



# All American Newsletter

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## American School Holds 118th Annual Meeting of Trustees and Corporation

American School held its 118th Annual Meeting as a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and Members of the Corporation, and the latter grew by one this year as our new principal, **Tim Pivarnik**, was elected to that group. Tim also was chosen to serve on the Executive Committee along with fellow Vice-Presidents **Vince Immordino** and **Marie Limback** and President **Gary R. Masterton**. The Annual Meeting served as an opportunity to look back at the accomplishments and challenges of 2015 and start planning for the future. The Board of Trustees and Members of the Corporation are resolved to make 2016 one of our best years yet. Read on to see what we have planned.



## 2013 Graduate Doha Irbash Wins Interior Design Grant



American School graduate **Doha Irbash** recently won a grant from Gorman's, a Michigan-based furniture company, to help further her education. A 2013 American School graduate, Doha is in her second year at Henry Ford College, where she is studying interior design. She plans to continue her studies at Wayne State University and would one day like to open her own interior design business.

We are proud of Doha's achievements and encourage our graduates to apply for as many scholarships and grants as possible. Information on American School's 2016 scholarship program will be available soon, but there are countless other opportunities for you to earn money to help with college expenses. Every amount helps, and winning ten \$100 scholarships is the same as winning one \$1000 scholarship. Even if you just win one \$100 scholarship, it's money off your tuition that you can use for other purposes.

## College Readiness Section Added to Online Student Center



Students who are planning to go to college are encouraged to visit the new college readiness section of the Online Student Center. Plenty of information regarding college planning, the college admission process, the ACT and SAT and financial aid and scholarships is available in a special section of our school counselor's page.

To access this important information, log into the Online Student Center. Then click the School Counselor link on the far left side of the page. After you click that link, click the College Readiness link under the College Prep heading, and you'll have access to a wealth of college knowledge!

Should you need additional assistance or have other questions regarding the college planning process, our school counselor is just a phone call or email away. Contact information for all of our departments is available within the Online Student Center.

The addition of a college readiness section is just one of many things we have planned for the Online Student Center. Look for similar additions in 2016!

## Important Update to Physiology and Health Course



American School recently added content to our paper-based Physiology and Health course. The new information covers Safe Haven Laws that are in place in many states. Depending on your state, Safe Haven Laws tell where the accepted locations are that birth parents can leave their baby and up to what age the infant may be, with no questions asked as long as the baby is unharmed. Until the study guide is reprinted, a 2-sided document explaining Safe Haven Laws in great detail will be inserted into the study guide sent to each student who enrolls in the course. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 Available in Online Format Only

Recently the publisher of the textbooks for our paper-based Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 courses informed us that those textbooks are no longer available. As we have in the past when we were notified of similar situations with other textbooks, we will keep a limited supply of each textbook and study guide in our warehouse in case students currently enrolled in our paper-based Spanish 1 or Spanish 2 courses need replacement copies, but from today forward, we are not able to enroll any additional students into paper-based Spanish 1 or Spanish 2. Students with these courses pending in their programs will be contacted about this situation, and these students will be offered the comparable online Spanish 1 or Spanish 2 course at no additional charge. We hope that many of you will be pleased with this change because online world language courses through Rosetta Stone immerse students into the language and allow them to be thoroughly engaged in learning by speaking, listening, reading and writing the language in a fun and challenging way. On the other hand, we know that many students prefer to learn by more traditional means.

If you have strong feelings one way or the other, please let us know. Send an email with the subject line "Paper-Based Spanish courses" to [customerrelations@americanschool.org](mailto:customerrelations@americanschool.org). Feedback from our students, parents and school officials is very important in helping us provide the courses you want and need, and if enough people demand it, we will investigate designing new paper-based Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 courses. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Middle School Courses Coming in 2016? Let Us Know What You Think!

As you know, we took a big step in our evolution earlier this decade with the launch of online courses. We took another big step earlier this year with the launch of online diploma programs. Now we're thinking about taking another big step in 2016 with the possible launch of middle school courses. We'd like your thoughts on this so that we can best serve our students, parents and schools. Send an email to [customerrelations@americanschool.org](mailto:customerrelations@americanschool.org) to tell us what you think. Be sure to put "Middle School Courses" as your subject. We promise that every email will be read and every suggestion will be considered. Thank you for helping us create a better American School for this and future generations.

## American School Concludes 2015 Convention Season and Plans for 2016

After visiting Virginia, Ohio and Indiana in recent weeks, American School officially concluded its 2015 convention schedule. We visited 22 conventions in 2015, stretching from Washington to Florida and several cities and states in between. Our presence at conventions is two-fold. First, we hope to meet students, parents and school officials who are currently studying or working with us. We like hearing their feedback so that we can maintain what we're doing well and work on what needs improvement. Second, we enjoy meeting people who have never heard of us before. Maybe they're looking for a homeschool program for themselves or their children. Perhaps they're looking for ways for their students to recover credits. Either way, we are happy to meet them, and we look forward to meeting you and others who are interested in American School in 2016!



## Winter Weather May Close Office but not Online Student Center

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WEATHER**

Winter is here, and with it comes the possibility of ice and snow in addition to colder temperatures. If American School is closed because of weather, we will post information on our phone system and Facebook and Twitter pages as soon as possible. Remember that, although our office may be closed because of weather, the Online Student Center is open around the clock. Log in using your code and password to work on your online courses or online exams, view your academic records, and receive access to help sheets, a list of homework web sites and a list of departmental email addresses.

*Season's Greetings and Best Wishes  
for Happiness in the New Year!*

*From the American School  
Executive Committee and Staff*



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