

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26: 11 AM DISMISSAL ELEMENTARY

- During the first few weeks of school, the Elementary counselors have been working on building a sense of community and creating a climate of trust in the classrooms. They are actively involved with the students in and out of the classrooms. This month, the counselors are giving our children the opportunity to explore the concept and application of respect as one of our character values. Through class workshops, students will become more sensitive toward the feelings of others by exploring the meaning of the word respect, developing respect for individual differences, and seeing how respect for others can lead to developing their own self-respect.
- Open House is next week, August 27. We encourage all parents to attend and learn about the ANS community, mission, and beliefs. One of our goals this year is to enhance communication between home and school. We look forward to see you!
- Elementary students can wear School Spirit Shirts, *Proud to Be Tigers*, on Tiger Meeting days (last Friday of the month). The cost of this shirt is US\$12.00. Parents can see samples and place an order for a shirt in the Elementary Office. The money collected from the shirts goes to the Student Council fund for community service projects.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

After-school sports start today. Tremendous enthusiasm has been displayed by students and parents to participate in the program. About 400 students registered and are ready to start. This number represents more than 40% of our student population. Soccer, basketball, track & field, volleyball, chess, swimming, and baseball are the sports being offered this semester. We remind parents to encourage their children to attend practice regularly and to leave their belongings in the security room located by the swimming pool. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen items not left in this room.

STUDENT SERVICES

- Parents of Seniors: Mrs. Vaughan communicates with students and parents through e-mail. If you have not received any messages from Mrs. Vaughan, please contact Student Services ASAP (rsmithvaughan@ans.edu.ni or 2278-0029 ext. 41), so you receive important university information.
- 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.
- A representative from Loyola University–New Orleans will be on campus on August 31 to meet with our interested Seniors. For further information, please contact Student Services (2278-0029 ext. 41.)

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Juan Jose Amador, a renowned expert in epidemiology and influenza viruses, will speak to all interested parents on **Tuesday, August 25th, 2009**, in the school Library, beginning promptly at **6:00 p.m.** The meeting should last approximately one hour.

Dr. Amador worked as the head epidemiologist at MINSA (Ministry of Health) from 1991 to 2008. He has worked in numerous countries in helping with viral outbreaks, most recently at the invitation of the governments of Mexico and Bolivia.

He will be able to address community concerns and answer questions about the H1N1 virus. We invite all interested parents to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,
Stan Key
Director General

HIGH SCHOOL

- At ANS, Advanced Placement Program (AP) courses give students a head start on college. Taking the end-of-course AP Exam sends a powerful message to colleges and universities that a student is ready for them and can enable students to gain college admission, college credit for their AP studies, and placement into advanced courses.
- ANS students scored well on AP exams given last May. 118 students took a total of 205 AP exams. The ANS 2009 scores exceeded U.S. national averages in 14 out of 17 areas. In 13 of the 17 test areas, the average ANS test score was 3.0 or above. In 3 areas, the average ANS test score was above 4.0. The percentage of ANS students scoring a 3 or above on their AP exam increased in 2009 from 63% to 76%. Congratulations to all AP teachers for their dedication and preparation of our students. Congratulations to all the AP students for their commitment to excellence.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- We remind Middle School parents that at dismissal they must pick up their children at the designated area in order to avoid any interruption or distraction in the classrooms.
- The Middle School assessment calendar has been posted on the school webpage. Please check it to keep up with your child's exams, projects, etc. Keep in mind that only those that are worth 10% or more will be reflected on the calendar.

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