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American School Earns 2014 Homeschool.com Seal of Approval

The American School has earned Homeschool.com's 2014 Seal of Approval, which means that the site's editors and readers have tested our products and found them to be satisfactory. We have received this award for several years running and plan on working hard in the coming year so that we may receive the 2015 Seal of Approval as well.



Check Us Out on America's Web Radio!



The American School was recently featured on America's Web Radio's Education Forum show. Public Relations Coordinator **Jeff Cox** joined host **Karen Powell** for the entire hour to discuss how the American School helps students across the country and around the world earn their accredited high school diplomas. To listen to the show, visit <http://www.americaswebradio.com/showpages/education.php> and look for the January 15 episode in the archives section.

Online Exams Available in Six More Courses

The American School is proud to announce the release of online exams in six additional paper-based courses. Students who are enrolled in the paper-based versions of Literature 2, Literature 4, Journalism, Fundamentals of Electricity, World Geography and Clothing now have the option of taking their exams online or doing them on paper as they have before.

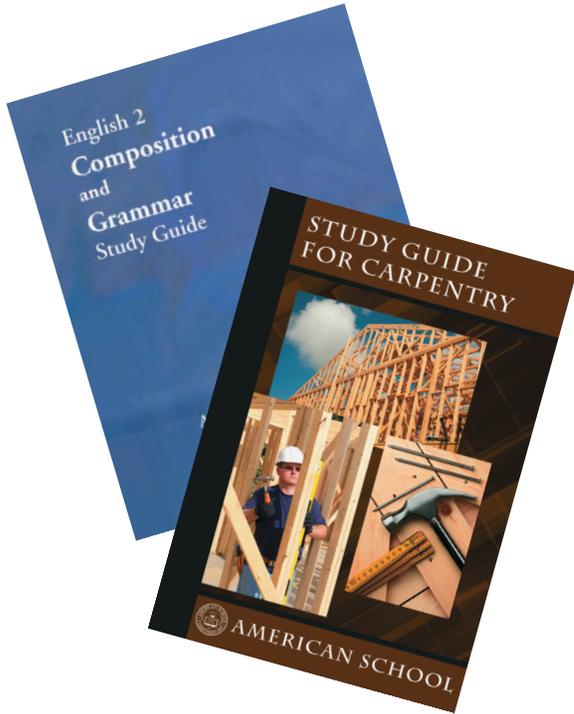
The release of online exams in these six courses brings the number of paper-based courses with online exams to 41, which is well more than half the American School's curriculum. The American School is committed to adding more online courses to its curriculum throughout 2014 but plans to also offer a robust curriculum of paper-based courses for years to come.



Reminder: Keep Your Postal and E-Mail Addresses Updated

The first newsletter of the year is a good time to remind you to make sure we have your current postal and e-mail addresses on file. If you have recently moved, please contact our student service department to update your postal address. This will ensure your study materials, graded exams and other documents arrive at your residence safely and quickly. If your e-mail address has changed, you can update that by logging into the online student center and clicking on the "Change My E-mail Address and/or Password" link found in the "My American School" box in the upper right corner of the screen.

American School Hammers Out New Carpentry and English 2 Courses



The American School is pleased to announce the release of new courses in Carpentry and English 2: Composition and Grammar.

Carpentry, which contains six exams and is worth one unit of credit, provides a systematic overview of the most common tools, materials and procedures used in residential construction, from laying a foundation to finish work. Students who take Carpentry will learn to calculate board feet, interpret labeling information, identify components in drawings as well as complete objective questions which test their knowledge of the basic tools, materials and procedures.

English 2: Composition and Grammar, which contains six exams and is worth one-half unit of credit, is the second in a series of one-half unit courses which stress a positive interest in language and training in speaking and writing. Students who take English 2: Composition and Grammar will build on the understanding of vocabulary, grammar, writing and speaking acquired in English 1: Composition and Grammar. They develop their communication skills through expanding their vocabulary, analyzing sentence structure, and writing themes.

Important Information Regarding Transcripts

One of the most common requests we receive from our students and graduates is how to obtain an official transcript. As has been our long-standing policy, students may obtain one transcript free of charge, but, effective February 1, the cost for ordering additional transcripts will be \$5 each. We are happy to offer this service to our students, and more information about ordering transcripts may be found on the FAQ page of our Web site or by emailing the Student Service Department at the e-mail address found in the Online Student Center.

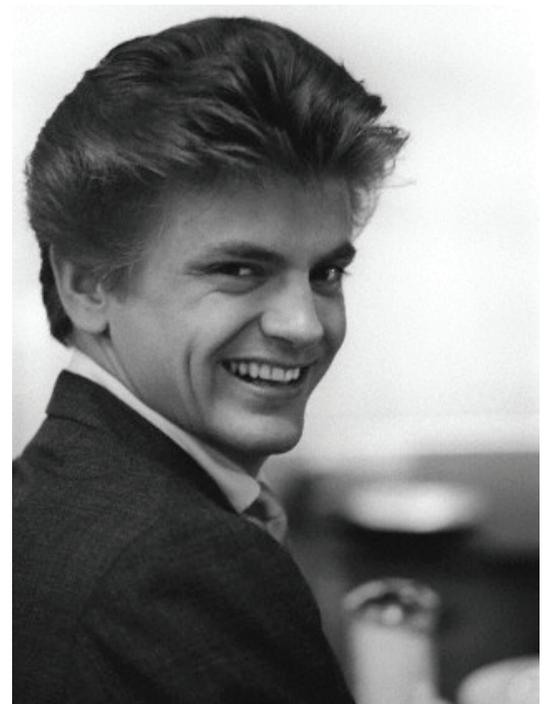
American School Graduate and Musical Legend Phil Everly Dies

The music has stopped for one of the American School's most famous graduates. **Phil Everly** died in early January, leaving behind a musical legacy that includes a string of hits he recorded with his brother and fellow American School graduate **Don Everly**.

Between 1957 and 1962, the Everly Brothers reached the charts 34 times with hits like "Bye Bye Love," "Wake Up Little Susie," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," "Claudette," "Bird Dog," "Let It Be Me," "Cathy's Clown" and "When Will I Be Loved". Rightfully so, the Everly Brothers were among the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's inaugural class when they were inducted in 1986.

In some ways, the Everly Brothers served as a bridge between the legendary Buddy Holly, who was an inspiration to them, and later hitmakers such as the Beatles, the Beach Boys, Simon and Garfunkel, Linda Ronstadt and Neil Young, all Rock and Roll Hall of Famers themselves who count Don and Phil Everly among their musical mentors.

Visit <http://rockhall.com/inductees/the-everly-brothers/bio/> or www.everlybrothers.net for more information on the Everly Brothers' legacy.



Anna Tatishvili Begins 2014 Grand Slam Season in Australian Open

American School graduate **Anna Tatishvili** kicked off her 2014 Grand Slam season with a 6-2, 6-4 loss to **Monica Puig** of Puerto Rico in the first round of the Australian Open.

Although Anna lost in the first round, she was not winless Down Under. In fact, she won three three-set qualifying matches to advance to the main draw. First, she defeated **Aleksandra Wozniak** of Canada, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Next, she beat **Ekaterina Bychkova** of Russia, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. Finally, she triumphed over **Risa Osaki** of Japan, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2.

We hope that those three grueling victories serve as a springboard to a successful 2014 season for her.



Lords of the Rings: American School Students and the Olympics



The Sochi Olympics got us wondering if any American School students or graduates have participated in the Winter or Summer Games. In fact, there are a few confirmed Olympians among our three million students and graduates, mostly on the tennis court. **Andre Agassi** won a gold medal in men's singles tennis at the 1996 Summer Olympics. That same year, **Anna Kournikova** was part of the Russian delegation. **Mary Pierce** and **Anna Tatishvili** competed in the 2004 and 2012 Summer Olympics, respectively. In the pool, **Katie Hoff** competed in the 2004 and 2008 Summer Olympics, earning a silver medal in the 400 meter freestyle and bronze medals in the 400 meter individual medley and the 4 x 200 meter freestyle relay at the 2008 Games. If not for injuries, figure skaters **Deanna Stellato** and **Tanya Street** may have struck gold at recent Winter Olympics. With the addition of more action sports that seem to play to Americans' strengths, perhaps it won't be too long before we have our first participant and medalist in the Winter Games, maybe even as early as the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Sharon Maco Celebrates 45th Anniversary



The *All American* regularly highlights full-time employees who reach milestone anniversaries, but even if we profile a handful of them per issue, their combined service often doesn't surpass the 45 years **Sharon Maco** has worked at the American School.

A member of the Collections Department, Sharon (shown here with Executive Committee members **Marie Limback**, **Vince Immordino** and **Rene Villalva**) is currently the longest-tenured full-time employee, though long-serving employees are nothing new to the American School. In the past, we have had several employees work full-time for upwards of 40, 50 or even 60 years, and we are pleased to have Sharon in that group.

We congratulate her for her many years of dedicated service to the School and our students and wish her the best in the rest of her American School career.

Three Employees Combine for 70 Years of Service

Three American School employees with a combined 70 years of service are celebrating anniversaries in January and February. **Cathy Leato** (pictured below, third from left, with Executive Committee members **Rene Villalva**, **Vince Immordino**, **Gary Masterton** and **Marie Limback** and Student Service Department Supervisor **Robin Fisher**, third from right) is the latest inductee into the School's Double Decade Club which celebrates 20 years of continuous full-time employment.



At press time, **Cathy Sims** was preparing to celebrate her 35th anniversary, and **Mary Kay Perez** was preparing to celebrate her 15th anniversary. We hope to share photos of their celebrations in the next *All American*.

Congratulations to Cathy, Cathy and Mary Kay, and thank you for everything you do for our students.

American School Announces Extended Hours

The American School is pleased to announce new hours effective February 3. Previously the American School was open to serve students between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Central Time. Now the American School will be open an extra hour, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Time. This extra hour will allow us to better serve our students, so we encourage you to call us at 708-418-2800 or 866-260-7221 between those hours.

Of course, e-mail is a way to communicate with us when it is convenient for you. We promise a response within one business day unless circumstances are deemed extraordinary. Visit the Online Student Center for a list of departmental e-mail addresses. We look forward to hearing from you!

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