

OCTOBER 9: 11 AM DISMISSAL

PTO

• We are very pleased to welcome 3 Teacher-Vocals to the new PTO Board, Daniel Plemons from Elementary, Jacqueline Kruger from Middle School and Brad Cartwright from High School. Teacher participation in the PTO provides a vital link to our children's activities, interests and well-being and we are fortunate they have agreed to join us. As always, we invite you to contact us with suggestions, questions, ideas and concerns through our email, pto@ans.edu.ni.

• The **Fall Festival** will be held this year on **Friday, October 30, from 6 to 9 pm**. Grades K3 to Grade 5 have been assigned their decorating themes, and they are posted outside each classroom. We encourage you to have a look and discuss any ideas or help you may be able to give with your child's respective Room Parents. Thank you!

TECHNOLOGY

Access to online grades is available to all parents and students (grades 3-12) that have no outstanding financial obligations and have returned the Parent-Student Handbook signature page. If these two issues are cleared and you are still not able to access, please contact ANS registrar, Mr. Pastran, @ bpastran@ans.edu.ni or 2278-0029 ext 21. He can also provide your user name and password.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

• Isn't it amazing? The AASCA Basketball Tournament is just a week from today. The School has made every effort to organize an event of the highest quality. Colegio Americano de Guatemala (CAG), Colegio Decroly Americano de Guatemala (CDA), Colegio Interamericano de Guatemala (CIG), Escuela Americana de El Salvador (EAS), Escuela Americana de Tegucigalpa (EAT), Escuela Internacional Sampedrana de Honduras (EIS), and ANS are the schools that will be competing for 3 consecutive days on the ANS campus. Each team will be playing 2 games every day. The complete schedule is posted in the ANS webpage, Athletic Section. ANS students from 2nd to 12th grade will be attending some games at some point during school hours. Make sure to wear green when you come to the CAA to support our teams and remember that **AASCA DOES NOT PERMIT ANYONE TO USE ANY ARTIFICIAL NOISE-MAKERS DURING GAMES.** Our Covered Athletic Area (CAA) has been remodeled to let everyone feel comfortable during games: cement bleachers at some points have been built as well as a kiosk by the upper entrance by soccer field #1. Beautiful T-shirts and Polo T-shirts in all sizes, flags, pens, and cushions with the Tournament logo will be sold at affordable prices prior to the Tournament at the ANS Student Store and during the Tournament in the CAA kiosk.

• ANS Game Schedules - **Thursday, October 8:** ANS Girls vs EAT at 12:30 pm, vs CAG at 4:30 pm; ANS Boys vs EAS at 11:15 am, vs EAT at 5:45 pm. **Friday, October 9:** ANS Girls vs CDA at 9:15 am, vs EAS at 2:30 pm; ANS Boys vs CIG at 10:30 am, vs EIS at 2:45 pm. **Saturday, October 10:** ANS Girls vs EIS at 8:00 am, vs. EAS at 3:15 pm; Boys vs CAG at 2:00 pm.

LIBRARY

The Scholastic book order has been placed and will be arriving at ANS in November. Also please note that the Library will be closed after school on **Tuesday, October 6**, and all day on **Wednesday, October 14**, due to the PSAT exams.

CPR: Cooperation, Participation, Respect

STUDENT SERVICES

- **UPCOMING UNIVERSITY VISITS:** Please contact Student Services for further information at 2278-0029 ext. 41: **Louisiana State University**, Thursday, October 1st; **Tufts University**, Friday, October 2; **University of Mississippi**, Tuesday, October 6; **Colorado College**, Thursday, October 8; **University of Virginia**, Friday, October 9; **Duquesne University**, Monday, October 12; **Walsh University**, Thursday, October 15; **University of Oregon**, Friday, October 16; and **Fordham University**, Friday, October 16.
- **October 1st** is the registration deadline for the November 7th SAT exam.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Parents: Please take a moment to look at the blog for 11th Grade English. The students are thinking critically and holding a respectful dialogue about important issues. The website is: http://web.me.com/alisonnmiles/11th_Grade_English_Welcome.html. Just select blog.
- The Leadership Conference held in Costa Rica was enjoyed by all our students; descriptors like unreal, awesome, incredible were heard. The yearly conference tries to teach students the value of leadership and teamwork to accomplish organizational goals.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Parents are invited to visit the Photos section on Mr. Perezalonso's Earth Science webpage (<http://sites.google.com/a/ans.edu.ni/earthscience/>). Besides spotting their children at work, they will be able to learn more about the many hands-on activities in which students are participating in Science.
- Christopher MacCulloch is the Cloud Observer of the Week for having made the greatest number of accurate observations for the CERES S'COOL ongoing project in Mr. Perezalonso's 6th grade Earth Science Class. Parents are invited to become involved with their children in making observations and learning more about the weather.
- Please remember to check the assessment calendars to keep abreast of major evaluations your child may have.

ELEMENTARY

- Due to teacher professional development workshops, we remind parents that on **Friday, October 2**, there will be NO SCHOOL for Elementary students only.
- We want to inform parents that the School Spirit Shirts are here! If you have ordered one, please stop by the Elementary Office to pick up your child's shirt.
- The Math Superstar Program will start soon. This program is a math enrichment activity that ANS Elementary will start this school year, and whose aim is to offer all students (K5-5th grade) the opportunity to challenge themselves in all types of math concepts by providing additional practice to be done at home. This will give students of all abilities a chance to extend beyond the mathematics curriculum and become more confident in math. Participation is voluntary, but all students are welcome to join the program. In the next few days parents and students will have the opportunity to choose whether or not to participate by signing and submitting an agreement. Please contact Mr. Plemons (dplemons@ans.edu.ni) for more information.
- A few days ago the 2nd grade students participated in their first Spelling Bee. This activity gave the students the chance to enjoy a friendly competition to find out who the best 2nd grade spellers are. Congratulations to the top 4 spellers: Julia Campbell, Alejandro Milla, Claudio Rosales, and Nicholas Lersten.
- 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 school.