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American School Featured in *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*



American School is proud to be featured in the Spring issue of *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*. A two-page interview describes the many ways we help students earn a high school diploma at home and also previews our middle school program.

We're also pleased to be mentioned on the cover of the Spring issue (pictured). While it is true that we prepare high school students for college (and have a school counselor who can assist you with that process), we welcome any student who wishes to earn a high school diploma for any reason, including personal satisfaction or as a requirement for joining the workforce. We also welcome students who wish to take individual courses for credit recovery or enrichment purposes, and our new middle school program continues to steadily gain students.

Visit www.thehomeschoolmagazine-digital.com/thehomeschoolmagazine/2016x2/?pg=129#pg129 to read the entire interview.

We're grateful to *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine* for profiling us and look forward to being of service to their readers!

2016 American School Student Handbook Now Available

Current and future American School students and their families may now access the 2016 American School Student Handbook on our web site. Visit www.americanschool.org/handbook to download your copy. We plan to update the document once a year but may update it more frequently should new policies be introduced. If a new policy is introduced and the handbook is changed, we will notify you of the changes in our blog (www.americanschool.org/blog) and on our social media pages listed on the back page of this newsletter. We hope you will find the information in the student handbook useful as you continue working toward your accredited high school diploma.

New Way of Ordering Transcripts Now Available to Students and Graduates

American School recently began offering a new way for students to order transcripts. Paper or electronic transcripts are now available through Parchment at a cost of \$5 to \$7.55 for electronic transcripts and \$9.25 for a paper transcript. More information on Parchment may be found in the Online Student Center and on our web site's FAQ page at www.americanschool.org/faq. Both places have the "Order My Transcript" button (right) which you may click to begin the Parchment ordering process. If you prefer to order transcripts the old-fashioned way, you still can do that. Parchment is simply another way for us to effectively serve you, and we hope you will use it or the previous method of requesting a transcript whenever you need a transcript sent to yourself or the college or university of your choice.



Remember to Keep an Accurate E-mail Address on File!



Having an accurate e-mail address on file is very important. For new students, please make sure you enter an accurate e-mail address on your enrollment application. We will use this e-mail address to contact you with important information, including information on how to access your online courses and online exams should you enroll in those. If you don't give us an accurate e-mail address, this could cause a delay in you receiving important information. For current students, it is your responsibility to make sure we have an accurate e-mail address for you. We do not change or add e-mail addresses after they have been entered into our system. Students and guarantors can change their e-mail addresses themselves by clicking the appropriate link inside the online student center, and our system will be updated accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation.

GradPoint Receives Award, Switches Platforms to Further Improve Service

GradPoint provides our online middle school and high school curriculum, and you should feel more comfortable than ever taking those courses. GradPoint is one of nine Pearson products which received a 2015 *Tech & Learning Magazine* Award of Excellence for innovation and enhancements, and earlier this year, GradPoint made improvements which may allow it to receive a similar award in 2016. In February, GradPoint switched to a new platform and has been running at 100% efficiency ever since. That level of efficiency is virtually unheard of for online courses. We are proud to partner with GradPoint and look forward to offering more of their courses later this year.



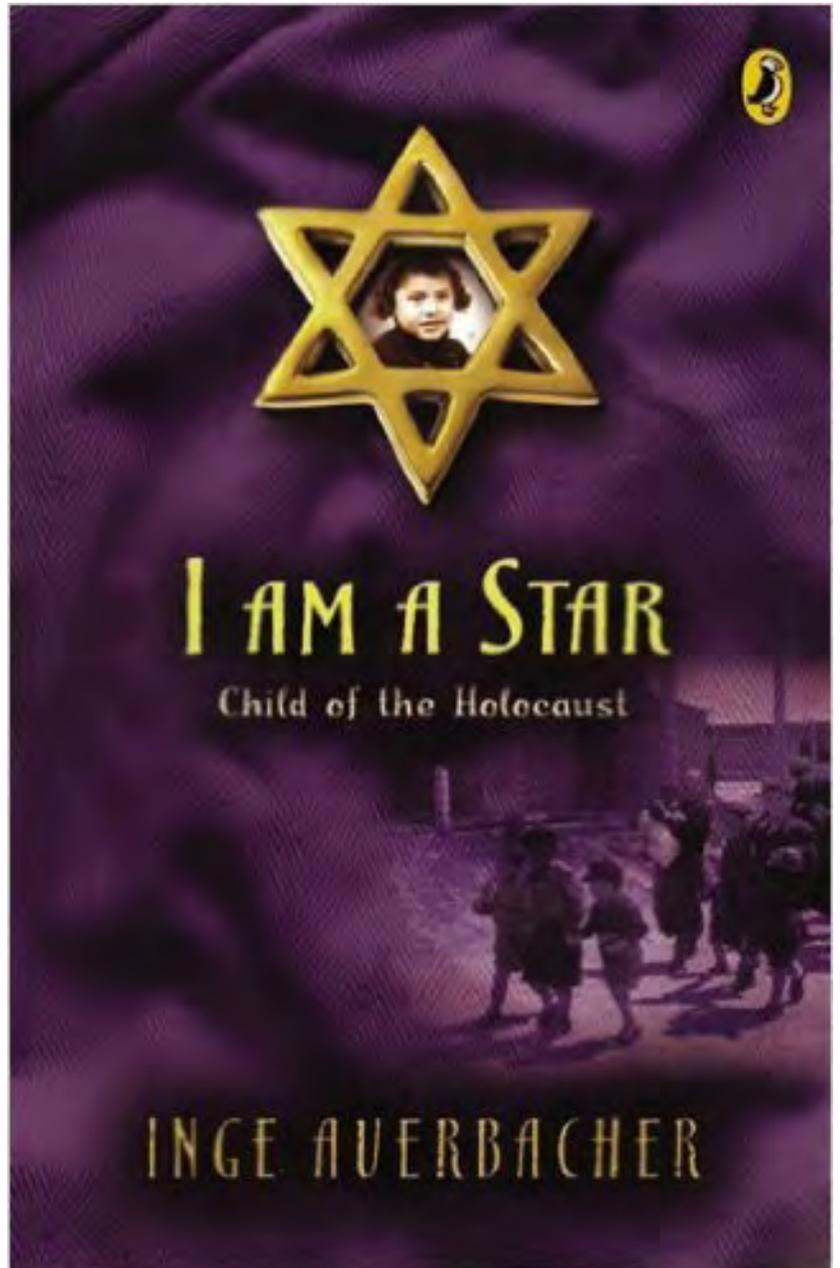
Middle School Pilot Program Still Accepting Enrollments

Our middle school pilot program is still accepting enrollments, and we encourage students in 6th-8th grades to enroll in full-year programs or in individual courses. All of the work is done online using GradPoint courses mentioned earlier in this newsletter, and as with our accredited high school courses, students work entirely at their own pace. We think these middle school courses will help us become an even better distance education school. E-mail us at the address on the back of this newsletter to request more information on our middle school courses or to begin the enrollment process.

American School Attends Seven Conventions, Meets Holocaust Survivor

As of early April, American School has attended seven conventions in seven states, all the way from California to Florida and five places in between. Our stops included the WSCA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin; the NASSP Convention in Orlando, Florida; the ISCA Convention in Springfield, Illinois; the Teach Them Diligently Convention in Nashville, Tennessee; the NCEA Convention in San Diego, California; the Midwest Homeschool Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio; and the ASCD Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. At each convention, we've met students, parents, principals, school counselors or curriculum directors who were excited to hear of the wide variety of ways we can serve them.

At the Midwest Homeschool Convention in Cincinnati, however, we met a very special guest. Holocaust survivor and author **Inge Auerbacher** stopped by between sessions and shared her story with us. Visit her web site, www.ingeauerbacher.com, to learn more about this remarkable woman.



Holocaust survivor and author Inge Auerbacher poses for pictures with American School staff at the Midwest Homeschool Convention in Cincinnati (left). The cover of her book, *I am a Star*, is pictured above.

Three Employees Celebrate 5-Year Anniversaries

Tim Hennon (top photo) of the Instruction Department and **Luke Zeheralis** and **Nicole Hondros** (bottom photo), both of the Curriculum Department, recently celebrated their 5-year anniversaries as full-time American School employees. We are proud to recognize them in this issue of the *All American* and look forward to recognizing additional American School employees in future issues.



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