:00 pm - CAC Theater

**Book Fair**  
Opening November 4 at 6:30 -  
8:30 pm in Room 600  
November 5-8 at 8:00 - 4:00 pm  
in Elementary School Lunchroom

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
November 6 in the Gym

**Middle States Association  
Accreditation Team Exit  
Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 7th, from  
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
CAC Theater

**24 Hour Drama**  
November 8-9, CAC Theater and  
Eagles' Nest

**U.S. Citizen Services**  
November 12-10:30 am - 12:30  
pm - Room 600

**Fall Athletic Awards Night**  
November 15  
6:00-9:00 pm - CAC Theater

**Read about the Middle  
School CAT Team**

[http://www.cacegypt.org/  
ms/cat.html](http://www.cacegypt.org/ms/cat.html)

**Schedule at a Glance**

Sunday, 4	3B
Monday, 5	4F
Tuesday, 6	
Wednesday, 7	5C
Thursday, 8	6G

**Dear Parents,**

As we go to press with this week's edition of News and Views, we wait in anticipation as our Grade 8 and Grade 7 students return from their PRIME trips in the Western Desert and Aswan. The campus has been quiet this week but the Grade 6 students did their best to make up for the missing students by launching rockets and enjoying the Egyptian Festival that was conducted on the athletic field today.

Every seven years, CAC goes through an accreditation process. Next week the school hosts a team of visiting professional educators who come to witness how life functions on our campus. They will also evaluate a report, which CAC has prepared, in terms of how we view our current position as an institution and goals we have set for the future. We welcome the AFG Validating Team from Sunday, November 4th until Wednesday, November 7th and thank them for supporting our work as an international school.

We are preparing for parent conferences next Wednesday in the CAC gym. Please read the information below to understand when to meet with the faculty members in the Middle School. We look forward to seeing you on campus. Have a good weekend!

Sincerely,

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# Parental Reminders

## Invitation to Accreditation Team Exit Meeting

The Validation Team for the Middle States Association, our accrediting agency, will be on the CAC campus from Sunday afternoon, November 4th, through Wednesday, November 7th. The purpose of the visit is for the team to review our work of the past year and three months, during which we have analyzed accreditation standards and clarified CAC's strengths and areas for improvement. Many of you participated in this exercise a year ago when you completed a survey prepared by Middle States. As closure to the visit, the Validation Team will meet with the CAC community to convey its observations and impressions of their four days with us. You are cordially invited to attend this meeting, which will take place in the Theater on Wednesday, November 7th, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences Tuesday - November 6

On November 6, 2007 the Middle School is going to host parent conferences within a new format. We are going to utilize a form of conferencing known as "arena style". What will be different from last year is that all the Middle School teachers will be together in the main CAC gym. They will all have a designated area to conduct meetings with parents. We believe this method will allow Middle School parents an efficient and effective way to meet with their student's teachers on the day.

On Tuesday November 6, Middle School parents are asked to come directly to the main Gym. We will be following the schedule below and ask that you arrive during the time that matches the first letter of your child's last name. This will allow us to avoid overcrowding.

- 8:00-9:25 Parents of students in Grades 6-8 with the last name A-K
- 9:25-9:35 Break for all teachers
- 9:40-11:30 Parents of students in Grades 6-8 with last name L-Z
- 11:30-12:00 Lunch for all teachers
- 12:00-1:00 this time is designated for pre scheduled conferences that teachers have requested. Parents will receive notification from teachers for a conference during this time.
- 1:00-2:25 Parents of students in Grades 6-8 with a last name A-K
- 2:25-2:35 Break for all teachers
- 2:40-4:00 Parents of students in Grade 6-8 with a last name L-Z

Certain teachers in the Middle School also teach in the High School. In order to allow both Middle and High School parents access to these teachers on the same day we are splitting the time in which will be available to parents in their respective divisions. If you wish to meet with any of the teachers listed below you will need to attend parent conferences between 8:00 am and 11:30am or from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm. After this time these teachers will be scheduled for meetings with High School parents.

- Wendy Newman: Grade 8 Physical Education
- Brent Hamilton: Grade 8 Physical Education
- Dennis Tucci: Grade 7 Physical Education
- Sarah Britt: Middle School Dance
- Louise Guthleben: Middle School Choir
- Robert Fedorack: Middle School Band
- Fenella Kelly: Middle School Drama and Stage Craft
- Lamia Mazhar: Grade 6 Egypt Culture and Egypt, Greek and Roman Times
- Arline Didier: Middle School ESL

## Notice to all Middle School and High School Students and Families

In our on-going efforts to ensure a safe campus environment, we are introducing a new procedure. Beginning **Sunday, November 11, 2007**, all students in grades 6 through 12 must show their CAC ID upon entering the campus after 5:30 on weekdays and all day on Friday and Saturday. Please help your sons and daughters remember to bring their Photo ID's to campus. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all adults to remember this expectation of all of us – and to thank you for your cooperation.

Monica N. Greeley  
Superintendent

## Need an Early Christmas Present?

Why not buy Peace cards? Beautifully illustrated depictions of Peace brought to you by our own CAC students. A set of 5 cards for only 20LE.

Where: inside the front gate

When: 3:00-3:30pm every Sunday from October 28-December 16 (while supplies last)

## Halloween Carnival

The 2007 Halloween Carnival was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of the entire community. Well over 500 volunteers brought a spooky night of fun to our Elementary School students and we appreciate all your efforts! Whether you sold tickets, decorated the campus, helped with set-up, manned booths, cooked up hot dogs, or donated candy, we thank you!

Some people deserve special recognition for their efforts. Special thanks go to our Administrative staff: Mr. Marriott, Mrs. Neff, Mr. Popinchalk, Mr. Anderson, Mr. DeWolf, and Mr. Pleasants and their staffs for all of their help. Thanks, also, to Mr. Ibrahim, Mr. Mahmoud, our janitors and security staff for all their hard work. Thanks, too, to Lisa Ferguson who heads up After Prom and all her volunteers, with special thanks to Kurt Ferguson and Coca Cola for their generous support. Thanks to Elmare Maurin and the PTO for their support in purchasing prizes for our little ghosts and goblins. Extra special thanks goes to Lisa, Eric, Alaina, and Maya Phinney for the hours they spent hauling and counting candy! And the carnival would not have taken place without the extra-special efforts of Kris Wood, Activities Director Mark Sullivan, and the Junior Class Sponsors, Jocelyn Popinchalk and Bill Fossgreen and the entire Junior Class. Thanks to the Class of 2009 for a fantastic Halloween Carnival!

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## From The CAC Performing Arts

### CAC Performing Arts Presents a Combined Music Concert on Monday - November 5

Next week please join us for a special musical evening. For a complete display of the musical offerings in the Middle School and High School at CAC, nothing beats this concert. Voices, strings, instruments and a cast of hundreds present a wonderful variety of musical styles. Get there early in order to enjoy the show, which starts at 7:00. The choir concert students participating in the concert need to wear black or dark trousers and white shirt (boys) black skirt or pants with white shirt (girls). Choir students need to be in the choir room at 6.15 on Monday, November 5.

### Student Auditions for the CAC Musical

The High School / Middle School musical auditions for "Blood Brothers" are being held on November 11 with callbacks on November 12. Look at the CAC website, under the performing arts section, for the download of the songs. You may pick up music from the theatre box office or the choir department.

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## Community Announcement

### Book Fair

Button down the hatches for a whale of a book fair November 4th – 8! This is your chance to find yourselves some treasures there! Opening Night is on November 4 in the Elementary School lunchroom from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Meet author Mr. J. Scott Fuqua, author of many children and teen books. Listen to music from members of the String Band and guitarist Mr. Jeff Harding! AUC Press books will also be on sale. There will be a raffle with vouchers, books and many other things as well as goodies and drinks to share!

On **November 5** from 8:15 am to 3 pm all Middle School and High School students are welcome to buy up to 5 books. Two of the five books can be put on hold and must be picked up by the end of next day. Books that are not picked up go back on the shelf by 3 pm on the 6 of November. After 3pm on Nov 6th, the book fair will then be open to the entire CAC community! See you there!

### CAC EMAC Forensics and Debate Tournament

CAC will again be hosting this prestigious and academic event from December 7, 8 and 9. Judges for this event are drawn from the community and we invite you to take part in this worthwhile and rewarding experience. There are eight performance events; debate, impromptu speaking, duet acting - comic and serious, oral interpretation - comic and serious, oratory and extemporaneous speaking.

Judges can choose up to two events and training sessions will be provided in November and early December.

Please contact Jonathan Bryans or Jocelyn Popinchalk to express your interest or with any further questions. **Forensics and debate judges are still required!**

Please note change of date for the introductory meeting - it will now take place from 4-4.45pm on Tuesday November 6th. Anyone interested is very welcome.

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### **MBA Basketball Sign-Ups Saturday**

The Maadi Basketball Association is a coed basketball league for grades 3-8. Games are on Saturdays & practices 1-2 nights per week. The season runs from mid-December to early March. Our focus is on skill development and teamwork. We make a big effort to keep the teams balanced. Sign-ups will be Saturday, November 10, from 9-12 am at CAC. We will also have late registration on Saturday, November 17, 9-12 am at CAC. Fees are 250 LE. Contact Troy Smith (010-500-4195) with any questions. Volunteer coaches are always needed and welcome!

### **WEEKEND WITH CLAUDE MONET**

#### ***TISSUE COLLAGE WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN TAUGHT BY KIMBERLY ODEKIRK***



After a brief history of the French Master Impressionist, Monet, the children will study drawing and collage techniques with hands-on demonstrations in the creation of their own version of "Water Lilies". The artwork will be professionally double matted and framed, making it the perfect addition to your family gallery, or as a treasured gift for a loved one.

Fri-Sat, DEC 7-8, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm, CAC, Room 626, Grades 3-8 \$60. Please reserve space with Kimberly Odekirk, Tel: 010-517-6831 or the Activities Office, Tel: 2755-5461, or [sserry@cacegypt.org](mailto:sserry@cacegypt.org)

### **Lost and Found**

Please, please help us to help you by making sure that your children's clothing and possessions are marked with their name/names.

These items are available in the Central Lost and Found office.

1. Swim bags (galore), back packs
2. Prescription glasses and sun glasses.
3. Dolls and soft toys
4. Plastic food containers
5. Lunch bags and water bottle holders etc.
6. Pencil cases
7. Soccer Balls

Please stop by the Lost and Found office, behind the ID office.

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### **THREE CHEERS**

Three Cheers for all those involved with the PRIME trips to Aswan and the Western Desert - Welcome Back!

Three Cheers for all the Middle School students and parents who made the Halloween Carnival a success!

Three Cheers for the Middle School students who participated in the EMAC Boys and Girls Volleyball Tournaments

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## Counselors Corner

### What Makes Young Adolescents Tick - Continuing the Journey

Young adolescents, 10 to 15 year olds, are going through a time of unprecedented growth and change. It is critical for parents and all adults who work with them to understand the diverse ways in which they develop. In the last issue of News & Views, we discussed several characteristics of physical and intellectual growth and development. Here, we continue our discussion of moral, psychological, and social-emotional development.

In the area of moral development, young adolescents

- Are in transition from moral reasoning that focuses on "what's in it for me" to that which considers the feelings and rights of others.
- Increasingly are capable of assessing moral matters in shades of grey, as opposed to viewing them in black and white terms more characteristic of younger children.
- Are moving from acceptance of adult moral judgments to developing their own personal values; nevertheless, they tend to embrace major values consonant with those of their parents and other valued adults

In the area of psychological development, young adolescents

- Are often preoccupied with self.
- Are psychologically vulnerable, because at no other stage in development are they more likely to encounter and be aware of so many differences between themselves and others.
- Are also psychologically resilient; across diversities in race and ethnicity, residence, or socioeconomic status, young adolescents tend to be optimistic and have a generally positive view of their personal future

In the area of social-emotional development, young adolescents

- Have a strong need for approval and may be easily discouraged.
- Have a strong need to belong to a group, with approval of peers becoming as important as adult approval, and on some matters even more important.
- In their search for group membership, may experience significant embarrassment, ridicule, or rejection from those in other cliques from which they are excluded.

From *This We Believe: Successful Schools for Young Adolescents* (2003), "Characteristics of Young Adolescents," by Dr. Peter Scales, available from National Middle School Association at <http://www.nmsa.org> or 1-800-528-NMSA.

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