



Dear High School Parents,

Welcome to the second semester of the 2006-2007 school year. Our students finished their semester exams and are now in their third week of the new term. We are moving full speed ahead, doing what we do best, "providing an academically diverse curriculum that prepares students for admission to top US and Mexican universities."

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please remember to attend our parent conference held this Friday, February 9. We will hand out the 1st semester report cards, and teachers will be on hand to meet with you about the achievement of your child. Please note that math, English, and social studies teachers will take their breaks from 11:00 to 12:00 while the science, Spanish and activity teachers will break from 12:00 to 1:00. No appointment is necessary if you would like to speak with a teacher about your child's progress. Students do not have class this day.

Week Without Walls

The student participation so far in this year's WWW program is down significantly from last year. The number of students traveling on national and international trips is 50% lower and none of the proposed national trips this year had enough students to go. Although these numbers aren't encouraging, they reflect interest in overnight travel only and don't necessarily indicate low interest in the local workshops. However, we have seen sluggish response for our workshop sign-ups too. We are still encouraging strong student support for the workshops at ASFG.

In attempts to rally support from students by way of their parents, I take this opportunity to re-familiarize you of the mission of the WWW program. I ask that you then encourage your child tonight to get involved.

The main goal of the WWW program is to instill in students a love of learning – a love that we hope will develop even stronger as they get older. Similarly, we want students to realize that their ability to learn outside the structure of a classroom environment will significantly affect their level of success in life. Most career counselors predict that students today will change careers three to five times in their lives. The ability to learn in various settings is a skill that will certainly aid our students in navigating their exciting professional futures. To this end, we believe a program like WWW, one in which students study one topic from many different academic perspectives over the course of one week, greatly reinforces this idea that learning is fun, engaging and a very important tool they will need even after their formal schooling has finished.

Below is a list of the workshops that students have proposed. I assure you the academic value

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of each of these. I have been impressed with the leadership of these few students who have brought forth these proposals and are working hard designing a week full of valuable learning activities.

What we do from here depends on the students. Three weeks ago, I spoke with all students in the auditorium and told them that this year I could not in good conscience ask the teachers to put in a lot of time planning great workshops if I wasn't first convinced that the students were interested. I then outlined a plan by which students could involve themselves in the process and thereby prove their support. I told them that this year the workshops would be proposed and planned primarily by students with support from teachers. In other words, we would not provide for students a series of workshops but rather assist them in this planning.

We shared with them at that time and have since posted frequent reminders that the due date for proposals and sign ups is this Thursday, February 8. We have decided to extend this deadline one more day so that parents who are attending the conferences on Friday can still make a payment. The deposit for all workshops is \$400 paid in the school cashier. More information about these workshops can be found at the following web address:

<http://asfg.mx/highschool/www/www.php>

Ballroom Dance
AP Spanish Workshop
College Admissions and SAT Workshops
Climbing
Composition and Studio Recording
Theater Production
Native American Crafts and Anthropology
Photography
African Drumming
Video Gaming
Self Defense
Service Learning with Crisol
Service Learning with Pie Pequeño
Service Learning with Pedacito de Cielo

Message from the Admissions Office

The admissions season for the 2007-2008 school year has begun. We will offer new parents interested in enrolling their children in our school two opportunities to see our installations, the classrooms, meet our teachers and hear a short presentation about our Early Childhood program. If you know of families that might be interested in joining our ASFG community, please tell them to contact our school's Admissions Director, Peach Madrigal. The next informational evening is February 15. We will be hosting admissions assessment for incoming Early Childhood students February 28- March 2. If you have younger children you'd like to bring into Early Childhood next school year, you do not have to attend the informational evenings, but do need to contact Peach in Admissions to register your child for the admissions assessment.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child's achievement in our school.

Sincerely,

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