



# Highro- Glyphics

High School Weekly News

Thursday, November 5, 2009

## **Halloween Carnival**

Many thanks to all the MS and HS students and parents who volunteered their time to make this year's Halloween Carnival a success. The many volunteers did everything from hanging decorations on the trees to counting out the thousands of pieces of candy donated for trick-or-treat lane. We owe these volunteers a huge thank you. Congratulations on a job well done.

## **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 to 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.

## **Online Instruction and Blackboard in the High School**

In helping students make a seamless transition to online instruction in the event of a future school closure, teachers will be putting their class assignments on Blackboard starting on Sunday, November 8. It is important that students and teachers are comfortable with the Blackboard system and its tools, and teachers will post assignments for each week on Sunday by 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming weeks. In posting information, teachers will list the assignment, date due, and approximate time to complete the work.

If your son or daughter needs help using Blackboard and/or Google Apps, we have scheduled workshops in labs 100 and 102 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5 to Tuesday, November 10. At these help sessions, the tech staff will be there to do brief demos, address "how to" questions and guide students and teachers through the online process. Also, please know that there will be parent tutorial sessions scheduled in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support as we work to improve the high school online instruction process for students.

## **Week Without Walls Course Sign-Ups – November 9**

Week Without Walls student course sign-ups take place all day on Monday, November 9. WWW Course

descriptions are available on the CAC website ([www.cacegypt.org/www09/index.php](http://www.cacegypt.org/www09/index.php)), and booklets have been distributed. It is important that students complete all documentation before this sign-up day.

## **Senior Faculty Dinner – November 17**

The Senior Faculty Dinner has been changed to Tuesday, November 17 starting at 6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for the Senior Class to show appreciation toward their teachers for all their hard work and dedication; students bring home-cooked food and serve it to their teachers.

## **Progress Reports – November 19**

Second quarter progress reports (POLAR Updates) will be available on POLAR starting Thursday, November 19 at noon. We encourage you to check your child's grades and attendance, and if you have specific questions or concerns about a particular class, please contact the teacher directly. Thank you for helping to maximize student learning by being directly involved in your child's learning.

## **NHS Assiut Fun Run Walk-a-Thon – November 20**

The National Honor Society is again hosting the annual 'Assiut Fun Run Walk-a-Thon' event this Friday, November 20 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the track. The money raised from this event will go to the Assiut Burn Center, and your participation in this event would be greatly appreciated. For further details, please contact Mr. Max Seaton at [mseaton@cacegypt.org](mailto:mseaton@cacegypt.org).

## **FCD Consultants Visit CAC – November 22 - 24**

A consultant from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) is visiting student classrooms from November 15 to November 24. FCD, based in Newton MA, provides alcohol and other drug education to U.S. and international school communities. Students meet with consultants in small group settings in addition to having opportunity to meet one-on-one on a drop-in basis for further conversation. The overall goal of this program is to address individual/group attitudes and behaviors, thereby minimizing the risks of substance use and abuse.

## **FCD/Student Lifestyle Survey Forum – Tuesday, November 24**

This is an important event! On Tuesday, November 24, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Room 600, the Freedom from Chemical Dependency consultant will be presenting information about the general health and wellness of CAC students; as well, the 2009-10 CAC Student Lifestyle Survey results will be presented to parents and the greater CAC community by the counseling department. The meeting will continue until approximately 8:00 p.m. With Peer Support students present to help answer questions, this is an opportunity for you to ask questions and have conversation about issues that impact the health and wellness of our students at CAC. We look forward to your presence at this forum.

### **Early Release Day – November 25**

On Wednesday, November 25, the elementary, middle and high schools will follow the early release schedule for students. The afternoon is dedicated to teacher professional development. Students will attend classes from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and buses will leave promptly after this time. Thank you for your attention to this early release day schedule.

### **Thanksgiving Holiday – November 26**

This is a reminder that there will be no school on Thursday, November 26. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### **Eid El Adha Holiday – November 27 – 29**

We wish everyone a happy Eid El Adha Holiday! This holiday goes from Friday, November 27 to Sunday, November 29. School resumes on Monday, November 30 (4/FGHE day).

### **Homecoming Dance – December 4**

The student leaders of the Junior Class requested that the Homecoming Dance be postponed. Thus, this year's Homecoming Dance has been moved to Friday, December 4. This is a wonderful student event that is held in the high school gym, beginning at 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and this year's theme will be winter wonderland. Tickets will go on sale soon.

*Rob DeWolf*

High School Principal

*Mark Pleasants*

High School Assistant Principal

### **Thank You**

Halloween at CAC is always a big event and the Halloween Carnival has become a tradition that is looked forward to by students at all grade levels. The event is a fundraiser for the Junior Class, many middle school students enjoy participating by running a booth, our elementary students know it as the biggest party in town, and of course, everyone loves the After Prom concessions. The Halloween Carnival is in every way a community event and it would not be possible to host without the support of parent volunteers and student workers. While it is not possible to thank all of our volunteers by name, there are several who deserve mentioning here for the time devoted to supporting the efforts of the Junior Class. Special thanks to Lynda and Mac Abbey, Liz and Stephen Breden, Theresa Reinhart,

Helen Riding, Jeff and Lynn Towart, Faron and Cecile Thibadeaux, Ann Coster, Natalie and Ronald Coutts, Samantha France, Jeanne Sullivan, Cheryl Lachenmeyer, Jacqueline Seneshen, John Merletti, Jette Kjaer, Susan Ross, Carmen Carnahan, Elena Poulin, Lynn and Julio Maldonado, Jeanette Johnson, Karin van Ravensberg, Allison Howes, Amie House, the Phinney Family and Junior Class sponsors Max Seaton and Lamia Mazhar. Well done, and a very heartfelt thanks!

*Mark Sullivan*

Community Relations and Activities Coordinator

### **Moving on from CAC at the End of the Semester**

To help us prepare your records in time for your departure, please use the link below to let us know if you are withdrawing from CAC this semester.

<http://www.cacegypt.org/about/withdraw.php>

*Danya Amin*

Director of Admissions/Registrar

### **High School Events**

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| ○ SAT Exam              | Nov. 7  |
| ○ WWW Registration      | Nov. 9  |
| ○ Senior/Faculty Dinner | Nov. 17 |
| ○ HS POLAR Updates      | Nov. 19 |

### **Announcements**

**PTO Book Fair 09 - Sunday, November 8 to Thursday, November 12**, in the Elementary School lunch room Opening Night Sunday 8 November 5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m., **all welcome!** Visiting Author: **Paul Fleischman** who will give a reading on Opening Night from 6:00- 6:30 p.m. and sign books 5:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Students only, as per visiting schedule classes Elementary and Middle School Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>: Community Days- **all welcome!** Daily open from 8 am- 4 p.m.

*Viveka Kumari and Ineke Hodder*

**Booster Club Meeting** - Tuesday, November 10, 11:00 a.m., Room 728 PE Building. Booster club is a group of parents who help support high school and middle school activity and athletic programs that require international travel whether students travel to or from Cairo, to attend events in EMAC, ISST, ISTA, MUN, or AMIS. Through organizing volunteer services and fundraising we help promote school spirit within the school. Membership is open to all CAC families. We are always interested in new ideas and new members.

*Cheryl Lachenmayer*