

- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 11 AM DISMISSAL**
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 11 AM DISMISSAL & REPORT CARD DAY**

The Operation Smile **Talent Show** will take place on **FRIDAY, December 11**, at **6 pm**, in the Covered Athletic Area. Tickets are still on sale for C\$100 at the Cashier's window. Buy yours today!

The PTO and the National Honor Society (NHS) would like your support in honoring those members of the ANS community who maintain our school on a daily basis – security, maintenance, and custodial staff. A holiday luncheon is being organized for them in December. The PTO and NHS ask that students from each grade level bring the following items and leave them in the appropriate grade level office. Thank you for your support: **K3&K4** - cookies & candy; **Kinder** - laundry detergent; **1st Grade** – beans; **2nd Grade** – Maseca; **3rd Grade** – coffee; **4th Grade** – rice; **5th Grade** – oil; **6th Grade** - toilet paper; **7th Grade** - powdered milk; **8th Grade** – rice; **9th Grade** – beans; **10th Grade** – oil; **11th Grade** – sugar; **12th Grade** – Maseca.

Reminder: Online grades will be closed from Friday, December 11, until Report Card Day, December 18. Access to online grades will remain closed to parents and students that have financial obligations pending, including textbooks and/or library materials.

PTO

- The PTO will be selling ANS agendas, spiral notebooks, 2-pocket folders, graph notebooks, and lined notebooks on Friday, December 11, at 6:45 am, at the Main and the Elementary entrances. We will also have those items for sale on Friday, at 5 pm, in the CAA, before the Talent Show. Get your books now in time for next semester!
- **Did You Know?** Mr. Vince Hernandez, High School Pre-Calculus & Trigonometry teacher, is a Nicaraguan who was awarded a Central American Peace Scholarship in 1989 after being selected one of the best students in Nicaragua. Because of the scholarship, Mr. Hernandez was able to attend ANS from grades 10-12, and upon graduating, was awarded a Walton Scholarship to study in the United States. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry & Math, a Master of Science degree in Education, and he obtained a degree in Forensics from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At only 13 years-old, Mr. Hernandez published some scientific papers in a national newspaper for one year, for which he received special recognition, and in later years had a research study that was awarded by NASA. It is great that an ANS alumni with so much potential has returned to teach our children and give back to the community that supported him when he was a student.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

- As the end of the first semester approaches and we celebrate the season of giving, please remember the Building Tomorrow Today Campaign for ANS and make a generous donation towards the construction of our new High School building. Contributions are always welcome and can be deposited at the ANS Cashier. Also, if you are looking for the perfect Christmas gift, purchase a bag of Cafe Don Paco for US\$10. This is one more way you can support Building Tomorrow Today!
- The success of the Building Tomorrow Today Tuition Raffle increased our fundraising total by nearly US\$6,000 – we have now raised US\$100,000 in donations and pledges!
- Happy Holidays!

LIBRARY

- During these tough economic times, there is not much you can buy with **US\$1 dollar**. However, at the ANS Library we have great used books on sale for just that. ¡Come by and check them out!

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We encourage parents to view the Master schedule of the second semester's extracurricular sports activities in the Athletics section of www.ans.edu.ni. The list of sports activities that our ANS Tigers will be involved in from January to May 2010 is also posted. We remind everyone that after-school sports will resume on January 18, with the exception of the Boys' and Girls' Varsity Soccer Team players. They will start training on Monday, January 4, due to their participation in the AASCA Tournament in El Salvador from February 24-28.

ELEMENTARY

- We invite you to our **Christmas Celebration** that will be held on **December 17**, at the Covered Athletic Area. Grades 2-5 grade will be performing at 7:15 am & K3-1st grade will be performing at 9:15 am.
- Reminder to all parents that Friday, December 18, is Report Card Day and the last day of class for the first semester.
- **COME TO SEE OUR GREAT READERS DURING OUR READING MORNINGS!** We want you to join us for a special Reading Morning to read with your child in his/her classroom and see what he/she has been learning! After this reading time you are invited to attend a mini-workshop given by Mrs. Clarisa Leal and Mr. Ramirez in the Ossi Room where you will be given more information about this reading approach. The schedule will be:
Thursday, December 10th - **K5** at 7:15 a.m.
Friday, December 11th - **2nd & 3rd grade** at 7:15 a.m.
Monday, December 14th - **4th & 5th grade** at 7:15 a.m.
Tuesday, December 15th - **1st grade** at 7:15 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

- The last class day of the first semester is on Friday, December 18, with dismissal at 11 am. Students taking semester-long electives are required to hand in all school-issued texts and materials for these courses by December 15 in order to be eligible to receive their report cards.
- Friday, December 18, is Report Card Day. Parents can come and pick them up from 11 am to 2:30 pm in the ANS Library. Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 11 am to 12:30 pm and from 1 to 2:30 pm to discuss any concerns you may have.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- On December 4, the executive officers of NJHS and MSSTUCO visited Project Chacocente to celebrate their Kinder and sixth grade promotion ceremonies. This year's ceremonies were dedicated to all ANS Middle School students for their incredible efforts in raising funds, visiting the community, and supporting the 60 children that attend this school. Chacocente third graders performed folkloric dances, the students received their diplomas, and finally ANS guests, Chacocente students, parents, and community members shared snacks and beverages. It was a moving experience for everyone involved.
- Sixth grade Earth Science students are building three-dimensional models of Earth and its interior layers as part of the studies of Plate Tectonics. Parents are invited to visit Mr. Perezalonso's website, <http://sites.google.com/a/ans.edu.ni/earthscience>, to see the pictures of the process of making these models. Students are excited about this and are working really hard. Students will present their final models on December 15, and these will be showcased in the Library for everyone to see.

STUDENT SERVICES

- Mrs. Vaughan has been invited to attend a conference at Tecnológico de Monterrey and will be out of the office until Friday, December 11.
- **CONGRATULATIONS!** to the following students and their families upon their induction into the American Nicaraguan School's Quetzalcoatl Chapter of the National Honor Society: Yvonne Aleman Saenz, Maria Joaquina Martinez Barrios, Maria Fernanda Coronel Novoa, Roger Miranda Serrano, Celia Fiallos Torres, Carolina Montealegre McGregor, Flor de Maria Guerra Pfaeffle, Felipe Montealegre Sanson, Eva Hidalgo Palumbo, Maria Eugenia Oviedo Buitrago, Emily Jun Han, Anagustina Porta Rosales, Soo Hyun Kae, Karina Rappaccioli Lopez, Alexandra Lacayo Lacayo, Sung Hun Seo, Cecilia Luna Llanes, and Alexandra Solorzano Arguello.