

The International School of Panama

Middle School News

Spirit Week, Feb. 8-12

Important Dates:

Spirit Week
Feb. 8-12

PTA Ice-Breaker for New Parents
Wednesday, Feb. 10,
10-11:45 cafeteria

Middle School Dance
Wednesday, Feb. 10
6 - 9 Club Union

PTA General Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 11
1:15-2:30 cafeteria

Carnival Break
Feb. 15-19

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Let the fun begin! Spirit Week, which is always greatly anticipated by the Middle School students, is set to kick off on Monday, Feb. 8.

This activity will be celebrated school wide. While some of the themes may vary, all ISP students will be engaged in dressing up throughout the week.

Through Spirit Week we remember how important it is to

have fun together as a community. It doesn't mean we don't get our work done...we just have a bit more fun doing it!

The schedule for the week is as follows:

Monday: Favorite Character

Tuesday: P.J.'s (Pajama)

Wednesday: Cliques

Thursday: Twins

Friday: Valentine Colors

Spirit Week



Although this is a week of "free choice", all costumes must be appropriate for school.

Middle School Dance

The Middle School Student Council has planned the first dance of the semester, which is scheduled for Wed., February 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

The dance will again be held at

"La Cueva", in the Union Club.

To celebrate Valentine's Day this dance will be "formal". We ask that students not wear jeans or t-shirts. Students are excited about the opportunity to

dress up for this special occasion.

Middle School dances are a wonderful way of bringing our students together for fun and to celebrate special events.



Remember, pick up time is 9 pm sharp.



8th grade parents enjoy time socializing during parent coffees.

Parent Coffees

This week Middle School hosted three separate Parent Coffees.

The coffees focused on different topics for each grade level in Middle School. Sixth grade - "Settling In," Seventh grade - "Growing Independence", and Eighth grade -

"Middle School and Beyond".

At each of the coffees parents explored the intricacies of parenting a "Tween" while sharing and gaining from each others' experiences.

Another facet of the coffee meetings is the feedback from parents about the Middle

School in general and about how students are adjusting to each stage of development.

It is a valuable experience for everyone and we are grateful that many parents have been able to make time to attend these meetings.



After School Activities Begin

After school activities are off and running. So far we have students participating in girls' and boys' soccer and ping pong.

There are several other choices that have been of-

fered and we would love to get them off the ground and running. We are going to do some recruiting here at school and would appreciate it if you can encourage kids from your end as well. If we had enough stu-

dents we could offer: Roots & Shoots, Choir, Music, Art and others.



Every little bit counts as high school students add up the coins and bills!

Change for Change

We are proud to announce that the "Change for Change" campaign raised just over \$4,500.00 for Haiti relief.

As announced, the money will

go directly to Partners in Health as they continue to perform valuable services in Haiti.

Our plan is to continue to

work with High School students in future fund-raising activities that will support the much needed work that will go on in Haiti for several years.