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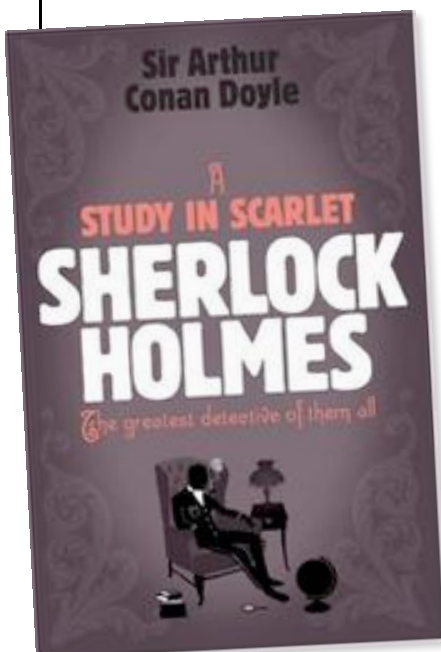
(Merriam Webster: a unity of interests among a group of persons)

We thank our parents for contributing to make the arrival and dismissal processes so fluent that now we have no cues 15 minutes after the lines start moving (some minutes after the 2:20 pm bell rings). We are now working on dismissal when after-school lessons and sports activities end (training is over at 3:50 pm; it's better to pick players up at 4:00 pm).



1. Students in consulting hours, library, or private tutoring will be picked up through the “stickers gate”, waiting for their parents in front of the main office. Please do not hold back traffic. If the student is not waiting, go to the visitors’ parking lot and reenter without going out on the street.
2. Students in after-school lessons and sports training will leave through the “quick pass gate”:
 - a. A car without a quick pass will be held up at the security booth for proper investigation.
 - b. Cars with quick passes drive through. If parents like to come early to wait for the students, please wait in Zone 3 (parking lot) as not to hold back cars whose children are ready. Those parents and their children need to have agreed on this issue beforehand.
 - c. We are asking students in sports activities and their coaches to wait in Zone 1.
 - d. Students in after-school lessons (like religion, band, etc.) and their teachers wait in Zone 2.
 - e. **All parents** in Zone 1 and 2 should stop close to the curb to leave the middle lane free for the cars to drive around (towards Zone 3 or after picking up the students in Zone 1 and 2).

**When entering and leaving the premises,
following the Zipper Style is in everyone’s interest.
Politeness is contagious.**

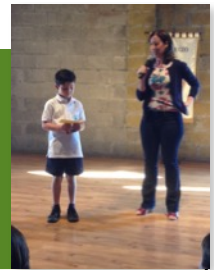


ACADEMIC NEWS

Students learn better when they can relate concepts to their actual experience. As part of their IB English course (Film and Literature unit) Eleventh B students compared the first chapter of *A Study in Scarlet* (by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle) to the first fifteen minutes of *Sherlock's* pilot episode from the BBC that they were presently watching. Students had to analyze the reasons for the director’s choices when adapting the chapter to the screen, evaluating differences in characterization, narration, setting, and plot from a critical perspective. Students were engaged in a high-level textual analysis. Sapere Aude!

LAST WEEK'S WOW

Javier Coto, 2A-2, graciously offered his BVS shirt for the yearbook photo of another student who was wearing the basketball uniform. Example of *Empathy!*



BOOK MONTH

Book Month begins this week! Please see Attachments for the calendar and description of all the activities. We are excited for a fun month celebrating diversity and literature.

The librarians' representation in the Sala Magna:
A hilarious introduction of Book Month 2017"

APTITUDE TEST

People Performance, a Spanish company, offers an aptitude test that presents important advantages for students. They offer to administer the D.I.S.C. test, which measures four areas: Decisions, Interaction with others, Stability in the Face of Stress, and Behavior Towards Tasks and Commitment. There are versions for ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades (this last one includes career orientation in the results). The test takes 20 minutes and costs \$70 per student (\$65 if more than 20 will be taking it). Those interested may write to irene.ortega@bluevalley.ed.cr



REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR COSTA RICAN OFFICIAL UNIVERSITIES

Students in Eleventh A and B began the enrollment process that expires on March 31st for admission in 2017–2018 at official universities. For more information or to complete the process, access the website <https://admission.ac.cr>. Ms. Ardón can help clear up any doubts.

COLLEGE PREP

- TEC de Monterrey (MX) will visit TODAY at 1:40 pm in room 43.
- *Universidad Europea del Atlántico*, in room 43 on Tuesday, March 7th at 12:20 pm and at 1:40 pm.
- College Fair Opportunities: Students have until Tuesday, February 28th to answer the poll in Edmodo indicating which of the two fairs they would like to attend. Students must register via the Google Form in Edmodo for their choice of fair and request their teachers' permission. Check in Attachments details and lists of universities.
- Canadian University Fair: Tuesday, March 7th, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, American International School.
- Catholic College Fair: Friday, March 10th from 9:45 to 10:45, Country Day School.



WEDNESDAY LECTURE



Tomorrow we will have the pleasure of listening to Diego Delfino speak about social networks, where he has very many followers. For some months now he has been leading the project "Contexto", a digital magazine that aims to create a collaborative and experimental space for collective meaningful communication. We are very excited to offer our students a different and young point of view! Everyone's invited. Check our Facebook for live streaming.

TECH-TALKS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS ON HOW TO USE EDMODO

March 2nd in the Virtual Room: 7:00 am to 8:00 am in English and 1:20 pm to 2:20 pm in Spanish. Please bring your own computer or mobile device with the Edmodo Parent App downloaded. Please reserve your space completing the following [form](#).

REMINDERS

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR SECONDARY Friday, March 3rd. Try to review them together.

SPACE CAMP: Informative meeting for parents and students, tomorrow 12:05 in the Virtual Room.



IB GRADUATION

We invite the school community to the 22nd IB graduation to be held on Tuesday, March 7th at 1:40 pm in the Sala Magna. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Invitation in Attachments.



SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Hogar Siembra is offering us an excellent opportunity to have fun while supporting their wonderful mission. They give shelter and education to girls that PANI cannot host. Please spread the word and come with friends to "Chefs & Sommeliers" in Avenida Escazú on Wednesday, April 5th at seven in the evening. Prosit! Bon Appetit!



A SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Thanks to Maricruz Tovar and the Gibson family (Ford and William) for receiving two Charlotte Country Day School professors at their house. The exchange was truly a valuable experience.

ELEMENTARY SPORTS DAY

The BVS P.E. department is organizing for March 8th sports activities and fun games across the grade levels. Come with sunblock, water, and ready to move!

SPORTS

COMING GAMES	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	LEAVE	GAME	COMMENT
BVS vs Lighthouse	volleyball	Varsity girls	March 2 nd	-	3:00	Pick up at BVS, 4:00
Lighthouse vs BVS	basketball	1 st - 2 nd co-ed	March 8 th	12:30	1:15	Pick up at BVS, 4:00
Lighthouse vs BVS	basketball	4 th - 5 th co-ed	March 8 th	12:30	2:10	Pick up at BVS, 4:00
RESULTS	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	SCORE	TOURNAMENT	COMMENT
ICS vs BVS	soccer	Jr.Varsity girls	February 21 st	3-2	ACTION	Maybe next time
CDS vs BVS	soccer	Jr.Varsity girls	February 22 nd	-	ACTION	Cancelled
BVS vs CDS	soccer	Jr.Varsity girls	February 23 rd	-	ACTION	Cancelled
St. Paul vs BVS	soccer	Team C	February 27 th	6-5	Friendly	Tight match

Field Trips of the Week

Third A1 & A2

La Sabana

March 6th

8:30 am to 11:00 am