

Important Dates

Back To School Night

September 4, 5:30 pm

Grade 7 and 8 Community Service

Student Service Trip

September 7, 12:00-1:20 pm
Resala Charity Association

24 Hours of Drama

September 7 & 8 7:00 pm
Theater

Professional Development Late Start Day

September 10 - Classes begin
at 11:30 am

Student Council Election Speeches

Assembly - September 12
Theater
Election - September 13

Middle School Photos

September 10-14

Progress Reports

September 14

Grade 6 TGIT

September 14, 7:00 pm on
the Middle School Field

Community Forum

September 17, 10:00-11:00
am
Room 600

Dear Parents,

As we enter the month of September we look forward to welcoming you at the Middle School Back to School Night on September 4th. This event is for adults and will begin at 5:30 pm in front of the Middle School. You have an opportunity to meet new parents, good friends and the faculty of the CAC Middle School. All Middle School parents are encouraged to attend.

We have completed another positive week of teaching and learning. After school activities like drama and swimming are also underway. The Middle School faculty met this week to talk about common agreements that reinforce our core values of respect, trust, caring, safety and diversity. We also discussed essential questions related to the Middle School that guide our practice and programs.

Like our students, the faculty and administration are learners at CAC. We invite you as parents to join that process and attend the Middle School Back to School Night. We see you as important partners in this learning community so please don't be late for class next Tuesday! Thank you for your support and have a good weekend.

Michael Popinchalk

Mark Anderson

THREE CHEERS

This week representatives from Hillier Associates spoke to various interest groups at CAC about the potential options related to a future campus master plan. The Middle School was part of that process. What a great job the following students did with the people from Hillier. They were verbal, asked great questions, and greatly contributed to the planning vision of a future campus. Well done to: Mary Usher, Sherif Hesni, Cole Dunahay, Andre Retief, Ali ElSewedy, Karl Stenbacka, Bethany Tietjen, Pat Gargour, Shannon Hooley, Julius Bowditch, Shantara Pintak, Chris Harding, Leonie Immerz and Katherine Terino.

Three cheers to all the new students and Peer Buddies who came on our New Student Orientation trip last Friday to the Sofitel Hotel for a swim and lunch. It was a fun day!

Movie Swim In

Last Thursday night we had over 150 students turn out for a great evening of swimming, basketball, a feature movie by the pool and just plain hanging out with friends. They ate fifty large pizzas and the evening was a clear success. Thank you to Mr. Anderson, Mr. McGuigan, Ms. Eagon and Mr. Oswald for helping out with the chaperoning of this opening event. Our next social event will be on September 21st and it will be a 7th & 8th Grade dance.

Middle School Photos

School photos for the Middle School are scheduled to be taken during the week of September 10-14. On September 7, your child will bring home an envelope containing an order form, please send your order and money on the day he is scheduled to have his or her picture taken. A schedule will be published in next week's News & Views. Pictures will look better with a darker color shirt.

At a Glance

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

Student Council Elections

It is that time of year again - ELECTION TIME! In the next couple of weeks, the Middle School will be registering, campaigning, and holding elections for Student Council officers. Once again this year, we plan to make students become more aware of the responsibility behind voting. With the help of Dan McGuigan's Middle School UN class (MUN), the students will be asked to register to vote ahead of time. They need to pre-register in order to be able to vote on voting day. The MUN students will be setting up tables in front of the respective grades during lunch in order for the students to register. Students must show their ID's to register and to vote.

As in the past, the students interested in running for office must attend a mandatory interest meeting with Vivian Pritchard, the Student Council sponsor, in Room 95 either during lunch on Thursday, August 31st or after-school on Sunday, September 3rd. Any interested student must have attended CAC Middle School for at least one year, maintained a grade point average of 2.7 or better from the semester prior to the election, obtain at least 30 student signatures on a petition, and have 3 teacher recommendations. An assembly will be held on Tuesday, September 12th for the candidates to make speeches and registered students will vote in Room 70 on Wednesday, September 13th.

GUIDANCE CORNER

Middle school students tend to drive some parents crazy, and many parent/child fights break out during this time, but keep in mind that your child is looking, for perhaps the first time, to assert him/herself into a new social environment. If most adults take an honest look at their own middle school career, they will remember feeling *left out*, *clueless*, and *completely insecure themselves*, and will remember how cruel other children could be at times. Remember that, above all, you are your child's ultimate role model, and you will shape the path that your child chooses. During this time, your child desperately needs your support and wisdom, but also the freedom to begin making decisions for him/herself and encouragement to be confident in those decisions. It is also important to encourage your child to retain their childish hobbies; many children think that they must put away their dolls or remote control cars for good, but hanging on to the accessories of childhood can help them make the transition more comfortably.

Adapted from: http://math-and-reading-help-for-kids.org/articles/Helping_Parents_adjust_to_middle_school.html

Progress Reports

Parents are reminded that September 14th is when First Quarter Progress Reports are posted on Edline by the Middle School teachers. This grade is not the permanent grade but given only to let parents know how well their student is progressing in their courses midway through the quarter. All students receive a report for every class. Students with a current grade of C- or below will also have comments from the teacher. Parents are strongly recommended to communicate with their child's teacher(s) if they have a concern regarding progress. If a parent does not already have an Edline access code, they will be given out at the Middle School Back to School Night on September 4th. an email to: edline@cegypt.org requesting one will solve the problem.

New Student Orientation

Students new to CAC and Peer Buddies traveled to the Sofitel Sphinx near the Giza Pyramids for a day of fun and sun last Friday. It was a great opportunity for the kids to enjoy a relaxed day and make new friends. Many phone numbers were exchanged between the kids and new friends were made. All the students enjoyed a great buffet lunch with a great variety of food so no one complained of being hungry at the end of the day. The day went by all too fast with the whole group arriving on time for parent pick-up at the CAC front gate. In a couple of weeks counselors will host a pizza lunch for all the new students at school to see how their transition to CAC is progressing.

Bullying Presentations by Counselors

Bullying is not a major problem in the Middle School, nevertheless, as the school year begins, counselors want to review the bullying policy with our students. Mr. Kimmer and Mr. Ridenour will be visiting all the homerooms over the next several weeks to discuss bullying, our specific Middle School policy, and to touch basis on any other issues of concern to students. In addition, should the need arise, counselors have a multitude of activities that can be accomplished with Middle School students to help bullies, victims, and bystanders.

Parents with Students New to the Middle School

The Middle School and High School at CAC use Edline as a method for reporting student progress. Mid-quarter progress reports and end of quarter report cards are posted to Edline which is electronically accessible via the CAC website. At Back to School Night on Monday evening, two tables will be set up for parents of students who are new to our middle school to pick up their access code. You will be given your personal access code, the code for your child(ren), and instructions for how to use Edline. The instructions are very straight forward and easy to follow. Edline also provides you with easy email access to your child's teachers. For parents already registered with Edline with an older child, you'll still need to stop by the table to pick up the activation code for your child just entering the Middle School. If you are unable to attend the Back to School Night, please contact your child's Counselor in the Middle School after September 4th.