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ASA INTERCOLEGIAL 2010 — A Great Sporting Event for the ASA Community

ASA Intercolegial 2010 begins this Friday! We cordially invite our entire school community to enjoy this wonderful sporting event that brings together our ASA community in support of our student-athletes and Senior Class. We anticipate great success for this event thanks to the outstanding advance preparation of our Class of 2010, their parents, and our entire sports staff and administration. Please join us for two consecutive weekends of sports activities beginning when our campus opens for the event at 3:15 p.m. this Friday, February 26th.

Please remember that to ensure for a safe set-up for this event, we are scheduling an early dismissal this Friday, February 26th at 12:00 noon for all students, teachers, and staff members at ASA. We expect heavy trucks to arrive on campus to unload equipment, and we will also have electrical cables being installed at that time for the event. Given the potential safety issues that afternoon resulting from this set-up process, we will need everyone to be off campus right after the 12 noon dismissal. We will also take the additional precaution of dismissing slightly early next Friday as well (March 5 dismissal at 3:00 p.m.). Our principals will be working with teachers to make arrangements for class schedules for the next two Fridays given our early dismissal times. Thank you for your understanding to help us ensure for everyone's safety during the set-up process for ASA Intercolegial 2010.

As a final note, please remember that as part of the process of organizing a safe event for all children, our security team conducts bag checks for everyone entering campus, including all ASA faculty, staff, students, and parents. During the event, ASA does not allow fireworks, cigarettes, lighters, or other flammable materials to enter the campus, so please leave those items at home. In addition, all cars must be parked off schools grounds, so please make sure to arrive early to find an available parking spot outside the school gates.

We hope to see you and your family at ASA Intercolegial – a great time to cheer on our teams and enjoy a fun time together as part of the ASA Community.

Go Gators!!!!

Dr. Eric Habegger

PARAGUAYAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Resuming the last conversation of the previous semester, please find the action plan our this school year in our Department:

1. Curriculum revision regarding MEC's last adjustments, contemplating our academic realities and priorities.
2. Survey that measures the average of satisfaction compiling of suggestions for 5th, 8th and 12th grades. Also, former students' survey (Class of 2008), about the same topics.
3. Advanced placement for ASA alumni in Universidad Católica admission courses.
4. External evaluation according to admission procedures in Spanish Language and Paraguayan history. This evaluation is for students in 12th grade. It is related to Universidad Nacional de Asunción evaluations.
5. Parents, Students and Community Handbooks revision.
6. Professional Development and Evaluation process.
7. Visit from directors and technicians from MEC to review our curriculum, instructional and evaluation at ASA.

As you noticed in previous editions of this bulletin, there were many steps developing this plan and advancing its implementation. We will continue putting effort in this semester to finalize the plan in full.

We count on your support as we strength this process. For this reason if you have any questions or want to share with us information or suggestion, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Rodrigo Colmán

HEROES DAY HOLIDAY MARCH 1ST

Please remember that this coming Monday, March 1st is the National Holiday "Heroes Day", therefore there will be no classes. Thank you.

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After-School Sports: Our after-school sports program will begin on Monday, March 8th. This start date reflects issues related to practices and field use for the Intercolegial. This semester, we have established separate practices for boys and girls in first through fifth grades. Please be sure to check the practice schedule that was sent home earlier this week. The practice schedule was also sent via e-mail.

Children's Book Week: During the week of March 2-5, 2010, we will be celebrating Children's Book Week. Each day during the week, we will have different activities and events that will involve all members of the ASA community. The objective of the celebration is to promote reading comprehension in our school community.

Tuesday, March 2nd: Read-a-thon: All students, teachers, and aides will be reading all day long in front of the elementary office.

Wednesday, March 3rd: Outdoor Reading Day: Teachers will take their students outside to read books with their classmates.

Thursday, March 4th: Book Character Day: Students will come to school dressed as one of their favorite characters from a book

Friday, March 5th: Pillows, Pajamas, and Popcorn Day: Students will be able to wear their pajamas to school and bring their pillows from home! Students will visit the library during the day for a good time reading and eating popcorn in our library.

Clubs: There is still room for more students in some of our clubs. Please be sure to sign up using the permission slip that was sent home with you child.

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Mighty Middle School Parents,

Intercolegial: As you can see from the preparations being undertaken around campus, Intercolegial is almost upon us. This major event will have a couple of important implications for middle school, which include early dismissals on Friday, February 26 (12 noon) and Friday, March 5 (3 pm). In addition, our middle school sports program will not begin practices until Monday, March 8.

Character Education: Our current character trait focus is **Responsibility** which our character education defines to students as:

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Persevere: keep on trying!
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act — consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your choices

To support this trait, we are showing excerpts from a film called Kicking and Screaming, which is one from the new FILM Clips for Character Education (<http://www.filmclipsonline.com/>) series that we have recently purchased. All of the clips in this series focus on the Six Pillars of Character, which are ethical values to guide student choices. The Six Pillars are: **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.**

For Parents of Expatriate Students:

Clements International's 2010 Expat Youth scholarship awards \$10,000 to students age 12-18 of any nationality who have spent at least two years living outside their home country. The theme, "Life in a Flying House," is inspired by the idea that students who spend their childhoods moving between different countries and cultures acquire unique life experiences.

The contests asks expatriate students to share their experiences of living in a foreign country through an essay (500 words or more) and creative media (photographs, illustrations, paintings or video). The winners in each of two age categories (12-15 and 16-18) are selected by a panel of judges from the expatriate community. The application deadline is May 1.

Information and application materials can be found at www.expatyouthscholarship.com

Thanks for a great first week, everyone.

Important dates:

- Feb 24 Coffee with the Principal – 8:00am, MS Office.
- Mar 1 Hero's Day – No School.
- Mar 8 First day of middle school sports practices.
- Mar 19 Progress Reports available on the Web.
- Mar 22-26 President's Cup: Middle School (7-8) Volley Tournament (Teams TBA).

Bob Imholt

ALUMNI NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Augusto Médal, Class of 2009, was admitted to Tulsa University in Oklahoma this past January 2010. As an important key note, we are proud to mention that he is the first Paraguayan admitted in that university. Tulsa University includes the diversity of 62 different nationalities. Congratulations to Augusto and to his proud parents Graciela and Augusto.

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HIGH SCHOOL

HS Awards Ceremony: ASA will recognize the first semester achievements of our students this Friday, February 26th starting at 8:30 AM. We plan to hold this celebration of our students' achievements in the Multi Purpose Room at ASA so that parents and families may enjoy seeing this event in the comfort and atmosphere afforded by this location. Because we have had a number of inquiries regarding the kinds of honors we will be giving to students, I want you to know that we will be doing the following: Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, Director's Award, Conduct Awards, Attendance Awards, and Most Improved Student Awards. We sent an email last Friday to parents and students who were to receive an award and we will let students know again this week as a reminder that they will receive an award. The schedule for the awards assembly is as follows:

9th grade class at 8:30 a.m.

10th grade class at 9:00 a.m.

11th grade class at 9:30 a.m.

12th grade class at 10:00 a.m.

Pep Rally to Kick off Intercolegial

From 11:00 to 11:45 a.m., we will hold an event in the gym to kick off Intercolegial which will include a performance by the ASA spirit squad, activities for the students, and speeches from the players and coaches. We believe this morning of celebration will be an excellent way to recognize our students and allow our parents to share in the success of our students. It is my hope that many parents and family can attend.

Intercolegial: I will be experiencing another first time event for me later this week with the beginning of Intercolgial ASA style. I am very much looking forward to this event which has been described to me as an unbelievable experience for parents, students, and fans of the students of ASA and the other participating schools. Due to Intercolegial, the schedule for this Friday and next Friday are different from the regular schedule as follows:

Friday, February 26th – All High School students dismissed at 12:00 noon

Friday, March 5th – All Seniors dismissed at 12:00 noon
Grades 9,10, and 11 dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

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Intercolegial ASA 2010

With a great enthusiasm we are preparing the Intercolegial ASA 2010 that will take place on February 26-28 and March 5-7. Many schools have already confirmed their participation.

Registration form for Sports

In order to be enrolled in sports during this semester, please stop by the Athletic Department to complete a registration form. Thank you.

Beginning of extracurricular Sports

All extracurricular sports activities will begin on Monday, March 8th for Elementary, Middle School and High School sections. Please stop by the Athletic Department to check out the schedules. Thank you.