



High School

The preliminary rounds for this year's Math Tournament started January 31. The best math students will be competing for the honor of having their name engraved on either the Leibnitz or the Newton Cup. Good luck to all of them!

The Social Studies Competition will be held the week of February 7 after school. The best social studies students will be participating. If your child shows a particular interest in the area of history, encourage him/her to sign up for this competition.

The Modern Languages Department is happy to announce the High School winners of the Jornada Dariana 2011: SSL, Moowan Byun; 9<sup>th</sup>, Andrea Quadra, who also won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for High School; 10<sup>th</sup>, Sylvia Cesar; 11<sup>th</sup>, Rodrigo Caldera; and 12<sup>th</sup>, Daniela Orozco. The students demonstrated talent and enthusiasm in the Creative Writing Workshop (the posters in the different hallways were beautifully elaborated), and the conference by Gioconda Belli was most inspiring. Thanks to all for your support.

Middle School

We would like to congratulate all our Middle School students for their participation in the Jornada Dariana. The winners for this year's Creative Writing Workshop

are: Graciela Monestel, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Sebastian Arguello, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Maria Fernanda Navarro, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who also won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Middle School.

College Corner

A representative from Salve Regina University will visit with our accepted Seniors and interested Juniors, Friday, February 11. If you are interested, sign up in Student Services.

returned from a visit to Villanova University, PA. There are fabulous programs available. A few are listed here: Institute for Global Interdisciplinary Studies, Honors Program, Center for Global Leadership, business

and engineering programs. Dr. Edward Guinan, Villanova astronomy professor, discovered a hot Jupiter exoplanet. Villanova's Division I Basketball Team is currently ranked #12 in the US.

Mrs. Vaughan has just

Physical Education

The 1st "Alumni & Parents Volleyball Tournament" started off on the right foot. Last Thursday was an unforgettable day for ANS because quite a few alumni, parents, teachers, coaches, and current students converged under one common roof to reignite the Tiger Spirit and commemorate ANS 66 years of commitment to athletics. The ANS Foundation is fully supporting this event, and 100 players are participating (both female and male). Four matches were played on the first night. At least 200 people watched the games cheering on their favorite players and supporting this school's initiative. The atmosphere was really cool, and we encourage everyone to come down to the gymnasium on the next four Thursday evenings to watch the matches. Follow the development of the tournament by clicking on: <https://sites.google.com/a/ans.edu.ni/ans-athletics-department/alumni-tournament>.

Instructor/Director is Number 1 in the country. He holds a Black Belt and 5<sup>th</sup> Dan and has more than 35 years of teaching experience; 2) Environment: The safest for you or your child. 3) Training Equipment: Modern; 4) Schedule: The most convenient for everyone: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 2:15-3 pm, 4 to 4:40 pm, 4:45 to 5:30 pm, 5:45 to 6:30 pm, 6:45 to 7:45 pm. 5) Instruction: Personalized. 6) Language: Spanish & English. This Academy offers a free class for those who want to come and see what classes look like. For more information, please contact [sports@ans.edu.ni](mailto:sports@ans.edu.ni).

On days when the school has early dismissal days, and the class schedule is shortened, our students in grades 6-10 use their PE time to participate in cooperative games and team building activities. These kinds of games teach our students the value of working as a team to overcome different challenges. Please talk to your children and ask them how they have viewed this new school's initiative.

The entire ANS community is welcomed to join the ANS Taekwondo Academy. There are many reasons why: 1) Its

PTO

The ANS Kermesse will be held on **Saturday, February 26**, on Soccer Field #1, from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be live music and entertainment throughout the day, the Dunk Tank featuring the ANS teachers students voted for, and new games and activities with the Wild West theme. Don't miss it!

In Elementary, we encourage parents to volunteer one hour to help run their grade's game. Grades 6, 7 & 8 will also be doing a game each this year, and we ask parents to contact Alana Frick-Gr. 6, Madrelle Cartwright-Gr. 7, or Hailey McCarthy-Gr. 8 to find out how you can help. We also welcome any help from High School parents who wish to join in: Please email us at [pto@ans.edu.ni](mailto:pto@ans.edu.ni) to find out how you can help.

Operation Smile Club members are selling **Valentine's Candygrams** for C\$20.00 each. Your purchases help raise funds to provide surgeries for children with cleft palate and facial deformities. Candygrams are a wonderful way to sweeten someone's day on Monday, February 14!

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 is serving coffee at all Tiger Meetings in Elementary. Café Don Paco's Jungle Java blend is also 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!