



# *Highro- Glyphics*

High School Weekly News

Thursday, May 14, 2009

## ***PTO Faculty/Staff Appreciation Breakfast***

We wish to sincerely thank the PTO for the wonderful breakfast they provided for faculty and staff in the high school lounge on Wednesday, May 13. The food was delicious, and we enjoyed the time together. Thank you again.

## ***Successful Thespian Play***

Last week, the CAC Thespian Society presented three short plays entitled *Hard Candy* by Jonathan Rand, *Chicken Bones for Teenage Soup* by Alan Haehnel, and *There Shall Be No Bottom* by Mark O'Donnell. The plays were a great success, and the acting talents of the students were most appreciated by those who were in attendance. Thanks to all those involved!

## ***Piano Recital***

Last Saturday afternoon, CAC's own Liz Wolden performed works by Bartok, Albeniz, Schubert and Schumann, and her piano playing was spectacular. We are most fortunate to have such a talented pianist within CAC, and we thank her for sharing her talents with the wider community. Thanks also go to all those who were in attendance for this very special recital.

## ***IB and AP Examinations Continue***

AP exams will end on May 15 and IB examinations will end on May 22. If your child is writing AP and/or IB examinations, this is critical time for review and study, and parental help and support at this time is highly valued and appreciated.

## ***End-of-Year Obligations Procedure for Students***

The end of the school year is approaching! To ensure that students complete all of their end-of-year obligations, we are asking you to remind your children that students must be fully responsible to return all textbooks and library books before the end of the school year; any lost books must be paid for by June 1, 2009. If a student does not complete all end-of-year obligations, s/he will not receive a course schedule for next academic year and will not be permitted to attend classes on the first day of school in August until all items are either returned or paid for.

Thank you for your understanding and support with these end-of-year procedures.

## ***Semester Two Grades – Available on POLAR***

As per last year, report cards will be sent to students and parents electronically on POLAR. These electronic report cards will be available to students and parents starting on Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 p.m. For those who require transcript hard-copies, they will be available in the high school counseling office starting on Tuesday, June 9. If you have any questions about semester two report cards, please do not hesitate to contact the high school counseling office at 2755-5411.

## ***NHS Book Fair – May 15***

On Friday, May 15, the National Honor Society Book Sale will take place in front of the health office from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monies raised from this book sale will go to a scholarship fund for the children of Saber Sadek, a former CAC theater technician who passed away several years ago. There will be many books available, and we hope you will come and take a browse.

## ***Senior Service Project Fair Evening – May 19***

Students of the World Literature English 12 classes will present their senior service projects on Tuesday, May 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in room 600. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and learn about the many service learning experiences that senior students have gained this year. We hope that you will take the time to learn more about the many service learning projects that are taking place in the high school.

## ***Intermediate/Advanced Actors Play – May 20 and 21***

The Intermediate/Advanced Actors Play entitled *Our Day Out* by Willy Russell will take place on Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the theater. Tickets at a cost of L.E. 20 and are on sale in the Theater Box Office.

### **Prom and After Prom – May 22**

Prom and After Prom are here! This year's Prom and After Prom activities take place on Friday, May 22, and we will be there at both events for support and to join in the fun. Thanks to all parents for your help in the preparations for these very important events for students. Please note that students will not be permitted to leave the 'After Prom' event until 5 a.m.; the only exception is if a parent comes to the Maadi House to pick up his/her child. Also, students must have their CAC ID card with them at all times.

### **MS/HS Band and Strings Showcase Night – May 25**

The MS/HS Band and Strings Showcase Night will take place on Monday, May 25 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the theater. This is the culminating event and the last time for seniors in the bands and strings to perform. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Recognition Night – May 26**

The high school Recognition Night takes place on Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m. in the theater. This is a semi-formal event (ties for student males are expected and no running shoes) where we honor students who have won various academic awards, and we recognize students for their efforts and performance. Parents and friends of these students are encouraged to attend.

### **Early Release Day – May 28**

There will be an early release day on Thursday, May 28. Students will be dismissed from classes at 11:30 a.m. and buses will depart directly after classes. The afternoon is dedicated as a teacher clerical time for entering fourth quarter grades.

### **Community Strings and Orchestra Performance – May 30**

The Community Strings and Orchestra Performance takes place on Saturday, May 30 starting at 2:00 p.m. in the theater. Please come out and support the community strings program in Maadi.

### **Spring Athletic Awards Night – June 2**

The Spring Athletic Awards Night will take place on Tuesday, June 2 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the theater. This is the final athletic awards ceremony of the year, and it is a chance to celebrate and recognize the many athletic achievements that the students have earned in the spring season. We hope you can attend this special ceremony.

### **Last Day of School – June 3**

The last day of school for grades 9, 10, and 11 is Wednesday, June 3. Students will participate in a moving up assembly in the theater plus attending all classes. It is a day to bring closure to a successful year, and student attendance is expected. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. when course schedules will be distributed for next year.

### **Graduation Ceremony – June 5**

Graduation will take place on Friday, June 5 at 8 a.m. in front of the sphinx and pyramids in Giza, and we look forward to this event very much. Seniors are currently being provided with invitations for this event, and further information will follow.

*Rob DeWolf*  
High School Principal

*Mark Pleasants*  
High School Assistant Principal

### **EMAC/MESAC/ISST**

Eastern Mediterranean Activities Conference (EMAC) is undergoing some structural change which will take effect in the 2010/2011 school year. While this change is not being initiated by CAC it will definitely have an affect on our Athletic and Activities programs and we are working closely with our counterparts in EMAC to determine exactly what this might mean and how it may change things for us at CAC.

Middle East Schools Activities Conference (MESAC) is a new organization which is being formed by three of the EMAC schools who have declared they will be leaving EMAC after the 2009/2010 school year. Membership in this JV and Varsity conference will be limited to six schools, all of whom will participate in all of the offered activities.

CAC has been a long-standing and important member in EMAC and our continued involvement would be most welcome. CAC has also been invited to become a member of MESAC

While a decision has yet to be made, we feel it is important that parents are aware of the situation and have an opportunity to provide feedback. To that end, an informational meeting for parents was held last Tuesday, May 5. Since then CAC has sent representatives to the EMAC Directors' Meeting which was hosted here in Cairo. Coaches and Sponsors will attend an informational meeting on Sunday, May 17. We will also send a delegation to Dubai, which includes a high school parent, for a MESAC informational meeting at which we hope to learn more about this new organization, which schools may be involved in it, and whether or not it would be a good fit for CAC.

With many things to consider, not the least of which is our long history of participation with schools in ISST, we are being careful to consider all possibilities and options so that we can make an informed decision that will support our programs and serve our students well. We will be sure to keep you up to date as we progress.

*Mark Sullivan*  
Activities Director

*Patrick Higgins*  
Athletics Director

### **CAC Library End of Year Dates**

Wed., May 13 library will close at 4:00 p.m. on this day  
Thurs., May 14 all materials from community members due  
May 16 & 23 library will be open, but no borrowing may take place  
Thurs., May 21 all materials from CAC students due  
May 30-June 3 Summer Borrowing

For summer borrowing, all accounts need to be cleared before patrons may borrow. Elementary students (PreK - Grade 4) will need to fill in a form signed by a parent. Forms will be available at the library circulation desk starting Thursday, May 14 and sent to Elementary classes.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER starting at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 June.

*Paul Bartos*  
Head Librarian

### **High School Events**

- AP Exams May 4-15
- IB Exams May 4-22
- NHS Book Sale May 15
- Senior Service Project Fair May 19
- Intermediate/Advanced Actors Play May 20 & 21
- Junior/Senior Prom May 22
- HS CAT Meeting May 25
- Band/Strings Showcase May 25
- H.S. Recognition Night May 26
- End-of-Year Art Show May 26-June 2
- ERD/Clerical Day May 28  
(students leave @11:30)
- Last Day of School for Seniors May 28
- Seniors End-of-Year Transition Week May 31-June 4
- Last Day of School for Grades 8-11 June 3
- Graduation June 5