

Weekly Calendar

January 17, 2008

New Parents Coffee

January 21 at 8:30 am in the Middle School Faculty Lounge

US Citizen Services

January 21, 10:30 am-12:30 pm in Room 600

CAT Meeting

January 23, 3:30-5:00 pm in the Middle School Counseling Center

New Student Orientation Trip

January 25 – Off Campus

A Day in the Globe

January 31 - Celebrate Shakespeare

Winter Social

January 31, 7:00-9:30 pm in the High School Gallery

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year from the Middle School! After a well-deserved winter break our students have returned to cold temperatures and warm welcomes, especially to the twelve new students who have joined our learning community. We are taking time over the next five days to meet with all the students in each grade level to remind them of our standards and expectations within the Middle School. We completed a positive and productive first semester because we all worked hard to make relevant our core values of caring, trust, respect, diversity and safety. After five days back, we already see signs that our students are engaged in learning and returning to an active schedule of extra-curricular sports and activities.

Second quarter report cards were distributed today. We are grateful for the professional efforts of the faculty and counselors who have prepared these reports. We note that the Grade 8 team asked students to reflect on their learning by helping prepare the individual comments with the teachers. We ask that all parents sit down and reflect on the reports with their students. The grades and comments are a basis to discuss realistic goals for the third quarter. This is important because we believe at this point in time it is easy for students to lose focus on their academic responsibilities.

Speaking of responsibilities, we ask all parents to see if their child has an overdue library book! The "Year of the Reader" at CAC has been a great success so far, but a large number of students have failed to return books in a timely manner to the CAC library. We appreciate your assistance and support in this matter, just like all of you who helped us make sure that our student medical records were up to date as we started the year. We know that 2008 will continue on a positive path because of the many caring and committed ways our parents participate in our Middle School learning community. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

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Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, 20	6G
Monday, 21	7D
Tuesday, 22	8H
Wednesday, 23	1A
Thursday, 24	3E





Middle School Activities

It is a busy time around the middle school at lunch and after-school. Students have a wide variety of offerings available this quarter such as board games, electronics club and ping pong at lunch as well as Horseback riding, arts and crafts, environmental action, knitting, fencing, Math Workshop, Virtual Science Fair and Flag Football. These are just a few of the offerings available – students must listen for morning announcements to see when these clubs and activities meet. For more information please contact Angela Dillon, adillon@cacegypt.org

WEEKEND WITH LICHTENSTEIN

GOUACHE PAINTING Workshop for Children taught by KIMBERLY ODEKIRK



The children will find this Pop Artist fascinating as they learn how he created comic strip images that catapulted him to stardom and launched a new field of art. We'll experiment with Pointillism, painting his signature dots with Q-tips. The artwork will be professionally double matted and framed, making it the perfect addition to your family gallery or a treasured gift for a loved one.

Fri-Sat, JAN 25-26, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm, CAC, Room 626, Grades 3-8 \$60. Please reserve space with Kimberly Odekirk, Tel: 010-517-6831, the Activities Office, Tel: 2755-5461, or sserry@cacegypt.org

Parental Reminders

New Year Reminder: No CAC ID - No Entry to Campus

Thank you to parents as well as Middle and High School students for ensuring that you carry your CAC identification card with you and show it to our security personnel in order to gain entry to the campus. We very much appreciate your support as we introduce new guidelines for our students in Grades 6-12 and adhere to our guidelines for adults.

Please remember, if an ID holder neglects to present a valid CAC ID card after 5:30 p.m. for a second time, the individual will be prevented from entering campus until he or she locates the card and shows it to our security personnel. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PTO Notice Board

PTO EVENTS 2008

The PTO will be holding two events next year, an international Spring Fair and a Garage Sale:

One of attractions of Spring Fair will be a themed Basket Raffle which raises money to fund specific projects to benefit our school, as well as a percentage being donated to charity. This would be an opportune time to think about items that you can donate as contributions to our Basket Raffles. Contributions of any size are welcome.

To those parents who might want to clean out your closets and get rid of extra belongings, What about renting a table at the PTO Garage Sale next year!?! Many thanks to everyone for your support in these two events.

After Prom News

Please join us Monday, January 21 for another BBQ. We will be serving up American Hamburgers, hot dogs (all beef), nachos, baked potatoes and frito pie. This event will start at 11:15 by the Marble Bleachers. A great time with great food for great students!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. We will be selling Valentine candy Tuesday and Thursday at 3pm in front of the nurses' office. We have kisses, m & m's, individual packed candies perfect for valentine cards, loads more. Get there early, this will sell fast! Buy some for your Valentine!

CAC After-School Strings Program Spring Registration

Do you love music? Want to try something new for the New Year? Then consider learning to play a string instrument like the violin, viola, cello or bass. There will be a limited number of spaces for new students (kindergarten to grade 12) at Registration, Monday, January 21, 5 to 7pm in Room 600. Thinking about it but still have questions? Please check the Parent Information link on the MS or HS sections of the CAC website www.cacegypt.org, or simply call Tammy Baldauff 010-503-8930 or Judy Switzer 012-255-4996.

Community Announcement

The Digla Dash Event: Mark It on Your Calendars

On Friday, February 8, the annual Mike Ross Digla Dash takes place. This is an opportunity to raise money for charity by walking/running in Waadi Digla. It's a family-friendly, fun and healthy activity for the weekend, and we hope that all members of our CAC community will get involved and support the event. There is a 2.5 kilometer course for younger children and a five and ten kilometer course for older students and adults with a start-time of 11 a.m. at the race site (buses depart from the CAC front gates at 10 a.m.). Registration forms can be completed by visiting the CAC website, or you can call the Athletics Office at 2755-5417 for more information.

THREE CHEERS

Three Cheers for Edmundas Kavaliauskas for bringing to the office money he has found on the field. Thanks Edmundas for your honesty.

Three Cheers for the faculty for preparing our second quarter grade reports!

Three Cheers for our Middle School peer buddies who have worked with the Counselors to make our new students feel welcome at CAC.

Three Cheers for Mr. Macauley as he prepares for the next round of "no cut sports" in the Middle School.

Counselors Corner

Parents of students new to CAC: Please join the administration and the counselors for a coffee on Monday, January 21st at 8:30 am in the Middle School Faculty Lounge, Room # 45. Come meet other new parents and have a chance to ask your burning questions about Middle School. **Coffee and conversation- January 21st at 8:30 am.**

New Year Hopes

As we begin a "new year," often we reflect on what has passed and what the future brings. At this time in the life of adolescent, it's important that parents listen to the hopes, dreams, and ambitions of their children. These hopes and ambitions may not be practical and desirable from your point of view, but listen as children are often trying out ideas to see your reaction and how they fit. As the semester progresses, begin to talk about next year and for Grade 8 students preparing for the transition to the High School and all it entails will be most beneficial.

Get Motivated

As a parent, you are essential to the development of your child's motivation and can make a difference in child's attitude toward schoolwork. Here are some helpful tips to help you develop your child's motivation:

1. Provide a loving, accepting home environment
2. Be concise in your guidance
3. Give feedback often

4. Set a good example
5. Build on your child's non academic strengths
6. Parallel school work to your other child's interests
7. Help your child set goals
8. Provide the structure and organization to attain goals
9. Offer choices when doing homework
10. Emphasize progress made
11. Reinforce behaviors that are desired
12. Choose rewards with your child that are congruent to his or her interests

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