

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

May 23, 2005

Awards Ceremony - Mark your calendars for this year's MS Awards Ceremony, one of the highlights of the school year, when students are given recognition for distinction in academic and community activities. The ceremony will take place on **Thursday, May 26 at 8:15 a.m.** in the PAAC. The Upper School ceremony will immediately follow at **10:54 a.m.** Parents are cordially invited to attend. Come congratulate our students for their academic achievements, at this most important assembly of the year!

Awty Étoiles (Dance Ensemble) - To celebrate the end of the year in style, the Awty Dance Ensemble (The Étoiles) will perform for the Middle School during their assembly on Monday the 23rd, and for the Upper School at the end of the Upper School Award Ceremony on Thursday the 26th. From Ballet to Tap by way of Hip-Hop, there will be pieces choreographed by students as well as the Director. Students studying Dance in 8th grade will also be performing, at the Middle School Assembly.

Quote of the Summer - *"Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy."* Anne Frank (1929 - 1945), *Diary of a Young Girl*, 1952. Simply write a summary and explanation of this quote and hand it in by Friday to Mrs Youssef. The best entry will win 2 tickets to the Edwards Cinema Complex and a gift certificate. Have a great summer!

End of Year Exams - There will be five days of finals for grades 7 through 11. Following a one-exam-per-day policy, the schedule for Middle School is as follows:

5/27 English; 5/31 History; 6/1 Science; 6/2 Languages; 6/3 Math from 8:30 to 10:30 every day. Please understand that these finals are an important element of the students' academic training.

Bus Schedule - School buses will run at their regular time up to and including Thursday, May 26. During the exam periods (May 27 - June 3), buses will depart campus at 11.00 a.m. There will be no supervision at school after exams. Students may either take the bus, be picked up or attend Awty Plus.

Uniform Donations - Starting Monday May 23rd thru Friday June 3rd the APPA will be collecting used uniforms. Watch for the drop off boxes placed in front of the Lower School Car Pool pick-up, Big Blue and the Reception Office. The uniforms must comply with the school uniform policy, be in good condition, and clearly display sizes. The APPA especially encourages all families that are leaving Awty to donate their uniforms. We greatly appreciate your donations.

Lost & Found - Please come and look for lost items before June 3rd. After that date, everything will be donated to various charities by Mrs. Gharibeh, the Community Service Coordinator. If you would like to volunteer to wash some of the clothes before they are donated, please contact Mrs Youssef, ext. 319.

School Store - All families should have received the following information: Book lists by grade, a pre-order form, the Summer Reading List and the Buy Back List. If you have not yet received this information, please visit or call the School Store, 713-686-4850 ext. 304 as soon as possible. The pre-order deadline for the International Section is June 3. The deadline for the French Section was May 13. The buy back of books will take place the last week of school (May 31-June 3). However, if you are not returning to Awty in August, you may bring your books in a few days early. The Book Sale for back-to-school will take place August 15-17 and more detailed information will be mailed during the summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or come by the Store. Thank you.

Library Books - All library books should have already been returned to the Sarofim Library. Library books still checked out after May 27 will be charged to your account.

Lockers - Please remember to empty out your locker by June 3. After that date, anything left behind in the lockers will be thrown away.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - Please remember to save your BOX TOPS over the summer months. These small pink rectangles (found on participating General Mills products) are worth ten cents each when we redeem them. Just cut them out, save them and bring them back to school in August. THANKS!

Happy Birthday, Joyeux Anniversaire this week to Amrutha Shridhar, Angel Alvarez, Michael Conner, Sarah Le Pichon, Margaux Colas, Anna Van Dun, and Camille Dilindi !