



# Highro- Glyphics

High School Weekly News

Thursday, December 17, 2009

## **Happy Holidays to All!**

As final exams and assessments come to a close, we are looking forward to the holidays and reunions with family and friends. This semester has been very busy, and students, parents, and faculty have worked tremendously hard to make it a meaningful time of learning. We would like to thank everyone for their help and support throughout the first semester, and we wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season!

## **Faculty Departures This Semester**

It is always hard to say goodbye to teachers, and we have three high school teachers leaving Cairo American College at the end of this semester; Dr. Theresa Hurley, IB Coordinator and Theory of Knowledge teacher, will be returning to Canada for family reasons. Theresa has worked at Cairo American College for fourteen years, and she will be missed by everyone. Also departing is Ms. Tai Torky, Social Studies teacher, who replaced Ms. Nehal Safwat, and Ms. Eileen Werner who replaced Mr. Dennis Tucci; both Ms. Nehal Safwat and Mr. Dennis Tucci will be returning to CAC for the beginning of the second semester in January. We wish Theresa, Tai and Eileen the very best in the future, and we hope that you will have the chance to wish them well and thank them for their exemplary service to CAC.

## **Last Day of the First Semester – Thursday, December 17**

Our last day of school for the first semester is Thursday, December 17, and it is an early release day following the early release day schedule (four 45-minute classes); classes begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. As a reminder, school resumes after the holidays on Sunday, January 10, 2010.

## **First Semester Report Cards – January 14**

First semester report cards will be available on POLAR starting on Thursday, January 14 after 3:00 p.m. Honor Certificates will be available with Ms. Ro'ya in the Attendance Office starting on Sunday, January 17, 2010.

*Rob DeWolf*  
High School Principal

*Mark Pleasants*  
High School Assistant Principal

## **Upcoming School Psychologist/Author Visit**

The CAC Counseling Department, with the generous financial support of the PTO, is happy to confirm the upcoming campus visit of Dr. Michael Thompson, Child Psychologist, school consultant, and renowned author. During his two-day visit in early January, Dr. Thompson will share his expertise through a variety of presentations to our learning community. Parents, faculty/staff, and administrators will enjoy opportunities to meet with Dr. Thompson for conversation about supporting children of all ages in their learning and development. Students, too, will meet with Dr. Thompson during his time at CAC!

In anticipation of this event, a number of Dr. Thompson's books were ordered last spring and are now available in the library for your reference and reading pleasure:

- "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys"
- "Best Friends, Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Lives of Children"
- "The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Find Success in School and Life"
- "It's A Boy!: Your Son's Development from Birth to Age 18"
- "Mom, They're Teasing Me: Helping Your Child Solve Social Problems"
- "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](http://www.michaelthompson-phd.com).

Finally, please mark your calendar for January 11 and 12, 2010 when Dr. Thompson will be at CAC!

Upcoming Dr. Michael Thompson parent talks in January:

### Monday, January 11:

- 10:00-11:30am "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys" (Location: room 600)
- 6:30-8:00pm "The Pressured Child: Helping students to find success in school and life" (Location: HS Theater)

Tuesday, January 12:

- 7:00-8:30am (Fathers only breakfast) "The Importance of Fathers in Children's lives" (Location: room 600)
- 9:00-10:30am "How to Raise a Responsible Child" (Location: room 600)

*Susan Tennyson*  
High School Psychologist/Counselor

**High School Homecoming Dance**

The Winter Wonderland Homecoming Dance has been rescheduled for Friday, January 22. The dance is a formal event and takes place in the CAC Gym from 8pm to 11pm. Tickets will be available for purchase on Jan. 11 for 80LE and beginning Jan. 18 the price will increase, so plan to buy early. Students who purchased tickets for the previously scheduled event may use those tickets for admission.

*Mark Sullivan*  
Community Relations and Activities Coordinator

**High School Events**

- o End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Dec. 17
- o Early Release Day Dec. 17  
(students leave @ 11:30)
- o Winter Break Dec. 18-Jan.9

**Announcements**

**CAC Community Cookbook** - The Booster Club is collecting recipes for a new CAC Community Cookbook and we are looking for your favorites. Appetizers, soups, salads, main dishes, and desserts we would love to know the recipes that you make for your family and friends over and over. It is a great way to get the recipes you love when you visit with your friends. It is quick and easy to participate, from the comfort of your own home, just click on the following link and enter your recipe(s). Send in your recipes quickly, with your help we can make this book as special as our school. If you have any questions or problems please feel free to contact either Gigi Hamdy (010-175-1165; [gigidaisy3@msn.com](mailto:gigidaisy3@msn.com)) or Cheryl Lachenmayer (012-714-7796; [CLL307@yahoo.com](mailto:CLL307@yahoo.com)). Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

<http://www.cacegypt.org/cookBook/index.php>

*Booster Club*

**PTO Presents** - All Parents are Invited!!! Please join us!!  
Important Dates for your Calendar --

**January 11-12:** Michael Thompson, renowned author and child psychologist, at CAC -- numerous parent meetings/forums/discussions:

*Monday, Jan 11:* 10am-11:30am: Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys (Rm. 600)

*Monday, Jan 11:* 6:30-8:00pm: The Pressured Child: Helping Students find Success in School & Life (HS Theatre)

*Tuesday, Jan 12:* 7-8:30am: (Fathers only - breakfast!): The Importance of Fathers in Children's Lives (Rm 600)

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**January 21** (Thursday): 8:30am - PTO Coffee and Discussion (Rm. 600)

**January 23** (Saturday): 11am -Presentation by Lesley Lababidi (author of Family Guide to Cairo) - what to do in Cairo!

**February 20** (Saturday): PTO Garage Sale (opportunity for CAC parents/families to have a table and sell "used" goods, toys, clothes, etc)

**March 20** (Saturday): International Festival

**April 14** (Wednesday): 1-3pm - PTO Luncheon

**April 30** (Friday): PTO Gala

**May 13** (Thursday): Faculty/Staff Appreciation

*Susan Thomas*

**PTO Theme Basket Raffle** - The PTO will be holding an International Spring Fair on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. One of the attractions will be a **Theme Basket Raffle** which will raise money to fund specific projects to benefit our school as well as a percentage being donated to charity.

With Winter Break almost upon us, and with many of us travelling, we thought this would be an opportune time to highlight what your grade themes will be. The High School has been allocated two themes (as noted below) and you may choose which theme you wish to donate to. Alternatively, if you wish to donate a basket for displaying the donations in this would also be very gratefully accepted.

All donations will be collected in February/March with details on where and when they will be collected, being advised in the New Year. So check your themes, pick one and keep an eye out for something you would wish to donate. Many thanks go to everyone.

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| Graduation Gourmet Treats | Snacks, ready-made food, can opener, coffee shop voucher |
| Relax and Pamper          | Facial, candles, soaps, gift certificates                |

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact **Priscilla Kraut** at 016-502-0730 or email [pris.kraut@gmail.com](mailto:pris.kraut@gmail.com) or **Lisa Buser** at 010-587-9970 or email [blqbuser@bluewin.ch](mailto:blqbuser@bluewin.ch).

*Lisa Buser*