



Lower School Newsletter

May 2021



Dear parents, students and staff,

The final few weeks of this school year are upon us and life around campus is getting busier and busier! These coming weeks are packed with fun sports activities, First Holy Communion, special recitals, virtual celebrations of learning, research projects, science fairs, and local traditional festivities.

The good weather is finally here with its warm and long days, which reminds us that summer vacation is just around the corner: we have only 6 more weeks of school! Because of this, I ask you to continue encouraging your children to keep working hard during these final weeks.

Please remember that due to Covid measures, parents and students are not allowed to stay after school on campus.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Carbo

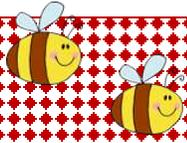


3-4	No School
7	FHC Rehearsal—Schoenstatt
8	FHC Ceremony Grade 4S Schoenstatt 12:00
10-14	Spanish Week
13	Spanish Poetry Day Gr 4-5
14	San Isidro Celebration 3:30 FHC Rehearsal—Schoenstatt
15	FHC Ceremony Grade 4G Schoenstatt 12:00
17-21	MAP Test Grades 3-5
18	May Crowning—Flowers to the Virgin—Grades 1-3
26	Grade 2 GOlympics
27	Gr 4-5 May Crowning— Flowers to the Virgin



2	Music Concert
3	K3 visits Lower School
8	Grade 4-5 Virtual COL Grade 5 NON
9	Gr 1-3 Virtual COL
11	Gr 1-3 Fun & Fitness
14	Gr 5 Moving On Ceremony Will be recorded for parents
17	EOY Mass
18	Last Day of School Early dismissal
25	Semester 2 Report Cards





José María Ruíz
 Noelia Blanco
 Julia Ruíz de Angulo
 Monica Mota
 Arad Hajiantehrani
 José Rubio
 Juan Arteta

Nathan Sundin
 Laura Lombo
 Max Marx



Irati Sarró
 Iván Vivas
 Adriana Degano
 Alfonso Rotondo
 Claudia Fernández



Congratulations to all our students who will be receiving their First Communion this month!

May the joy and blessings of our Lord fill Your hearts always!

Virginia Betancor, Carlota Couto, Patricia Degano, Theo Fernández, Inés Fortier, Elio Guida, Eugenia Marambio, Alejandro Otín, Federico Paris, Carmen Ruíz de Angulo, Bosco Segura, Clara Videla, Sofía Armando, Daniel Benítez, Alessia Blasco, Tess Buch Jensen, Paula Citarella, Bosco Cruz, Claudia Fernández, Anxo González, Jorge Guevara, Alejandro Gutiérrez, Angelica James, Laura Lombo, Martina Oyarzabal, Julia Pérez, Carlos Rodríguez, Javier Rodríguez, Nicole Romley, Jacobo Ruíz, Sara Omapas, Nicolás Borrego y José María Ruíz.

May your First Communion celebrate
 your friendship with **Jesus**.

As you grow in this friendship
 may your words be **Gentle**
 and your touch be **Kind**.

May you hear whispers of **Love**
 in your heart each day.

May you have fun in discovering **God**
 hidden everywhere!

And, may you remember to thank God
 often for the gift of **Life!**

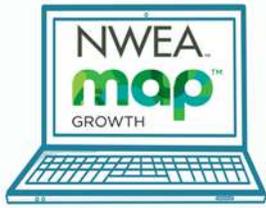
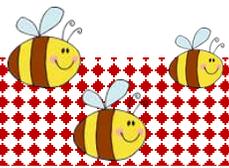


May is a month in which we honor our Blessed Mother Mary and all mothers in a special way. It's traditional at AAS for students to have a "May Crowning" ceremony, with a procession, fresh flowers, and songs.

May crowing ceremony is a great way to recognize Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth!

Students are encourage to bring fresh flowers to the Virgin Mary. Check the calendar for dates.





MAP Testing Spring 2021 May 17- 24

Beginning Monday, May 17, students from grades 3-5 will be taking their Measures of Academic Progress - MAP - assessments. MAP tests are adaptive to the student's answers, and the scores will be used to inform instruction and monitor growth of students. Students will be tested in areas of math, language usage, and reading.

We recommend all students to rest well the night before and eat a healthy breakfast on testing days. All students should bring a book to read quietly after they finish their exam. Students will be using the school's Chromebooks for this tests.

Results will be email to you in June.

If you would like to know more about MAP testing you may find information at Family Toolkit—nwea.org.

Lunch with the Principal



Lower School student encounter challenges and opportunities every day. As a result, our students are all joyful and curious thinkers that work well with others in many settings and are filled with a lifelong love for learning.

I have had the pleasure to experience this first hand by having lunch with some of our third grade students this past month. I look forward to many more wonderful meals and conversations with more Lower School students.

I had a great time having lunch with Noah and Isabel.



Thank you Amanda and Ian
for the lovely books.



SAN ISIDRO
Grades 1, 2 & 3
Friday, May 14

Dance, Churros and more!

Come dressed from home in your best *Chulapo* costume to celebrate San Isidro with your classmates.





End-of-Year

Celebrations of Learning

Celebration of Learning is another important tradition at AAS. Each class holds a celebration of learning at the end of the school year, often incorporating music, art, storytelling, an/or portfolios.

COL gives students the opportunity of sharing what they have discovered, created, designed, authored, and solved during this academic year.

Due to Covid restrictions, this year we will have a virtual COL. Links or videos will be sent to parents directly by homeroom teachers. This will give all of you the opportunity to witness your child's academic growth.



HONORS THE CLASS OF 2021



Monday, June 14

This year due to Covid safety restrictions, we are forced to have a different Moving-On Ceremony. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed on campus at this time. Instead, we will record this important moment in the lives of your children by sharing it virtually while ensuring you and the rest of the family the full graduation experience. This will allow us to safely honor the extraordinary accomplishment of your children.

Video and photos will be sent directly to all of you.

Thank you for understanding and helping us keep AAS a safe learning environment!



If your child has developed symptoms, or has been in contact with someone that have tested positive, you must keep your child at home.

If this is the case, please contact our Covid Coordinator, Nurse Laura at nurse@aquinasmadrid.es immediately. We must continue to follow Public Health guidelines to keep our school safe and it does take a team effort to make it a success and parents play a vital role on this.



Thank You!

*Ms. Pagliarani, Ms Daniela,
and Ms. Alejandra*

I want to extend a warm THANK YOU to the Student Support Service staff who have been delivering amazing workshops throughout the school year during Encinas time.

Social skills, emotional intelligence and empathy are three aspects that we consider to be extremely important in a child's education process. The Student Support team have been delivering amazing workshops throughout all the Lower School grade levels.





What's been going on in Lower School?



First Reconciliation



Poetry, Math, Art





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What's Been Going on in Lower School?



Science



Music and Nature Walks



Go Bears!



Hockey with Ms. Noor

