



The last day to purchase **school picture packages** will be this **Friday, January 22**, at the Cashier's Office.

Daniela Montealegre, ANS '07 traveled to Haiti with Lynn University's "Journey for Hope," on a humanitarian mission. Luckily, Daniela was not injured during the earthquake and has returned safely to Florida.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEES

When: Wednesday, January 27, at 7:15 am (English) and 12:15 pm (Spanish).

Where: Ossi Room.

Topic: Parent, Student, and Faculty/Staff survey information and results shared with the ANS community.

PTO

ANS Agendas, spiral notebooks, 2-pocket folders, graph notebooks, and lined notebooks are now on sale with the Cashier for the second semester.

TECHNOLOGY

On December 16, our AP Environmental Science students, under Mr. Morley's guidance, attended via video conference: *LIVE from Copenhagen: A Global Response to Climate Change*. There were over 400 students taking part, representing 9 different countries. Amazing technology!

Both our Media & Technology Coordinator and our Elementary School Technology teacher participated in FETC (Florida Educators Technology Conference) 2010. This is the largest conference held for educators which provides a range of new opportunities to discover, explore, and master the technological innovations that improve teaching and learning! Another way that ANS keeps up with the latest trends.

LIBRARY

Dear Parents: Welcome to a new semester. We continue to put out books for our "Used Book Sale." These books are only US\$1.00 and cover many interesting topics. Come by and take a look at them.

STUDENT SERVICES

WELCOME BACK! If your Senior son or daughter is a US citizen or US resident and is applying for university financial aid, the FAFSA form should be completed as soon as possible (www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Congratulations ANS Seniors! Many of these students have received offers from: The Catholic University of America, Coker College, Drexel University, Emmanuel College, Georgetown University, University of Hartford, Louisiana State University, Loyola University-New Orleans, Mercyhurst College, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Northeastern University, University of Notre Dame, Pennsylvania State University, St. Louis University, St. Mary's University-San Antonio, Santa Clara University, Savannah College of Art & Design, Southern Methodist University, University of Tampa, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Texas Christian University, and Walsh University.

Mrs. Vaughan spoke with the Junior class in December. Their first assignment was to begin a resume following the sample that she distributed. Please ask your son/daughter if they have begun creating this document.

Visits from University Representatives for January 2010 (Juniors & Seniors are welcome to attend if they sign up in the Student Services Office): University of New Orleans, January 20; Mercyhurst College, January 22.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Extracurricular sports have begun. The registration deadline for those students who, for any reason, did not enroll last semester is Friday, **January 29**.

ANS is very proud of its Athletic Program now more than ever since the Nicaraguan National Federation of Gymnastics declared the ANS Elementary Gymnastics Team as the Best Nicaraguan Team of 2009. Mariana Jimenez from 5th grade was selected as the Best Gymnast in the country. Congratulations to her and her parents!

Everyone can access the ANS information related to PE classes and after-school sports by entering the ANS webpage. Just click on **Lifelong Learning** and then on **Athletics** and there it is.

In addition to the regular 2:20-3:20 pm Tuesday and Thursday basketball practice in the Covered Athletic Area for students in grades 1-2, we have added another practice on Mondays and Wednesdays at the same time.

ELEMENTARY

All elementary students made beautiful drawings related to the importance of water. Some of these drawings were chosen to represent our school in the international contest, "River of Words," that is held every year in California, U.S. The entries have been mailed; the results will be out around the end of April. We will keep you posted about the outcome of the contest. Congratulations to all students who participated.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Nellie Long, the new 4A teacher who will finish out the second semester for this class. We would also like to welcome Rossana Morice, the new K5A teacher assistant.

We invite all parents to attend our monthly Tiger Meeting, which will take place in the Elementary Patio on **Friday, January 29**: K3-2nd grade, at **8 am**; and 3rd-5th grade, at **9 am**.

Please visit our new website for Math Superstars! You can find the link on the Elementary webpage, www.elementary.ans.edu.ni. Each week you may download and print your child's weekly assignment. Assignments will be turned in to your child's teacher. Remember this is to inspire students to go beyond their classroom work in math. We look forward to seeing what your mathematicians will do. For more information, please contact Mr. Plemons, dplemons@ans.edu.ni

HIGH SCHOOL

HAITIAN RELIEF FUND: Secondary students are participating in a fundraising drive to assist the efforts in Haiti. The Student Council is visiting the classrooms each day for donations, and different community service groups are selling soft drinks and pastries at lunch. On January 25, there will be a blue-jeans day with a minimum charge of 20 cordobas. The Drama Club will put on a performance after school on January 29 to collect more funds. Parents are encouraged to make donations directly to the Haitian Relief Fund account at the Cashier's Office.

Let's all seek inspiration this month in the readings of Ruben Dario. The Spanish Department initiated the Jornada Dariana this Monday and it will run until February 5. All Spanish students, grades 6-12, will participate in a literary workshop. The best essays will receive awards and will be published in a literary magazine. Good luck to our young writers!

Welcome to Ms. Karla Miranda and Ms. Dina Gonzalez, our new Spanish 9 and Spanish 10 teachers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School Office hopes you had a wonderful vacation. Now it's time to welcome you all back and get ready for a great 2nd semester.

Eight grade English students composed collective poetry honoring the earthquake victims in Haiti. Please visit our class website at <https://sites.google.com/a/ans.edu.ni/ms-kruger/Home/english-8> to see their work.