

## NOVEMBER 11: 11 AM DISMISSAL

### DIRECTOR'S COFFEE FOR RETURNING AND NEW PARENTS

When: **Tuesday, November 10, at 7:15 am.**

Where: Ossi Room.

Topic: Information on academics at ANS and future plans. Also, a chance for new parents to ask questions and participate in a school tour.

#### PTO

- Thank you to everyone who participated in making the Fall Festival such a great success. The PTO is very grateful to all the parents who volunteered their time, talent, and supplies to making the hallways look so wonderful, and we also thank you for all the candy that was donated. Thanks also to the school Clubs and their Teacher Sponsors who set up and ran the games and activities during the evening. The event was a great one, but would not have been possible without the help and support of the ANS Maintenance Department and Housekeepers, as well as the Public Relations Department, so a big thank you goes to them as well.

- Did You Know? Mr. Daniel Plemons, Grade 5A, was named Teacher of the Year 3 times in his South Carolina, USA, teaching district and is fluent in American sign language. Mr. Plemons first came to Nicaragua to help build an orphanage and said, at the time, he would return here to live one day, and we're fortunate that when he did, he decided to teach at ANS.

#### TECHNOLOGY

- On October 22, Microsoft officially released Windows 7, their new operating system, and at ANS we are already working with it. We are working hard to keep up with all of the newest technologies to prepare our students with web 2.0 tools and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.

- Did you know that if Facebook were a country it would be the 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the world with a "population" of 300 million. Do you know if your child has a Facebook account? Log into <http://www.commonsemmedia.org/facebook-parents> to learn more about Facebook and internet safety.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Congratulations to our ANS student members of our track & field team for their outstanding participation in the National Infantil Track & Field Championship held at INJUDE on October 23 & 24. Over 400 students from all over the country participated in the event. ANS is very proud of its representatives: Anyi Hui, Joshua Jun Han, Emiel Knaapen, Ramiro Lopez, Anneliese Gonzalez, Ana Sofia Danao, Adrian Danao, Clemens Neuwirth, Mikkel Preisler, Malene Preisler, and Mathilde Roirand.

- Congratulations to Mathilde Roirand (6<sup>th</sup> grade) named October's Middle School Athlete of the Month for having won the bronze medal in race walking in the National Competition held on October 24. Congratulations also to **J. P. Espinosa** (12<sup>th</sup> grade) named October's High School Athlete of the Month for his outstanding performance during the AASCA Basketball Tournament held on October 8-10 and in which he received 6 certificates of recognition from the Organizing Committee.

- Today ANS K4, K5, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are participating in the VI Elementary Swimming Festival. This is an annual traditional event that is always supported by parents, and students really like it. All the participants will receive a medal. The Swimming Festival for grades 3, 4 & 5 will be held on Thursday, November 5. The rest of Elementary extracurricular activities are cancelled on these 2 days.

**CPR: Cooperation, Participation, Respect**

#### DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Thanks to the entire ANS Community – parents, faculty, support staff, and administration – for your support of the *Building Tomorrow Today* TUITION RAFFLE held on October 30. Your generosity will soon make our new high school building a reality! Congratulations to the winners: Dr. Silvio Miranda, Mrs. Carolina Yun, and Mrs. Lucia Caldera de Newton.

#### STUDENT SERVICES

- **Upcoming University Visits:** Please contact Student Services for further information at 2278-0029 ext. 41: **Les Roches, Switzerland, and Kendall, Chicago Colleges**, Wednesday, November 4; **Universidad Veritas, Costa Rica**, Thursday, November 5; **Johnson & Wales University**, Friday, November 6; **Savannah College of Art & Design**, Friday, November 6; and **St. Louis University**, Wednesday, November 11.

- **Test Registration Deadlines:** The December ACT Exam: November 6. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** If university application deadlines are in December 1<sup>st</sup> –31<sup>st</sup>, the appropriate paperwork should have been handed in to Mrs. Vaughn in Student Services by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If the university application deadline is January or the beginning of February, the appropriate paperwork should be handed in to Mrs. Vaughan in Student Services BY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25 (Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving), as stated in the "Statement of Responsibility" contract.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The Fall Festival was amazing this year. The Middle School would like to congratulate the PTO and its many volunteers that worked so hard to make this event such a success.

- In Middle School, Isabella Carrion, Isabella Mayorga, Isabella Rosales, Antonella Sandino, and Andrea Oviedo were responsible for the building of the Carreta Nagua's "recycled ox"! Their enthusiasm and creativity were admirable and much appreciated.

- Check out the Middle School webpage; on it you will find the assessment calendars for each grade level, pictures of recent visits to Chacocente, and some important articles at the "parenting" link.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

- The Nicaraguan Red Cross will visit ANS on **Wednesday, November 25**, from 8 am to 1 pm, for their annual blood drive. Students 17 years and older who want to donate blood can do so with a signed permission from their parents. Teachers and parents are encouraged to come and donate blood.

- The National Honor Society has begun its Christmas Drive. Please support them in their desire to honor those members of the ANS community who maintain our school on a daily basis – security, maintenance, and custodial staff. A luncheon to celebrate the holidays will be held in December. NHS requests that students from each grade level bring the following items and leave them in the appropriate grade level office: Grade 6, toilet paper; grade 7, powdered milk; grade 8, rice; grade 9, beans; grade 10, oil; grade 11, sugar; and grade 12, Maseca. Thank you for your support!

#### ELEMENTARY

For the past three months the elementary community has been working hard to raise money for our sister school Los Ladinos. Through various fundraising initiatives (Bake Sales, Jeans Day, and Operation Go Bald) we have made great strides towards the goal of raising a thousand dollars. The proceeds will help build a playground for the children at Los Ladinos. Thank you teachers, students, and parents for making this possible.