

# AMERICAN SCHOOL, INC.

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Date: August 27, 2025

To: Parents and Guardians

From: Shirley Bello, Assistant Headmaster

Subject: Important Reminders and Updates

Dear American Rams Parents and Guardians,

It is with great joy and excitement that we thank you and your scholars for an amazing start of the 2025–2026 school year at American School! Each new school year brings new beginnings, opportunities for growth, and a renewed commitment to our mission of providing a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for every scholar who walks through our doors.

We kindly ask for your continued patience as we navigate this time of transition. There are many moving parts—academic, structural, and cultural—that we are working to align for the success of our scholars and community. Please know that every decision we make is rooted in our desire to uphold the legacy of American School while preparing for its future. Here are a couple of reminders as we move forward with our academic year

## Dress Code Policy

American School has a dress code policy that applies to all individuals entering school grounds. We understand that mornings can be busy, and it is easy to rush out the door. However, we kindly request that parents, guardians, and family members be mindful of attire when dropping off or picking up scholars. Dressing in a manner that aligns with our school's modest and respectful standards helps maintain a focused and safe environment for all. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the dress code, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for clarification.

Parents we kindly remind you to share and emphasize the importance of following our uniform policy with your scholars. All shirts must be tucked in at all times. Boys are required to wear a blue or black belt with their uniforms. For our girls, skirts must always be worn at or below the knee. These standards help us maintain a sense of order, pride, and respect within our school community. Thank you for doing your part in upholding the American School image.

## Respectful School Environment

As a school community, we strive to create a safe, respectful, and supportive atmosphere for every scholar and faculty member. Unfortunately, there have been instances where students have been subjected to foul language from parents or guardians on school grounds. We understand that mornings and dismissals can be stressful; however, we kindly remind everyone that profanity, derogatory language, or disrespectful behavior towards scholars, professors, or any member of our school community will not be tolerated. Our goal is to foster a culture of kindness, empathy, and respect. We ask for your support in setting an example for our scholars by refraining from inappropriate language and leading with patience and understanding.

## Health Reminder: COVID, Mycoplasma & Influenza

As we begin the school year, we want to remind all families of the importance of monitoring your scholars for symptoms of **COVID-19, Mycoplasma, and Influenza**. These three illnesses can present with similar symptoms—such as cough, fever, fatigue, or sore throat—and can easily be mistaken for one another. They also spread quickly in group settings like schools. For the well-being of all, we kindly ask that if your child is showing any

signs of illness, please keep them home, consult your healthcare provider, and notify the school office. Together, we can help prevent the spread of these illnesses and protect the health of our entire school community.

### COVID Protocol for Schools

The health and safety of our scholars, families, and staff remain a top priority. We will continue to follow established COVID-19 protocols to ensure a safe environment on campus. Here are some key reminders to ensure safety for all:

- Masks are recommended for scholars and staff, especially in crowded areas and/or during outbreaks.
- Stay home if you are sick: If your scholar or a staff member is experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough or sore throat, please keep them home and seek medical attention.
- Hand hygiene: encourage frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom, before eating and after blowing noses, coughing and/or sneezing.
- Social distancing: maintain a safe distance between scholars and staff especially in classrooms and common areas.
- Vaccinations: ensure your scholar is up to date on all recommended vaccinations, including COVID-19 vaccines.

If a scholar or faculty member tests positive for COVID-19

- Notify the school administration immediately
- Follow the recommended isolation period (typically 5 days)
- Provide documentation of a negative test result before returning to school

### College One Bands

Beginning tomorrow, we will start distributing the College One Bands. These will have a cost of \$10 per band, which will be added to your accounts. If a band is lost, the replacement cost will be \$25. These bands are an essential part of our new school management system and will support the cafeteria, attendance, safety, and organization.

### Important Dates

- September 2, 2025 – Homework Sections, Labs, Tutoring, and Afterschool Programs begin.
  - Elementary HW Section & Labs: 2:30–3:30 PM
  - Middle School HW Section & Labs: 2:45–3:45 PM
  - High School Labs & Tutoring: 3:00–4:00 PM
- September 4, 2025 – Seniors and Juniors will participate in a College Orientation at the Ramón Loubriel Coliseum.
- September 5, 2025 – Pin Ceremonies for 8th graders and 12th graders.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support, flexibility, and encouragement as we work together to make this year one of growth, achievement, and unity. Let us set the tone for our scholars by fostering respect, kindness, and collaboration in everything we do.

Together, we will make the 2025–2026 school year a remarkable one.

With appreciation,



*Shirley Bello*

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