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Tim Pivarnik Takes Over as American School Principal

American School recently appointed **Tim Pivarnik** as its new principal. Mr. Pivarnik brings nearly two decades of educational experience to us, including eight years as a classroom teacher of government and economics, three years as an assistant principal and six years as principal of two different institutions which focused a great deal on online learning. He also has experience in curriculum development and instructional design.

Mr. Pivarnik says, "I continue to be impressed with the geographical outreach we have with students literally worldwide along with the recent addition of an online education program. I am extremely proud to be a member of such a strong and deeply rooted educational institution and look forward to many positive and productive years at American School as we transition to a true and unique 21st Century educational academy."

We look forward to Mr. Pivarnik's leadership as we continue to evolve into a leading provider of accredited online and paper-based courses.



American School Announces Additional Personnel Changes

American School announced the following changes in personnel. **Eve Tselepatiotis** has been named Assistant Director of Curriculum, **Dave Perry** has been named Assistant Principal of the Instruction Department, and **Annette Sullivan** is now supervising the Transcript Department. Ms. Tselepatiotis, Mr. Perry and Mrs. Sullivan have many years of experience in distance education and will be valuable assets to American School and its students for years to come.

New Documents Posted to Online Learning Page



Students, parents, school officials and other visitors to our Online Learning page should take note of two new documents posted to the site. The first outlines technical requirements for our online courses, while the second outlines technical requirements for online exams in our paper-based courses. We hope this information will be useful to you as you work toward your accredited high school diploma.

New Paper-Based Courses and Online Exams Now Available

American School recently released an updated version of its popular Writing 1 course. Unlike previous versions of this course, ALL units (1-8) are in one instruction book, and ALL exams (1-8) are in one exam booklet. Students who enroll for one-half credit, either the first or second semester, will receive the entire course—both the instruction book and the exam booklet. The dictionary will also go to every student, whether the student has enrolled in the full course or just the first or second semester.

We also released an updated version of our popular paper-based Biology course. The course now has 10 exams, and students will choose whether to do Unit 10A: Contemporary Issues in Biology or Unit 10B: History of Biological Diversity (including evolution). There is also a version of this course that contains lab activities.

Finally, we are pleased to announce the release of a new Accounting course and online exams for Automotive Systems, Understanding English 1 and Understanding English 2. As you can see our Curriculum Department has been very busy lately, but we're not slowing down. We plan to release several new and revised courses later this year and into 2016!



Kind Words from Mother of Two American School Scholarship Winners

We always like hearing from students and parents, and recently we received a letter from **Marta Maret**, the parent of two American School graduates. Her letter is printed verbatim below.

*My two sons graduated from American School. Our older son, **Galen Maret** (2010 graduate), was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from American School, and our younger son, **Myron Maret** (2011 graduate), received a \$2000 scholarship from American School. I wanted you to know how much it was appreciated and how their education has benefitted them.*

In May of this year, Galen graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kennesaw State University with a degree in Mathematics, with minors in Statistics and Computer Science. He started work with The Southern Company in an analysis position on May 28.

Myron completed an Associate's degree at Georgia Highlands College, graduating with a 4.0 grade point average. When he turned 21, he joined the Cobb County Police Department, has just finished his training, and is a full-time police officer.

We enjoyed our association with your school and wish you the best in the future.

We thank Marta for her kind words and the updates on Galen and Myron. You are always welcome to contact us for any reason, and we guarantee a prompt response. If you wish to be featured in an upcoming *All American*, let us know that as well. Our contact information is on the back page of this newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

American School Nominated for Better Business Bureau Torch Award

American School was recently nominated for the Better Business Bureau's 2016 Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics. According to a BBB press release, the Torch Award is designed to promote not only the importance of ethical business practices but also the willingness and efforts made by outstanding organizations to ensure that our country's marketplace remains fair and honorable for all people.

American School has been recognized by the Better Business Bureau since 1934 and consistently earns their highest ratings. Like all companies, we are not perfect, but our 81 years of recognition and high ratings, along with the 2016 Torch Award nomination, are proof that we strive for outstanding customer service from enrollment to graduation.

Lansing Police Department Trains American School Employees



American School recently welcomed Sgt. Gabriel Barajas from the Lansing Police Department to train employees on building safety and emergency preparedness. We are grateful for Sgt. Barajas's time and suggestions which will allow employees to act appropriately in the event of a building emergency. We also appreciate him sharing how police departments and other law enforcement agencies effectively handle dangerous situations. Although we never want to use the information Sgt. Barajas gave us, we take comfort in knowing we are better prepared to handle a dangerous situation and that the Lansing Police Department has experts such as Sgt. Barajas to support us.

Environmental Science Now Worth One-Half Unit of Credit

Effective immediately, our online Environmental Science course is worth one-half unit of credit. This change will not affect students who enrolled prior to October 14, 2015 in our online General High School Program and had Environmental Science as part of their graduation requirements.

Soon, we will announce changes to our online General High School Program moving forward. Visit our web site for details. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Announcement About Guarantor Passwords

Effective immediately, Online Student Center guarantor passwords will only be available for students in our diploma programs who are younger than 18. If you are the guarantor of a student who is older than 18 and currently have a guarantor password in your possession, it will no longer work. This is because students who are older than 18 are considered adults and are protected by federal privacy laws. If you are the guarantor of a student who is older than 18, please ask the student to share his or her online student center student password with you. You will see the same information as if you were to log in with your now-defunct guarantor password. Thank you for your cooperation.

Seven Employees Celebrate Anniversaries

This issue of the *All American* is proud to recognize seven employees who have combined for more than a century of service to American School and its students. Double Decade Club member **Doris Lowery** (top left) of the Student Service Department celebrated her silver jubilee in honor of 25 years of continuous service. In addition, Student Service Director **Robin Fisher** (top right), Curriculum Department employee **Jason Marsh** (middle left), Admissions Department employee **Silvia Gutierrez** and Science Instructor **Rick Vargo** (middle right) each marked 15 years of employment. Finally, Admissions Department employee **Elena Rangel** (bottom left) and Switchboard Operator **Jacky Gedmin** (bottom right) are celebrating 10 years each.

We congratulate and thank Doris, Robin, Jason, Silvia, Rick, Elena and Jacky. Though they work in different departments and perform different tasks, each of them is essential to American School's success.



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