

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Thank you to the ANS Community for supporting the *Building Tomorrow Today* campaign for ANS during the Open House & Tiger Meetings last week. Please continue to purchase your TUTION RAFFLE TICKETS, available at the ANS Cashier for US\$50 each. Café Don Paco is also available in 1-pound bags for US\$10. Nicaraguan coffee makes a great gift when traveling!

## P.T.O.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Board elections have been scheduled for **Thursday, September 10**, at **12 noon**, in the Ossi Room. We need parents to participate and get involved in this organization and the school's activities. Please join in. For more information, please contact Vilma Rizo at 8882-1475 or Carmencita Teran at 8851-4446. Your children and the PTO will appreciate it!

## TECHNOLOGY

The new ANS webpage has been on the air for about a week. We extend our gratitude to Rosselyn Porras and the support team of William Membreño and Luis Aguilar for their time and effort in making this project a reality. At the same time, we want to let you know that all Secondary School teachers have created their course webpages. In order for you as a parent to access some of these pages, please log in as: Username: **ansparent**; Password: **ansparent**. Do not hesitate to contact us @ **technology@ans.edu.ni** if you have any questions.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- If you would like to be informed about what is going in the Physical Education classes and/or extracurricular athletics, please go to the school's home page and then click on the LIFELONG LEARNING tab, Athletics Section. Please feel free to give us suggestions on how to improve the information that appears there.
- During the Staff Development Day on August 26, our PE teachers received training in *Team Building Activities*. Our teachers learned different strategies to encourage students to become team players, improve their leadership skills, and improve communication. This new approach will be incorporated into our PE and extracurricular programs very soon. Through these activities students will also develop self-confidence and self-esteem, developing values that reflect good character.

## ELEMENTARY

- For security reasons all students requesting to leave campus with friends must bring a written note from parents, tutor, or guardians indicating specifically with whom they are leaving the school (Parent-Student Handbook, pg.11).
- If a child requires medication while in school, parents must first provide a written authorization to the nurse to dispense medication sent from home. This authorization must include complete instructions as to dosage and times of day for the medication to be administered. The school nurse is the only person authorized to administer medications to students while they are on campus (Parent-Student Handbook, pg.10).
- We encourage students to be responsible for their belongings. Any item found on school grounds will be taken to the Lost & Found cabinet located on the outside of the Elementary School Office. Parents and students should check this cabinet on a regular basis. At the end of each quarter the Lost & Found cabinet will be emptied and its contents donated to charity (Parent-Student Handbook pg.11).

**CPR: Cooperation, Participation, Respect**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the annual Open House this past Thursday. We are proud of the improvements made at ANS during the vacation and hope you were able to see these changes as well as speak with your children's teachers.

Please note the following scheduled events:

- Dr. Amador will repeat his talk on the H1N1 virus for parents on **Friday, September 4**, at **12:30 pm**, in the Ossi Room. Please come learn more about the virus and steps taken at ANS.
- I would also like to invite all parents to the first **Director's Coffee** scheduled for **Friday, September 11**. In this meeting we will discuss the ANS Strategic Plan as well as share information about the governance of the School, including boards and committees. The English session will begin promptly at **7:15 am** and the Spanish session at **12:15 pm**. We invite all returning and new parents to this meeting in the School's Ossi Room.

Sincerely,  
Stan Key  
Director General

## STUDENT SERVICES

- **Parents of Senior Students:** Please mark your calendars and attend the Senior Parent/Student Meeting on **Tuesday, September 8**, from **8:00-9:00 am**, in the ANS Library.
- **Upcoming University Visits** - for further information, please contact Student Services at 2278-0029 ext.41: **Tecnologico de Monterrey**, Thursday, September 3; **Webster University**, Friday, September 11; **Suffolk University**, Tuesday, September 22; and **Walsh University**, Thursday, October 15.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The Middle School Student Council held elections on Monday. The results are as follows: President, Isabella Carrion; Vice President, Andrea Baez; Treasurer, Vale-ska Nuñez; Secretary, Isabella Mayorga; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives, Alejandro Sevilla and William Torres; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives, Sofia Arguello and Melissa Lacayo Sandino; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives, Jaime Falla and Krista Lewites. Congratulations! We are looking forward to a very productive year.
- The Middle School webpage has been updated. On this page you can find general information about each course by grade level. You can also find information about the National Junior Honor Society, the Student Council, and much more!

## HIGH SCHOOL

- **AP Contracts** are being distributed to AP students. Each contract must be signed by the student, teacher, and parent. The exam fee is US\$89.00 and, with parent authorization, can be charged to the student's account. Please make sure that your son/daughter **returns** the contract marked "Paid" by the school's Cashier to Student Services **by October 3**.
- The membership application for the **National Honor Society (NHS)** is available on the ANS webpage and in the Student Services Office. If your son/daughter is in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade and demonstrates excellence in scholarship, character, service and leadership, please encourage him/her to apply. The **application deadline is September 25**.