

LAST CHANCE to say "Thank You"

This Friday is our End-of-the-Year Party for all ASA staff. If you are willing to bring a gift for our raffle, you still have time to do it until tomorrow, Thursday, December 3rd. Thank you to all those parents who already made their contribution to make our raffle possible.



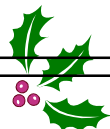
Financial Aid

The Financial Aid application form for the second semester 2009-2010 school year is available in the Director General's Office. Applications must be returned by Monday, December 14th with the requested information and documentation attached. Applicants must:

- Be in Grade 6 or above
- Have a grade average of B or above (GPA 3.0 or more)
- Have a good social behavior and no serious infraction of school rules
- Demonstrate financial aid need.

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Our students and teachers are busy making the final preparations for the end of the semester. Here are some important dates to remember:

SPORTS: The last day for after-school sports will be Friday, December 4th.

CLUBS: The last day for after-school activities will be Friday, December 11th.

CAACUPE NATIONAL HOLIDAY: There will be no school on Tuesday, December 8th for the Paraguayan National Holiday.

WATER DAY: Water day will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 14th. Dismissal will be at 12:00 p.m. for all elementary students.

CHESS TOURNAMENT: There will be an Elementary ASA Chess Tournament to be held on Wednesday, December 16th.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: The last day of school for the first semester will be Thursday, December 17th. Dismissal will be at 11:00 a.m. Students will receive their report cards on this day.



Middle School

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Here we are in the first week of December, with a very busy schedule in front of us between now and the Christmas break. First semester music concerts will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, followed by the end of Quarter 2 on Wednesday, December 9. Finally, we close with a big finish with our Semester 1 exams beginning on Thursday, December 10 and ending Tuesday, December 15. Whew! Hang in there parents and students; the end is near.

SPRING PERFORMING ARTS CONCERTS: Every Choir, Band and Strings student from Middle School and High School will be participating in the **Annual Spring Concerts**. The concerts will be held in the MPR on the following dates: Wednesday, 2nd of December and Thursday, 3rd of December, at 7:00p.m. Please ensure that your young people are there as this event is an important component in the evaluation of the students. It represents 20% of the student's final grade in music. Leaving the concert early will affect the final grade of the student by approximately 10%.

SEMESTER 1 EXAMS: You can view **10 Tips for Preparing for Final Exams** within the Middle School Matters online edition. Please let Mirtha know if you do not receive this electronic newsletter.

With the end of the semester rapidly approaching, many of you are making vacation plans. If you plan on leaving before the end of the semester, please review the attendance policy (which can be read within the Middle School Matters online edition) for guidance on how those absences will be handled according to the Student, Parent & Community Handbook. Please bear in mind that by policy, semester exams may not be administered early.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Dec 2	MS/HS Strings and Guitar Concerts, 7:00 pm in the MPR
Dec 3	MS/HS Band and Choir Concerts, 7:00 pm in the MPR
Dec 8	Caacupe Holiday: No School
Dec 10	Day 1 of Semester Exams (Guarani and Spanish)
Dec 11	Day 2 of Semester Exams (Social Studies and Math)
Dec 11	PTA Holiday Fest
Dec 14	Day 3 of Semester Exams (Estudios Sociales and English)
Dec 15	Final Day of Semester Exams (Science)/Last Student Day of School
Dec 18	Quarter 2 Report Cards Available, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Bob Imholt

CAACUPE HOLIDAY

Please be reminded that on Tuesday, December 8th there will be no classes due to National Holiday Caacupé. Classes will resume on Wednesday, December 9th.

Paraguayan Studies Department

Following our communications regarding ASA's continued improvement plan, we will continue to present you an updated report of the advances that took place in the past months.

Our Parents, Students, and Community Handbook was presented to the Ministry of Education and Culture on October 21, 2009 for their review and validation. This presentation took place after months of coordinated revisions work among members of the community represented by administrators, teachers, parents, and students who are part of the School Improvement Team.

If you need additional information or have any questions, suggestions about this matter, or would like to share information to strengthen this process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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LAST DAY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS ACTIVITIES: We would like to inform you that last day for extracurricular sports activities will be Friday, December 4th.

INTERCOLEGIAL ASA 2010: With a great enthusiasm we are preparing for the Intercolegial ASA 2010 that will take place on February 26th, 28th and March 5th—7th. Many school have already confirmed their participation.

LOST AND FOUND: We would like to inform you that lost-and-found objects in the PE office are jackets, tee-shirts, and sweatshirts. Those were found in the courts left behind by the students. Please stop by to claim for it. They will be donated before the end of the semester.

High School

LOST AND FOUND: Please come in and check out the lost and found for any missing items that your child may have lost. At this time of year we traditionally donate any unclaimed and non-labeled items. Please note that any items not claimed by December 16th will be donated. Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERTS: Every Choir, Band and Strings student from HS will be participating in the Annual Spring Concerts. The concert will be held in the MPR on the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 2nd (Strings and Guitar groups) and Thursday, Dec. 3rd (Band and Choir groups). Both concerts will take place from 7:00 p.m to 8:30 p.m. Students should be at the school wearing their Gala uniform for the previa at 6.30pm in order to tune the musical instruments. We would like to remind you as well that this concert is an important component in the evaluation of the students. It represents the 20% of the student's final grade in music. Our students have been getting ready to share their work with their parents and family. Please show your support by attending the concert. Thanks.

HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY: this year we will hold the assembly to recognize students earning Honor Roll in Quarters 1 and 2 at the beginning of the second semester, in February. We feel that the environment at the beginning of the semester is more appropriate to recognize our students' accomplishments and encourage others to strive for academic excellence in the upcoming quarter than in the last day of school. The date of the Honor Roll will be announced shortly.

HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULE:

Friday December 11 (9-12 grade): Guarani (9-10), Psychology (11) and Philosophy (12) (10:00-12:00)

Monday December 14 (9-12 grade): Spanish (8:00- 10:00); Science (10:30- 12:30)

Tuesday December 15(9-12 grade): Math (8:00- 10:00); Social Studies (10:30- 12:30)

Wednesday December 16: English (8:00- 10:00); Estudios Sociales (10:30- 12:30)

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

- The SAT is this Saturday, December 5th at ASA. Students must report to ASA at 7:45 a.m. with their Admission tickets and valid photo ID. If you have any questions, please speak with Mr. Mellman in the guidance office.
- Report cards will be available on Friday, December 18th from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. or until December 22.

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PTA NEWS

HOLIDAY FEST: Our traditional Holiday Fest will take place on Friday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIVE MEETING: "Protect Your Heart" will take place on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR: Don't miss it.

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