



DIRECTOR GENERAL

BUILDING COMMUNITY -- COMING IN SEPTEMBER -- ASA GALA 2009!

At ASA we take great pride in our spirit of working together to build and celebrate a strong sense of community. As part of our future plans for continuing to develop an even more vibrant group of past, present, and future community members, our Board of Directors has approved plans for establishing an annual ASA Gala Event.

For this grand event currently planned for the first week of September 2009, we will be sending an open invitation to current members of our ASA Community of parents and teachers as well as our ASA Alumni members to join together and celebrate our common connections through ASA.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ASA GALA ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2009!

As our Development Committee of the Board along with our Alumni Association work with ASA to organize this exciting event, our initial plans include a special raffle to support the programs of ASA as well as one of our school charities. In advance of organizing this raffle, we would like to invite ASA parents and alumni to consider thinking ahead about the types of donations you might make to support the work of ASA. Once we begin the school year in August, you will be receiving more information about the ASA GALA and the many opportunities you will have to join in the effort to build community and make ASA a better place.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and School Administration, I want to thank you for your support this year in continuing to improve our school; I wish our Class of 2009 all the best in their bright futures; and I look forward to seeing all of you when school begins again on Monday, August 3, 2009. Enjoy a great July break!

Dr. Eric Habegger

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PARAGUAYAN STUDIES CORNER

With the previous weekly bulletin, we concluded the synthesis of the report regarding Action Plans to improve our program. With the first edition of the next school year's bulletin, we will share with you the report of steps that the school is taking related to each plan.

We are pleased with the efforts and results, oriented to strengthen the academic projects of the Department. It is important at this point to recognize the teachers' consistent efforts to deliver a quality instruction program (related to curriculum and evaluation).

There are reasons to be satisfied and celebrate, yet there are still some areas in which we must continue to put our best energies. We will follow the path of educative analysis, evaluations, and plans. For that reason, we ask that you continue providing your valuable support.

We will resume this weekly communication next school year. Our best wishes to you and your families during the holidays.

Mr. Rodrigo Colmán

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ELEMENTARY

End of the School Year: On behalf of our elementary teaching staff, I would like to extend a thank you to the PTA, room mothers, and to our entire parent community for their tremendous support this year as well as to our students for their hard work and dedication to their studies. This year, we will be saying goodbye to many teachers on our elementary teaching staff. I would like to sincerely thank the following teachers for their efforts to improve the learning of their students: Ms. Sharalyn Kluge, Ms. Jacqui Vivalo, Ms. Alison Hoeman, Ms. Michelle Macumber, Ms. Carolina Boettner, Mr. Gregg Rich, Ms. Linda Neville, and Dr. Brad Hoyt. We thank you for your efforts to make the learning environment at ASA a special place for children. In addition, we will be saying goodbye to many of our international families and students. We wish you all the best in your next school.

Parent Coffee: We will hold an elementary parent coffee with Mr. Donaldson on Thursday, June 25 at 8:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed changes in the Parent-Student Handbook.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and IOWA Test results: We are very pleased with the all-around improvements to our students' academic performance. Our IOWA test results are at an all-time high in the elementary school. Test results for students in fifth grade were sent home on Tuesday. Students in third and fourth grade will receive their results on Friday.

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home with your child on the last day of school, Friday, June 26th.

Last Day of School: The last day of school of school will be Friday, June 26th. Dismissal will be at 11:00 a.m. on this day. The first day of school for the 2009-2010 school year will be Monday, August 3rd.

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BUSINESS OFFICE

2009-2010 Payment Booklets and Invoices are available in the Business Office. You may pick them up with the slip that the Guidance Office will provide you after returning the registration packets.

First tuition and registration deadline is Thursday, July 16th, 2009

Deadline for full-year payment is Wednesday, July 15th, 2009.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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With this being the last middle school news of the 2008-2009 school year, I wanted to thank you all for an amazing year. We have had great success in the big three areas important to all schools: academics, athletics, and citizenship. In the area of academics, we saw our standardized test scores rise across the board in all measures with a core average increase of almost 10 percent in the IOWA test of basic skills. In athletics, our students participated in our first ever Middle School Invitational with our teams playing in each of the championship games in each of the sports. Our athletes even had a significant role in high school sports with several of our Gator Gals playing important roles in the winning of the girl's soccer championship at Intercolegial. In addition to being competitive, our athletes have also demonstrated solid sportsmanship as well. During our various events hosted at ASA and at Rancho Chito, I was struck by how hard our students played and how sportsmanlike they were in the midst of their athletic efforts. Finally, to improve our students' citizenship, we introduced a new character education program that focused on teaching our young people about the traits that define solid citizens. To support that program, we rewarded those who demonstrated these traits with Chosen One snack tickets and then we aligned a new Student of the Month award for all grade levels with a given month's selected character trait. As a direct result, we saw impressive growth in our students as citizens. To say I am proud of our middle school students would be an understatement. Great job, kids!

Student of the Month: Our last character trait for the year was Compassion, which focuses on showing concern or sympathy for others and includes generosity/service, kindness, and empathy. This month's Students of the Month are:

Grade 6: Alejandra Salomoni

Grade 7: Dominique Chaplin

Grade 8: Lucia Riveros

IMPORTANT DATES

Middle School Finals First exam 8:00-9:45AM second exam: 10:00-11:45AM

June 24 Guarani

Middle School Awards Ceremony June 25, MPR, 2:30 PM

Last Day of School Year June 26

Report Cards Available June 26 at 2:00 PM

Have a great break, everyone. Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or comments. See you in August.

Bob Imholt

HIGH SCHOOL

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To the ASA Community: I want to thank students, parents, and the entire staff at ASA for the wonderful years that I have had with all of you. I thank you for your warmth, hospitality, and support during these four years, and for allowing Camila and I to be part of Familia ASA. Camila received a great education and both of us made many good and lasting friendships. I really hope that our paths cross again! All the best to all of you y un gran abrazo, Mr K.

Have a happy, restful and safe vacation!! For those who are not returning next year, we wish you all the best and thank you for adding so much to our community. For those returning... see you back on our first day of class, August 3rd, 2009

Report Cards: We cordially invite parents to pick up the report cards from the High School Guidance Office on Monday, June 29th, 2009 from 8:00 am to 2:00pm. Note: Students who did not turn in a complete check out form to the Guidance Office will not receive their report card.

Best of Luck Seniors! We will certainly miss the Class of 2009 and wish them every success as our newest cohort of ASA alumni.

PTA—NEW BOARD COMMITTEE

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JULY OFFICE HOURS

Offices will remain open during July break as follows:

From Monday, June 29th until Friday, July 24th

From 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

As of Monday, July 27th, offices will be open

From 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.