

Principal's Notes:

Week of April 12th: Week A

Dear SS Parents and Students,

As we continue into the second semester, I hope this message finds you and your families in the best of health .

The results from the StuCo Talent Show of Friday April 9th are the following:

1st place Nicholas Rivera on the piano

*2nd place: Laszlo Otis and Deniz Sarvan performing
Blinding Lights*

3rd place: Lucas Calderon on the drums

Best Young Artist: Alexia Luzio

Electrifying performance of the night: Deniz Sarvan

***Congratulations to these wonderful talented performers!!!
Well done!***

Please check below for te details of more StuCo events coming up this quarter: online gaming and a master chef afternoon!!!

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Grace Kerscher

Principal's Notes: *WEEK A- Sept Oct 19-Oct 23*

Dear SS Parents,

I'm hoping that you enjoyed some family time last week!!!

I just want to remind you that starting this coming week, we have a new schedule.

Please click here for the **Modified Friday Schedule for Q2:**

1. No Friday advisory and **first class of the day on Fridays start at 8:15 a.m.**
2. We have added 5 minute breaks between periods 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6 and 7 and 8. The **time allotted for major breaks and lunch remain the same**
3. **Classes on Friday end at 3:10pm.**

Below you will find the latest updates of events coming up this week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

Grace Kerscher

Principal's Notes: *WEEK B - Sept Oct 5-Oct 9*

Dear SS Parents,

In one more weeks we would have already reached the halfway mark of the semester, and there are many important reminders outlined below, including Parent Forums, our new Curbside Library and Standardized Testing for our students.

On the academic front it's important that you check PowerSchool together with your child and reach out to teachers this coming week. Teachers all have support services in the afternoons Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, on an appointment basis. Students are expected to contact their teachers beforehand with enough time for teachers to plan for extra support.

**This week is pickup and drop off for Secondary School. Please drop off your books from last year 2019-20 and pick up your bags according to the following schedule:
From 8:30-1:00 p.m.1:30-5:00 p.m.**

Monday, Oct 5 - Middle School

Tuesday, Oct. 6. - High School

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8 and 9. - All Secondary School

Please note that the last school day before Fall Break is Oct 9th and students will be let off at 12:40 midday.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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Grace Kerscher

Principal's Notes: *WEEK A - Sept 28-Oct 2nd*

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September 10th

Dear ACS Secondary Community,

PARENT EXPERIENCE SURVEYS

We have received positive comments about the new schedules in both ES and SS that reflect the feedback you shared with us last year. We will continue to solicit your feedback by administering periodic surveys, the first of which will be sent August 27.

YOU'RE INVITED: GENERAL ASSEMBLY: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 at 5:00p.m.

Please click on this link : <https://zoom.us/j/94994864062>

to attend virtually and hear about the state of the school, learning celebrations, and opportunities to be involved including parent representative information.

SECONDARY PICK UP OF LOCKER MATERIALS AND RESOURCES.

- **Thursday 20th and Monday 24th August:** Grades 9, 10,11 and 12

For parents who do not pick up during these days during the scheduled time, you can come by school the week of Aug. 25 - 27 between 8:30 - 1:00 pm.

SS WAAGs 2020-21

Please click on this link to see the [Secondary School Teachers' List of WAAGs](#).

Secondary Supply Lists

- Stay home and order school supplies for your children. Parents have shared that the following information about bookstores that will deliver supplies to your house:
 - Bookstore Olimpia delivers through "Pedidos Ya" delivery service
 - Orders can also be made from Libreria Virtual. [Here is the link.](#)

Due to the global pandemic that we are experiencing there are traditional secondary events that will not be allowed according to the Bolivian Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. One of those is CWW trips(classroom without walls). However, we are planning 3 days of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) activities during semester one and will send you more information later on about the event,

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 24

Voting ballots for 2020-2021 Class Reps sent out to all parents

Aug. 24 - 27

Late pick-up of iPads, Adventure Kits and Personal Belongings; 8:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Aug. 26

General Membership Mtg @ 5 pm.

Aug. 27

Voting for 2020-2021 Class Reps ends at 3:00pm

Aug. 28

Elected 2020-2021 Class Reps Announced

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August 22nd, 2020

Message from the Principal

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We look forward to building on our strong start to the school year.

Sincerely, Maria Inarra

May 25th

Principal's Notes:

Dear ACS Secondary Community,

I hope this message finds you all safe and healthy.

The last week of the semester is already upon us. It's so difficult to believe that the school year is about to end.

Here are some important points to note as we end the year:

- *There will not be the usual Semester Final Exams for High School students, however there will be culminating quarter 4 exams. Each quarter, 3 and 4, will receive the 50% of the semester 2 grade weight, except for AP subjects which continue to be graded as usual.*
- **Seniors:**
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 - *Graduation: May 29, 10:00am*
- **SS Arts Celebrations:**

- *Music talent Virtual Celebrations: May 25-27*
- **Last week of school**
 - [Special Schedule Week link](#)
 - Last day of classes: May 28
- Supply lists for next school year will be placed on the ACS Website next week
- Summer Reading

Have a great week! Stay safe.

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Bono familiar:

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- We suggest families wait to request their bono familia due to a technical issue with the Ministry of Education. The Ministry of Education is aware of the issue and has assured us that they are working to resolve it as quickly as possible. The issue stems from our different academic calendars. You will receive notification as soon as we hear that the issue has been resolved
- Families will have 90 days from May 18 to claim the Bono Familia
- Banks have different requirements for families to receive the bono. Documents that may be required include recent Bolivian report cards with or without signatures and/or stamps
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Calendar Reminders -

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SS Schedule C for Quarantine Days

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Secondary Support:

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May 18th

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If you are invited to any of the end of year virtual events please make sure to have downloaded the Zoom App before so you have easy access on the day of the event.

[Here is the Special Calendar to end the school year](#)

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April 27 and May 4th

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Grade 5-6 transition : May 11-15

Seniors:

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April 6th

Dear ACS Secondary Community,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits.

As we conclude our second week of academic quarantine, I want to thank those of you who have been sharing feedback about the secondary long-distance program. As we move through the next couple weeks online, we will undoubtedly come up against other academic challenges, but I'm sure that with your continued support we will be able to find solutions for them.

Next week we have a special schedule week where we will use Thursday April 9th to replace the day lost of March 13th when the Ministry started the closure of schools to protect students in Bolivia. The schedule is attached [here](#).

Please be reminded that it is important to check grades on PowerSchool regularly. If you have any questions reach out immediately to teachers or administration, and check your email regularly for messages from the teachers.

Spirit week is coming up! We will have an all school spirit week from April 13-17 where we will have fun activities every day! Schedule will come out soon! Please check the Secondary Counselor's important message under the "secondary counseling" tab.

I wish you all a fantastic third week starting April 6th. Stay safe.

Warm Regards,

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March 16th

Dear ACS Parents and Students,

Please read the following important message from Mr. Otis.

*"I appreciate everyone's flexibility and adherence to the measures that the Bolivian Government is taking to minimize the spread of CoVid-19. Here are some important updates, reminders, and resources as we head into our campus closure next week. Remember that while campus will be closed, **school is in session beginning Monday, March 23**, following the modified full day schedules (ES and SS). Academic Measure C will be implemented as published in our [Distance Learning Expectations \(English/Spanish\)](#) until we reopen Wednesday, April 1.*

Articles For Us to Read

- [Tips for Parents When School is Closed](#)
- [Lessons From the Future: Advice re: Corona](#)
- Additional articles can be found in the [Cougar Hub](#)

Updates

- **MS Friendship Games: Cancelled:** Full refunds available when campus reopens
- **Extra-curricular programming suspended** until school reopens. Adjustments to the calendar as well as possible reimbursement are being considered.
- Saturday, March 28: **OperationSmile Talent Show: Postponed**
- March 30-April 1: **Cognia Accreditation Visit Postponed**
- Sunday March 22: **All students receive notification of distance learning assignments, projects and expectations on Google Classroom and ClassDojo**
- Saturday, May 2: **SAT Cancelled by College Board**
- [Financial Aid Application 2020-2021 \(English\)](#) or [Aplicacion Ayuda Financiera 2020-2021 \(Spanish\)](#) **Deadline extended until April 6**

For the sake of our children please be confident, calm and compassionate during these challenging times."

Best Regards,

Grace Kerscher

Secondary Principal.

March 9th

Dear ACS Parents ,

In Quarter three we have seen a significant increase in the number of lost items at school and our Lost and Found storage trunk is overflowing with sweatshirts, athletic wear, shoes and sports bags in addition to the usual lunch bags and other miscellaneous items.

It is easy to return to students, items that are clearly named. However, most have no names and even though they are placed outside for identification on an almost daily basis, the pile has taken on a life of its own and keeps on growing.

We will continue to place lost items outside in the front patio for identification purposes until Parent Teachers Conferences on March 25th. After the conferences, any items that have not been identified and collected will be donated to charity. Items that are left on the top of the lockers at the end of each day will also be collected by our cleaning staff and taken to the Lost and Found for Identification until March 25th. Students should store items in their lockers, not on top of them.

Please remind your child to check in Lost and Found as soon as you discover that an item is missing. The Lost and Found trunk is in the school's main reception area, behind Martha Aseby, and Juan Chui displays the items in the front patio almost daily.

To avoid this problem, please ensure that all your child's items are clearly named with your child's full name and grade level if possible. Thank you for your support with this matter.

The approved the 2020-2021 ACS School Calendar is linked [here](#). Please feel free to use the calendar to plan family activities outside of school time for the next school year, 2020-21.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me.

Best regards and have a great week,

Grace Kerscher

Secondary Principal.

February 3rd, 2020

January 27th, 2020

January 20th, 2020

Principal's NoteS:

Dear ACS Secondary Parents,

Here is an update on our Secondary Athletics program.

We are happy to share that our American partner schools that participate in Friendship Games, including ACS, have been in communication regarding *rescheduling Middle School Friendship Games* and *incorporating Soccer and Volleyball into the upcoming High School Friendship Games* in April. Two of our partner schools (AISB and CCS) are not currently in session and schools will reach a final decision in the following week.

If partner schools agree to the proposed dates and changes then:

Middle School Friendship Games will be for Soccer and Volleyball students that had originally been selected to participate in the postponed Games in November. These students must, however, still meet eligibility requirements as described in the Secondary Athletic Handbook. The proposed dates for Middle School Friendship Games are April 2-4. These dates are **tentative** pending agreement by all schools and that decision will likely be made by the first week of February. We will alert you as soon as the final decision about whether to hold MS Friendship Games is made.

High School Friendship Games may include the complete list of HS Sports/activities for the school year (Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field, Chess and Knowledge Bowl).

The training schedule for all secondary sports/activities [linked here](#) serves the needs of all student-athletes so they can improve their skills regardless of whether they compete in Friendship Games

Cougar Cup

No changes: Middle School and High School spring sports training includes Track and Field and Basketball for both the MS and HS Cougar Cups. Dates for the MS and HS Cougar Cups will be determined mid-February.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact our Athletic Director, Elba Bayer.

Best Regards

Grace Kerscher

Secondary Principal.

School Moments:

Please check the link below for important moments in secondary including testing dates, student events and school breaks:

Calendar Reminders -

- ***Athletics sign ups: Jan 7-20th (Basketball, Track and Field, Chess and HS Knowledge Bowl.)*** [Training Schedule linked here](#)
- The GIN class is starting the 3rd quarter drive on Friday, Jan. 17. Each grade level has been asked to bring different dry foods to benefit the different organizations our school works with. Thank you for your support!
- ***Bolivian Holiday: Jan 22nd***
- ***[ACS Photography sessions schedule linked here:](#) Jan 27- 31.***
- ***Grade 8 Food Sale: Jan 24th***

- **Grade 7 Movie Night:** January 24th
- **ACS Board Meeting:** Jan 27th
- **Early Dismissal:** Jan 29th
- **Grade 9 Food Sale:** Jan 31st
- **NHS Fashion Show:** Jan 31st - Details will be posted.
- **MAP Testing:** Winter MS MAP testing **Feb 7 - 12**
- **Food Sale Grade 6** - Feb 7
- **ACT TEST** - Feb 8
- **Q3 Midterm** - Feb 10
- **Hero Celebration:** More information on the way - **Feb 10** (special Schedule will be posted)
- **Early Dismissal** - Feb 12th

Valentines Sale Grade 11 - Feb 10-14

- **Valentine's Ball hosted by Grade 11** - Feb 14th, more information coming.

Secondary Connections

Important Reminders and Updates

- MAP testing - Feb 7 - 12 (MS)

Additional Resources for Parents

- Article for Parents: [How to talk to children about difficult news](#)
- Activity for parents to do with child: [Construir Esperanza- Bolivia](#)
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- Monday - Math
- Tuesday - Science
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- Friday December 6th - Principal's Study Session in SS Library - 3:30- 5:00pm

MS teachers have begun to request the presence of students during their weekly Support Services in semester 2. If you received a letter from the secondary office requesting your child's presence, please ensure that they attend the sessions requested by communicating with the corresponding teacher(s).

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How to Build Effective Relationships with Kids

by

Katrina Schwartz

January 13th, 2020.

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I hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start school again. Thank you for being part of our amazing learning community, your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education.

We look forward to seeing you and your children again tomorrow morning.

Best Regards

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Secondary Principal.

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Calendar Reminders -

- ***Athletics sign ups: Jan 7-10th***
- ***Early Dismissal Wednesday: January 15th***
- ***Grade 9 Bake Sale: Jan 17th***
- ***GIN Food Drive: Starts Jan 17th***
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Important Student Parent Handbook Excerpts.

Admission Policies

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All students who apply to ACS must provide all required documentation in order for their admissions folder to be reviewed. Once they complete the admissions process and if they are accepted they must meet the requirements stipulated in the ACS Admissions Policy.

Admission Contracts

In some cases, families may be required to sign admission contracts that detail any conditions that must be met for ACS to officially register the child. These conditions may include: “convalidacion” of grades for the Bolivian system, late registration, plan to make-up missed assignments, *tutoring requirements, *ESL classes, online courses, etc.

*Note - families may be required to pay additional fees for any special services provided by the school.

Admission Windows

The following policy governs late entry to the Secondary School after the official start of any quarter of study:

- Students who arrive within the first two weeks of the quarter must make up all summative work assigned by the teacher and will earn regular grades and credit value for the quarter.
- Students that arrive between the third and fourth week of the quarter are not required to make up missed work; however, they are responsible for all content introduced and will be evaluated on the material on summative evaluations. Students will be graded on all assignments during the remaining five to seven weeks; however, they will be assigned only a pass/fail grade. A pass will represent a grade of over 70%.

- Students that arrive after the fourth week of the quarter will not earn credit for the quarter and no grade will be assigned unless an academic contract that clearly describes the conditions necessary for a student to earn credit is signed before admission.

December 14th:

Dear ACS Parents,

As we countdown to the end of Semester one, I want to thank you for your continuous support and trusting us with the education of your children, especially during the latter part of the semester where we experienced political disruption and had to make daily changes in some cases.

I hope you have a well deserved three week rest from December 14th to January 6th. Classes for semester two start on Tuesday January 7th.

See you then and have a wonderful break.

Best Regards

Grace Kerscher

Secondary Principal.

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Secondary Connections

Forum on Resilience

- <https://youtu.be/r3K0uEFwiak>

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- We will be rescuing as much time as possible on the normal schedule for students to have more time in their classrooms with their teachers

Stage 3: Ending the Semester

- There will not be the traditional 2 hour Final exam for HS. Teachers will create alternative assessments or smaller portioned assessments.
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November 20th,

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Grace Kerscher

Secondary Principal.

November 18th,

Dear ACS Parents,

Welcome back!!!

I hope to see the smiling faces of our students tomorrow after the week uncertain events due to civil disruption.

To start the week of normalcy tomorrow we have a special schedule where students will go to all their classes

Here is the schedule: [Special Monday Schedule](#)

We will start the day with an all SS assembly in the theater where students will have a presentation and workshop on Understanding Crisis in their Lives and How to Recognize Social-emotional Stress. After the workshop students will then have an 8 period scheduled day.

This week we start back with our academic after school supports. Monday is Math, Tuesday is Science, Thursday is English and Social Studies. Classes will be on the normal schedule starting Tuesday morning and continuing for the rest of the semester. Since we will be running classes on normal schedule, attendance will also be taken. **Please remember to let the level secretary know if your child will be absent.**

As always, the safety of the ACS community remains our priority.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards

Grace Kerscher

Secondary Principal.

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Calendar Reminders -

- [Special Monday Schedule](#)
- **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Please come to the General Assembly this Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Theatre. Learn about what ACS is doing to support your children and resources for parents. This short article for example [Talking to Children About Violence](#) can help start productive conversations at home.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS AND SUPPORT

Created in collaboration with external psychologists the students viewed these presentations [ES Student Presentation](#) and [SS Student Presentation](#) today and then broke up into small groups with teachers to discuss their experiences, thoughts and feelings about recent events. ACS will also have its counseling staff and external psychologists on campus all week to provide individuals or groups with support as appropriate.

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September 23, 2019

Principal's Notes:

Dear ACS Parents,

We are making a folder of CWW pictures and will post them here in the Cougar Hub for all to see.

Please check our School Moments section below for details of important events coming up.

Best Regards

Grace Kerscher

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September 9, 2019

Principal's Notes:

Dear ACS Parents,

Please find the [SS Special Schedule for possible disruption days](#).

In this schedule you will find links to each department's process for how they will deliver their lessons in case we experience additional disruptions this school year. Please take a few minutes to read them and note that Art class will need you to purchase a simple list

of materials to have at hand at home, and Music requires students to take their instrument and music book home every day.

If you have any concerns please contact me, or the specific subject teacher of your child.

This week we will have a special schedule week so that students may meet with their CWW Sponsors on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to prepare for their trips. On Wednesday we will have a commemorative ceremony for 9/11. Please find this weeks [Special Schedule](#) here.

Best Regards

Grace Kerscher

Secondary Principal.

School Moments

CWW 2019:

**Please check this link for details of the
[CWW Departure Plan.](#)**

**Secondary School CWW grade levels
will travel to the places outlined below
during the week of September 16th -
20th. Students in grades 6 and 10 will
leave on Tuesday and be back on
Thursday. Grade 7 will leave on Tuesday
and be back on Friday.**

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- Grade 7: Sahama - Tuesday 17-20. *On Monday 16th continuation of CWW Academics in room 210 (Aaron Smith)*
- Grade 8: Sucre/Potosi - 16-20.
- Grade 9: Madidi - 16-20
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- Grade 12 Cuzco and Machu Picchu - 16-20.
- *CWW local activities take place here on campus and this year all students not traveling are expected to attend local CWW. Here are the details of the Local CWW Activities: [Urban Gardening](#)*

ACS Whole Child Wellness -

ACS Secondary School Healthy Dispositions: This is the link to healthy dispositions that Secondary School will be using this school year. Students will be graded on all 6 dispositions during each quarter, and receive an overall quarter grade at the end of the quarter,

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Secondary Archive 2019

Sept 2nd

Principal's NoteS:

Dear ACS Parents,

It has been brought to our attention that some of our secondary students have been taking "rough housing" to another level where it can easily be misconstrued for harassment. The secondary counselor has posted the following in her Counseling tab and we would appreciate that you read the linked article with your children.

- ***Rough housing-*** When is rough housing and horseplay dangerous. Read [Article](#)

If you have any concerns or questions

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Grace Kerscher

Secondary Principal.

Message: OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

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Aug 26th

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Mission

We challenge and inspire students to be critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and responsible global citizens through a comprehensive, English-based education.

Values

Founded in Integrity

Committed to Diversity

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FEEDBACK WANTED

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Important Student Parent Handbook Excerpts

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HOT STUFF

See the cafeteria menu [here](#). **Cafeteria Menu**

CALENDAR

See calendar updates [here](#).

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