

Weekly Calendar

May 15, 2008

Dear Parents,

Poetry readings, underwater habitats, video production, discussions on alternative energy and clay figures were just some of the learning experiences we witnessed this week in the Middle School. It was all topped off by a wonderful dance presentation this morning in the theater that highlighted the plight of child workers around the world. As we continue to complete the academic year we remain grateful for the professional efforts of the faculty to make the Middle School a stimulating and safe learning environment. At the final full faculty meeting on Tuesday we reflected on the good things that exist in the Middle School. The Middle School faculty were also asked to set out possible priorities for the future. Reading, interdisciplinary units of study, technology integration, advisory activities and high expectations for the students were just some of the items that were mentioned. We will continue to seek your support as parents as we strive to fulfill the mission of CAC and model the Middle School core values of respect, caring, trust, diversity and safety.

In terms of safety, the boundary wall for the Elementary School construction site will start being assembled this weekend. The position of the fence on the school field will be at its furthest point for the next 10 weeks. It will eventually be moved back as certain work is completed on the track and then after excavation work is completed. During the last three weeks of school we will be embracing the reality of a different campus environment. In the process we will be learning from this new addition in order to prepare for the next academic year. There is never a dull moment in the Middle School, come to campus next week to witness that for yourself. Have a good weekend!

Sincerely,

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US Citizens Service
May 19 at 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Middle School Choir Soirees
Monday, May 19th
8.30am for Boys/Girls Choir
10.30am for Mixed Choir

Middle School CAT Meeting
May 21 at 3:30 pm in the
Counseling Center

Middle School Farewell Social
May 22 at 7:00-9:30 pm in the
High School Gallery

Strings Concert
May 31, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in
the Theater

Grade 8 Promotion Night
June 2, 7:00-9:00 pm in the
Theater

Grade Level Celebrations
June 3

**Middle School Farewell
Assembly**
June 4, at 10:15-11:15 am in the
Theater

Last Day of School
June 4, Students Dismissed at
11:30 am

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, 18	1A
Monday, 19	2E
Tuesday, 20	3B
Wednesday, 21	4F
Thursday, 22	5C





CAT TEAM MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES FOR 2008-09

The CAT Team's purpose is to provide the Principal with insight and counsel on current and long-range issues that support a shared vision for the Middle School community. The Middle School CAT Team is made up of parent representatives from each grade level. The group meets once a month. There are anticipated vacancies for the 2008-09 school year. If you are a parent of a student in the Middle School for 2008-09, and have an interest in serving as a CAT Team member please email Michael Popinchalk (mpopinchalk@cacegypt.org) or complete an application form. Applications should be submitted by May 25 and the results will be announced in the News & Views on May 29. Thank you for your interest and support of the Middle School CAT Team.

[Click here to download CAT Membership Application \(PDF Format\)](#)

Middle School Activities

Vocals 2008 - Choir Soirees

This year the CAC vocal CD has been recorded and mixed by a British sound engineer and the quality is superb. The CD includes a mixture of solos and choir numbers and the feeling is very upbeat. Please forward your money to Mr. Reda, the school cashier in the administrative building. The CD is 100 Le/US\$15 for one copy and the special deal is "buy two and get one for free". Sales are by pre-order. Mr. Reda will issue a receipt and the music department will deliver the CD on the 18th of May. Next week the Middle School Choirs will perform during the school day. Parents are invited to attend and please bring a plate of finger food to celebrate a wonderful year of music at CAC! Thank you for all your support. Louise Guthleben

Middle School Yearbook

Middle School Yearbook sales are still going on! Get your yearbook in the school store for 300 L.E. The price includes a special edition CD version of the years

Summer Program News

The CAC summer program course offerings are now available online, 2008. This year you can register either by visiting our office on campus or online by going to www.cacegypt.org and pressing on the summer program link. The session dates are: June 15 - 16, June 29 - July 10 and July 13 - 24th. Take advantage of the early bird registration fee and register before May 15th.

Parental Reminders

World Languages Department Annual Fair "Sustainability 2008" – May 25

The entire CAC community is cordially invited to join the World Language Department for a special one-day event (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) put together by K-12 French, Spanish and Arabic language students. Please come to the second floor of the new gym to help support our First Annual World Language Department Sustainability Fair. World Language teachers and students will be on duty at all times to help direct you. Your attendance sends our youth a clear message that YOU CARE about their future. We look forward to your participation.

End-of-Year Obligations Procedure for Students

To ensure that Middle School students complete all of their end-of-year obligations, we are asking that parents remind their children that they must be fully responsible to return all CAC textbooks and library books before the end of the school year. Any lost books must be paid for before they can receive their fourth quarter report or for departing students - their transcripts. Thank you for your understanding and support to help students meet their end-of-year responsibilities.

From The CAC Health Office

It is the end of the year, and we are all looking forward to summer. All new students at CAC and **all returning students entering Grades 7 and 9** need to have a **physical** completed by a physician for the next school year. The forms will be sent home with your student, or you can access the form on the website under Health and Safety. **Please be sure the form is fully completed and return to the Health Office no later than September 1.** Routine physical checks ensure your children are healthy, growing well, and able to learn and participate fully at school and on all field trips. Have a great summer!! Mary, Claire, Elaine, and Naglaa in the Health Office

CAC Events Calendar 2008-09

Next year's calendar of events is now online! You can access the calendar from the CAC webpage by clicking on the **Events Calendar** link in the menu on the left side of the screen. This link will take you directly to the condensed version of our calendar which highlights the important punctuation marks in the school year - Parent Teacher Conference Days, Early Release Days, and of course, the Holidays. From this page there is also a link that will take you to the detailed monthly calendar of events. This is an interactive document that allows you to filter events and customize the calendar view to meet your personal planning needs. Happy Surfing, and an early welcome to the 2008/2009 school year.

Moving on from CAC?

In order to help CAC plan for the school year 2008/2009, please inform the Registrar's Office if your student(s) will be withdrawing from CAC at or before the end of the current school year. Please do so by calling 755-5507/08 or e-mailing: withdrawal@cacegypt.org

Lost and Found

Parents, we are urging you to check the lost and found in the room beside the ID office. There are many clothing items, prescription glasses, lunch bags/water bottles, football club sweaters, gym bags - it is all here!

Community Announcements

CAC LIBRARY End-of-the-Year Dates (May - June 2008)

Notice of Closure

Monday, 19 May - The library will close at 4:00 pm. on this day.
Wednesday, 4 June - The last day of school for students. The library will close at 1:45 PM.

End-of-the-Year Due Dates

(All library items need to be returned by the following days)

Thursday, 15 May - High School Seniors & community members
Thursday, 22 May - ALL STUDENTS – Elementary, Middle & High

Closing Shelves to Prepare for Summer Borrowing

From Thursday, May 22 to Thursday, May 29 we will be closing our shelves in preparation for summer borrowing (Note: While the library will be open on Saturday, May 24, no items can be checked out as we account for all library materials).

Registration for Summer Borrowing

(forms will be available at the library circulation desk and all accounts need to be cleared)

Starting Thursday, May 15 to Wednesday, June 4
(Note: this is NOT the beginning of summer borrowing, only the beginning of when to *register* for summer borrowing).

Summer Borrowing (5 days)

Saturday, May 31 to Wednesday, June 4

On this Saturday only Summer Registration and check-out services will be available.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER

Library book-drop boxes will be available starting Wednesday, August 6

School & Community hours will resume on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 12

Booster Club

CAC parents and sports fans, we need your help! The last Athletic Awards Night for the year is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 P.M. in the CAC Theater. Booster Club needs photos of your students involved in Spring Season teams to create the slide show. If you have game, practice, travel, or just fun photos of you or your child or their teammates, please email Melanie Nelson at: melanieextex@hotmail.com and arrange to either put the photos on a CD or a memory stick and get to her as soon as possible. As ISST athletes only return to school on June 1st and the Awards Night is June 3rd, you can see that the turnaround time to create the slide show is extremely short this season. Travel commitments also require that the show is complete except for ISST photos before May 20th.

To all EMAC athletes, congratulations on your great season! Turn your photos in from the season and EMAC tournaments as soon as possible. Varsity and JV teams included this season are: JV Boys & Girls Softball, JV & Varsity Track, Varsity Boys Baseball, and Varsity Girls Softball.

Booster Club wants to include all teams in the slide show but it is up to you to provide the photos of a great season! Congratulations to all our athletes this season and thanks to all our parents for your support!

PTO VACANCIES 2008-2009

Dear Parents,

Our PTO Board 2007–2008 has enjoyed a great year working together; developing close friendships whilst working towards the same cause. Sadly, some of us must move on or have completed a two year period in their respective positions. To allow us to continue organizing events for our children, parents, faculty and staff and to raise money to benefit our children, please consider coming on board to work with our great team. We have the following vacancies:

- President – Chair and coordinate all PTO Board meetings. Liaise with the school Administration Staff and Board of Trustees, attending meetings as necessary.
- Vice President – Act in the President`s capacity when he/she is not available.
- Secretary – Take minutes of meetings and send a monthly report to the Board of Trustees.
- Treasurer – Monitor the general ledger to ensure debits and credits are correct. Liaise with accounting department and produce monthly reports at the PTO Board meetings.
- Publicity Coordinator – Send news to the weekly Elementary School, Middle School, and High School newsletters and other publicity work.
- Volunteers Coordinator – Help find, arrange, and coordinate volunteers for various events. Keep the volunteer database updated.

If you are interested please call Karen Pettigrew at 2519-6414 or 010-276-9446 or e-mail pettigrew_gk@hotmail.com



THREE CHEERS

Three Cheers for the Middle School students involved with the dance performance today - outstanding!

Three Cheers for the Middle School students who recently returned from the ISTA Festival in Tanzania!

Three Cheers for the Middle School as they prepare to welcome the new boundary wall for the construction project.

Three Cheers to our Boys and Girls Volleyball teams who will represent the Middle School this weekend at a CISSA invitational tournament in Cairo!

Three Cheers to all the Middle School students and parents involved with the fundraising for the Burma cyclone relief efforts!





Counselors Corner

Transition Meeting with Students Leaving CAC

This past Wednesday, May 14th, those students leaving CAC at the end of this school year met with the Middle School counselors to build a **RAFT**. Using David Pollack's model of Positive Leave Taking, the following areas were reviewed and discussed with students:

R is for Reconciliation: Unfinished interpersonal business makes for a bad departure. The closer people get to leaving the less likely they are to resolve interpersonal conflicts. It is important to acknowledge mistakes and to seek and give forgiveness.

A is for Affirmation: You need to say good things. People need to say "You are important in my life." This often takes the form of shared reminiscences and/or giving of gifts.

F is for Farewell: We need to say good-bye to people, places, pets and possessions. Farewells should include both people who have been significant to us and those to whom we have been significant. Photos and knick-knacks are often helpful for farewell to places. Pets need to be settled in an acceptable new situation.

T is for Thinking Destination: This is the part about gathering information about the new place, examining and comparing expectations among family members and aiming for realistic and positive mental images of the new place.

This model for leave taking is a good one for both students and parents. By building your **RAFT** at home with family and friends you will find yourself on a successful transition to your new home.

We wish you the best on your transition to your new home.

Middle School Counselors Patrick Kimerer and Jo Jean Schulte

Ms. Jo Jean Schulte A-K

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