

# ACACIAWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

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## JUNIOR HIGH PARENT MEETING

AWS will hold a meeting for parents of the junior high school students and their teachers on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:00pm in the multipurpose room. The purpose of the meeting is to assist parents help their junior high students understand and manage the growing "pains" of the teenage years. Drs. Rick and Blanca Scatterday, who have years of experience in teen medicine, will be the guest speakers. Parents with students of any age are also welcome to come.

## FINALS WEEK SCHEDULE

Finals for the first semester will be held for all junior and senior high school on January 19-21, 2005. Elementary grades will also follow the same dismissal times.

Jan. 19	1 <sup>st</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>	period finals	1:10pm dismissal
Jan. 20	4 <sup>th</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	period finals	1:10pm dismissal
Jan. 21	5 <sup>th</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	period finals	1:10pm dismissal

## HOT CHOCOLATE AND DONUTS!

All students, elementary through high school, can enjoy a special snack this week. In between those finals, for a quick "pick-me-up," there will be donuts and hot chocolate on sale from 10:20 to 10:40 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Each will cost fifty cents. Proceeds will go to the elementary fund for playground improvements.

Students are to complete their cleaning jobs before purchasing the snack.

## PIZZA WILL BE SERVED...

Students signed up for the pizza lunch on Thursdays will receive their pizza and drink this Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> during the break time between final exams. The snack bar will be opened briefly during this time for all upper school students.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 3:10 DISMISSAL

Next Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, begins regular 3:10 dismissal for all elementary and PE students. These students should be picked-up from the campus by 3:25pm. All other students (not enrolled in PE) should be off the campus by 1:25pm unless they have a signed permission slip in the office stating their need to remain on campus. Such students will be in a monitored "study hall" until their ride arrives.

## AWARDS ASSEMBLY~FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

*This will be an evening of entertainment and celebration of achievement.*

Come one come all for a special evening at Acaciawood. All Acaciawood families are invited to come and celebrate the accomplishments of our students at the mid-year awards assembly on **Monday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** This is a **mandatory** function for all AWS students so attendance will be taken. Evening attire will be school uniforms or performance costume for elementary only.

**Science Fair:** The 5th-8th grade students will display their science fair projects. Winners will be announced at the evening awards assembly.

**Music Performance:** Acaciawood elementary students showcase their talent in a delightful musical program **"It's My Journey."**

We encourage you to invite your friends and any new families who are interested in enrolling their children in AWS to come and share this special evening with us.

Refreshments will be served following the program.  
Don't miss this special event!

## PE RESUMES, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Beginning next **Friday, January 28, 2005, PE resumes.** All students enrolled in PE should bring their PE uniforms and athletic shoes on that day. On a Friday when there is inclement weather, PE will normally be conducted indoors so parents should plan on their child participating in PE and be here for the regular 3:10pm pick up.

## AWS GAME DAY

The Acaciawood ASB leadership will be hosting the school's *game day* AKA *Dynamite Day* Saturday, January 22 at Acaciawood School from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the AWS south parking lot. Families and students are encouraged to come and participate in an afternoon of fun games and activities. A barbeque lunch will be sold for \$3, and we encourage families and students to pre-pay for their lunch by giving their money to Grace Cheng, the ASB Treasurer.

## SENIOR CLASS GARAGE SALE

The seniors will be having a garage sale on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. You can help them out by bringing any sellable items to AWS, to the Miyake home, or call one of the seniors to pick-up at items at your house. If you have any questions you can contact:

Philip Combiths                      714-535-2648  
Shenandoah Yang                      714-234-8418  
Andrew Pham                              714-309-8174

## SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

Science Fair judges are needed to judge student science fair projects. We will be calling you for your assistance in the next week.

## POLICY REMINDERS

- **Winter Uniform Modification;** Due to the colder weather students may wear a white or navy blue turtleneck shirt under their AWS polo shirts. If the turtleneck shirt is long sleeve, a uniform sweater, jacket or sweatshirt must be worn over the polo. Tee shirts worn under the polo shirt and visible must be white.
- Flu season is here again. Please do not send sick students to school as “sharing” your student’s illness severely impacts our small classes if it causes more students to miss school. If your child has a fever or can cause others to become ill, he/she should stay home until there is no chance of spreading the illness.
- Call the office by 8:30am each day your child stays home from school. This does not apply to pre-arranged absences..

## RECYCLE: PHONES, CANS, PLASTIC BOTTLES

Keep sending aluminum cans, plastic beverage bottles, and used cell phones to school for recycling. Parents with large amounts of cans or bottles can drive their car around to the back parking lot and drop off their cans/bottles near the kitchen door in the big plastic garbage cans. Please do NOT send plastic milk jugs or glassware to school because they will not be accepted by our recycler.

## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL RANKS IN TOP TEN!

The Golden Eagles have achieved a ranking of eight in Division 5 AA, southern California section. The current record is 12 wins and 2 losses. The next game is a Saturday game at 7:00 pm at Eastside Christian. This is a critical game for the Eagles. The league title is on the line so come and support the boys! Unlike most games, there will be an entrance fee to get in.

## TSUNAMI, INCA, NORMANDY INVASION, CHOICES

The words above are related if you ask any upper school student returning from the weekly school assembly. It is there that they are exposed to a spectrum of human life experiences from outside the textbook. Nearly every Monday, the upper school is privileged to have a guest speaker share on a wide variety of topics. Speakers convey their life challenges, career highlights, personal testimonies, and eyewitness accounts of history to the students during the 40-minute assembly. AcaciaWood School is grateful for the many speakers that have volunteered to speak to our students regarding some “milepost” along their journey of life. Recent speakers and their topics include: Coach Jim Duddy on making the right choices in life; Mr. Ted Miyake on his recent trip to Sri Lanka for the relief effort for the earthquake/tsunami disaster; Mr. Walter Ortiz, once from Peru, on the ancient Inca moral code of “don’t steal, don’t lie, and don’t be lazy”; Mr. Walter Ehlers, a medal of honor recipient from the Normandy invasion, shared on his military service during World War II. AcaciaWood School is always seeking speakers for the school assemblies. Whether one is a home manager or a CEO of a business, your testimony about human life is priceless. If you would like to share your story or know of someone who would enjoy sharing something to the AcaciaWood School students, please e-mail to Mr. Miller or Mr. Miyake ([Matt@lsm.org](mailto:Matt@lsm.org) or [Mrmiyake@awschool.org](mailto:Mrmiyake@awschool.org)).

Parents are always welcome to attend the school assemblies.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Jan. 19-21                      Final Examinations
- Jan 19-21                      1:10 dismissal all students
- Jan. 21                         Semester End
- Jan. 22                         SAT testing
- Jan. 24                         No School, Teacher In-Service
- Jan. 28                         PE begins, 3:10 dismissal
- Feb. 7                         Science Fair/Awards -**7:00pm**
- Feb. 21                         No School, President’s Day
- Mar. 19                         NHD, County
- Mar. 28-Apr.1                 Spring Break
- May 13                         Last PE, 3:10 dismissal
- May 20                         1:10 dismissal all students
- May 27-30                     Memorial Day Holiday
- June 3                         1:10 dismissal all students
- June 6-8                     Finals, 1:10 dismissal
- June 8                         Last day of school
- June 9                         Graduation 7:00pm