



High School

The Modern Languages Department continues to celebrate the Jornada Dariana. Our students have been in the process of writing stories and translating poetry. As part of the activities, Gioconda Belli, Nicaraguan writer, will share her thoughts on the work of Dario on Friday, February 4, at 12:30 pm, in the Ossi Room. Everyone is invited to attend.

Welcome to Mr. Alvaro Vergara, our new SSL teacher as of January 31. He will be replacing Ms. Sara Roman, who will be replacing Mr. Henry Ortega. Mr. Ortega is now our new ELI Director.

Congratulations to all the members of the ANS Band and solo performers who won the highest ratings at the recent AASCA Music Festival in Guatemala City. We're proud of you!

- Superior Ranking: Gloria Seo, solo song; Andres Aburto, piano solo; Fernanda Mendez, piano solo; Steve Lee, piano solo; and our ANS Band, school bands.
- Excellent Ranking: David Chung, piano solo; Sun Hun Seo, piano solo; Timoteo Kae, solo tenor sax; Se Hun Han, solo alto sax; Luis Prieb, solo baritone; Yong Soon Hwang, solo tuba; Luis Porta, solo song; and Steve Lee, solo guitar.

Elementary

Counselors are continuing to work with students on the character development program *The Caring School*. Grades K5-2<sup>nd</sup> are working on *Stop Picking On Me*. Students will learn what to do and what not to do when they are being picked on. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> are working on *When You See Bullying Happen*:

*What a Bystander Can Do*. Students will learn how *TO TAKE A STAND* when they see something is wrong. Counselors and teachers will help the students put into practice what they have learned. Our ultimate goal is to become a caring united multicultural community.

College Corner

Congratulations Class of 2011! The Seniors have received scholarship offers in the amount of one million dollars.

ary 1<sup>st</sup> through February 7. She will attend the Villanova University Admissions Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Vaughan will be out of the office from February

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tributed a *Rising Senior Questionnaire* to the Junior class. As the students complete the short essays, she will meet with them in small groups to begin the university search process.

Physical Education

On the weekend of January 22 & 23, our swimming team *Las Pirañas* competed in the National Long Course Swimming Meet, winning 1<sup>st</sup> place. Congratulations to both the athletes and the coach!

The 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni & Parents Volleyball Tournament will start **TOMORROW**, with very exciting matches beginning at **6:30 pm** in the CAA. The entire ANS community is invited to attend and be part of this school initiative.

This week, our upper Elementary students (grades 2-5) are finishing their 4-week baseball unit. They have enjoyed it very much. During this time, these students have learned the fundamentals of the game, such as catching ground and fly balls, and the proper technique of over hand throwing to first base.

Twenty elementary students (19 girls and one boy) signed up to be part of the ANS cheerleading team. They are practicing twice a week, and, in a few weeks, they will be able to attend sports events and other school activities, such as pep rallies, to cheer on our Tigers.

PTO

Entrance tickets for the Kermesse on 26 February are C\$20 per person in advance or C\$40 per person on the day and are on sale now at the Cashier, as well as C\$5, C\$10, C\$20 and C\$50 coupons. For those new to the Kermesse, no cash is accepted during the event; you need to exchange your money for coupons to play the games and buy refreshments. Get yours now so you don't have to stand in line on the 26!

**Tomorrow**, during break & lunch, is the first day of voting in Elementary for K5-Gr. 5 students to choose which teachers they want to see in the Dunk Tank at the Kermesse. Each vote is C\$5 per teacher, and students may vote as many times as they like. Middle School & High School voting will take place on **Friday, February 4**, during lunch.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION: February 7, 2:30-4:30 pm

NEW HIGH SCHOOL (BUILDING TOMORROW TODAY CAMPAIGN)

- The ANS Foundation's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tuition Raffle benefiting *Building Tomorrow Today* will award 3 prizes during this year's Kermesse on **February 26**: 1<sup>st</sup> prize is one full year tuition; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is one semester full tuition; and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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!