



An email with our 2010 Summer Camp schedule was sent to all parents; however, if you need more information, visit our webpage and click on *Summer Camp 2010 Scheduling* for the latest news.

### High School

- The deadline to turn in your pre-registration forms for the 2010-11 school year is **Friday, March 5**. Remember that only those students who are registered will be authorized to schedule their courses for the coming school year.
- Due to the rising temperatures at this time of the year, as of March 1<sup>st</sup> and for the rest of the semester, High School students will be allowed to wear the official ANS P.E. T-shirt every day as an alternative to the regular uniform shirt.

Elementary

- During today's staff development activity, the Elementary teachers will be working in committees to review and revise our curriculum. This process is aimed at ensuring all of our objectives are aligned from K3-5th grade in the major content areas and is part of our curriculum review cycle.
- The new Elementary Music Room was officially inaugurated last Friday, after the Tiger Meeting. Students have

been receiving music class in the new classroom since last month. Any parents who would like to come and see the new room are very welcome to do so.

- **TIPS FOR READING AT HOME: Practice Fluency Together:** Take turns reading pages or paragraphs in your child's book. Take turns reading for different characters. Act out the story. **Choose**

**the Right Book:** Your child should make only a few errors per page. If he/she is struggling over every few words, choose another book. Reading at home should be for enjoyment. **Recognize Punctuation:** Discuss the punctuation marks in a story. Practice raising your voice for question marks, showing excitement for exclamation marks, and pausing for commas and periods.

### PTO

- **The PTO netted over US\$8,000 from the Kermesse, and we are very grateful to all who attended the event and contributed to the proceeds. Soon we will be inviting all parents to attend a meeting where we will be presenting a Treasurer's report and discussing what to do with the funds we have collected so far this year.**
- **Thank you to all who took part in the Kermesse survey, which closed on Monday. We will e-mail the results to you soon.**

### Middle School

- On March 8 & 9, all our 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be busy taking the Stanford tests. These are given to gauge how well ANS students are doing in comparison to others around the world. The test results will be used to help determine areas where we can improve in English and Mathematics.
- The Middle School Office would like to congratulate the following students for their participation in the AASCA Soccer Tournament:

Maria del Mar Porta, Melissa Lacayo Sandino, Antonella Sandino, Karina Arguello, Ana Fabiola Castillo, Camila Lacayo, and Valeska Nuñez.

- Starting Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, ALL Secondary students have permission to wear their PE T-shirts instead of the regular uniform shirt. We do this taking into consideration the high temperatures at this time.

### Student Services

- Thank you very much parents of the Junior class! Over half the class had at least one family member in attendance at last week's meeting. Mrs. Vaughan looks forward to working with the Juniors and their parents.
- Upcoming University Visits: Walsh University, Mr. Brett Freshour, Mon-

day, March 1; Tecnologico de Monterrey, Friday, March 5; Webster University, Mr. Calvin Smith, Tuesday, March 9; St. John International University - Italy, Ms. Patricia Parpajola, Wednesday, March 10; Catholic University Fair - 13 university representa-

tives, Thursday, March 11; Marquette University, Ms. Susan Whipple, Tuesday, March 16; Jacobs University - Germany, Ms. Hana Galal, Monday, March 22; Elon University/Lynn University, Ms. Cheryl Borden/Ms. Virginia Diaz, Wednesday, March 24.

During the last two weeks, ANS has sent out a variety of informational emails (e.g. Summer Camp, invitation to Director's Coffee, Kermesse survey) to all parents. If you have not received these messages, please confirm your e-mail address and your child/children's names to [technology@ans.edu.ni](mailto:technology@ans.edu.ni). Thank you for your cooperation.

Library

- Dear Parents: Remember that by encouraging our children to read, we are helping them to succeed. For this reason, the Library is offering bookmarks with advice for parents who would like to learn how to raise a reader. Come by the Library and ask for one. They are available

both in English and Spanish.

- On Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the Library will be closed to be used for Stanford testing. Thank you for your understanding.

### Physical Education

- Our school is very proud of both its boys and girls varsity teams because of their performance in the AASCA Tournament held in El Salvador last week. It is true that we certainly could have and expected to advance higher in the final standings, but is it more than fair to recognize that this was not because of the lack of effort or preparation of the athletes. All of our students did their best throughout each match. The school recognizes the students' hard work and exemplary discipline in and off the field.

- **Dear Elementary Parents, We inform you that our traditional annual Elementary Field Day will be held this year on Friday, March 12. A letter with more details will be sent electronically to you soon.**