



Highro- Glyphics



High School Weekly News

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Smithsonian Musicians at CAC

Last Tuesday, we were very fortunate to have five musicians from the Smithsonian Jazz Ensemble visit and perform in the theater during lunch at CAC. Students, parents and faculty were present to hear these musicians play jazz standards, and they explained aspects of jazz and its history. Thanks to all those who helped organize this event, especially Mr. Bob Fedorak and Ms. Helen Lovejoy who collaborated to make this event possible. Also, thanks go to all those who were present to hear these excellent musicians play at our school.

Week Without Walls Showcase Night - February 26

The Week Without Walls Showcase Night takes place 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 highly 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.

FCD Forum - February 27

The consultants from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) are here and they are visiting student classrooms. FCD, based in Newton MA, provides alcohol and other drug education to U.S. and international school communities. Students receive programming in small group settings in addition to having the opportunity to meet with one of the consultants on a drop-in basis for further conversation. The overall goal of programming is to address individual/group attitudes and behavior thereby minimizing the risks of substance use and abuse. We thank the FCD representatives for joining us here at CAC.

Please note that you are cordially invited to the **FCD Counseling Department Forum on Wednesday, February 27 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Room 600.**

The forum is with FCD Educational Services Consultants, Connie Kim and Tim Ryan. This presentation and

conversation is designed to:

- Help parents understand the unique and essential role they play in keeping kids drug-free 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.

Band/Strings Showcase Night - February 27

We are proud to present 'The Band/Strings Showcase' on Wednesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm in the theater. The concert will feature the Beginner Band, 7/8 Band, Strings Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

High School Talent Show - February 29

On Friday, February 29, the high school Talent Show will take place starting at 7 p.m. in the theater. There will be 17 diverse and exciting acts as well as some fun and entertaining performances by some of faculty members, including Mr. Kenny Macaulay and Mr. Hussein Ramez and the Cairo Kickers dance group. We hope to see you there.

Rob DeWolf
High School Principal

Mark Pleasants
High School Assistant Principal

CAC's Multilingual Book Collection

Today marks CAC's first celebration of International Mother Language Day. As this is also the Year of the Reader, it is a perfect time to encourage a visit to the Multilingual Book Collection in the CAC library. Currently there are more than 1,500 books representing 36 languages on the shelves, and there are still many more in the process of being added. Financial support for the collection has been provided by the CAC Academic Innovation fund, as well as the PTO. In addition, several families and teachers have also generously donated new and used books.

This year the focus has been on books for the MS and HS students, so you will begin to find a variety of fiction and nonfiction that support the CAC curriculum (e.g., translations of Hamlet and To Kill a Mockingbird), as well as popular books students want to read simply for personal interest and enjoyment.

We are especially appreciative of those parents and students who have helped us purchase books in other countries to bring back to Cairo. Many others have provided invaluable help translating titles so that we can enter them into our English-based circulation system. In fact, right now, we need help in translating Thai, Japanese, French, Dutch, and Norwegian. If you would like to help us purchase books (we still have some funds available for reimbursing you for new books this year) or translate titles, simply contact Beth Hawley (bhawley@cacegypt.org). Spring Break travel will provide a perfect opportunity to pick up one or two more books to put on our shelves!

ESL Department

Congratulations CAC Teams

AN AMAZING SET OF RESULTS!

EMAC Tennis

Overall Champions
Girls – Champions
Boys – Runners Up

EMAC Cross Country

Overall Champions
JV Girls – Champions
JV Boys – Champions
Varsity Boys – Runners Up
Varsity Girls – Third Place

EMAC JV Basketball

Boys – Champions
Girls – Third Place

Athletic Office

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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| ○ HS CAT Meeting | Feb. 25 |
| ○ WWW Showcase Evening | Feb. 26 |
| ○ Counseling Department Forum | Feb. 27 |
| ○ HS Talent Show | Feb. 28 |

PTO Notes

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.

CAC parents and sports fans, we need your help! The Athletic Awards Night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 P.M. in the CAC Theater. Booster Club needs photos of your students involved in Winter Season teams to create the slide show. If you have game, practice, travel, or just fun photos of you or your child or their teammates, please email Melanie Nelson at: mailto:melanieextex@hotmail.com and arrange to either put the photos on a CD or a memory stick and get to her as soon as possible. As ISST athletes only return to school on the 10th and the Awards Night is the 11th, you can see that the turnaround time to create the slide show is extremely short this season.

Varsity and JV teams included this season are: JV Boys & Girls Soccer, JV & V Basketball, V Tennis, JV & V Wrestling, JV & Varsity Cross Country, and JV & V Swimming.

Booster Club wants to include all teams in the slide show but it is up to you to provide the photos of a great season! Congratulations to all our athletes this season and thanks to all our parents for your support!

PARENTS: We have an employment opportunity for you! The After Prom Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on its committee. We are the hard working--but fun--group of volunteer parents that host the annual After Prom party (alcohol and drug free) held immediately after the prom. If you have a sophomore or a junior we need you! Qualifications: None, just a desire to volunteer your time for this worthwhile event. Salary: None; oh, occasionally you get a left over burger or hot dog. Perks: Getting involved in the school community and have the satisfaction of throwing the best party of the year! Contact me and I can give you more information. Lisa Ferguson (lferguson0726@yahoo.com)