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WEEKLY BULLETIN



AIS 15 YEARS

General Director

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

Spirit Week is a highlight of the school year at AIS, bringing creativity, individuality, and community spirit to the secondary campus. Organized by the Student Council, the week invites students to step outside their usual routines, express themselves, and have fun together.

For Mariana P., Class of 2027, Spirit Week is something to look forward to every year. "My favorite part of Spirit Week is that I can express myself differently than I do during the rest of the school year," she said. "It is important because it gives students an opportunity to show how they are unique."



For Camila B., Class of 2026, the best part is getting creative with friends. "My favorite part is always Book Character Day, because my friends and I get to do a group costume," she said. "Spirit Week is important because it brings us together as a creative community."





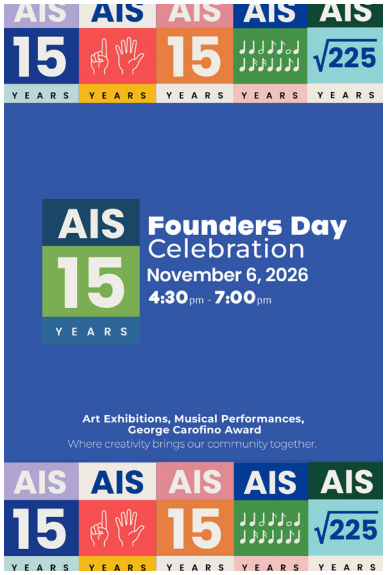
Ms. Michelle, Secondary Assistant Principal, values the break Spirit Week offers from everyday routines. "I love that we can come to school in comfortable clothes and show off our creativity," she said. "Spirit Week gives secondary students a small break from uniforms and a way to express ourselves as part of the school community."

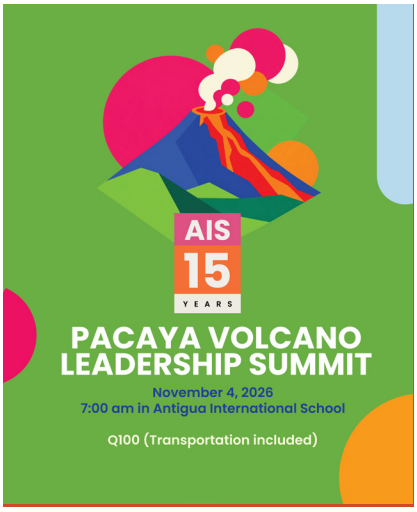
Thanks to the Student Council, the week is a joyful reminder that school spirit grows from celebrating both our individuality and the community we build together.

Monthly Calendar and Upcoming Events

General Upcoming Events:

November 6th: Founder's Day
Art's Night

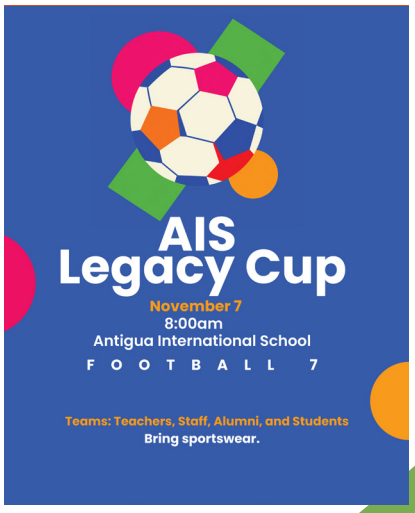




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Registration Form

November 8th - 14th - ISR Model United Nations

November 20th: ECP Thanksgiving Celebration

November 25-27: Fall Break No Classes

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 November 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.**



Secondary School

Lauren Streifer and Michelle Acker Perez

PANAMUN DELEGATES BRING HOME AWARDS!

Our PanaMUN delegates are back at AIS this week after spending last week in Panama representing our school at PanaMUN. Seventeen high school students researched global issues, drafted resolutions, and debated alongside peers from schools across the region. They also took on the challenge of an international conference away from home. Congratulations to Emma Olazabal (Grade 11), who won Best Delegate, and Cody Johnson (Grade 10), who won Best Diplomat! We're proud of every one of our delegates for their preparation, poise, and the way they represented AIS. Welcome home!

OUR PANAMUN DELEGATES:

Natalie Hicks (Grade 9)
Sofia Granada (Grade 9)
Pedro Pablo Velasquez (Grade 9)
Alejandro Monge (Grade 10)
Eduardo Villeda (Grade 10)
Karla Moreira (Grade 10)
Cody Johnson (Grade 10) Best Diplomat
Nicolas Toruno (Grade 10)
Alejandra Norman (Grade 10)
Sebastian Hoke (Grade 11)
Santiago Valencia (Grade 11)
Emma Olazabal (Grade 11) Best Delegate
Maria del Pilar (Grade 11)
Ashanty Rizzo (Grade 11)
Mariana Castellan (Grade 11)
Sofia Lima (Grade 12)
Diana Santiago (Grade 12)





Primary School

Natalia Zmaczynska and Sadie Rhinesmith

Thank you to all the parents that met with teachers this past Wednesday and on previous days to discuss student progress in quarter 1 and how to continue to support learning! Collaboration between home and school is fundamental to growth, not only in academics but socially and emotionally. If you haven't received the report card for your child yet, please stop by reception to pick up your copy and sign the copy that stays at school. Also remember that anytime you or your family has a question, comment, concern, or idea, you can also send an email to your child's teacher - they are ready to support you!







Early Childhood Program

Luis Carrillo

Knowledge fair

This week, I want to highlight a special event in PreK and Kindergarten: "The Knowledge Fair." At the Knowledge Fair, students guide their parents through different activities, showcasing the growth of their skills in academic and developmental areas.

At AIS, we promote engagement and autonomy through age-appropriate activities where students show evidence of their learning. We are incredibly proud of our PreK and Kindergarten students. Next trimester, we will expand our Knowledge Fair to include Explorers learners!

KA - November 4th.
KB - November 5th.
PreKA - November 18th.
PreKB - November 19th.







Service Learning

Michelle Acker Perez and Sadie Rhinesmith

The high school student club, ChangeMakers, has formed a relationship with residents at Hogar Casa Maria and would like to include the entire community in their Holiday gathering! If you would like to participate in activities such as loteria, singing carols, and decorating Christmas ornaments, please save the date: December 4th from 3:30 to 6:00pm. More information will be shared soon!









Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Maria Elena Valencia

Athletic Teams: Boys & Girls Junior Varsity (JV) & Varsity

Dear AIS Basketball Program Families:

Our warmest congratulations to our Boys and Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity athletes! Your dedication, discipline, and passion in every game fill us with immense pride. We always extend our deepest gratitude to every family for your constant enthusiasm and invaluable support.

Competition Status: We are currently playing the final phase of the 3rd AIS Basketball Tournament (October 22 – November 5). Please find the weekly game schedule attached.

Season Finale: We invite you to continue cheering on our teams in the championship games, which conclude this Thursday, November 5.

Thank you for being the driving force and the best cheering squad for our athletes! We look forward to seeing you in our next season.

AIS Soccer Teams – Boys & Girls Junior Varsity (JV) & Varsity:

We sincerely thank you for your trust and our students' great enthusiasm as we begin this new athletic season. We are proud to see unprecedented growth in our soccer program, especially in the Girls' Division, where AIS has established itself as a leading institution due to our high player turnout both within and outside Sacatepéquez.

Thank you for joining us and being part of this important athletic milestone!

Upcoming Soccer Events:

Copa Maya (Colegio Maya Guatemala)

Dates: November 9 – December 4

Participating Teams: Boys' Varsity U18 & Unified Girls' Varsity & JV (Team "A" & Team "B")

CEJUSA Cup

Dates: November 29 – December 4

Participating Team: Boys' Junior Varsity (JV)

AIS Cup

Dates: February 8 – 18, 2027

Participating Teams: Boys' & Girls' Junior Varsity and Varsity

Friendly scrimmage games both within and outside Sacatepéquez will be scheduled throughout the soccer season.

Coaching Staff:

Get to know the head coaches for our athletic teams:
Girls' Junior Varsity (JV): Sean Cunningham
Girls' Varsity: Wuilmer Lorenty
Boys' Varsity & Junior Varsity (JV): Carlos Carrillo
Athletic Uniforms:
If you need to purchase official AIS athletic uniforms, please visit the main school reception for ordering details. Orders are placed Monday through Wednesday, from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Traditional uniforms are delivered 2 weeks after purchase.

Health & Wellness Activities:
"AIS Legends Cup: Celebrating 15 Years"
Sports Tournament for Parents, Alumni, Staff, and Students
Date: Saturday, November 7 (9-a-side Soccer)
Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Location: AIS School Campus
All families who have left a legacy at AIS are cordially invited! Don't miss out!








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ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Week of November 2 – 7

MON 2 NOV

Monday, November 2 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM) — TRAIN LEARN GROW

- **CrossFit (Grades 9–12, Co-ed):** "BENCHMARK 500M SKI #2"
- **Dance Club (Grades 1–4):** Choreography staging for the final show "Cien Por Ciento Ritmo"
- **Chess** (Grades 5–12): Learning and practicing fast checkmates
- **Artistic Gymnastics (Grades 1–2):** Gymnastic sequence integration for the final show "Cien Por Ciento en Acción"

TUE 3 NOV

Tuesday, November 3 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM) — PLAY COMPETE BELONG

- **Basketball – 3:00 PM (U14 Co-ed):** 3rd AIS Basketball Tournament – Semifinal 2 vs. AIS
- **Basketball – 4:00 PM (U17 Co-ed):** 3rd AIS Basketball Tournament – Semifinal 2 vs. AIS
- **Dance Club (Grades 5–6):** Choreography staging for the final show "Cien Por Ciento Ritmo"
- **Artistic Gymnastics (Grades 3–4):** Gymnastic sequence integration for the final show "Cien Por Ciento en Acción"
- **Soccer (U15 Girls):** Tactical offensive and defensive field movement

WED 4 NOV

Wednesday, November 4 (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM) — SKILLS FRIENDSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES

- **Volleyball (U12 Girls):** Friendly Match vs. Visiting Team: Academia MG Amatitlán
- **Dance Club (Grades 3–4):** Choreography staging for the final show "Cien Por Ciento Ritmo"
- **Soccer (U10 Boys):** Friendly Match vs. Visiting Team: Súmate Guatemala
- **Artistic Gymnastics (Grades 1–2):** Gymnastic sequence integration for the final show "Cien Por Ciento en Acción"

WED 4 NOV

Wednesday, November 4 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM) — EXPLORE CREATE SOLVE

- **Volleyball (U15 Girls):** Friendly Match vs. Visiting Team: Academia MG Amatitlán
- **Dance Club (Grades 1–2 & 5–6):** Choreography staging for the final show "Cien Por Ciento Ritmo"
- **Chess** (Grades 5–12): Tactical problem solving and piece combinations
- **Link (Grades 1–4):** Challenge – "Shape Building"

THU 5 NOV

Thursday, November 5 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM) — COMPETE IMPROVE ACHIEVE

- **Basketball – 2:00 PM (U14 Co-ed):** 3rd AIS Basketball Tournament – 3rd Place Game
- **Basketball – 3:00 PM (U17 Co-ed):** 3rd AIS Basketball Tournament – 3rd Place Game
- **Basketball – 4:00 PM (U14 Co-ed):** 3rd AIS Basketball Tournament – Final
- **Basketball – 5:00 PM (U17 Co-ed):** 3rd AIS Basketball Tournament – Final
- **Artistic Gymnastics (Grades 1–2):** Gymnastic sequence integration for the final show "Cien Por Ciento en Acción"

SAT 7 NOV

Saturday, November 7 | 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM — OUR COMMUNITY PLAYS TOGETHER

- **Sport:** Soccer
- **Activity:** AIS Legends Cup: Celebrating 15 Years – Sports Tournament for Parents, Alumni, Staff, and Students

AIS LEGENDS CUP 15 YEARS

Health and Wellness

Nurse Carolina

Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease (HFMD)

What is it?

Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease (HFMD) is a common viral infection in childhood. It is characterized by fever, mouth sores, and rash or blisters on the hands and feet. It is usually mild but highly contagious.

REMEMBER

If your child shows symptoms of Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease or another contagious illness.They should NOT attend school until they recover. Notify the school immediately so that the necessary preventive measures can be taken

