



# Highro- Glyphics

High School Weekly News

Thursday, August 27, 2009

## **Ramadan**

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.

## **First Day Packet Forms and Student Physicals**

Thanks to those who have filled out the important information forms that were provided on the first day of school to students. If you have not completed these forms, please complete them as soon as you can and ask your child to submit them to Mr. Mohamed E-Eleathy in Lab 102. The forms are as follows:

- Cairo American College Acceptance Form
- Health Office Update Form
- Annual Student Medical History Report (placed 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.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please feel free to telephone or email us.

## **Thanks to New Parents in the High School**

Yesterday, we held our New Parent Orientation in the high school, and we shared information relevant to the high school, including access to our grading program POLAR. Thanks to all new parents who attended this event.

## **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.

## **Student Dress Code**

Although we do not 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 for 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 can be reviewed on page 19 of the 2009-10 High School Student Parent Handbook. Thank you for helping us in this matter.

### **High School Iftar – September 1**

There will be a high school iftar for the CAC Custodial Staff that takes place on Tuesday, September 1 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the CAC field. If you can, please bring some food for the event and join in the many activities. All are welcome.

### **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.

### **ESL Parents' Night – September 9**

The ESL Department invites you to the annual ESL Parents' Night which takes place Wednesday, September 9 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the theater. The purpose of the evening is to 1) share important information about learning another language and 2) discuss how parents and teachers can work together to help students use English for effective communication and academic study. Please join us!

### **High School POLAR Updates – September 10**

Student progress reports (POLAR updates) will be available on POLAR from 3 p.m. onwards on Thursday, September 10. If you do not have your access code to POLAR, please email POLAR@cacegypt.org and you will

be sent your personal access code to enter the POLAR program off the CAC website. You may also contact Ms. Danya Amin, Administrative Technology Coordinator, at 2755-5491 for further assistance.

### **International Day of Peace – September 17**

The elementary, middle and high school divisions are commemorating International Day of Peace on Thursday, September 17 with a special ceremony will take place on the field starting at 8:15 a.m. This is an important event here at CAC, and we hope that you may come to join us in the multitude of activities that are taking place on campus. We hope to see you there.

*Rob DeWolf*

High School Principal

*Mark Pleasants*

High School Assistant Principal

### **From the CAC Health Office**

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*

### **High School Events**

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| ○ 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 |

### **Announcements**

Calling All Soccer Stars- last chance to sign up- this weekend:

**Cairo Youth Soccer League (YSL) for Boys and Girls ages 5-14, co-ed as well as girls (9- 14) only league, sign ups 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 finishes with tournament on Saturday 5 December.