



Tuesday, August 7th, 2018

Academic News



Retrain Your Brain!

As part of the Middle School entrepreneurship program, students have been learning through cross-curricular activities, how to train their brain and develop a growth mindset. Just by changing the way we think, we can create new neural pathways to make us better and faster learners. Students experienced this through collaborative activities in the Entrepreneurial Playground (EP), character, and science classes. Mr. Jackson's 6th grade science class even witnessed the first hand dissection of a pig's head to examine the inner workings of the brain. Check out a fun [video](#) here that explains how to retrain your brain!

Meet Ellen Hogue



Ms. Ellen Hogue is our secondary librarian and creative writing teacher. She is no stranger to Costa Rica. She fell in love with our country during her study abroad in 1979; and had been visiting ever since. Prior to her move, Ms. Hogue was a Spanish and ESL teacher for 12 years at a STEM school located in her hometown of Columbus, Ohio. In her free time, she loves to bake desserts as sweet as her personality. Don't forget to stop by the library to say hi to her.



Forming Citizens

Wednesday, August 8th in the Sala Magna
Tomorrow's conference will be led by engineer, Mr. Rafael Cañas. He will address the issue of Public-Private alliances in regard to public infrastructure. Tune into the Facebook live stream.

Parents



Mother's Day

Wednesday, August 15th
Holiday
No school this day.



Progress Reports

Friday, August 17th
6A-11B
Progress reports will be sent home with the students. We encourage you to review and discuss them with your children; it is a worthwhile experience!



NHS and NJHS Induction Ceremonies

We invite everyone to welcome the newest members of our groups! Inductees and their parents are invited to enjoy refreshments after their ceremony. Congratulations to our students for maintaining high standards of leadership, character, service, and scholarship!

National Honor Society:
Thursday, August 9, 8:00 am, Sala Magna
Inductees: Ana Julia Benítez, Ana Catalina Brenes, Camila Núñez, Diego Quirós, Tatiana Recondo, Catalina Segura and Inés Ureña

National Junior Honor Society:
Tuesday, August 14, 8:00 am, Sala Magna
Inductees: Sean Doherty, Alexandra León, Adriana Pacheco and Luciano Vincent



25th BVS-IB Graduation

Thursday, August 16th at 1:40pm in the Sala Magna
We are holding the 25th IB graduation ceremony. Click [here](#) for the invitation.



Google Classroom Parent Accounts

Elementary parents
We are working on linking parent emails to student Google Classroom accounts. Parents can receive email summaries showing student progress in Classroom. You can choose the frequency of the emails (daily or weekly) and unsubscribe yourself from Classroom at anytime.

Parent email summaries include: missing work, upcoming work, and posted class activities. We greatly appreciate your support during this transition.



iPads & Cell-phones in Elementary

We are about to distribute 204 iPads for elementary school, 104 iPads for four "caddies" for teachers to request when they have lessons that involve digital access. **It is completely unnecessary for elementary students to bring cell phones.** If they need to contact their parents, teachers and secretaries will help them immediately. Parents who, for safety reasons, do not want photos of their children to be published, have been very worried because their friends are taking photos and uploading them to social networks; even though access to minors under thirteen is not legal. Please prevent your children in primary from bringing cell phones to school. They will be confiscated immediately if they are seen both inside or outside the classroom. Students do not need them!



Nut Allergies

Although we cannot be a nut-free school, out of consideration for our students with severe allergies, we highly discourage nuts (especially peanuts) or any nut products to be sent to school, especially in elementary. Those students' classes are nuts-and-nut-products free, but children wander around the whole school and it can be dangerous. Thank you for your collaboration.



Field Trips

Click [here](#) for this week's schedule.



All Things Delicious!

Click [here](#) for the cafeteria menu.

Connect Jr.



Montessori A: Internal Organs
Montessori B-C: Seeds
Enrichment: Ritsch Ratsch: the life & artwork of Gustav Klimt

Basketball & Soccer

We offer a basketball and soccer club for Montessori with no extra cost to participate.
Wednesday, 12:20 pm-1:20pm
Please direct further questions to [Mr. Acuña](#).



PICNIC

We are organizing a picnic to welcome our new families.
Please click [here](#) for date and details.



A² Academics & Activities



Upcoming College Visits

Click [here](#) for schedule.



TEC Admission Exam

11B and 12A
Saturday, August 11th at 8:30am in Liceo de Escazú.

GO ARMADILLOS!



Sports and Teams Schedule

Click [here](#) for schedule.



Training Pick-up

parking lot and do not remain in the canopy. There is interference with parents who arrive to pick up their children from clubs and trainings ending at 3:20pm. Thank you for your understanding.



Uniform Requests

Friday, August 10th
Deadline for August sports uniforms orders. Delivery date is September 1st.

Don't Forget

1

Meet the Teachers

Tuesday, August 7th, 4:00pm, Library
6A Parents

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Students' Accident Insurance Upgrade

Monday, August 13th
Deadline to make payment.

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Let's Lend a Hand

1. Support Nicaraguan Families
2. "Activo 20 30" - Graduation Dresses
August 6th-August 20th