



Highro- Glyphics

High School Weekly News

Thursday, May 3, 2012

High School Administration Announcements

Semester Exams – Reminder

As you make your summer plans, please be sure to consult the semester two exam schedules posted on the high school webpage. It is very important for students to be present at school through their last examination. As this semester marks the end of a school year, we are unable to allow students to make up missed exams beyond June 6th.

For your information you can also see the exam schedules using the following links:

Link to Grade 12 exams: <http://www.cacegypt.org/hs/PDF/ExamSchedule12Spring12.pdf>

Link to Grade 9 – 11 exams: http://www.cacegypt.org/hs/PDF/ExamSchedule9_11Spring12.pdf

CAT/Community Forum – Minutes

Many thanks to the parents who attended the forum! Below please find the minutes from the meeting.

From the Administration (20 minutes)

- 1) Follow up on action taken regarding graduation seating (5 minutes)
 - a. A diagram of the location was drawn to show the best place for the VIP seating. After a short discussion the pros and cons of different seating plans were evaluated and a decision was reached. The VIP seating will be directly in front of the stage, skewed slightly to the left. This will give the best view of both the students and the speakers.
 - b. After this discussion the concern was raised that the current way students enter the graduation ceremony can cause hurt feelings. At present students make self selected male/female pairs and choose where on stage they wish to sit. This means that students who do not have a pair enter last and sit at the back. It was felt that this cast a negative light on graduation for part of the population. It was suggested that we move to an alphabetical process for graduation. This idea was tabled for more discussion/surveys next year. This year students will continue to form pairs and choose where they wish to sit on the stage. However, certain chairs (the pair on each side of rows 2 – 4 and the final seat in row 1) will be pre-designated as “male” seats. This will accommodate our eleven additional males this year and will allow them process in at different times during the entrance as well as avoid seating them in the final row. Male students preferring to pair with another male may request to do so when the seating charts are opened for sign ups later this month.
- 2) Follow up on action taken regarding parent teacher conferences (5 minutes)
 - a. For semester one the HS will pilot running a drop in arena style pre-conference for semi-private 5 -10 minute meetings the afternoon (3 – 5 pm) immediately prior to the “by appointment” day of parent teacher conferences. This will allow parents who simply want to visit for a few moments a more flexible way to do so which, in turn, should open up more appointments on the following day for parents in need of more time or privacy.
- 3) End of the year procedures and clarification of student expectations (10 minutes)
 - a. The administration asked if any clarification was needed regarding expectations for seniors or underclassmen at the end of term. It was felt that the information that has gone out to date was sufficiently clear.

From the Community (10 minutes)

- 1) On campus events and poor attendance. What might be behind the lack of interest? What goes into a decision to put on the event or not. (10 minutes)
 - a. The administration shared that there is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes into events on campus that comes at a considerable expense in time, man power and money to the school. Thus, without sufficient interest on the part of the students, it is not possible to run such events. The group brainstormed a number of reasons why these events may not be of enough interest to students in the hopes of identifying ways to increase student interest in on campus events in the future. Suggestions included:
 - i. Opening events to students from other schools to encourage mixing with other student populations.
 - ii. Alternating years with certain events to keep them fresh.
 - iii. Surveying the students to see what events may be of interest to them.
 - iv. Scheduling events so they do not fall at busy/stressful times of the year.
 - v. Publicizing events more often and more clearly.

May 23 and 24 – Virtual School Days

The Egyptian Presidential elections are planned to take place on **May 23 and 24**. The end of May is an important time of year for our students as teachers work with them to consolidate and assess the year’s progress in learning. However, we want to support the changes taking place in Egypt by ensuring that all our Egyptian employees are able to exercise their right to vote. We have decided to hold two “Virtual School Days” on May 23 and May 24. As in November, the students will receive their instruction online. If for any reason, those dates are changed; the "Virtual School Days" will be adjusted to occur on election dates that fall within the academic year. **Students taking external IB or AP exams will have to come to school as scheduled.**

As the days draw closer, the principals will send further information and instructions. We will use what we learned from our first “Virtual School Day” to clear away some of the difficulties that students and families encountered.

All After School Activities will be canceled on May 23 and May 24, but the campus will be open as usual for the community before 7:30 am and after 5:30 pm when we can arrange for the usual supervision for the facilities.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Upcoming Events

May 21	Assembly Schedule: Farewell to Departing Staff
May 22	Assembly Schedule: Farewell to Departing Students
May 23/24	Virtual School Days (may be rescheduled if elections move)
May 28/29	Senior Exams
May 30/31	9 – 11 th Grade Exams

Joelle Basnight
High School Principal

Mike Schuetze
High School Assistant Principal

General Announcements

Moving on from CAC at the end of the year?

To help us plan for next year, and to prepare records in time for your departure, please use the link below to let us know if you are withdrawing from CAC this year.

<http://www.cacegypt.org/about/withdraw.php>

Danya Amin
Director of Admissions/Registrar

Lost and Found

Lost & Found Room is open daily from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The room is located next to the ES Activities office near the front gate. If your child is missing something, please come and have a look.

Please note that May 17th is the last day to collect the items. All unclaimed items after that date will be packed and donated to charity.

Elementary After School Activities

This announcement is about the elementary after school activities for the coming school year (2012-2013)

If you know a talented, qualified person to present activities for our elementary students, please ask them to send me their CV at egergess@cacegypt.org.

Our activities are but not limited to: Soccer, Basketball, Crafts, Dance, Drama and of course any NEW IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED.

Stipend will be \$15.00 /hour.

Thanks,

Ereeny Gawdat

ES ASA Coordinator

ASA Web site:

<http://www.cacegypt.org/ActivitiesWeb/ActivitiesMain.html>

Prom and After Prom

Dear Parents,

The following is to inform you of some very special activities for our students coming up in the next few weeks.

The Prom dinner-dance is an annual tradition at CAC and some students come with dates but many come by themselves or in groups. Dress is formal for students but can be anything from sport jackets to tuxedos for boys and short to long dresses for girls. Some students exchange wrist corsages for the girls and lapel boutonnieres for the boys but many do not exchange flowers. Many students meet at homes, all dressed up for photo sessions before leaving for the Prom. They may also plan to have dinner at a restaurant before attending Prom. A full buffet dinner, included in the cost of the Prom tickets, will be served at the Prom and students must arrive at the Prom by 9 P.M. so we ask that you please encourage your student to skip the restaurant dinner and head straight to the Prom, after their photo session receptions. As you can see, it is a very busy night for our CAC students and the restaurant dinner is one thing too many. In the past, students have finally gotten to the restaurant, ordered dinner, and had to leave for the Prom before receiving their order.

This year's Prom will be held on Friday, June 1st from 8 PM until midnight at the Intercontinental Citystars Hotel in the Al Saraya Ballroom. This event will be chaperoned by CAC Administration and faculty, and is a highlight for our students. The Junior Class treats the Senior Class to this night via fundraising throughout the year. Seniors receive complimentary tickets, while Juniors and Underclassman purchase tickets. Underclassmen may attend if invited and accompanied by an upperclassman. Tickets will go on sale May 13 – 17th and May 20th – 24th at lunchtime outside the Theater. Ticket prices will be 350 LE per person if purchased May 13-17th and 400 LE per person if purchased May 20-24th. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Bus transportation is available to the Prom and students should request this when purchasing tickets. Watch upcoming announcements for more information.

After Prom is a drug and alcohol-free celebration held immediately following Prom at the Ma'adi House from 12:30 – 5:00 AM. This event will be chaperoned by parent volunteers. Transportation is available from the Prom at the Intercontinental City Stars Hotel to the Ma'adi House but students will need to sign up for this when purchasing their After Prom tickets, which will go on sale at lunch, outside the Theater, from May 13 – 17th ONLY. After Prom tickets are 100 LE per person. **Absolutely no** After Prom tickets will be sold after May 17th as a list of names must be submitted to the Ma'adi House for security purposes. Students need to have their parents' mobile phone number and know whether or not they need bus transportation from the Prom to the Ma'adi House at the time they purchase their After Prom ticket. Please watch upcoming announcements for more information.

The After Prom party immediately follows the Prom and this event encourages a safe, substance-free Prom night. Lots of food will be available and breakfast will be served along with lots of fun activities, games, and prizes. Students must arrive by 1:00 A.M. and may not leave before 5:00 A.M. Parents of "no-shows" will be called. Students must be present to win any prizes.

For questions about Prom, please email Mark Sullivan at: msullivan@cacegypt.org

For questions about After Prom, please email Cheryl Wilson at: lccywilson@gmail.com