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smoro@asa.edu.py**TESTING SEASON: AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAUGE STUDENT AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

As you look through the pages of this bulletin, you will see that our students are busily engaged in “testing” season. Our middle school and elementary children will be taking the IOWA Test of Basic Skills this week and next week. High school student recently finished with their 6+1 Trait Writing Assessment and will soon begin sitting for their Advanced Placement Exams starting the first week of May. Finally, grades 3-10 will also take the end-of-year MAP tests later in May. Why all these tests, you might ask? Well, we consider it as a great opportunity to verify that student learning has occurred this year. By comparing student results from last year and this testing season, we will be able to evaluate the results of improvement to our curricular program as well as our professional development strategies to support instruction. In addition, by receiving individual student results, these data also help our teachers address specific student needs during these last months of school along with assist next year’s teachers in their preparations to build knowledge and skills.

Over the last three years we have experienced significant gains in student and school performance. These results have been achieved thanks to the efforts of our students, the hard work of our teachers, and the behind-the-scenes implementation of our school improvement plan. The results of each testing season provide ASA with its annual “report card” to let us know how we are doing as the school much like student report cards give you a picture of your children’s growth in learning. For these reasons, we invite you to encourage your children to get plenty of sleep at night, eat a good breakfast, and come to school ready to demonstrate all they have learned this school year. With their A+ efforts, we hope to achieve A+ results. Before the end of this school year, we hope to receive their test results in order to share good news about student learning at ASA.

Correction: In last week’s bulletin, I mistakenly reported the incorrect all-time high in scholarships and grants. The distinction belongs to the Class of 2006 who received over \$3.5 million over a four-year period. Please join me in recognizing their amazing achievement as well as celebrating the success of our Class of 2010 and their accomplishments as noted last week.

Dr. Eric Habegger

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We are conducting a cycle of conversations with students from 9th to 12th grades regarding their future linked with university and, as part of this effort, we will be providing a vocational test to our Seniors. As you know, this test provides information regarding the studies’ options related to aptitudes and interests from of our students. With this test we are looking to add another source of information to help them make decisions about the future.

Furthermore, on Wednesday, April 23, representatives from Universidad Autónoma de Asunción will visit the school to present to our seniors one option in university studies in Paraguay. Our seniors have attended in the past presentations from Universidad Nacional de Asunción and Universidad Católica “Nuestra Señora de la Asunción” made by theirs representatives.

In May, our Juniors will receive a visit of representatives from UNA and UC to obtain information from this institutions to ponder the future of their education.

If you need more information about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Rodrigo Colmán

WEEKLY BULLETIN

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Mighty Middle School Parents,

Parent/Teacher Conferences Schedule Update: With the annual Labor Day Luncheon for all ASA staff falling on the afternoon of April 29, our Parent/Teacher conferences will have a modified schedule, which is shown below:

Wednesday, April 28 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 29 8:00 – 12 Noon

The process to sign up for the Parent-Teacher conference will be as follows: On one of the tabs on the Middle School ASA web page, there will be a link called P/T Conferences. By clicking there you will have the following info displayed:

[Welcome to the Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences page for the 2nd Semester.](#)

[Wednesday & Thursday, April 28/29, 2010.](#)

Below you will find the links to check the time and teacher availability, as well as the link to open the online form to make the reservation with the teacher(s) you would like to meet. By clicking in those links, you will have access to the availability sheet and reservation form. For more details, please email César Britez to cbritez@asa.edu.py or you may call at (021) 603-518, ext. 152.

REPORT CARDS: When report cards become available on Friday, April 23, we would like to ask you to help us protect the environment by reviewing your child's report online through the RenWeb website instead of choosing a printed paper version. We will of course be happy to print selected reports on a case-by-case basis. Just let us know in advance of Friday, you can do it by mail (msanchez@asa.edu.py) or calling at the Middle School Office (603 518 ext 113). /

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

Tuesday, April 20

Boys' & Girls' Football (7-8: vs. Goethe)

Friday, April 23

Boys' and Girls' Football (7-8: vs. San Andrés)

Saturday, April 24

Boys' & Girls' Basket (grades 1-3 only: vs. Inter) 9-11 am.

Tuesday, April 27

Boys' & Girls' Football (7-8: vs. Lumen)

CHARACTER EDUCATION: This week students will watch a clip from the movie The Ant Bully to introduce our current character trait, Citizenship. The discussion questions for this clip are: 1) Which society would you rather live in: one where everyone works together or one where it's every man for himself? and 2) How can citizens work together?

Chosen Ones for Citizenship

Grade 6: Victoria Nolan and Victor Martinez

Grade 7: Martin Oviedo

Grade 8: Guillermo Quellmalz, Matias Chavez and Sebi Corina

ASA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR PRESENTATION: TONOGHT at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR, ASA's Athletic Director, Mr. Juan Carlos Tabarelli, will present a workshop for parents entitled "Guiding Your Children in their Athletic Development" This workshop will focus on appropriate developmental practices for children in sports, the prevention of injuries, parent involvement as well as an explanation of ASA's sports philosophies at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. We look forward to an informative meeting that helps ASA continue to improve its athletic program. We hope to see you there.

PTA SPONSORED PARENT WORKSHOP

OUR CHILDREN'S VALUES ABOUT SEXUALITY STARTS WITH US. NOW.

We invite you to join us in a PTA sponsored workshop that will help parents create a family environment that promotes healthy communication about sexuality that will lead to healthy choices by your children down the road. This workshop is geared toward parents with children from ages 4-11.

Where: Multi Purpose Room (ASA) When: Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 7pm-9pm

Presented by: Carole Kessler, licensed clinical social worker, with more than 15 years of experience working with children and families.

Please *RSVP as soon as possible* to pta_asa@asa.edu.py

Thanks for being such a great learning community, everyone. Bob Imholt

Important dates

Apr 19-21 IOWA Testing/Exámenes IOWA.

Apr 21 Coffee with the Principal.

Apr 23 Quarter 3 Report Cards.

Apr 28 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences (Cesar Sign-ups)- from 3:30—5:00 p.m.

Apr 29 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences (Cesar Sign-ups)- from 8:00—12:00 n.

Apr 30 Teacher's Day – No School.

Bob Imholt



HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL: These are the 12th grade students who received the Principal's Honor Roll award during the last Awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of them! These students got a GPA of 3.75 or above during the second quarter.

Student

Marcela Pfannl de Aguirre
Yurim (Carolina) Kim
James Ray Chihan
Ryan Wade

Student

Maria Constanza Conti Torchia
Sebastian Egüez Alfonsi
Lucia Peroni Peña

HONOR ROLL: These are the 12th grade students who received the Honor Roll award during the last Awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of them! These students got a GPA of 3.5 to 3.74 during the second quarter.

Student

María Leticia Canillas Zarza
Angélica Choi

Student

Tiffany Green Gutierrez
Ma. Gabriela Pfannl Pérez Ramírez

CALENDAR CHANGES: Please be aware of the following changes in the Calendar

Parent- teacher conferences: Thursday April 29th (morning only)

Half day, Community Service and Staff Development: **May 7th** instead of May 14th

San Andres Music Intercolegial: Congratulations to Cons Baez, Magali Chase, Alyssa Koski and Nati Espinola on their performance last night at the San Andres Music Intercolegial. Special congratulations to Natalia, for winning 2nd place with her solo!

Dr. Steven Nilhas

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AMISTOSO: This Saturday April 24th, we will be having a basketball amistoso game with Colegio Inter, for 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades mix. The amistoso will take place here at ASA. Games will start at 9:00AM to 11:00AM.

INTERCOLEGIALES:

It was a busy weekend for our student athletes as ASA participated in activities at three different Intercolegiales: San Jose, SIL and Goethe. ASA did well at these schools as noted by the results below:

Girls' Volleyball – ASA lost to Santa Elena

Girls' Basketball – ASA defeated CAS

Girls' Soccer – ASA won three matches by defeating San Diego, Monsenor; Tecnico Javier

Boys' Volleyball – ASA defeated Goethe and lost to CAS

Futsal – ASA defeated CESCJ, and lost to Asuncion Escalada, and Inter

Boys' Soccer – ASA defeated STJ, Trinity, and tied with Tecnico Luque

These Intercolegiales will continue this weekend at all three locations. We wish our student athletes well once again.

WORKSHOP: TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. ASA's Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Juan Carlos Tabarelli, will present a workshop for parents entitled "Guiding Your Children in their Athletic Development." This workshop which will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at ASA will focus on appropriate developmental practices for children in sports, the prevention of injuries, parent involvement, and an explanation of ASA's sports philosophies at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. We encourage parents to attend this informative workshop.