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WEEKLY BULLETIN



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General Director

The Importance of Student Leadership

By Joaquin B., Class of 2030; Jose M., Class of 2030; Ian J., Class of 2030; Amal E., Class of 2029; and Mr. Nash, General Director

The Journalism Club interviewed AIS students about how they lead today and what leadership might mean for them in the future. Their answers show that leadership can take many forms, from encouraging teammates and supporting fellow performers to helping younger students find their confidence.

Sonny Gutierrez leads on the basketball court by setting an example for his teammates. "It's not only about playing well yourself. It's also about showing your teammates how to be respectful and stay controlled. If you get mad, it won't help your team, and they may do the same." Looking ahead, Sonny hopes to own a development company in the United States.



Olivia Salem, who has a lead role in the theater, sees leadership as "doing what's right even when other people aren't looking." She hopes to lead in movies or theater and be someone others can look to for advice.

Lia knows that leadership does not depend on having a lead role. "You can learn from others and show what it means to stay cool and calm and give your best, even when you're nervous." In the future, she hopes to work in mechanical and electrical engineering and lead aerospace projects, sharing her expertise with others.



As Secretary General of AISMUN, Cora Nelson works to help others find their confidence. "Leadership means being a positive influence on others, helping them reach their goals and seeing potential in them that they might not recognize in themselves yet." She hopes to work in a collaborative environment and become "the kind of leader that inspires" on projects of any size.



Ivan Lopez developed his leadership skills as a junior guide on outdoor learning expeditions. "We had to be clear with the younger students not only about what they had to do, but also why they had to do it." He hopes to study finance and pursue work in real estate, land development, or project management, helping build communities and connections.



Together, these students show that leadership starts with the choices they make now and can grow into many different paths in the future.

Monthly Calendar and Upcoming Events

General Upcoming Events:

October 23rd

PTO Fiambre Activity

October 26th-30th Spirit Week (Monday: Pajamas, Tuesday: Jersey/Sports, Wednesday: No School for Conferences, Thursday: Career Day, Friday: Book Character Day).

October 28th Parent Conferences (No classes for students)

Calendars:

For monthly calendars please see [HERE](#)

Please find the 2026-27 School Year at a Glance calendar [HERE](#)

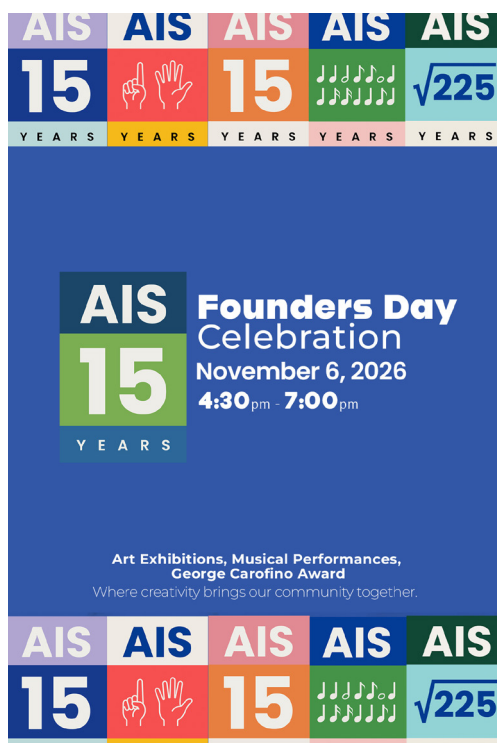
For a detailed version of this school year's events, click [HERE](#)

Please find the October cafeteria menu [HERE](#)

If you would like to add the AIS Events Calendar to your personal calendar, please see [HERE](#)

[If you would like information on how to join the AIS Whatsapp Channel please see **HERE.**](#)





AIS 15th Anniversary Celebration

AGENDA

Events will take place from Wednesday Nov 4th to Saturday Nov 7th at noon.

Fifteen years of learning to think critically, act ethically, and serve others. Join our students, families, alumni, faculty, and friends for a weekend of celebration.

The Weekend at a Glance

WEDNESDAY

Pacaya Volcano Leadership Summit: A hike with seniors, alumni, and AIS friends. **7:00AM WITH ANDREA CARDONA**

THURSDAY

Beer and Snacks: Craft beer and bites. A space to gather and connect. **5:00PM, CERVECERIA 14**

FRIDAY

Arts Night: A special anniversary edition of student performances and art exhibitions. **4:30PM**

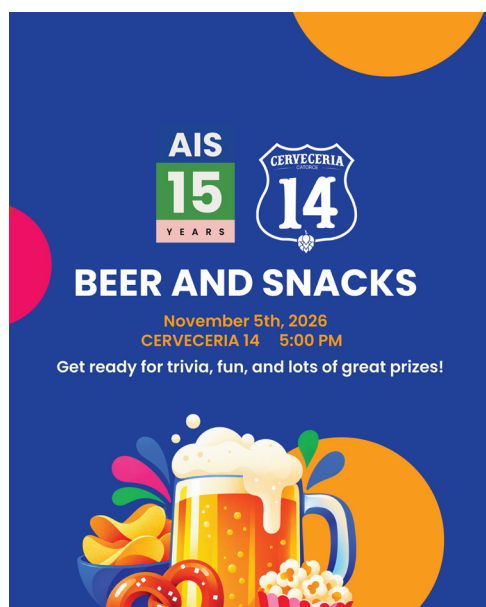
SATURDAY

AIS Legacy Cup: A friendly soccer tournament bringing together students, alumni, parents, and staff. **8:00AM, AIS CAMPUS**

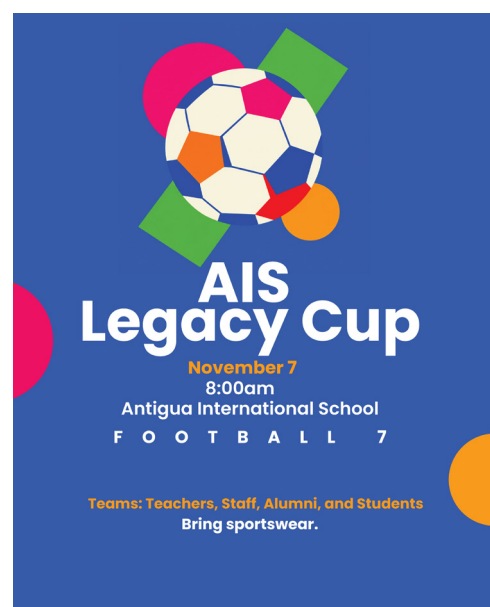
We hope you will join us!



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Registration Form

Secondary School

Lauren Streifer and Michelle Acker Perez

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Conferences are one of our favorite days of the year: a chance for students, families, and teachers to sit down together and talk about how things are going. Each family can sign up for two 10-minute conferences: one with an academic teacher and one with an elective or experiential teacher. Conferences run from 8:00 to 3:45.

How to sign up:

Open the [sign-up document](#).

Secondary teachers are on the first sheet, in alphabetical order.

Enter your family's name in an open time slot for each of your two teachers.

Making the most of 10 minutes:

Look over Q1 report cards and PowerSchool together beforehand.

Talk as a family about which two teachers would be most valuable to meet.

Have your student come with one thing that's going well and one goal for Q2.

We look forward to seeing you on the 28th!



Primary School

Natalia Zmaczynska and Sadie Rhinesmith

From Learning to Impact: 1st graders and community helpers

After various weeks of learning who are community helpers and what they do for our community, students connected those lessons with their daily life: noticing and appreciating what others do for our AIS community! After preparing thank you cards and posters, groups of students ventured into different areas of our campus to express gratitude to those that keep our campus clean, powered, fed, and running so smoothly. Thank you for all you do for AIS!



Early Childhood Program

Luis Carrillo

The Early Childhood families gathered today to plan our annual "Thanksgiving" event.

I am thankful to be part of this fantastic community. We want to give a round of applause to all our parent volunteers for their hard work in running the centers and setting up a fabulous feast. It warms our hearts to see parents become colleagues as teachers, giving our young learners unique opportunities to become little chefs. This activity helps us grow as a learning community. Special thanks to Ms. Alejandra Martínez, Ms. Hicel Cualio, and Ms. Camila for leading this fantastic session. Teamwork makes the dream work!



Service Learning

Michelle Acker Perez and Sadie Rhinesmith

This week some of our high school students volunteered at FUNCOLI during a medical event, where they used their bilingual skills to translate between patients and medical staff so families could communicate with confidence. Others played games with children waiting for their appointments, keeping them happy and giving parents peace of mind. Students showed empathy, joy, and a willingness to help wherever needed, bring the pillar of serving others to life.



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Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Maria Elena Valencia

After-School Program

We are filled with pride and joy to see the enthusiasm with which your children participate in our after-school clubs: Link, Gardens & Farming, and Bright Minds. In every craft and project, our students put their skills into practice and showcase extraordinary creativity. Above all, we love seeing the energy and genuine passion they bring to each learning experience. Thank you for your continued support at home in nurturing their growth. Let's keep celebrating their talent and imagination together!

Sports Tryouts & Rosters: Junior Varsity (JV) & Varsity

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the tryouts for the Boys and Girls Junior Varsity and Varsity Soccer teams! You showed incredible perseverance and dedication throughout the tryouts. Welcome to the team!

Practices Begin: Monday, November 9

Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

3rd AIS Basketball Cup (U14 & U17 Co-ed)

We invite you to come out and support our student-athletes during the 3rd Basketball Cup!

Dates: October 22 – November 5

Athletic Uniforms

If you need to purchase an official AIS sports uniform, please stop by the main reception desk where our team will provide you with all the details.

Orders: Accepted Monday through Wednesday, from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

Delivery: Uniforms are delivered 2 weeks after the purchase date.

Health & Wellness Activities

"AIS Legends Cup: Celebrating 15 Years"

Sports Tournament for Parents, Alumni, Staff, and Students

Date: Saturday, November 7 (Soccer Matches)

Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Location: AIS Campus

We cordially invite all families who have left a legacy at AIS! Don't miss out!



SPORTS & AFTER-SCHOOL SCHEDULE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26 – 30



MONDAY
OCTOBER 26


3:00 PM – 4:00 PM


2:00 PM
U14 Co-ed
Academia Municipal San Lucas vs. Academia San Miguel Dueñas
(3rd AIS Basketball Cup)


3:00 PM
U17 Co-ed
Academia Municipal San Lucas vs. Academia San Miguel Dueñas
(3rd AIS Basketball Cup)


DANCE
Grades 1–4
Rehearsals for the Final Showcase
("100% Rhythm" – Phase 4)


ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
Grades 1–2
Rehearsals for the Final Showcase
("100% in Action: Connecting My Moves")

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 27


3:00 PM – 4:00 PM


DANCE
Grades 5–6
Rehearsals for the Final Showcase
("100% Rhythm" – Phase 4)


ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
Grades 3–4
Rehearsals for the Final Showcase
("100% in Action: Connecting My Moves")


2:00 PM
U14 Co-ed
Escuela Municipal Jocotenango vs. Academia Municipal Pastores
(3rd AIS Basketball Cup)


3:00 PM
U17 Co-ed
Escuela Municipal Jocotenango vs. Academia Municipal Pastores
(3rd AIS Basketball Cup)

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 29


3:00 PM – 4:00 PM


ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
Grades 3–4
Rehearsals for the Final Showcase
("100% in Action: Connecting My Moves")


OUTDOOR EXPLORERS
Grades 1–2
Survival & Teamwork Challenge


3:00 PM
U14 Co-ed
Semifinal 1
(3rd AIS Basketball Cup)


4:00 PM
U17 Co-ed
Semifinal 1
(3rd AIS Basketball Cup)



Health and Wellness

Nurse Carolina

Key Recommendations for Prevention

1. Stay Up to Date on Vaccinations

Make sure your children are up to date on all recommended vaccinations. Consult with your pediatrician for guidance.

2. Practice Good Hygiene

Wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds.

Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow when coughing or sneezing, not with your hands.

3. Keep Children Home When They Have Symptoms

If your child has fever, cough, nasal congestion, or fatigue, it is best to keep them at home to prevent spreading illness to others. Please notify the school if your child is sick.



CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION

PREVENTING RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES AT SCHOOL

WHEN NOT TO BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL



FEVER
100.4°F (38°C)
or higher



VOMITING
in the past
24 hours



DIARRHEA
in the past
24 hours



**SEVERE COUGH
OR CONTAGIOUS
ILLNESS**
that prevents them
from participating in
activities

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Support Program

Awe: Discovering the World Alongside Our Children *By Mr. Ricardo*

Sometimes, we get so caught up in our daily routines that we stop paying attention to the incredible things happening all around us. Awe is that feeling we experience when something surprises us, sparks our curiosity, or helps us see the world in a different way. It can be something as simple as looking at the stars, admiring a beautiful landscape, discovering an animal we have never seen before, or hearing an inspiring story.

For children, these experiences are especially important. Childhood is a time filled with questions, discoveries, and a desire to understand how the world works. When we give children opportunities to explore, observe, and experience moments of wonder, we are not only creating meaningful family memories but also helping them develop their curiosity and desire to learn.

Why is it important to encourage awe in our children?

Awe can have many benefits for children's development. These experiences can contribute to their emotional well-being, help reduce stress, and encourage feelings such as empathy and compassion. When children take a moment to observe something they find amazing, they also have an opportunity to step away from their everyday worries and connect with the world around them.

Awe is also closely connected to learning. When something sparks our curiosity, we naturally want to ask questions, look for answers, and understand it better. This can motivate children to develop critical thinking skills, explore new ideas, and discover interests they may not have known they had.

How can we encourage awe at home?

We don't need to plan complicated activities or organize big outings to help our children discover the world. Often, the best opportunities come from everyday moments.

Explore nature: Going for a walk, observing the clouds, looking for insects, listening to birds, or stargazing can become opportunities to discover something new.

Learn together: Watching a documentary about animals, space, or different places around the world can spark questions and lead to interesting family conversations.

Discover inspiring stories: Reading a biography, learning about someone who has overcome challenges, or discovering how a person achieved something extraordinary can help children broaden their perspectives.

Visit new places: A museum, an art exhibition, a historical site, or somewhere they have never been before can introduce children to new experiences and spark unexpected interests.

Ask questions and listen to their ideas: Instead of always giving them an immediate answer, we can ask what they think is happening, why they believe something occurs, or what they would like to discover. This allows children to develop their curiosity and feel heard.

Make time to observe: As adults, we are often focused on the clock and everything we need to accomplish. Slowing down from time to time allows us to enjoy these little moments and share them with our children.

A little reminder for families

Every child experiences awe differently. Something that may seem ordinary to us could be fascinating to them. That is why it is important to give children the space to explore their own interests, ask questions, and discover things at their own pace, without feeling that every experience needs to become a lesson.

This week, we encourage you to find a moment to discover something new alongside your children. It could be during a family walk, a conversation over dinner, or simply by noticing something that usually goes unnoticed.

Sometimes, it is not about teaching our children something new but about accompanying them as they discover it for themselves. When we encourage awe, we also teach our children to stay curious, enjoy learning, and find extraordinary things in life's simplest moments.

