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High School Weekly News

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Course Changes for Next Year

Based on input from students and parents over the course of the year, we are pleased to be offering next year a variety of courses that will strengthen both the credit course program as well as the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. By offering more one-year and non-IB courses, we feel students will have more options and our curriculum strengthened.

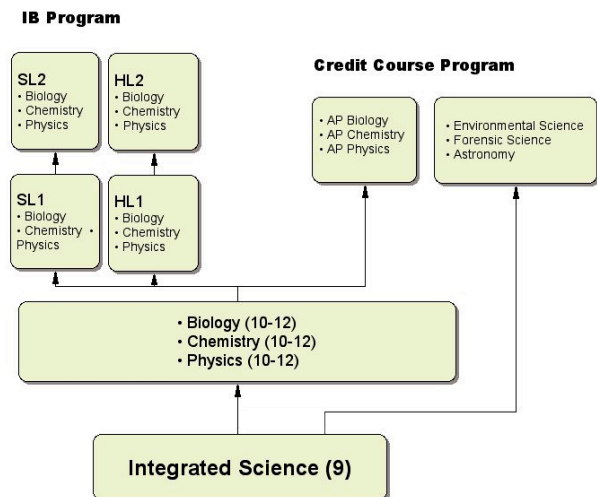
Noted below are the major changes you will see in next year's High School Program of Studies, which will be available in early March. It is important to note that even with the addition of a number of one-year courses (especially in the area of science), the IB program is still inclusive: students can choose the full IB diploma program or continue to take credit courses along with individual IB certificate courses at both the SL and HL levels.

Social Studies: The Social Studies Department will be offering IB Geography at the standard level (SL) for the first time. Our one-year IB Islamic Studies course will be changed to Arab Civilization 1 and Arab Civilization 2, and each will be offered as a semester non-IB course. Also, we will be offering a one-year non-IB elective business course entitled "Introduction to Business". The addition of the business elective will allow students the opportunity to study business as a two-year IB option or as a non-IB one-year credit course.

Languages: In the World Languages Department, Arabic will be taught as an IB A1 language choice, which will allow native Arabic speakers to study literature in Arabic. Furthermore, the English Department will offer IB English at the A2 level in grades 11 and 12 to accommodate those students who speak English as their second language. The addition of the Arabic A1 and English A2 IB options will better suit the needs of our diverse student population and allow more students to complete the full IB program. In addition, the CP 11 English course will undergo a name change to American Literature, and the CP 12 English course will be renamed World Literature; the curriculum in these two English courses will not change, but the new names will more accurately reflect what is being taught in these classes.

Science: In the Science Department, much consideration was given to ensure that students begin their IB program in the junior year as per all other departments in the school and aligns us with other international schools. To meet this need, there will be three new science courses added to the science program of study: Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. These new courses will give a further grounding in each chosen discipline, and are flexible enough so that students can also select these credit courses in grades 11 and 12. Of course, students will have the opportunity to select the same SL and HL science courses that presently exist, but these selections will be made in grades 11 and 12 and not in grade 10. It is the Science Department's plan that all students will continue on in the second year of their IB courses, take the IB external examinations, and receive IB certificates or diplomas in their courses. Furthermore, all other science elective credit courses will remain the same, meeting all the CAC standards and benchmarks for those particular science classes. As they do this year, students will have the option of taking more than one IB science class.

High School Science



In redesigning the science program, the faculty wants to make the transition in and out of the CAC science courses to be as seamless as possible, and IB students will be grandfathered into the new program. In other words, if

your son or daughter is presently in year one of an IB science course, she/he will complete year two of that science course in the following year as we do presently.

Finally, we are hoping to initiate three one-year science Advanced Placement (AP) courses into our course offerings: AP Biology, AP Chemistry and AP Physics. We are making an application to the College Board (the parent organization of the AP program) and need their approval before offering these courses.

As you can see, there are a number of course changes for next year. Based on input from students, teachers and parents, we feel that offering more one-year courses will give students more options and also strengthen our overall curricular program at CAC.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Rob DeWolf *Mark Pleasants*
High School Principal High School Assistant Principal

Freedom from Chemical Dependency

Consultants from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) will visit Cairo American College February 18 – March 1, 2007. FCD, based in Newton MA, provides alcohol and other drug education to U.S. and international school communities.

Programming for CAC students will be offered in classroom settings, small-group assemblies, and on an individual consultation basis. All programming is developmentally appropriate and richly interactive; combining up-to-date information with real-life experiences. Teaching methods include presentations, discussion, role-play, and exercises. Student questions and concerns often serve as a springboard for further discussion and reflection. The overall goal of programming is to address individual/group attitudes and behavior thereby minimizing the risks of substance use and abuse.

Parent involvement is clearly an asset to effective prevention. Programming for the CAC parent community will be offered with the unique developmental needs of our PK-12 student body in mind. FCD goals for parents meeting are to:

- Help parents understand the unique and essential role they play in keeping this kids drug-free during childhood and adolescence;
- Provide parents with the latest facts about addiction and the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and other drugs; and,
- Give parents the tools and confidence they need to address these issues with their children.

Programming for parents of high school students will be offered from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM on Wednesday, February 21. We invite you to mark your calendar for this important conversation.

Naviance - Introduced to Grade 9 Study Hall Students

All grade nine students were introduced to Naviance during the week of January 22, 2007. Naviance is an exceptional web-based program that CAC students and their families may use to assist in post-secondary planning. Program highlights include college and scholarship search engines, access to college/university admissions information and data, a career interest and personality inventory, and a resume builder.

In meeting with grade 9 students during their study halls, an overview of the program was provided and students began their self-exploration of post-secondary options. Each student received a personal on-line report of their preferences, which s/he was encouraged to share with her/his parents along with information about the Naviance program.

If you have any questions about this exciting program, please feel free to contact me.

Susan Tennyson
Grade 9 Counselor

CAC Model United Nations

CAC MUN delegates have just returned from the club's annual trip to The Hague Model United Nations Conference of 2007. Twelve high school students have represented the delegation of DPR Korea and 4 have participated in the Youth Assembly Conference creating action plans to solve a few of the world most pressing concerns and issues. The club had a strong representation, and the students succeeded in attracting the attention of the majority of delegates and directors attending the conference from all over the world.

North Korea has played its role well enough to stir representatives of the world powers and keep a high level of excitement in the different forums. When North Korea was summoned to the Security Council meeting, Serena Wunnenberg spent two days bringing everyone to a consensus over the issue of disarmament; a conflict that diplomats of the real world have failed to resolve. The learning experience was extremely rewarding for all participants.

Lamia Mazhar
MUN Sponsor

High School Events

Full Day Professional Development (no school for students)	February 7
CAC Holiday	February 8
IB Information Meeting	February 12
College Night for Juniors	February 13
Progress Reports	February 15

PTO Notes

PTO Garage Sale - Cleaning out your closets or need to get rid of too much stuff? Why not rent a table at the PTO Garage Sale on

Saturday, February 24 from 9 to 1 at the CASL (Cairo American Softball League) Field by Midan Victoria. Tables rent for 100 LE. For more information and to reserve your table, please contact Zahra Ahmed at kzrq28usa@yahoo.com or 010-175-1097. Tickets to attend this event will be 10 LE. They will be available at the side gate entrance on RD 250 the day of the event and at CAC after school from February 18 to 22.

PTO International Spring Fair - Mark your calendars now to attend this special event on Saturday, May 5 from 2:30 to 6:30 pm on the CAC campus. Please note the name and time change from that previously printed in the school calendar. PTO is already making plans for this event for all CAC ID holders, and is

requesting parents to help in many areas. To contribute your time, talent and/or treasure, please contact the volunteers listed below. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated!

-International Food Booths – Elmare' Maurin at maurinfamily@yahoo.co.uk.

-Cake Walk – Kum How at kumh261@yahoo.com

-Baskets – Karen Pettigrew at Pettigrew_gk@hotmail.com

-Information/questions - Zahra Ahmad at kzrq28usa@yahoo.com