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High School Weekly News

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Successful College Night for Seniors

On Wednesday evening, the high school counseling department hosted a successful College Night for Seniors. Thanks to all parents of seniors who attended this event. As we enter the college and university application season, it is important that students and parents maintain frequent contact with their school counselors and that students meet all college deadlines. If you have any questions about college applications or other senior student items, please contact the counseling office (2519-5411/2).

Student Progress Reports: September 18

Student progress reports will be available on POLAR from 3 p.m. onwards on Thursday, September 18. If you did not pick up your access code to POLAR at Back to School Night, 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 your information, Quarter One ends on Thursday, October 23, and electronic report cards will be available on POLAR starting on Thursday, October 30.

Fire Drill at CAC

Last Sunday morning, a very successful fire drill took place at CAC and we were very pleased with the speed and the sense of purpose with which students exited the building. Fire and evacuation drills are one of the very important aspects of safety at CAC, and a high standard is maintained to ensure student and faculty safety while on campus.

International Day of Peace – September 21

The elementary, middle and high school divisions are commemorating the International Day of Peace on Sunday, September 21 with a special ceremony that will take place on the field starting at 8:15 a.m. This is an important event at CAC, and you are welcome to join us in the field ceremony on campus. Everyone will be wearing white to commemorate this day, and we hope to see you there.

Student Photos in the High School – September 21 to 25

High school student photos will be taken in the Gallery from Sunday, September 21 to Thursday, September 25. Student pictures will be used for the yearbook, and picture-taking will take place during student flex periods. It is important that all students have their pictures taken, and if you are interested to order “picture packages” from the photographer, order forms are available in the high school office (see Ms. Magda Farag, Ext. 5403).

CAT Committee 2008-2009

A special thank you goes to parents who applied to be on this year’s high school CAT committee. The representatives on this year’s committee are as follows:

12 th Grade Rep	Ms. Gigi Hamdy
11 th Grade Rep	Ms. Lisa Ferguson
10 th Grade Rep	Ms. Sadie Mosley
9 th Grade Rep	Ms. Cheryl Wilson
Rep at Large	Mr. Scott McLeod
PTO Liaison	Ms. Lisa Buser
Faculty	Theresa Hurley
Faculty	Rose Martin
Faculty	Mark Trumpold

The main function of the CAT committee is to bring about positive and informed dialogue between parents and the school. Meetings are scheduled for the last Monday of each month, and our first meeting of this school year is scheduled for Monday, September 29.

Remscheid Youth Orchestra at CAC – September 29

The Remscheid Youth Orchestra from Germany and CAC Strings will combine musical talents for an evening concert on Monday, September 29 starting at 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the theater. The 45-member Remscheid Youth Orchestra will be touring Cairo at the end of September. Please plan on coming and supporting this wonderful event. Tickets are now available, so please contact the box office at the CAC Auditorium at (02) 2755-5555 for tickets and further information. The concert is free of charge, but space is limited.

Rob DeWolf
High School Principal

Mark Pleasants
High School Assistant Principal

Superintendent Search Update

As you know, we are in the midst of the process of hiring a new Superintendent for the 2009-2010 school year, and we are getting closer to our goal of completing the process by the end of October.

The exciting news is that we now have almost a dozen dossiers of the most qualified candidates who have applied for this position, and the Search Committee is in the pain-staking process of reviewing their qualifications and references. Telephone interviews of the top 5 or 6 candidates will be conducted in order to narrow down the list to the top 3 or 4 finalists by the end of September. These finalists (and their spouses) will be invited to CAC for site visits and interviews sometime between October 7 and 21.

The Search Committee is beginning the task of creating a schedule for each of these visits, in order to ensure that our various constituent groups (parents, faculty, staff, administrators, and students) have the opportunity to meet with and participate in the interview process of these finalist candidates. It is very important to the Search Committee that as many members of our CAC community as possible are involved in this process. We want the candidates to see our community and its diversity and to hear what we expect and need in a new Superintendent. After these interview sessions, we will be asking those who participated to share their observations and comments in writing with the members of the Search Committee in order to assist them in making their recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

If you would like to participate in the finalist candidate interview panel, please contact the Search Committee member who represents your constituent group. We need individuals who can commit to attending each of the three or four finalists' interview sessions as well as a brief meeting before the interviews take place to go over the standard questions that will be asked of each of the candidates and to designate who will be asking them. These steps are necessary to ensure a fair process for each of the candidates. Of course, after the panelists' questions have been asked, the floor will be open for other questions from those in attendance.

In involving the community in the interview process, we all must be careful to remember that we are not the only ones who have a choice to make. These candidates will be "interviewing" us, too, and will be deciding whether they want to make CAC their home for the next three years. Let's give them that warm, friendly welcome that CAC is known for!

Thank you to those who will volunteer to help as panelists in the finalist interview process and to all those who will make an effort to attend the interviews. Your help is greatly appreciated! We will be publishing the interview schedules once we know who the finalists are and when they will be visiting Cairo. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a Search Committee member:

Cindy Clarke (Board Member and Chair of the Search Committee)

Dolores Brown (Board Member/US Embassy rep)

Mary Marlowe (Board Member/Community rep)

Melanie Nelson (Board Member/Community rep)

Dr. Heba Farouk (High School Faculty)

Seamus Marriott (CAC Administration and ES Faculty)

Penny Riley (Middle School Faculty)

Nagwa Farid (CAC Support Staff)

Bill Thomas (CAC Parent)

Viveka Kumari (CAC Parent and PTO Liaison)

High School Events

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| ○ POLAR Updates (Progress Reports) | Sept. 18 |
| ○ SAT Prep Course | Sept. 19/20 |
| ○ HS Photos for Yearbook | Sept. 21-25 |
| ○ HS CAT Meeting | Sept. 29 |

PTO

Halloween Festival is coming soon! If your family is traveling out of the Egypt for the upcoming Eid Holiday, please consider bringing back to CAC some candy for the Halloween Party. A big bag or two of individually wrapped pieces is a fantastic donation. We will begin taking donations in earnest after the break. Thank You.

Also, if you are the parent of a CAC sophomore or junior, please consider volunteering your time and energy to help make this Festival a fun time for the Elementary students and a great financial success for the junior class as they sponsor the Prom held in May. Remember, the more volunteers we have, the less work any one person must do! Thanks again. Any questions? Contact Terry Miller at 010-440-6519 or e-mail her at jdm174@columbia.edu.