

NOVEMBER 2: 11 AM DISMISSAL

FALL FESTIVAL

- Only 2 days until the Fall Festival! Attached is a map and information on the games and activities that will be available, together with prices. On the event evening, there will be enlarged maps placed around campus as well as prominent signs with directions to games, trick-or-treating, and refreshments.
- This year we are starting something new: A designated parent-child meeting spot, located near the Business Office, at the Main Entrance. The area will be clearly marked with a large sign, and we hope this will make it easier for families to reconnect after doing individual activities rather than having to search for each other through the hallways.
- Both the main and upper parking lots will be open during the evening. The entrance from the main parking lot will be through Gate 3, near the ELI Office, and from the upper parking lot through the center Secondary School hallway and down past Tiger Square.
- If you haven't done so already, please remember to bring in a bag of candy BY TODAY for trick-or-treating and consolation prizes. We look forward to seeing you on Friday!

TECHNOLOGY

- Online grades are once again available. Please contact Mr. Pastran (bpastran@ans.edu.ni and/or 2278-0029 ext. 21), school Registrar, for any assistance regarding access. Our goal is for all parents to keep track of student progress via PowerSchool.
- We have received a good number of contact information updates from parents. Don't forget to send us any changes in your phone #, cell phone #, or email address to technology@ans.edu.ni to help us keep our database updated. Thank you for your cooperation.

ELEMENTARY

Mr. Luis Rosales, PE teacher from 2nd through 5th grade, is participating in the Swimming Continental Course for World and Olympic Training in Queretaro, Mexico, from October 25 to 31. Mr. Rosales was the only person from Nicaragua invited by the Mexican Olympic Committee.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- On Sunday, October 18, members of our swimming team **Las Pirañas** won first place in the competition held at Hogar Zacarias Guerra. Congrats to ANS swimmers on their outstanding performance: Macarena Padilla, Erick Betancourt, Chris & Ethan MacDonald, Franco Valenti, Jose & Gabriel Somarriba, Natalie and Michael Blandon, Hugo Ruiz, Guadalupe Hernandez, America Vanegas, Alexander Ramirez, Francisco Moncada, Ivanna Hernandez, and Sara Boada.
- **Parents of Students in Grades 7 to 12:** We would like to inform you that there will be an AASCA Cross Country competition in El Salvador in January 2010. If you wish your child to be considered to be part of the team that eventually would go, please contact the PE Office for additional information.
- Copa America XX is coming to its end this week. Most of the ANS soccer, basketball, and volleyball teams classified for the play offs. Congratulations! See more details about ANS sports in the Athletic section of www.ans.edu.ni.

CPR: Cooperation, Participation, Respect

LIBRARY

- We want to congratulate our first group of Elementary students who reached their AR (Accelerated Reader) goal for this quarter. You can take a look at who they are on our *Jungle of Readers* bulletin board across from the Library. Please continue to encourage your readers to take advantage of this great program. To learn more about the benefits of AR, visit us at the Library or write to anslibrary@ans.edu.ni.
- The Library will be closed after 12:30 pm TODAY, Wednesday, October 28.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Congratulations to our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Patricia Ruiz, and 3 students from last year, Priscilla Sevilla, Emma McGregor, and Maria Roberta Mejia, for having their creative writing dedicated to Ruben Dario published in *ANIDE*, a literary publication dedicated to the Association of Nicaraguan Writers.
- Maria del Carmen Perez, 10th grade Spanish teacher who is part of the Board of Directors of *ANIDE*, is attending the International Festival of Poetry in Puerto Rico this week. Mrs. Perez was extended an official invitation to represent the poets of the Republic of Nicaragua. Congratulations to both Mrs. Ruiz and Mrs. Perez for the work they do in providing a forum for our students to showcase their excellent writing abilities.
- Parents of Senior students should be aware that the Senior class is planning a sunrise activity that involves spending all night at the Holiday Inn to watch the sunrise. This is not a school sponsored event and the administration has talked to some of the organizers to strongly suggest that the day be changed to one that doesn't interfere with school. We have no details about activities or supervision, so we recommend that you talk with your children. **Once again, this is not an ANS school sponsored event.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Last Thursday was Report Card Day. 80% of the Middle School report cards were collected. If you did not have a chance to come, please stop by the Middle School Office to pick up report cards.
- This Friday is the Fall Festival. Middle School students will be decorating the corridor in front of the High School Office. Middle School creativity will shine again!
- Members of the Middle School Student Council and National Junior Honor Society went this weekend to the Chacocente project to finish painting the new kitchen and eating area. The project is growing by leaps and bounds.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **UPCOMING UNIVERSITY VISITS:** Please contact Student Services for further information at 2278-0029 ext. 41: **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**, Tuesday, October 27; **Villanova University/Ringling College of Art & Design/University of Miami/Babson College/Hofstra University/Emory University**, Wednesday, October 28; **Tulane University**, Thursday, October 29; **University of Tampa**, Friday, October 30; and **Colleges of the Fenway**, Tuesday, November 3.
- **TEST Registration Deadlines:** The **December SAT Exam** - October 30; The **December ACT Exam** - November 6. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** If university application deadlines are from December 1–31, the appropriate paperwork should be handed in to Mrs. Vaughn in Student Services **NO LATER THAN** November 3. If the university application deadline is January or the beginning of February, the appropriate paperwork should be handed in to Mrs. Vaughn in Student Services **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25** (Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving) as stated in the Statement of Responsibility contract.