



High School

Parents and students are invited to come celebrate the Chinese New Year! Come see Chinese culture: Eat Chinese dumplings, play Chinese yo-yo, learn Chinese Origami, get your Chinese name, buy Chinese items, and take pictures with the Chinese Lion! The celebration will take place at ANS on **Monday, February 7, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.** A map showing the different

activities will be forthcoming. See you there!

Next week, the best social studies students at ANS will be participating in a competition. If your child shows a particular interest in the area of history, please encourage him/her to sign up for the competition.

Middle School

Please remember to check the Middle School assessment calendar to keep up with your child's exams, projects, etc., keeping in mind that only those that

are worth 10% or more will be reflected on the calendar. Minor assessments can be found on each teacher's webpage.

Since Nicaraguan schools start in mid February, we will resume our visits to the Chacocente project in the near future.

Elementary

We're off to a great start in the 2nd semester of the school year. Teachers in K3-5th grade are participating in book studies to enhance their practice. K3-K5 teachers are reading *In Pictures and in Words*, by Katie Wood Ray, to support them in understanding how illustrations are a foundation for strong writing. Teachers in grades 2 and 3 are reading Kathy Collin's book, *Growing Readers*, which supports teachers in the implementation of reading workshops and

other components of a balanced literacy program. Our teachers in grades 3-5 are reading *Still Learning to Read*, by Franki Sibberson and Karen Szymusiak. In this book, guidance is provided on how to devote more time to reading instruction without neglecting the content demands of the curriculum. The teachers are taking theory into practice and having vertical discussions about the content of books during their scheduled book study

College Corner

COLLEGE SCOPE is coming! Please watch the ANS webpage for a link to the College Guidance Counseling's office BLOG.

invited to sign up in Student Services to visit with representatives from the University of Rochester, who will visit us via videoconference on **Friday, January 28.**

Please help yourself to the information packets that will be available as you pick up your student's report card today.

Seniors and Juniors are

Physical Education

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

and games will take place on Thursday evenings. Be part of this unique and exciting competition. Contact the Athletics Department for more information at sports@ans.edu.ni.

Our girls and boys varsity soccer teams are training very hard toward their international AASCA competition on February 16-20 in San Pedro Sula. Keep it up Tigers!

We remind all parents and alumni that the *1st Alumni & Parents Volleyball Tournament* will start on **February 3.** The Tournament will last five weeks,

PTO

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 also looking for entertainers, singers, dancers, bands, and performers who want to participate during the Kermesse. We plan to have a slate of activities onstage throughout the day, so please let us know if you want to perform.

**FEBRUARY 2,
11 AM DISMISSAL**

**AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS
CLUB OBSERVATION NIGHT**

(Join us in our exploration of the universe)

- **Friday, February 4, from 6:00-8:00 pm**, at the NASA Meteorological Research Center (South Parking Lot).
- Elementary, Middle & High School parents and students are invited to attend.
- If you have any questions, please e-mail Mr. Perezalonso at rperezalonso@ans.edu.ni.

**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 online 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!

ANS sends informational e-mails regularly. If you have not received any, please contact technology@ans.edu.ni or at 2278-0029 ext. 28 to **update your email address**. In addition, please send us any recent changes in your phone numbers, home address, or cell phone numbers. It is important that we be able to keep your records updated. Thank you for your cooperation.