



Highro- Glyphics



High School Weekly News

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Third Quarter Progress Reports February 14

This is a reminder that you can view your child's third quarter progress report on Polar any time after 3 p.m on Thursday, February 14 and onwards. There likely may not be as many grades as usual due to the Week Without Walls week that was just completed; however, we encourage you to go to Polar and check your son or daughter's progress.

No School for Students on February 17

Please be aware that students will not attend school on Sunday, February 17. Faculty will be continuing their work with Atlas Rubicon curriculum mapping on this full professional development day. Thank you for marking February 17 on your calendars as a day with no school for students.

Week Without Walls Showcase Night February 26

Fast approaching is the Week Without Walls Showcase Night on Tuesday, February 26, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. This showcase is a celebration of Week Without Walls, and it is a time to share with you as parents the many varied student-learning experiences gained within the WWW week. It is a mandatory event for students, and parents are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you at this celebratory showcase event that takes place in individual high school classrooms for each WWW course.

Changes in the High School Arabic Program

At the beginning of March, high school students will receive their Program of Studies booklet for the 2008-09 school year, which will preview all of the courses and guide students and parents through the registration process. One of the exciting changes that will take place next year is in the Arabic program. Over the past few months, the Arabic teachers have developed a new Arabic program structure that strengthens the study of the language for both the native and non-native speakers. We encourage you to read about these important changes when the Program of Studies is available in March.

Rob DeWolf
High School Principal

Mark Pleasants
High School Assistant Principal

IB/AP Mock Examinations

Attention to All Students Taking IB Mock Exams

As you are all aware, the Mock Exams will start on **Sunday, February 17th**, and schedules are available for pick-up in the IB Office. **All IB Mock Exams will take place in the HS Gallery. Please enter the Gallery only through the Eagles' Nest door. Please be prompt.**

Please be aware that IB exam protocol states that if a student does not show up for the exam, he/she will get a zero on that exam. This same protocol will be used for the CAC mock exams (severe illness exempted).

Please take note of the attendance policy for next week so that you do not accrue unexcused absences:

Full Diploma candidates: you are excused from all classes, IB and non-IB, in order to focus on your Mocks.

Students with four or more IB/AP subject exams: you are excused from all classes, IB and non-IB, in order to focus on your Mocks

Students with three or less IB/AP subject exams: in the event of a morning exam (8:00 am or 10:30 am) you are excused from the two preceding afternoon periods, and in the event of an afternoon exam (12:30 pm) you are excused from the two morning periods -- otherwise, you are to attend your classes as per usual.

Please note that if you are in a one-year World Languages SL class, an AP class, or the second year of a two-year IB class, you will be sitting for a mock exam in that subject.

Best of luck to all!

IB Office

Freedom from Chemical Dependency

Consultants from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) will visit Cairo American College February 17 – February 28, 2008. 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 will be offered from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27. We invite you to mark your calendar for this important conversation.

Counseling Department

Mother Language Week - February 18 to 21

The CAC library will spotlight the Multilingual books for Mother Language Week, which celebrates second language learners. The MS / HS library will display books from the Multilingual collection. At this time, the collection has books from two dozen languages: Afrikaans to Urdu (we're not to Z yet) and contains several hundred titles. Books may be checked out of the library.

CAC Library Staff

2008-2009 Calendar

Many of you have seen the 2008-09 academic calendar dates on our website, where they have been posted since December. We have recently received queries regarding the early opening in August, and I want to share with you how we arrived at the 12th as the first day for students.

Through a combination of government obligations and tradition, CAC is obliged to incorporate a number of holidays in its calendar. This next year, Eid El Fitr, October 6th, and Eid El Adha alone account for what would

be six teaching days. Unfortunately, they all fall in the first semester, which is already shorter than the second.

School Board Policy # 1.401 states: "Middle School and High School have two semesters, from August to December and January to June. Efforts are made to balance the lengths of the semesters." In 2006, school opened on August 15th to align with policy.

The calendar which has been approved, while in no way perfect, complies with policy, accommodates the holidays, and was vetted through a variety of stakeholders - the Board Trustee Committee, CAT teams, and faculty.

We truly regret the inconvenience that some families will experience with an August 12th student opening in 2008. Certainly the response to this decision will inform the conversation as we plan the next few years. In the meantime, we are hopeful that our students will join us on opening day with their typical exuberance for the full, productive year ahead.

Monica N. Greeley
Superintendent

Drop-off and Pick-up at CAC

Student safety is our first priority at CAC. This is something that we know you expect of us and it is something we expect from ourselves. Pick-up and Drop-off is an area that has become a safety issue as many drivers are not following the correct procedures which has resulted in unsafe conditions for students, drivers, and our security guards. Unfortunately, we are unable to make the correction to this problem directly as it is all of you, or the drivers that you employ, who are responsible for this safety issue. Approximately two weeks ago we distributed flyers to the cars at drop-off in which the procedures are explained. Still, we are concerned by the rate of noncompliance.

We are asking for your support in helping to make CAC a safe place for students to learn by patiently following the procedures. For a copy of the procedures, please click on the link <http://www.cacegypt.org/about/MapStreet.html>.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep CAC a safe place for students to learn.

Larry Kraut
Business Manager

Parents: Run for the School Board!

This is your chance to make a lasting impact on CAC.

The CAC Board of Trustees is seeking nominations to fill two community representative spots for the 2009-2010 two-year term.

We urge all interested parents to learn more about the work of the Board – if you have questions, you may reach Election Chair Melanie Nelson at 010-361-3083 or melanieextex@hotmail.com, or Board Chair Nivine Captan-Amr at 010-111-3035 or yamr104@link.net.

Deadline to nominate yourself is Thursday, February 28, 2008 by 3:00 P.M.:

Click: <http://www.cacegypt.org/about/board.html> for a nomination form.

The Board Does:

- Long term strategic decision making (i.e. Master Plan construction)
- Financial planning and oversight
- Write and review policies governing the school
- Meet at least two evenings a month to accomplish these and other goals

The Board DOES NOT:

- set curriculum
- make admissions or personnel decisions
- get involved in day-to-day running of the school

High School Events

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| ○ Progress Reports | Feb. 14 |
| ○ IB/AP Mock Examinations | Feb. 17-21 |
| ○ HS CAT Meeting | Feb. 25 |
| ○ WWW Showcase Evening | Feb. 26 |
| ○ Counseling Department Forum | Feb. 27 |
| ○ HS Talent Show | Feb. 28 |

PTO Notes

CAC-PTO Garage Sale - Cleaning out your closet or need to get rid of too much stuff? Why not rent a table at the PTO Garage Sale on February 23- 2008, at Cairo American Softball Field (opposite to Victoria college), between 9am – 1pm.

Any CAC ID card holder may rent a table for:
100 LE for Goods and Things
200 LE for Food Stall

Entrance Tickets will be sold at CAC between Sun -Thurs: 17-21 February and on the day of Garage sale at Cairo American Softball Field for 10 LE.

For more information and to reserve your table, please contact: Samia Wadman 012-103-7880 or Kum How 010-338-8976, e-mail: kumh261@yahoo.com.

PTO English conversation Classes - A new class for English Conversation will start on Monday, 25 February at 1.00pm in the PTO room. These classes will run every Monday and Wednesday, and is for ADVANCE level. Due to the size of the room, we can allow only 10 students.

Please contact Mrs. Karen Perry directly at: 2519 6650 for further information.

PTO International SPRINGFAIR - It is time again for our PTO Spring Fair on the weekend of 14/15 March. We need parent volunteers to assist with the various activities offered on the day to make this event successful.

Please contact Elmaré MAURIN (maurinfamily@yahoo.co.uk) to volunteer you time, organizing skills and support in ticket sales, raffle baskets, games and the Food stalls.

PTO-Multicultural Committee Trip - The Multicultural Committee is organizing a trip to the Mohamed Ali Palace and the Asfour factory on Tuesday, February 26th, 2008. Our meeting point is the CAC back gate. Please supply your own mid-day snacks and beverages.

Time: CAC back gate at 8:30 am, and will return at 2:00 pm.
The ticket to enter Palace costs 10 LE.

Those interested in joining us please RSVP: Helga at 016-264-1805 or helga@meinardus.net or Samia at 012-103-7880 or samiaw@aol.com.