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High School Weekly News

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Helping to Ensure a Safe Week Without Walls Program

It is already the middle of January and before we know it our Week Without Walls courses will be in full swing. All high school students are registered for their respective courses with approximately 40% of our students electing courses within Cairo and Egypt and 60% opting for courses outside of Egypt.

To ensure that each course is a successful, safe and valuable learning experience, numerous components must be in place. Teachers have refined educational objectives for each course, and each chaperone has received their First Aid/CPR certification. In addition, we have received medical insurance cards for each student, which will be distributed to the students shortly before their departures.

Last year, Richard Smith, a risk assessment expert from British Gas, addressed the faculty, providing an overview of risk assessment and how it pertains to our Week Without Walls program. Chaperones then completed risk assessment forms for each of the courses. Completing these risk assessments and reviewing them each year is an important step in ensuring that the Week Without Walls program meets the safety needs for all students.

Also pertaining to safety, we have further refined the student and chaperone guidelines that outline specific responsibilities and protocols for both students and teachers. Having consistent and written guidelines helps provide a common understanding of how to respond when specific problems or situations arise.

Furthermore, the faculty has made adjustments to the Week Without Walls grading rubric so that student grades will accurately reflect the learning and behavior within each course. This also helps clarify student expectations for a successful Week Without Walls experience.

Thus, by having in place and refining the items above, we believe we have created a solid foundation for a positive and safe Week Without Walls experience, and we look forward to its start on January 24 at 3 p.m.

Thank you for Helping with Health Records

We wish to extend a thank you to all those parents who responded to our letters indicating the need to update health records for certain students. In concurrence with Board policy, we are attaining 100% completion of all medicals, and this helps us in our efforts to ensure a safe and healthy school environment for all.

High School Principal's Forum: February 5

The next high school community forum is on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 starting at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Gallery. This is an open session for parents to gain information on various programs and for parents to ask questions that pertain to the high school. We hope that many parents will attend, and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Digla Dash Event: Mark It on Your Calendars

On Friday, February 8, the annual Mike Ross Digla Dash takes place. This is an opportunity to raise money for charity by walking/running in Waadi Digla. It's a family-friendly, fun and healthy activity for the weekend, and we hope that all members of our CAC community will get involved and support the event. There is a 2.5 kilometer course for younger children and a 5 and 10 kilometer course for older students and adults with a start-time of 11 a.m. at the race site (buses depart from the CAC front gates at 10 a.m.). Registration forms can be completed by visiting the CAC website, or you can call the Athletics Office at 2755-5417 for more information.

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High School Principal

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High School Events

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| ○ U.S. Citizen Services | Jan. 21 |
| ○ HS CAT Meeting | Jan. 21 |
| ○ Week Without Walls | Jan. 24-Feb. 1 |

PTO Notes

After Prom News: Please join us Monday, January 21 for another BBQ. We will be serving up American Hamburgers, hot dogs (all beef), nachos, baked potatoes and frito pie. 11:15 at the Marble Bleachers. Great time, great students, great food!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. We will be selling Valentine candy Tuesday and Thursday at 3pm in front of the nurses' office. We have kisses, m & m's, individual packed candies perfect for valentine cards, loads more. Get there early, this will sell fast! Buy some for your Valentine!

CAC After-School Strings Program Spring Registration - Do you love music? Want to try something new for the New Year?

Then consider learning to play a string instrument like the violin, viola, cello or bass. There will be a limited number of spaces for new students (kindergarten to grade 12) at Registration, Monday, January 21, 5 to 7pm in Room 600. Thinking about it but still have questions? Please check the Parent Information link on the MS or HS sections of the CAC website www.cacegypt.org, or simply call Tammy Baldauff 010-503-8930 or Judy Switzer 012-255-4996.