



# Highro- Glyphics



High School Weekly News

Thursday, February 7, 2008

## ***A Successful Week Without Walls***

Students are abuzz with the wonderful stories from their Week Without Walls courses that took place last week. Whether students remained in Egypt or crossed borders into other countries, they were excited to share their experiences with others. We wish to thank Mark Sullivan and Salma Serry for their efforts to coordinate the 27 courses that took place within the Week Without Walls program. We thank the faculty who chaperoned the students, and we also wish to thank you the parents for all your help and support in making this program such a wonderful success. We wish to remind you that the Week Without Walls showcase evening is on Tuesday, February 26 at 5:15. We wish to you then.

## ***The Digla Dash Event is Here – February 8***

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.). For final details and more information, call the Athletics Office at 2755-5417.

## ***IB Informational Meeting – February 12***

There will be an important IB forum for all students and parents interested in learning more about and pursuing next year's IB program; it is particularly designed for parents of tenth-grade students interested in IB options. This meeting takes place on Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. in the high school gallery, and we look forward to seeing you there.

## ***College Night – February 13***

Please mark on your calendars CAC's College Night that takes place on Wednesday, February 13 starting at 7 p.m. in the theater. This is an opportunity to gain information about the college search process and learn about the Naviance program that helps students select universities from around the world.

## ***Third Quarter Progress Reports February 14***

Progress reports are upon us quickly, and you can check your child's progress on Polar from 3 p.m. onwards on Thursday, February 14. There likely will 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.

## ***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.

## ***FCD Consultants Visit CAC February 17 to 28***

We are excited that consultants from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) will visit Cairo American College beginning Sunday, February 17. FCD, based in Newton MA, provides alcohol and other drug education to U.S. and international school communities. Students will 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.

*Rob DeWolf*  
High School Principal

*Mark Pleasants*  
High School Assistant Principal

## **Mock Examinations: AP and IB February 17- 21**

This year, CAC will be setting mock examinations for all IB and AP students who are preparing to sit for examinations in May 2008. The faculty has adapted or selected examination papers that will provide our students with an appropriate challenge and an authentic experience. By undertaking mock exams, students will learn how to time themselves, how to conduct themselves, and how to prepare effectively for the actual exams. Even though the AP and IB curricula will not be necessarily completed, results from the mock exams will inform teachers and students of how well material has been covered to date.

When are the mock exams?

- the starting times for the exams are 8:00 am, 10:15 am, and 12:30 pm daily
- there are three blocks of exams each day of the week
- Sunday is a Professional Development Day, but there will be three blocks of mock papers held on this day: scheduled students must be present

Who takes the exams?

- a student is taking an SL2 or an HL2 course, s/he will sit for a mock exam in that subject
- all IB CAC World Languages students who are registered for SL exams in Language B or A2: i.e., French B SL, Spanish B SL, Arabic B SL, Arabic A2 SL
- all AP students, US History and Calculus

How does attendance work for the week of mock exams?

- all full IB Diploma candidates will have the week off from scheduled classes to prepare and sit for their respective exam papers: students are to manage their time wisely and attend all their mock exams
- all CAC students who are sitting for four or more IB/AP mock exams will have the week off to prepare and sit for their respective exam papers: students are to manage their time wisely and to attend all their mock exams
- for those students who are sitting for three or less AP/IB exams, they will have the preceding half-day free: e.g., if a student has an 8:00 or a 10:15 mock exam, s/he can be excused from school the preceding day at noon; if a student has a 12:30 mock exam, s/he is excused from school in the morning for that day -- otherwise, students will attend their AP, non-IB, and non-AP classes

Special Notes

- any Retake students are welcome to undertake the mock exams -- please contact the IB Office so that we can prepare papers for you
- teachers will not be teaching second-year IB classes for the four days of the mock exam week, but they will be teaching first-year IB classes and non-IB classes throughout the week as well as AP classes after the AP mock exams
- the schedule for the mock exams will be posted throughout the high school

*Theresa Hurley*  
IB Coordinator

## **High School Events**

- CAC Hosting CISSA JV Basketball Tournament Feb. 8-9
- IB Informational Night Feb. 12
- College Night for Juniors Feb. 13
- Progress Reports Feb. 14
- IB/AP Mock Examinations Feb. 17-21

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:maurinfamily@yahoo.co.uk)) to volunteer you time, organizing skills and support in ticket sales, raffle baskets, games and the Food stalls.

## IB/AP Mock Exams Schedule February 17 – 21, 2008

Time	Sun. Feb. 17	Mon. Feb. 18	Tues. Feb. 19	Wed. Feb. 20	Thurs. Feb. 21
<b>8:00 am</b>	English HL Paper 1 (2hrs.)  English SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)	English HL Paper 2 (2hrs.)  English SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)	History HL Paper 3 (2 hrs. 30 min.)  Islamic History HL & SL Paper 2 (2 hrs.)	Math HL Paper 2 (2 hrs.)  Math SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)  Math Studies SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)	Arabic A2 HL Paper 1 (2 hrs.)  Arabic A2 SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)  Arabic B SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)  Arabic Ab initio SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)  French B HL & French B SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)  French Ab initio SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)  Spanish B HL & Spanish B SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)  Spanish Ab initio SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)
<b>10:15 am</b>	Chemistry HL Paper 1 (1 hr.)  ITGS HL & SL Paper 1 (1 hr.)  Computer Science HL Paper 1 (2 hrs. 15 min)  Computer Science SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)	History HL & SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)  ITGS HL & SL Paper 2 (2 hrs.)	Business & Management HL Paper 2 (2 hrs. 30 min.)	Biology HL Paper 1 (1 hr.)  Biology SL Paper 1 (45 min.)  Physics HL Paper 1 (1 hr.)  Physics SL Paper 1 (45 min.)	Arabic A2 SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)  Arabic B SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)  Arabic Ab initio SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)  French B HL & French B SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)  French Ab initio SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)  Spanish B HL & Spanish B SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)  Spanish Ab initio SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)
<b>12:30 pm</b>	Business & Management HL Paper 1 (2 hrs.)	Math HL Paper 1 (2 hrs.)  Math SL Paper 1	Chemistry HL Paper 2 (2 hrs. 15 min.)  Design Technology	Biology HL Paper 2 (2 hrs. 15 min.)  Biology SL Paper 2	Arabic A2 HL Paper 2 (2hrs.)  Music SL Paper 1
	SL Paper 1 (1 hr.)				

	<b>AP History</b>	Math Studies SL Paper 1 (1 hr. 30 min.)  <b>AP Calculus          MC &amp; FR          (90 min.) (90 min)</b>	Design Technology HL Paper 2 (1 hr. 45 min)	Physics HL Paper 2 (2 hrs. 15 min.)  Physics SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 15 min.)	Computer Science HL Paper 2 (2hrs.15 min.)  Computer Science SL Paper 2 (1 hr. 30 min.)
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