



High School

IN CELEBRATION OF A LITERARY GENIUS – Ruben Dario. This year’s Jornada Dariana will take place January 18–February 4. Our students will have the opportunity to learn more about his life and work. Posters with famous quotes from some of his poems and stories will be exhibited in the hallways, and all the Spanish classes will participate in a Creative Writing Workshop. The Jornada Dariana will close with a presentation by Gioconda Belli, Nicaraguan writer, who will share her thoughts on the work of Dario.

This year’s 14th AASCA Music Festival will be held at Colegio Interamericano in Guatemala, January 26–30. 18 members of the ANS school band, accompanied by professors Jennifer Gallegos and Danilo Arauz, will travel to Guatemala to compete with other Central American schools. Our school band will perform in the Festival’s Closing Ceremony, a Gala Concert in Antigua, Guatemala. Our students will compete in the following categories: Song, guitar, piano, drums, saxophone, baritone, clarinet, and flute. Best of luck to our

participants!

For the second year in a row, ANS has the honor of attending the Harvard Model United National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. This January 26–31, 18 Juniors and Seniors will be traveling to Boston to participate in this challenging competition along with more than 3,000 other students from around the world. Our students have been preparing all year to take on current global issues at this simulation of a global forum. They will be representing the delegation of Indonesia and will be debating such topics as “International Response to National Disasters,” “The Role of Health and Education in Development,” “Internet Censorship,” and “Rights of Ethnic and Religious Minorities.”

Wednesday, January 26, is Report Card Day. Parents can come and pick them up from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm in the ANS Library. Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 11 am - 12:30 pm and from 1:00 - 2:30 pm to discuss any concerns you may have.

Elementary

We remind you that Report Card Day is Wednesday, January 26, and student dismissal is at 11 am. Distribution of report cards will start at 11:15 am. Report cards for grades K3-2 will be distributed in the classroom. Report cards for grades 3-5 will be distributed in the Elementary Patio. A Parent–Teacher Conference signup sheet has been posted outside each classroom for those parents who wish to meet with their child’s teacher on Report Card Day. Conferences will be 15 minutes per student. If

you need more time please schedule a formal meeting with the teacher for a later date.

Second Grade will form a part of the Elementary chorus this semester. Please see Mrs. Nellie Long if your child would like to join.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Michele Richardson, our 3rd-5th grade Counselor, for obtaining her Certification for Counseling in International Schools from Lehigh University.

College Corner

Eric Evans will be on campus today visiting with interested Juniors and Seniors. Tom Fitzgibbon, from Kendall College in Chicago, will be on campus on January 24, to visit with interested Juniors and Seniors. Representatives from the University of Rochester, NY, will meet with interested Juniors and Seniors via videoconference on

January 28. Please contact Student Services for additional information: 2278-0029 ext. 15 then ext. 111.

Mrs. Vaughan will be out of the office on January 20 & 21 as she has been invited to attend the College Counselor Tour at the University of Miami.

Does your son/daughter have summer plans? The Student Services Bulletin Board by the Secondary School office has numerous flyers from prep schools, universities, military schools, as well as international programs. ANS also has summer programs available.

Physical Education

After-school practice began this week. **January 28** is the deadline to register new students for the program or to switch from one sport to another for those students who were in the program last semester.

ANS continues improving its sport facilities. The Elementary basketball court (floor, walls and roof) was completely repainted. It looks just great and students enjoy their physical education classes and after-school sports more.

We invite parents to go by and see this improvement.

We remind all parents and alumni that the 1st Alumni & Parents Volleyball Tournament will start on **February 3**. The Tournament will last five weeks, and games will take place on Thursday evenings. Be part of this unique and exciting competition. Call the PE Office for additional information.

PTO

Thanks to all parents who attended the opening of the new PTO bodega this morning. We are pleased to have a space where all of our supplies for Fall Festival, Kermesse, and our ANS book inventory will be safely stored, along with decorations and other items donated to the PTO by parents for various events.

The Kermesse will be held on **Saturday, February 26**, 10 am-4 pm, with a Wild West theme. Once again, we are featuring international booths, and we invite members of the ANS community and their countries to join us as exhibitors. You are welcome to display and sell items that make up your country’s national dress, costumes, culture, jewelry, food, games, etc. We will be having a stage on the field, and we welcome cultural demonstrations and performances as part of the activities we will have scheduled throughout the day. Please contact the PTO at pto@ans.edu.ni if you would like to participate. We are looking for entertainers, singers, dancers, bands, and performers who want to participate during the Kermesse. We plan to have a slate of activities on-stage throughout the day, so please let us know if you want to perform.

**JANUARY 26:
REPORT CARD DAY,
11 AM DISMISSAL**

**NEW HIGH SCHOOL
(BUILDING TOMORROW
TODAY CAMPAIGN)**

The ANS Foundation’s 2nd Annual Tuition Raffle benefiting *Building Tomorrow Today* will award 3 prizes during this year’s Kermesse on **February 26**: 1st prize is one full year tuition; 2nd prize is one semester full tuition; and 3rd prize is one quarter full tuition. You may also opt to receive the prize in CASH. Everyone is invited to purchase tickets at US\$50 each, available now in the ANS Cashier. ANS parents and staff also have the option of charging tickets to their account or payroll deductions.

Cafe Don Paco will be serving coffee at all future Tiger Meetings in Elementary. Café Don Paco’s Jungle Java blend will also be available for sale as we continue to raise funds for *Building Tomorrow Today*. Please support the campaign for our new High School!

Parents, staff, and ANS friends are invited to make on-line donations to *Building Tomorrow Today*. Visit the ANS website at www.ans.edu.ni and click on the DONATE NOW button – it takes just two minutes to make an investment in your children’s future!