

**Weekly Calendar**

**PTO Gala**  
April 29

**US Citizens Services**  
May 3 at 10:30 am-12:30 pm  
in Room 600

**ISTA Festival**  
May 5-10 in Zurich

**PTO Faculty/Staff  
Appreciation**  
May 13 at 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

**Social**  
May 13 at 7:00-9:30 pm  
in the Eagles' Nest

**Grade 8 Recognition Night**  
May 31 at 7:00-9:00 pm in the  
CAC Theater and School Field

**Schedule at a Glance**

Sunday, 2	7D
Monday, 3	8H
Tuesday, 4	1A
Wednesday, 5	2E
Thursday, 6	3B

**April 29, 2010**

**Dear Parents,**

The Middle School has completed the month of April on a very positive note and a highlight this week was the Choir concert on Monday night. Students performed various arrangements to display their talents and at the same time individuals were also recognized for their musical accomplishments during this academic year. Well done to everyone and we truly appreciate the professional efforts of Ms. Davis and Ms. Rozier who have guided and inspired our choirs throughout this school year.

Standards Based Reporting – this is a term that all of our students and you as parents need to soon become familiar with in our Middle School learning community. This past year a Middle School grading and reporting task force has been working with our faculty to revamp our reporting system so that it truly reflects student learning. The early release day on Wednesday provided the faculty an opportunity to give feedback on the final draft of our new report card that will be introduced during the 2010-11 academic year. It has been a very interesting process will a lot of dialog about how to report student learning in a meaningful way. We look forward to sharing more information with you on Standards Based reporting next August at the Back to School night.

So May is coming and we hope all of you are ready to finish the 2009-10 school year in a positive manner. Please encourage your child to stay focused, avoid missing school and getting lots of rest – the summer heat is here! Have a good weekend and turn your clocks forward tonight unless you are at the PTO Gala – where you can stay up all night long!

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**Time Change in Egypt Tonight!**

Egypt is scheduled to roll the clocks forward by one hour at **midnight** on **Thursday, April 29** in order to observe Daylight Saving Time. Be prepared to start your **Friday** one hour earlier.





## Middle School Activities

### The Middle School Dress Code – Parent and Student Reminder

As the weather continues to heat up, students should be reminded about the Middle School Dress Code. Recently, we have had to speak with several students about immodest and/or inappropriate dress in the Middle School. The Student Handbook states the following as it pertains to dress code. We ask for the support of both the students and parents to help abide by our expectations. Thank you.

All members of the school community, students, faculty and support staff, are expected to wear clothing that is modest and neat, appropriate for a learning institution and respectful of the culture of the community in which we live. The following are guidelines for Middle School students:

Pants for boys will not hang down below the waist.

- Clothing worn in Physical Education classes is not to be worn in regular classes.
- Shoes or sandals should be worn at all times. Flip flops or sandals reserved for beachwear are not permitted.
- Shirts and blouses should cover most or all of the shoulder. Tank tops, open midriffs and blouses with narrow straps are examples of inappropriate dress. A sleeveless blouse or sundress is considered appropriate if it is neat, modest and offers reasonable cover for the top of the shoulder.
- Shorts, for boys and girls, and skirts are to be neat and modest. On most bodies, this translates to a length that reaches at or just above the knee.
- Hats are not worn in the theater. A teacher may permit their use in class.
- Cut off, torn, ripped or un-hemmed clothing is considered inappropriate.
- The neat and modest expectations extend to language or symbols printed on clothing. Clothing that promotes disrespectful or violent behavior or advertises the use of illegal drugs or alcohol is considered inappropriate.

Students with inappropriate clothing will be asked to change if they have more appropriate clothes in their locker, or wear clothing provided by the school. Further, parents may be called and asked to deliver proper clothing before a student is permitted back in class.

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### Special Presentation to Grade 8 Students and Parents

*"Let's Talk About Drugs with Essam Youssef, author of A ¼ Gram"*

Grade 8 students and teachers will participate in a special assembly on Tuesday, May 4th at 8:00 am in the CAC Theater. This special presentation is a joint initiative between Diwan Bookstores and the author of **A ¼ Gram**, Essam Youssef. Essam Youssef has been taking his book talk to schools to engage with students and raise awareness of the dangers of drug addiction. This is a novel that has taken Egypt by storm since 2008. It traces the lives of four friends in Egypt as they grapple with drug addiction. It sends a powerful message to youth about drugs.

We feel that the author's powerful message will compliment our on-going commitment to teaching our students how to make healthy lifestyle choices and how to best reduce and avoid risky and unhealthy behaviors.

Parents of Grade 8 students are welcome to attend this special presentation from 8:00 – 9:30 am on Tuesday, May 4th in the CAC Theater.

Let's Talk About Drugs  
with Essam Youssef  
المخدرات في حياة الشباب  
A 1/4 Gram



Join us on Tuesday, May 4th, 2010 – 08:00am  
at Cairo American College

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### Grade 8 Recognition Night

Please remember that the Grade 8 Promotion Night is on May 31, at 7:00 pm in the theater. Due to theater capacity, each student will only receive two tickets with the option to request ONE extra. Tickets will be sent home on Tuesday, May 25. Students are requested to dress for this formal occasion while respecting the school's dress code. Boys should wear long dress pants, a shirt and tie if available or a suit if he has one. Girls are requested to wear a nice dress or outfit. Girls who have purchased a dress with spaghetti straps are requested to wear a shawl. **There should be no sports shoes, shorts or jeans at this formal event.**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

### CAC LIBRARY End-of-the-Year Dates - May - June 2010

Tuesday, June 1:  
Last day of school for Elementary School students

Wednesday, June 2:  
Last day of school for Middle / High School students. The library will close at 1:30 p.m.

End-of-the-Year Due Dates  
All library items need to be returned by the following days.

Thursday, May 13: ALL Elementary School students and community members  
Thursday, May 20: ALL Middle and High students  
Thursday, May 27: Elementary School Library Closed for the rest of the school year.

Elementary Students Summer Borrowing  
Due to the move to the new library, NO borrowing will take place this summer.

Middle and High School Summer Borrowing / Registration  
ONLY for the Middle/High School Library  
All accounts need to be cleared before patrons may borrow. All Elementary students (Rising 5th graders and younger) who want to borrow from the Middle/High School library need to fill in a form signed by a parent. Forms will be available at the library circulation desk from Thursday, May 20.

Summer Borrowing (5 days)  
10 a.m. Saturday, May 29, to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2

### THE CAC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER

Library book-drop boxes will be available starting Sunday, August 8

Middle/High School will resume Community Hours on the first day of school, Sunday, August 15, when all items are due. Information about the new Elementary School Library will be shared when it is available.

## THREE CHEERS

*Three Cheers for the Middle School Choirs who prepared and presented  
a wonderful array of musical talent – well done!!*

*Three Cheers for the Middle School students who competed  
in the Screaming Eagles Track Meet!*

*Three Cheers for our school nurses who work hard everyday to keep us healthy and safe!*

*Three Cheers for the CAC Board of Directors – approving the building of a new Middle School – thank you!*

*Three Cheers for the Middle School parents who serve on the CAT Team – contact the Middle School Principal if you  
would like to be considered for the CAT team in 2010-11!*



## Counselors Corner

### **A Question and Answer From The Family Connection, [www.nmsa.org](http://www.nmsa.org) You were wondering...**

**Question:** Summer break is coming soon and my child will have a lot of free time. Is that okay?

**Answer:** You are a wise parent to be thinking about the summer before it is full upon you! This is a good time to plan with your young adolescent so that summer will be fun and productive.

As a parent, you should be clear that there will be limits and requirements during the summer break: limited screen time (including phone, text, TV, video games, and all other passive entertainment), limited time unsupervised (if you work, you can call in regularly or have a neighbor check in), and required participation in family activities (chores, meals, family nights, family get-togethers).

Talk with your Middle School child about his or her expectations: Will he or she be playing on a team? Will he or she work (babysitting, yard work, assisting in a daycare)? Will he or she be performing community service? Extra sleep is certainly okay, as is spending time with friends, as long as the above limits are honored. And remember, a regular program of exercise improves brain function!

Finally, encourage your child to read at least half an hour every day. Make sure there is reading material available. It doesn't have to be a book—magazines, newspapers, or other non-fiction (science, sports, nature) are also good reading opportunities. Take your son or daughter shopping with you, and encourage them to practice their math skills while there. Buy an inexpensive notebook and urge them to write down the funny things that happen each day.

Young adolescents love unstructured time. Summer provides lots of chances for that. Planning helps to ensure that the unstructured time is an opportunity rather than a problem.

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