

AUGUST 10: HOLIDAY

ELEMENTARY

• On behalf of the Elementary School faculty and staff, we welcome all of you to the 2009–2010 school year. We are very excited about all the new things our children will learn this year. Please be sure to maintain an open communication with your child's teacher. If necessary, schedule an appointment to speak with him/her. If you have any questions, please contact the Elementary School Office at 2278–5013 or by email at elementary@ans.edu.ni. And visit the Elementary School webpage (Elementary.ans.edu.ni) to keep informed about school events.

• New teachers & staff joined us over the summer break. Here are the new faces you'll see in the Elementary School: Mrs. Betina Perezalonso, K3; Mrs. Melissa Weinhaus, Grade 1; Ms. Vivian Caldera, Grade 2; Ms. Susan Rodinsky, Grade 3; Mr. John McElhinney, Grade 4; Ms. Brianne Sheets, Grade 5; Mrs. Michelle Richardson, Counselor Grades 3-5; and Mr. Richard Melendez, substitute teacher. There were some other shifts in our staff: Mrs. Maria Haydee Sanchez is now in K4; Mr. Jason Kittles is now in 1st Grade; Mrs. Liza Teran is now in 4th Grade, Mrs. Carmen Kennett, Counselor Grades K3–2nd. Our new classroom assistants are: Juan Carlos Mejia, Marcela Morales, Laura Melendez, and Ana Gabriela Chavez.

• These are the class hours for the different grade levels in the Elementary School: K3, 8 am–12 noon; K4, 7:05 am–12 noon; K5–Gr. 5, 7:05 am–1:55 pm. Please make sure to be on time for arrival and dismissal. It is also important, especially for young children, to know who is going to pick them up at the end of the school day.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

• We are pleased to inform you that our Extracurricular Athletic Program will start on **Wednesday, August 19**. Parents, please remember that if you wish your child to be part of this wonderful experience, a contract has to be signed and returned no later than **Friday, August 14**. Application forms have been sent home this week electronically. If you did not receive it, please download it from our webpage at www.ans.edu.ni, Athletics Section, or drop by the P.E. Office to get a hard copy. Application forms not received **IN THE P.E. OFFICE** by August 14 will not be accepted and, therefore, your child will not be able to join any sports team until the second semester.

• As always, we count on your full support. Let's all have a wonderful 2009-2010 school year. Go Tigers!

STUDENT SERVICES

• WELCOME CLASS OF 2010! Mrs. Vaughan will be speaking with Seniors August 13 during their English classes to discuss the university application process. Seniors should use their *Naviance Workspace* accounts to research universities, careers, and majors.

• Mrs. Vaughan welcomes Seniors and their families making appointments to meet in order to discuss individual university lists.

• Representatives from the University of Pennsylvania will be in Nicaragua on August 27 and 28. A community wide information session will be held from 7-9 pm on August 27 in the Ossi Room.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

• The American Nicaraguan School Foundation is holding a **TUITION RAFFLE** for the 2009-2010 school year with all funds going to the "Building Tomorrow Today" Capital Campaign for the construction of a new ANS High School Building. Raffle tickets are **US\$50.00** each. **Only 1,000 tickets will be sold:** 1st Prize – One Year Free Tuition; 2nd Prize – One Semester Free Tuition; 3rd Prize – One Quarter Free Tuition.

• A Cash Prize can be substituted equal to the value of the tuition prize. The tuition does not include the cost of additional fees. Tickets are now available for sale at the ANS Cashier. Questions? Contact Marcia Salazar at development@ans.edu.ni or 2278-0029 x. 38.

HIGH SCHOOL

• On behalf of all the Secondary Staff, we want to welcome all our returning students and new students to the 2009-10 school year. We are confident that you will have a joyful and productive school year. New beginnings give us the opportunity to start fresh and cultivate new habits and reinforce positive habits that make us successful.

• We welcome 4 new faculty members: Manuel Funes (Spanish 9), Ma. del Carmen Perez (Spanish 10), Steve Morley (Biology), and James Jaszczak (Algebra II).

• The 2009-10 Parent-Student Handbook will be distributed soon. Please review it with your child. Some changes have been made that you should become familiar with. Students are required to return the signature page by August 27.

• Congratulations to Casey Terrell's 2 teams that participated in the Stock Market Game International Challenge. Competing against 140 teams worldwide, ANS teams earned 1st and 2nd place!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

• Lots of welcome wishes for Middle School: Welcome to ANS to all our new and returning students; welcome to Middle School all sixth graders; welcome back to school to everyone! This will be an exciting year, and we hope that you will all join us in making this the best year yet!

• The Middle School Office would also like to welcome our new teachers: Alana Frick (English 6); Jennifer Strumfeld (Social Studies 6); Caitlin Reilly (Social Studies 7); and Michael Hinkens (History 8).

TECHNOLOGY

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. This year parents and students will have access to online grades (grades 3-12) throughout the year, with the exception of a short closing period prior to each report card. The exact dates and additional information are posted on the ANS webpage (www.ans.edu.ni). You will continue using the same username and password as last year; however, if you need this information, please contact the corresponding office (Elementary, Middle School or High School) or Mr. Pastran, Registrar, at bpastran@ans.edu.ni or 2278-0029 ext 21.

LIBRARY

The library staff wants to welcome you to a new school year and would also like to invite you to come by and take advantage of our resources. The Library opens Monday through Friday at 6:50 am and closes at 3:30 pm, except on Fridays when we close at 2:25 pm. We are here to assist you with any questions or suggestions you might have. We hope to see you soon!