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High School Weekly News

Thursday, October 15, 2009

National Merit Scholarship Awards

We are pleased to announce that five CAC high school students have been recognized by the 2010 National Merit Scholarship program for their exceptional academic achievements on last year's PSAT test. Commended students placed in the top 7 percent outside the United States, and they include Naira DeGracia, Micah Kennedy, Layla O'Kane, and Ryan Towart. Furthermore, Morgan Russell is a Semi-Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program for being in the top 1 percent of scores outside the United States, and this is a very special honor indeed! Congratulations to all these students for their performance within this highly competitive and prestigious merit scholarship award program.

Quarter One Ends – October 15

Quarter One ends on Thursday, October 15, and report cards will be posted on POLAR by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21.

Early Release Day – October 15

Thursday, October 15 is an early release day for the high school only. This means that high school students will attend school on this day only from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thank you for your attention to this important detail.

Student Photos in the High School – October 18 to 21 and October 26

Due to the school closure, the dates for the High School student photos have been changed. High school student photos will now be taken in the high school Gallery from Sunday, October 18 to Wednesday, October 21; also, Monday, October 26 will be a day for any final photographs. Student pictures will be used for the yearbook, and photos will be taken during student flex periods. It is important that all students have their pictures taken, and if you are interested to order 'picture packages' from Mr. Hany at Hany Photo Quick, order forms are available in the high school office on the third floor of the high school building or you can call Mr. Hany at 2359-4695.

Stand Up Take Action! – October 18

On Sunday, October 18 at 11:20 a.m., the annual Stand Up event will take place. As part of a world wide effort to remind world leaders of their commitment to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Parents are most welcome to attend and participate in this 'standup' event.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 22

Parent-teacher conferences are on Thursday, October 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year, appointments are being made online, and you will have the opportunity to select your own time slots to meet with teachers. The high school parent-teacher conference day is an excellent opportunity to come to CAC and discuss with teachers your son or daughter's academic progress, and we encourage you to attend this important day.

Parents are to sign up online from Sunday, October 11 to Tuesday, October 20 to meet specific teachers, and you should have received an email on Sunday, October 11 explaining the procedure and giving you the online link, username and password to book conferences online. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the High School Assistant Principal's Executive Secretary, Ms. Eman Hamza, at 2755-5403. Thank you for your attention to these important details.

No School for MS and HS Students – October 22

This is a reminder that there is no school for middle school and high school students on Thursday, October 22 due to Parent-Teacher Conferences. School classes resume on Sunday, October 25 (4F/G/H/E day) as per the calendar. Thank you for your attention to this detail.

CAC Model United Nations Conference XXXI – October 22 to 26

CAC is pleased to be hosting this year's 31st annual CAC Model United Nations Conference from Thursday, October 22 to Monday, October 26. With over 200 participants from schools around the world, it is a very exciting time for students to be debating world issues using the protocols and procedures formalized by the United Nations. The guest speaker on Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the

theater will be Mr. Michael Hankey, Media Department Director at the US Embassy in Cairo.

Band/Strings Showcase – October 26

The Middle School and High School Band/Strings Showcase takes place on Monday, October 26 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the theater. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the various musical groups perform at this first performance of the school year. We look forward to seeing you there.

WWW Parent Information Night – October 27

On Tuesday, October 27, there will be a Week Without Walls Parent Information Night in the theater starting at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, parents will be briefed on the WWW program, the sign-up process, as well as the roles and responsibilities of students, teachers, and parents. Parents will also be provided with important information about the courses and have an opportunity to meet with the individual course chaperones and ask questions. Please place the upcoming Week Without Walls Parent Night on your calendars, as it is highly recommended that all parents attend.

Choir Concert – October 28

The Middle School and High School Choir Concert takes place on Wednesday, October 28 starting at 7 p.m. in the theater. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the various choirs perform at this first performance of the school year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Halloween Carnival – October 30

The Halloween Carnival takes place at CAC on Friday, October 30 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Halloween Carnival is a school-wide event sponsored by the Junior Class and is a yearly highlight for many of our students. Tickets are now on sale, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Dr. Michael Thompson Visit to CAC – January 11 & 12

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Thompson, Child Psychologist, school consultant, and author, will be visiting CAC on January 11 and 12. During this visit, Dr. Thompson will share his expertise through a variety of presentations to our community. A number of Dr. Thompson's books were ordered last spring and are now available in the library for your reference. For those wishing to purchase a book, titles are also available (in limited quantities) at the CAC Bookstore: 1) "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys", 2) "Best Friends, Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Lives of Children", 3) "The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Find Success in School and Life", 4) "It's A Boy!: Your Son's Development from Birth to Age 18", 5) "Mom, They're Teasing Me: Helping Your Child Solve Social Problems", and 6) "Speaking of Boys: Answers to the Most-Asked Questions About Raising Sons". For more information regarding Dr. Thompson and his work with children, families, and schools, please visit his website at www.michaelthompson-phd.com.

Rob DeWolf
High School Principal

Mark Pleasants
High School Assistant Principal

WWW Steering Committee

We would like to thank the parents and students who have volunteered to serve on the Week Without Walls Steering committee. Committee members are listed below; please feel free to contact any one of us throughout the year with ideas, comments or suggestions.

Parents

Cindy Clark
Scott Macleod
Kris Besch
Claudio Trevisan

Faculty

Heba Farouk
Susan Tennyson

Students

Belen Giaquinta
Amina Al Sharif
Mary Usher
Audrey Donohue

Administration

Rob DeWolf
Mark Pleasants
Salma Serry
Mark Sullivan

Mark Sullivan

Community Relations and Activities Coordinator

High School Events

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| ○ HS Quarter 1 Ends | Oct. 15 |
| ○ Early Release Day/Clerical Day (students leave @11:30) | Oct. 15 |
| ○ SAT Prep Course | Oct. 16 & 17 |
| ○ HS Report Cards | Oct. 21 |
| ○ Parent/Teacher Conferences | Oct. 22 |

Announcements

The **PTO Book Fair 2009** is around the corner-**8-12 November 2009**. We have ordered **1000's of new books**, by local as well as international authors. **Paul Fleischmann** is our visiting author- check out his link: <http://www.paulfleischman.net>.

Additionally we are looking for donations of **pre-loved adult books**. We will sell them during the book fair and **proceeds** will go to **the library of the Alwadi boys orphanage** the PTO has been sponsoring the past couple of years.

Please drop your adult pre loved books off in the **Box marked PTO pre loved book sale, Inside the entrance of the front gate By 4 p.m. on Monday 26 October 2009**

Viveka Kumari and Ineke Hodder