

Weekly Calendar

August 28, 2008

Student Social - Swim In Movie

August 28 at 7:00 - 9:30 pm in the Pool

New Student Orientation

August 29 - Off Campus

Back to School Night

August 31 at 5:30-8:30 pm

Ramadan Begins

September 1

Professional Development Early Release Day

September 7 - Students released at 11:30 a.m.

Middle School Photos

September 7-11

Dear Parents,

What a week in the Middle School! We have experienced another very positive week of teaching and learning. The shortened track was opened for classes and the runners of the community. Remember - six times around the track now equals the same distance if you went around four times on the old track! Middle School play rehearsals are in full swing and the after school Homework Club has started. Best of all the Pizza parents were on campus!

During the Homeroom/Advisory period today parent schedules for the Middle School Back to School Night were given to all of the students. Please ask them to share those schedules with you. Please use them to get ready for the final event of August that helps parents learn more about the Middle School program and introduces our wonderful faculty.

We hosted a very successful CAT Team meeting and you can learn about the members of the CAT Team by looking at the Middle School web site <http://www.cacegypt.org/ms/index.html>. These individuals are interested in getting to know you at each grade level. They serve as another link in our parent partnership process that makes the Middle School strong. We encourage you to write or call them for advice and support as your child attends CAC and grows up in Cairo.

Tonight our students will get a chance to have fun and relax after this busy week by attending a Swim-In Movie. On Friday morning a group of 75 new students and peer buddies will travel off campus to appreciate our host nation, Egypt, and talk about their transition to the Middle School.

It is a special time of year in the Middle School and the coming of Ramadan makes it all the more exciting! Have a good weekend, please come to the Back to School Night, and Ramadan Kareem!

Sincerely,

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Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, 31	5C
Monday, 1	6G
Tuesday, 2	7D
Wednesday, 3	8H
Thursday, 4	1A





The Middle School CAT team.

Parental Reminders

Daylight Savings Time

Egypt will go off of Daylight Savings Time on Thursday, August 28 at midnight. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Campus Closure Notice

Please be advised that the CAC campus will be closed on **Saturday night, August 30 from 5PM to Sunday morning at 5AM** for the spraying of bees. For the safety of all involved, there can be no one on campus during the spraying. If you are on campus on Saturday afternoon, please plan to vacate a few minutes early so that the grounds can be cleared before spraying begins. Thank you in advance for your support.

Larry Kraut, Business Manager
Cairo American College

Back to School Night

Sunday, August 31, is the Middle School Back to School Night. A schedule was sent home with your child. At promptly 5:30 we will begin the evening in the CAC Theater for a general program of information. You will then meet with your child's Homeroom/Advisory teacher and afterwards follow a schedule that highlights your child's academic course work. Ushers will help you find your way around throughout the evening. This evening is planned for parents only, children are requested not to attend the evening.

Ramadan to Begin

Ramadan Kareem! With the commencement of Ramadan this coming week, we have made provisions for those students who are fasting: allowances have been made in the P.E. classes, co-curricular activities such as sports teams and other after-school activities. If requested, there will also be a prayer room space available that can be used during lunch periods and breaks. We hope everyone has a happy Ramadan.

Hats and Helmets Make Good Sense at CAC

As we start this new academic year, all parents, students and faculty at Cairo American College are being reminded and encouraged to wear hats and helmets.

Hats are an important part of your daily life in Egypt. A hat will protect you from the heat of the sun and the intense ultra-violet rays which you are exposed to daily when walking and playing outside.

At the same time, we are fortunate that many in our school community can ride a bike to campus. It is common sense to wear a protective helmet during any journey. CAC is committed by policy to promoting road and bicycle safety due to the high volume of traffic on the roads, uneven road surfaces and the reality of speeding cars in Maadi. Make everyday at CAC a safe one - don't leave home without a hat or helmet or both!



Middle School Activities

Middle School Swim in Movie

Tonight, the Middle School will sponsor its first social event of the year. This is a great opportunity for new and returning students to meet and develop new friendships. We will show an outdoor movie by the pool. Students can swim, play basketball, enjoy pizza and drinks, and socialize with their friends. Students should arrive at 7:00 pm, with their CAC Photo ID card and 10 LE for admission. Pizza and drinks will be sold at the event. We are asking that parents please be at the front gate at 9:30 pm to pick up your child.

Permission Forms

There are numerous forms that need to be completed and returned to the Middle School. The following forms were sent home with your son or daughter at the beginning of the school year. They should have been signed and returned to their Homeroom/Advisor teacher, the Middle School Office or the Middle School Technology Assistants.

- Cairo American College Acceptance Form
- Health Office Update Form
- Annual Student Medical History Report
- PTO Volunteer Interest Form

All forms are now due and if you have not signed these forms, please call the Middle School office and we will send another set home with your child.

Please be aware that new physical examinations and updated immunization records are required for all Middle School students in Grades 7.

Sustainability at CAC

Reusable Water Bottles and Sun Block should be part of your child's daily preparation for school. We encourage all students to protect themselves from exposure to the UV rays of the sun by wearing sun block to school each day. Students are also encouraged to make use of the water oasis which are on campus to get their daily supply of water in reusable bottles and in the process reduce plastic waste on campus. Join the fun and live a smart and healthy life in the Middle School! Our hats of the week are seen below!



CAC Middle School Student Council Elections

Middle School election fever is underway. Although it might not involve a national convention, the officer elections for the Middle School Student Council are important in the lives of all CAC Middle School students. The elections for the four student executive officers will be held on September 4th. The grade level representatives will be elected during the following week.

Students who are running for office should meet the following requirements:

- have been at CAC for the whole of the previous school year.
- have maintained a GPA of 2.7 or above for the semester prior to the election.
- have parental permission, and thirty signatures on the petition.
- have two teacher recommendations, one from a core academic class, and one from PE or an elective class.
- only students from Grade 8 may run for president.

All officers will be able to:

- Address the entire student body in assemblies if needed to.
- Attend all functions his/her committee is responsible for, or find a suitable substitute.
- Show leadership skill and qualities in all student council meetings.
- Attend one Student Council Executive Officers' meeting a week plus the weekly lunch time Student Council meetings, regardless of other activities that may conflict during lunch.
- Chair the committee assigned to the particular office for which s/he is responsible.
- Attend and help with extra activities during the year, such as socials, the Halloween Carnival etc.
- Report to non-student bodies, such as the middle school CAT team, as needed.

Any student running for office should personify the following attributes:

Responsible, service minded, committed, hardworking, cooperative and enthusiastic.

Students running for the offices will need to give a speech to the student body on September 4th during the morning assembly.

All Middle School students will be required **to register to vote** the week before the election during lunchtime. They will need to have their CAC student photo ID card in order to register and in order to vote on Election Day.

We look forward to a healthy campaigning period and a great new year with this year's student council.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Pick up forms from Ms. Berghahn or Ms. Riley on Sunday 17th August.
- Petitions due by 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday August 26 (no petition - no campaigning)
- Campaigning: Sunday, August 31st – Wednesday, September 3rd.
- Speeches due to Ms. Berghahn and Ms. Riley by noon on September 3rd. **Late speeches cannot be accepted under any circumstances.**
- Speech approval date: Wednesday, September 3rd. Check with Ms. Berghahn and Ms. Riley in Room 92 at 3:00 that your speech has been approved.
- Speeches and elections: Thursday, September 4th.
- Grade level representative elections follow on the week of September 7th

Revalidation of CAC ID Cards

At this point in time all Middle School students should have completed the process to update or get their personal CAC Photo I.D. cards. Parents are reminded to do the same since access to the campus after 5:30 is possible by showing this piece of identification. Thank you for your support of the campus safety procedures and our security guards.

Middle School Photos

Student photos are scheduled during the week of September 7-11. An order form will be sent home and the schedule will be published in the News & Views, one week prior to the event. Experience shows that these pictures will look better with a darker color shirt.

FROM THE ATHLETICS OFFICE

The Athletic Office (Room 720) is located in the Elementary Gymnasium Building (up one flight of stairs, first door on the right). You are most welcome to stop by anytime or, if it is easier for you, do not hesitate to call Pat Higgins, the Athletic Director, or Sara Youssef, the Athletic Office Secretary, at ext. 5416 and 5417 if you have any questions regarding our program. Each season we announce our various sports in the News and Views. You may check the detailed calendar on the CAC website to find exact dates of events throughout the school year. We also notify students about sign-ups for upcoming sports in the Morning Announcements.

UPCOMING FALL SPORTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

JV Volleyball Boys and Girls (Grade 8 Students Only)	Sign-up Dates Aug. 18- 20. Season Aug. 24- Oct. 26
Age Group Swimming	Sign-up Dates Sept. 21 and 22. Season starts after Ramadan
JV Soccer Boys and Girls (Grade Students Only)	Sign-up Dates Sept. 29- Oct. 1. Season Oct. 5-Nov. 23
Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball (No Cuts)	Sign-up Dates Oct. 6-8. Season Oct. 12-Nov. 29

Community Announcements

Grass Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations to all the Middle School participants of the 16th Annual Grass Volleyball Tourney - what a great afternoon of volleyball! Thanks also to the entire school community for helping raise over \$2,000 for a charity in Alex Klimentos' name. These pictures tell a story of fun and community spirit! The Volleyball Coaching Staff



CAC Library - Opening Hours During Ramadan

Sundays - Thursdays 7:30 – 4:00

Saturday hours will remain 10:00 – 2:00

The Library will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 1-6 for the Eid El-Fitr Holiday weekend.

From the Performing Arts Department

This has been an exciting week in the Performing Arts Department. We have now started rehearsals for the Middle School Production "**Flashback**" which is an exuberant review by Alice Wilson. This play is an entertaining and perceptive look at some of the universal moments of childhood, which will be staged and performed in the Theatre on November 6 and 7.

There was a wonderful tryout of 65 excited students and the final chosen cast is now busy learning lines and working on characterization. Plan to join us for this exciting production in November. Sue Yendall

24 HOUR DRAMA is coming September 25 and 26

This is an opportunity for all students who are interested in Drama to come and spend 24 hours together and attend fabulous workshops organized by Ms. Kelly's IB and High School students in such varied workshops as clowning, lighting and improvisation

for the stage on the Thursday night. The following morning, after a swim and breakfast, the students in ensemble groups will work with outside professionals on still more exciting workshops. The two day experience finishes with performances created and presented by the ensemble groups in the theatre.

Notices will be sent home next week for those interested students, so be sure to sign up and be part of the fun. Looking forward to seeing you there! Ms Kelly and Mrs. Yendall

THAT'S NOT ALL! More Planning Ahead – September 29

The Remscheid Youth Orchestra and CAC Strings will combine musical talents, and you are cordially invited to an evening concert, celebrating music and youth, on Monday, September 29 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the theater. The 45 member Remscheid Youth Orchestra from Germany will be touring Cairo at the end of September 2008.

Tickets will be available soon, so please contact the box office at the CAC Auditorium at (02) 2755-5555 for tickets and further information. The concert is free of charge, but space is limited.

THREE CHEERS

Three Cheers to all the students who take advantage of the Homework Club!

Three Cheers to all the Middle School students who supported the Grass Volleyball Tournament!

Three Cheers to all the Middle School CAT Team members who are committed to support and inform our diverse school community!

Three cheers to all the Middle School janitors who keep our campus clean and return lost valuables everyday!

Counselors Corner

Parent Reminder of New Student Orientation Trip Departure and Return Times

Parents of New Students to CAC Middle School and invited Peer Buddies are reminded to have your student at the CAC front gate at * **9:45 AM** this Friday the 29th of August for our Orientation Trip to the Sofitel Sphinx Hotel . The buses will be leaving promptly at 10:00 am so please do not be late. Please have your student bring a hat, sun screen, towel, swim suit and filled water bottle. Since day light savings time will be observed this Thursday at midnight, it will be important to set your clocks back 1 hour as not to confuse the departure time on Friday. Please remember to collect your student(s) promptly at * **3:00 PM** again at the front CAC gate. We plan to have a fun day making new friends and enjoying the day at a great hotel.

* Please note that these departure and return times are a correction to the original letter sent home with the Trip Permission forms.

Ms. Jo Jean Schulte A-K

Mr. Patrick Kimerer L-Z