

Friday, March 30, 2007

Dear High School Parents,

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.
– Prolific Canadian writer and poet Margaret Atwood.

Happy Spring! The year moves on as students and teachers roll up their sleeves to continue exploring the world of knowledge. On this terrific journey, we welcome the sometimes bewildering and uncertain (if not messy) pursuit of understanding. After all, questions are at the core of understanding and for every question answered, many more are born...

This week SACS, the association that accredits our American academic program, was here on campus reviewing our engagement in and commitment to continuous school improvement. The preliminary report indicates that our school is strong and our accreditation will be fully renewed. Nevertheless, as consummate professionals, we look forward to receiving the full report which contains commendations and recommendations on how to continue down the path of growth and improvement.

Please be reminded that inscriptions for next year will begin on April 23 and end May 11. Inscriptions during the first two weeks are by appointment only. Avoid the long lines of the last week by making an appointment with Jorge Andrade at extension 1003. All necessary information pertaining to the inscription process can be found on the ASFG homepage beginning April 16.

Our upper school psychologist, Carlos Bauche, has begun the second part of his sexuality and addiction courses. Mr. Bauche and I encourage parents to engage in discussions with their children about these important topics. By listening to and valuing their thoughts, beliefs and questions, not only do we provide avenues for communication but we also learn a great deal about ourselves and our society. Mr. Bauche would also like to invite parents to talk with him here at school should any questions or concerns arise. You can reach him at the school phone number at the extension 6013 or by calling the high school office.

The students and teachers who traveled to Boston, Germany and China have arrived back in Guadalajara safe and sound with reports of wonderful learning experiences and great fun. We thank you for supporting these extensions of our academic program that enrich classroom learning. After spring break, teachers and students will begin to talk about WWW next year and put forth proposals for trips and local workshops.

Have a safe and restful spring holiday. Enjoy your time with family and friends. When we return in April, our focus will return to aggressively meeting the ASFG Learning Goals (http://www.asfg.mx/about/learning_goals.php), so please, rest well!

Sincerely,

David McGrath
High School Principal