



Highro- Glyphics

High School Weekly News

Thursday, August 20, 2009

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Academic Year

We've had a wonderful first week of school and students have been helpful, kind and respectful. Great things have been happening in the classrooms, preparations for student council elections are already underway, and the students and faculty are looking forward to a productive and rewarding year!

As with the start of any new school year, there are numerous forms that need to be completed and returned to the school. To give you a better understanding of what these forms entail, we request that you sit down with your child and discuss them. We also request that you read the Student/Parent Handbook 2009-2010 where indicated.

The forms that need to be completed at the beginning of the school year and returned to Mr. Mohamed Elleathy in Lab 102 as soon as possible are as follows:

- Cairo American College Acceptance Form,
- Health Office Update Form,
- Annual Student Medical History Report (please place health form in a sealed envelope),
- PTO Volunteer Interest Form.

Please be aware that new physical examinations and updated immunization records are required for all students in grades 9 and 11.

We offer balanced and nutritious lunches here on campus, so it is not necessary for students to go off campus during lunch; however, your child may be interested to obtain either a senior or an off-campus lunch privilege. This allows your son or daughter to go off-campus during lunch breaks from 11:15 a.m. to noon each day. Off-campus privilege is a decision that should be discussed with your child, and an application form for lunch privilege is available with Ms. Eman Hamza, the Assistant Principal's Executive Secretary, on the third floor of the high school building.

At this time, we want to ensure that you have the information you need for you and your child to successfully begin the academic school year. To keep from

overwhelming you with papers, our primary source of information is on the CAC website www.cacegypt.org.

There, you will find our weekly newsletter The Highro-Glyphics, which we invite you to read every Thursday. Additionally on the website, you will find the CAC calendar, which is frequently updated throughout the year; the calendar contains information on all the happenings on campus and is a useful planning tool. We also invite you to frequently visit "POLAR" online, which outlines your child's attendance, tardies and grades in all classes. As another informational source, there is the H.S. Morning Announcements which is emailed to you every day and lists daily bulletins for students and parents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to telephone or email us.

Thank You to the PTO

A special thank you goes out to the PTO for providing pizzas for the entire high school for the opening day. The PTO serves a valuable function throughout the school year and everyone really appreciates their hard work and efforts. Their support on August 16 helped to make the opening day a wonderful experience for the high school students and faculty.

Thank you to Parents!

Thank you to all parents who attended the Back to School Night last Wednesday, August 19. We have an excellent faculty at CAC, and we were pleased to open our doors to give you a glimpse of the day-to-day happenings within the high school. Your support and attendance at this important function sent a strong message to your child that you value education and all the hard work necessary to be academically successful. Again, thank you to all those in attendance.

Changing the Clocks from Daylight Savings Time

Egypt will go off of Daylight Savings Time on Thursday, August 20 at midnight. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Student Dress Code

Even though we are only completing our first week of school, we have already had to notify some students that they are in dress code violation. Although we don't have a school uniform at CAC, we do have a dress code to which students must adhere. It is important that students are dressed appropriately when they come to school each day. Students are expected to wear clothing to school that is suitable for learning and for the conservative culture of the community in which we live. The key to proper appearance is modesty and neatness, and your help in ensuring that your child is properly dressed for school is very much appreciated. Please review the CAC student dress code guidelines on page 19 of the 2009-10 High School Student Parent Handbook. We appreciate your support and thank you for helping us in this matter.

Ramadan Begins

Ramadan Kareem! With the commencement of Ramadan, we have made provisions for those students who are fasting: allowances have been made in the P.E. classes, co-curricular activities such as sports teams and other after-school activities, and there will also be prayer rooms available for males and females that can be used during flex periods and breaks. We hope everyone has a happy Ramadan.

High School New Parent Orientation Meeting – August 26

There will be a high school New Parent Orientation on Wednesday, August 26 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the High School Gallery (third floor of the main high school building). Due to Ramadan, our regular evening timing has been changed. We encourage all new parents to attend this important meeting that will give information on the grading system POLAR and other school items.

Community Advisory Team Applicant Process Reopened

Applications are now being sought for membership on the CAC High School Community Advisory Team (CAT). Four parent positions are open for this year: a Grade 9, Grade 11, Grade 12, and "At Large" parent representative, and forms are available in the high school office (ask for Ms. Nagwa Farid). Thank you for considering your candidacy to be a member of this important high school team.

As an overview, the CAT serves in an advisory capacity to the high school administration in an effort to keep an ongoing, constructive dialogue between the parents and the high school. Parent members are encouraged to discuss issues with the group they represent for feedback and to bring this information to the monthly meetings. Members are also encouraged to develop and facilitate discussion among their peers by bringing forth the viewpoints of the school and CAT.

The High School CAT is comprised of eleven members: the high school principal, the high school assistant principal, PTO school liaison, three high school faculty members and five parents, one of whom is an "at large" representative and the others representatives of the four high school grades. CAT members need to be able to

meet once a month from October through May. Meetings are scheduled on the last Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the high school conference room (third floor of the high school building).

The principal, PTO High School liaison, and a third parent designated by the principal review the applications and choose the CAT members. Again, parents interested in serving on the CAT can pick up applications from Nagwa in the high school office. Please return the completed form to the high school office no later than Thursday, August 27. Thank you for your help and consideration.

PTO Coffee – August 27

There will be a PTO Welcome Coffee on Thursday, August 27 starting at 8:30 a.m. in room 600. All parents are encouraged to attend and hear about the many activities that will be taking place at CAC this year.

College Night for Seniors and Parents – September 2

For the Class of 2010, the 'College Application Process' is beginning. The high school counselors will be presenting a program on Wednesday, September 2 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Theater.

The presentation will cover the timeline to colleges, letters of recommendation, and the responsibilities of the counselor, student and parent in the college application process. In addition, information on submitting college applications in a timely manner will be shared. If you are a senior and the parent of a senior, please plan on attending this important event.

Early Release Day – September 6

Sunday, September 6 is an early release day for the high school, middle school, and elementary school at CAC. This means that students will attend school on this day from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then students will leave campus promptly. The afternoon is devoted to faculty professional development. Thank you for your attention to this important detail.

IB Night for Parents of Seniors – September 8

At 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, all parents of IB Senior Diploma candidates are invited to the high school Gallery (third floor of the high school building) for an IB Night for Parents of Seniors in order to hear about 'year two' of the IB program, to share comments and concerns, and to ask questions. Together, parents, faculty, and administration can work to support our motivated and industrious students to undertake the IB Diploma with confidence in May 2010. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rob DeWolf
High School Principal

Mark Pleasants
High School Assistant Principal

Dear CAC Parents & Friends-

It is with a great deal of sadness that I share that our dear colleague, Saber Lotfy Eweiss (CAC Theater Technician) was involved in a tragic car accident on July 17, 2009. As a result of his critical injuries, he is paralyzed from the chest down and has limited hand/arm movement. He is currently out of the intensive care unit at As salam Maadi hospital and is expected to be released soon to begin the long recuperation/rehabilitation process.

Many people have inquired about ways to provide assistance to Saber and his family during his recovery.

To date, CAC has assisted with the hospital care costs. However, we recognize that Saber will be in need of further support and are writing to share those needs with you as well as ways in which you can contribute.

Immediate Needs:

Saber is looking at an extensive and expensive rehabilitation process that is expected to begin as soon as he is released from the hospital. An appropriate rehabilitation center, recommended by Dr. Ghaly and Saber's physicians, has been identified. The cost of rehab is estimated to be 180,000 LE.

We have also been told that Saber will require a wheelchair. The estimated cost of the wheelchair specifically recommended for him is approximately LE 20,000.

Individuals wishing to make contributions towards the above listed costs may make their contributions to Reda (the cashier). We are pleased to announce that the Athletic Department has decided to donate this Friday's Grass Volleyball Tournament proceeds to Saber. The funds will go towards offsetting some of the rehabilitation costs.

Long-term Assistance:

We are also working with community service/charity organizations that maybe able to help set up an income generating project to help Saber and his family long-term. It has not yet been determined what level of assistance this will entail but we are hoping to have something in place as the needs arise.

Saber and his family are very thankful for all of the support that he has received and continue to receive from the CAC community. All of the love, prayers and visits have really made a difference to him. We will continue to keep him in our prayers and will hope for the best.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Mockrish
Superintendent

Welcome Back to School from the CAC Health Office!

Welcome back! At the Health Office, we are asking all parents to complete the annual Student Information Forms (required for all students), Student Medical Examination Forms (required for all new students as well as those entering PreK, KG, and Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11), and documentation of vaccine updates.

These forms and the student vaccine documentation are due to CAC by September 16, 2009.

Thank you for your assistance to better care for your children.

Health Office

CAC Library Hours During Ramadan

The library will close at 4:00 p.m. each school day during Ramadan. Saturday hours will remain the same, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Paul Bartos

Head Librarian

School Store

This is to announce that School Store will start selling the P E clothes this Sunday 23rd of Aug. 09 instead of 1st of September.

Wafaa El Sökkary

School Store

High School Events

- "New to CAC" HS Parent Event Aug. 26
- College Night for Seniors Sept. 2
- ERD/Clerical Day Sept. 6
(students leave @11:30)
- IB Senior Parents Night Sept. 8
- HS POLAR Updates Sept. 10
- HS Student Council Retreat Sept. 10

Announcements

Boy Scouts

The FIRST meeting of the year for Troop 701 will be held in Room 600 on Sunday, August 23 from 7:00. This will be Registration & Information Night so please bring a parent. Ask them to bring money or American checks for payment of fees and uniform purchases. If you have any questions please call either John Miller at 010-531-4483 or Terry Miller at 010-440-6519. You can also e-mail us at jtldmiller@gmail.com.

PTO Coffee Morning

I would like to introduce myself as I am the new PTO President this year.

My name is Therese Salah Eldin, I am from Sweden. My husband is Egyptian and we decided to move here to his home country 3 years ago.

We have two sons, Jonas, age 10, in 5th grade this year here at CAC and Josef, age 15, in a school for children with Autism here in Maadi, The Advance Society.

I am an active full time volunteer at the Advance Society as Head of Fundraising and a Board member for the Swedish Saturday School.

Last year I was the Vice President of the PTO and now taking over after Elmare's two successful years!

I would like to invite you to our first PTO Coffee Morning on the 27th of August at 8:30am in room 600.

Therese Salah Eldin
PTO President

CAC After-School Strings, Intermediate Orchestra and the Community Orchestra

CAC students interested in learning how to play a string instrument are invited to take private lessons in the after-school strings program.

We welcome beginners as well as those people who have studied before. Sign-ups on Monday 24 August from 3-6 pm in Room 600.

Intermediate Orchestra is for CAC students who have been playing a string instrument
Community Orchestra is open to residents in greater Cairo area who would like to share their talent after work and school.

Cairo Youth Soccer League (YSL)

Cairo Youth Soccer League for children ages 5- 14 sign ups on Saturday 22 August as well as Saturday 29 August, Room 600 from 9.00 am –12 pm.

All games and practices take place either at Victory College or CAC in Maadi, season runs from Saturday 12 September and concludes with tournament on Saturday 5 December.