

## Weekly Calendar

January 24, 2008

### 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

### Recognition Assembly

February 5- 9:00-9:30 am in the  
Theater

### Spirit Week

February 10-14

### Progress Reports

February 14

### Dear Parents,

This week we began the next round of 'no cut sports' in the Middle School. We are very pleased with the interest that the students have shown and we thank Mr. Macaulay for his efforts to organize the coaches and students within various skill level groups. Due to the high turnout, we have decided to delay the start of the track season until certain facilities become available. All in all, we are very proud that our efforts to be inclusive in our approach to after school sports and activities continues to provide a positive experience for the students.

Mr. Popinchalk departed today for a teacher recruitment trip to the United States. Like our students and parents, faculty members can make a transition at the end of any school year at CAC. We work hard to promote our international school and so far we have been humbled by the interest that teachers have shown in the Middle School. CAC is recognized as a vibrant learning community. When we recruit faculty members we seek individuals who have a genuine interest in the learning needs of the adolescent and who will support the mission of CAC and our core values in the Middle School of respect, caring, trust, diversity and safety. It is an honor to recruit quality individuals to CAC and we take that responsibility seriously in order to advance the development of our learning community.

We are pleased to include the students who have achieved academic honors for the second quarter. We salute them for their efforts and encourage all students to make full use of the learning opportunities that present themselves every day in the Middle School.

Next week the High School students will be involved with their "Week Without Walls" program. We wish them well as they travel beyond the campus or take part in alternative learning experiences and service learning programs here in Cairo. The Middle School will look forward to a celebrating "A Day in the Globe" as we continue our January tradition of celebrating the life and times of William Shakespeare.

Have a good weekend and thank you for your support of our Middle School.

Sincerely,

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### Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, 27	3B
Monday, 28	4F
Tuesday, 29	5C
Wednesday, 30	6G
Thursday, 31	7D



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## 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](mailto: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 Pointalism, 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](mailto:sserry@cacegypt.org)

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## 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.

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## PTO Notice Board

### PTO EVENTS 2008

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

One of the attractions of the 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.

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## 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.

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## Counselors Corner

### A Fresh Start:

Parents can help students stay organized in the new semester by making sure students have all the supplies they need. You may want to ask your child if he/she needs refills on filler paper, notebooks, pens, pencils or other special supplies like markers or colored pencils. It's a good idea to check that first semester's materials have been appropriately stored at home, recycled, or if still needed for the class, organized in the three-ring binder. This will help students keep track of current assignments and paperwork.

### New Student Orientation

Students who have recently joined the CAC Middle School program and their Peer Buddies will be participating in a New Student Orientation program on Friday, January 25. The group will visit Coptic Cairo and enjoy lunch and a cruise on the Nile. Students should meet at the front gate of CAC by 11:15. Parents should pick up students after the trip at CAC at 5:00 pm.

### Dollars and Sense

Allowances, cash gifts at birthdays and holidays, summer earnings—these are just some of the sources of money that give young adolescents considerable resources. How do they learn to handle their money wisely or save it for a rainy day? Attitudes about money are formed early and stay with a person for a lifetime. Parents and other adults should help young adolescents develop both a healthy and realistic outlook about money and the skills necessary to manage money effectively.

Start by helping your young adolescent distinguish between needs and wants. While she may want a special pair of soccer shoes, does she really need a pair that cost \$120? Also, allow some mistakes with money. Don't jump in to save your young adolescent when he can't afford \$50 for a concert ticket because the lure of a new video game was too great.

Help your young adolescent develop a balance between savings and spending. If your daughter receives an allowance, do you expect her to save some of it? Decide what percentage of earnings or gifts will be used for college and what is available to spend.

Finally, discuss the values that go with money decisions. For young adolescents from homes with modest incomes, it is often difficult to compare with friends whose parents have greater means. The reality is that not all young adolescents can afford the clothes, sporting goods, or video games that some peers readily purchase. Above all, young adolescents need to understand that self-worth is not determined by the amount of money one has.

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Click on the following link to download the Middle School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll (*PDF Format*):

<http://www.cacegypt.org/ms/pdf/HonorRoll2nd.pdf>

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