



# Highro- Glyphics

High School Weekly News

Thursday, October 23, 2008

## ***Spirit Week a Great Success***

The students had a wonderful time during Spirit Week! It was a time for friendly competition between grade levels, and their efforts also raised donations for charities around Cairo. Students dressed up in colorful costumes on theme days, and it was a great time for students to bond and get to know each other. Thanks to the parents for supporting the various Spirit Week activities.

## ***Stand Up Take Action!***

Last Sunday, CAC students, teachers and support staff took part in the third annual Stand Up Against Poverty event. Shared were the eight Millennium Development Goals and the pledge that people around the world made to remind world leaders of the commitment to meet these goals related to poverty, the environment and development by the year 2015. Special thanks go to all those who organized and participated in this event.

## ***Successful IB Informational Night***

Last week, there was an IB Informational Night for those interested to learn more about the IB program at Cairo American College. Thank you to all students and parents who attended this informational session. It was well attended, and excellent questions were asked by parents and students clarifying aspects of the IB program at our school.

## ***Halloween Carnival***

The Halloween Carnival is a school-wide event sponsored by the Junior class and is a highlight of the year for many of our students. Please see the note below from parent volunteer for more information.

## ***CAC Model United Nations Conference XXX – October 23 to 26***

CAC is pleased to be hosting this year's 30<sup>th</sup> annual CAC Model United Nations Conference from Thursday, October 23 to Monday, October 26. With 212 participants from schools around the world (Thailand, El Salvador, Myanmar to name a few), it is a very exciting time for students to be debating world issues using the protocols and procedures formalized by the United Nations. This year's theme is "Reaching for Peace", and the evening Keynote Speaker will be the US Ambassador to Egypt, Margaret Scobey,

in the theater on Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m., and parents are welcome to attend.

## ***WWW Parent Information Night - October 28***

The Week Without Walls Parent Information Night is on Tuesday, October 28 in the theater. The evening will begin in the theater at 7 p.m. with a presentation for parents of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The presentation will include an overview of the WWW program and highlight some of the more important details with regard to registration. At 7:30 p.m., parents and students will be invited to tour the high school gallery, where they will find information and displays for each of the courses being offered this year and have the opportunity to ask specific questions of the chaperones leading them. At 8 p.m., we will repeat the program for parents of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. We look forward to this chance to share our Week Without Walls program with you and hope to see you all on October 28. It is highly recommended that all parents attend.

## ***Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 30***

This year, parent-teacher conferences are on Thursday, October 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you would like to set an appointment with one or more teachers, the procedure for parents is as follows: call Ms. Magda Farag in the high school office at 2755-5403 or e-mail at [mfarag@cacegypt.org](mailto:mfarag@cacegypt.org) from Tuesday, October 21 to Monday, October 27. Because of the various parameters, please help us by making all parent/teacher appointments by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27. High school parent-teacher conference day is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your son or daughter's academic progress with individual teachers.

## ***Week Without Walls Course Sign-ups - November 3***

Week Without Walls student course sign-ups take place all day on Monday, November 3. WWW Course descriptions are available on the CAC website ([www.cacegypt.org/www08/index.php](http://www.cacegypt.org/www08/index.php)), and booklets will be distributed early next week. It is important that students complete all documentation before this sign-up day.

*Rob DeWolf*  
High School Principal

*Mark Pleasants*  
High School Assistant Principal

## High School Events

- o End of Quarter 1/Early Release Day Oct. 23
- o CAC MUN Oct. 23-26
- o HS CAT Meeting Oct. 27
- o WWW Parent Information Night Oct. 28
- o Report Cards Oct. 29
- o Parent-Teacher Conferences Oct. 30

## PTO

**Candy, Candy, We Need Candy!** The Halloween Carnival is almost here and you can help in several ways. First, please bring in bags of individually wrapped candies for the Trick-or-Treat Lane. With 12 Trick-or-Treat stations and 600 children - we need LOTS of candy. You can leave these in the box in Mrs. Tappe's Room, Room 113. Second, volunteer your time during the day on Friday, October 31 as we set up, organize and decorate for the evening's festivities. If you help to set up you will be able to come in at night to enjoy the fun. Mrs. Miller will be on campus on Sunday and Monday at lunchtime, inside, in front of the library to sign up volunteers. Third, and last, volunteer your time during the Carnival by signing up with your class or Club sponsor. Every year each class and many of the clubs and groups at CAC earn money for your activities by running a booth at the Carnival. See your sponsors for details or see Mrs. Miller on Sunday. Thank you in advance for all the effort you will make to help the Carnival be a fun and festive night for all.

**Parents – Your Help is Needed Too!** On Friday, October 31, from 9:30am until we are finished, the Halloween Committee will be on campus to set up, organize and decorate for the Halloween Carnival that night. If you can spend the day or only a few hours, your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Remember, the more hands present, the less work for each. As the campus will be closed that day, please contact Terry Miller: [jdm174@columbia.edu](mailto:jdm174@columbia.edu) or text at 010-440-6519) so your name will be on the list at the security office. Thank you in advance for all your help in making this year's Carnival a success. Also, send in CANDY with your high school student for the Trick-or-Treat Lane. The candy goes to Mrs. Tappe in Room 113 of the High School. Thanks again!

**Book Fair!!!** Reach for the Stars and READ! The Book Fair is nearly here! This hugely popular annual fundraiser is upon us so mark your calendars!!

Opening Night is Sunday, November 2 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Elementary School Lunchroom. Please join us for this festive evening of books, music, raffle, refreshments and special guests, our visiting authors, Sara

Holbrook and Michael Salinger, both renowned poets and educators with several published books for children and adults, who will be signing their books! Everyone in the CAC community is invited, parents and students. Book purchases will be limited to 2 per person that evening (no books may be reserved on Opening Night) and we will accept payment in US dollars (cash or check) or Egyptian pounds (cash only). All change will be made in Egyptian pounds. Most of the books range in price from as little as \$3 to \$10 with a few teen and adult books being more expensive, \$15-35 (cookbooks, etc.). The Book Fair will continue throughout the week with scheduled visits by all Elementary School and Middle School classes as well as High School students who wish to stop by. Once the students have shopped, the Book Fair will again open to the community on Wednesday morning, November 5, and be open from 8am-4pm. A special evening of shopping as well will take place on Wednesday, November 5 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm, where both Sara and Michael will join us for some poetry reading and book signing. The Book Fair will close at 1pm on Thursday, November 6 (open from 8am - 1pm).

Please note that the Book Fair is open only to students on Monday and Tuesday, November 3 & 4. All ES and MS students as well as all 9th Grade Study Halls will visit the Fair at pre-scheduled times, accompanied by their teachers, and will be allowed to purchase up to 5 books. They may pay for all 5 or put up to 2 on reserve for pick up and payment the following day (next day only!). All other HS students are welcome at any time during the week, Monday through Thursday, at any time to shop, taking advantage of flex periods, lunch or after school. On Wednesday, the entire CAC community as a whole will be welcome to shop at the Book Fair and there will be no purchase limitations. The books vary in price but the estimates above are reasonable guidelines, particularly when planning student's purchase needs. We have assembled a wonderful selection of books this year for all ages, from Pre-kindergarten through adult, with many new titles to interest older teen and adult readers!

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2008 Book Fair!!

**Book Donations for Book Fair!** New this year, the Book Fair is accepting used teen and adult books to be resold at the Book Fair. In an effort to provide the community with enhanced access to teen and adult selections, we are looking forward to receiving donations of used, but still in good condition, books. There are few opportunities to resell books at reasonable prices so consider this as an important donation to the Book Fair in support of CAC. A box for collection will be available inside the front gate of CAC or contact Susan Thomas (012-054-1014) or Sandra Gusler (018-953-4154).