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"ONCE A RAM, ALWAYS A RAM."

DOCUMENTING MEMORIES,
ACHIEVEMENTS, AND ACTIVITIES
TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL MORE
UNITED.

BORED OF SILENCE? CHECK OUT
THE MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS OF
YOUR FELLOW CLASSMATES!

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THE BUZZER BEATER IS COMING!
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AND READ ABOUT THEIR JOURNEY
TOWARDS THE BIG CHAMPIONSHIP!

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Student Events

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On the week of Valentines, students created the Photobooth located near Arquelio's classroom. There you could take photos to celebrate Valentine's Day with whoever you wanted. This was thanks to the hard work of students and collaboration with Mr. Ramos over the span of 2 weeks.

At the same time, students were able to send letters to each other for Valentine's Day. It was an event made fun by students. Alongside this, they were able to buy serenades and choose any song they wanted. Overall, the day was made special by the students.



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Samuel Bernacett
(Varsity Boys' Basketball Team)

On the way to the BuzzerBeater

Following an outstanding month of January, February continued to showcase the strength and growth of American School's basketball program across all divisions. The month featured several significant and historic matchups that elevated the school's reputation in interscholastic competition. Most notably, the Varsity Boys' team defeated Jireh Kingdom from Río Grande, ranked No. 1 in the Buzzer Beater Power Rankings, at the Caguas Private School Tournament. The Varsity Girls' team also secured an important victory over the school "Miguel Méndez Muñoz" during the "Torneo 3x3 de Bayamón." Additional key performances included competitive matchups from the Varsity Boys against Bayamón Military Academy (ranked No. 4) and Caguas Private School (ranked No. 2) at the "Colegio Adianez" tournament and the Christian Military Academy Tournament. The Mini Boys' team further contributed to the school's momentum by competing in the "Copa Monarcas" final against the school, "Francisco Manrique." These efforts have played a crucial role in maintaining the Rams' strong national ranking. Looking ahead, the program now prepares for the upcoming Buzzer Beater National Championship in March, where five teams—Mini Boys, Youth Boys, Junior Varsity Boys, Varsity Boys, and Varsity Girls—will represent the school. In its inaugural season, the Rams stands on the verge of establishing itself as one of the nation's leading basketball programs and is ready to rise to the next challenge.

The Future for Rams' Volleyball



Bryanna Z. Aubray Colón
(Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball Team)

In the closing weeks of this month, volleyball tryouts for all divisions were conducted in preparation for the upcoming season. The sessions were led by the American School's new volleyball coach, Dewid Zayas, who oversaw the evaluation and selection process. Following an outstanding inaugural season for American School, these tryouts mark the beginning of a renewed pursuit of excellence, as the program aims to once again elevate the Rams' name to the top of interscholastic competition.

The Youth and Junior Varsity Girls' teams played a pivotal role in establishing the Rams' growing reputation within the sport, and the program is determined to build upon that success. With strong commitment and high expectations, the Rams are preparing to return stronger than ever for the upcoming volleyball season.



Picture taken by: Jayden Serrano

PEP RALLY

GETTING OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS MOTIVATED FOR THE BIG CHAMPIONSHIP

On Thursday, February 26, 2026, our school organized a "pep rally" to present and support our basketball athletes who will be participating on the upcoming Buzzer Beater championship from February 27-March 29 at Gurabo.

Our student of the year, Ailish Nazario, took the role as our compere presenting our school's headmistress, Ms. Bello, to give out a wonderful speech, followed by our school's dean, Ms. Román, who also gave her own.

We kicked off our "pep rally" with a spectacular performance by our American school's dance team, which was totally phenomenal. After, each team was presented individually. These included: Men's mini, junior, juvenile, and varsity teams and women's varsity team

We're honored and proud of each of our athletes, and we wish them the best of luck on the upcoming championship. GO RAMS!



Mrs. Fernandez Interview

What inspired you to be a teacher?

'Ever since i was a little girl I would play pretend as a teacher. Never in my mind I thought would be a teacher until high school when I applied for a bachelors degree in education.

How did you feel when you found out you were Teacher of the Year?

It was a surprise for me as it was the first time in American School that the Teacher of the Year was elected by Coworkers. It meant a lot to me.

What's your favorite subject to teach and why?

I love teaching all classes except Spanish, but I tend to put in more effort in Social Studies. It's very interesting for me.

What has been your biggest challenge as a teacher?

The challenge has been with technology. Teachers must always be up to date with the latest technology. The students know more about technology than us and might take that advantage.

What does "67" mean to you?

I really don't know what 67 mean exactly, For me its just a trend I don't pay much attention to it. But I go along with the kids and say 67.



Fun Fact:
She has been
working in
American
school for over
20+ years!!

To the world you may just be a teacher,
but for us you are a hero!

Made by: Maria J.

THE ART TEACHER

Made by Carlos

HOPPE INTERVIEW

have you ever been interviewed hoppe? Hoppe said Yes, a few times in different formats like job interview, podcasts, and the news.

what is your favorite city, hoppe? It really depends on on my mood, it gotta be between Chicago, Milwaukee and San Juan.

Hoppe, if you are a WWE wrestler, what would be your walk-out song? Hard question for me but I pick "Beto horns" by a band from Argentina.

Who will win a one-on-one, you or Chuck Norris? In His Prime nope, but his current age I think I win.

who Would win 50 seniors or 100 hoppers? Yes, 2 of me against 1 senior.

What was all your hairstyles? I don't remember all, but I had braids, buzz cut, long hair pass my ear and etc.

Why did you became a teacher and why an art teacher? I started in kitchen and gas station jobs before trying an afterschool program, where I discovered I was great at working with kids. After helping a school director on a field trip, she hired me, and I continued growing in education through different roles.

After moving to Puerto Rico and taking a break, I realized I missed teaching and applied to American School. I ended up teaching art and now focus on middle school, which I really enjoy.



This is hoppe with short hair on 2019.

Fun facts

Hoppe birthday is on October 18

Hoppe is 31 years old

He loved orange soda

He lived with 7 siblings



This is hoppe just with his hat and chilling.



This was hoppe with his braids in 2015.



Here we have an interview with our student of the year, Ailish Nazario. Representing the American School Rams in the Centro de Convenciones de San Juan.



Q. HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT SUCH AN ACHIEVEMENT?
A. I FELT SURPRISED, HAPPY, AND VERY THANKFUL WITH GOD FOR GIVING ME THESE NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

Q. WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING WITH SUCH RESPONSIBILITY?
A. I PLAN ON MOVING FORWARD AS AN AMERICAN SCHOOL STUDENT, TO INSPIRE OTHERS, AND TO NEVER GIVE UP.



Once a Ram...

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER BIG GOALS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE BEFORE YOU GRADUATE NEXT YEAR?
A. I WOULD LIKE TO BE HIGH HONOR AND VALEDICTORIAN WHEN I GRADUATE. BE SUCCESSFUL IN MY LAST YEAR AS A STUDENT.

Q. WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?
A. I SEE MYSELF STUDYING TO BE AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON.

Q. ANY BIG ROLE MODEL?
A. MY BIGGEST ROLE MODEL IS GOD, HE IS THE PERSON I ALWAYS LOOK UP TO IN MY HARDEST DAYS.



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Q. HOW DO YOU FEEL BEING ANOTHER ROLE MODEL FOR THE YOUNGER UPCOMING STUDENTS
A. ITS CRAZY, BECAUSE EVERY TIME I ENTER THE SCHOOL I FEEL THE SUPPORT OF EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THE BUILDING. I FEEL VERY GRATEFUL, OBVIOUSLY, FIRST WITH GOD, AND THEN THE AMERICAN SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS.

Q. WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT YOUR OWN LEADERSHIP STYLE?
A. I'VE LEARNT THROUGH GOOD LEADERS, TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS, AND THAT YOU MAY FACE MANY OBSTACLES BUT YOU MUST ALWAYS KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

Q. WHO DO YOU THANK FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT?
A. I THANK THE LORD FOR GIVING ME THE STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO KEEP GOING EVEN WHEN ITS HARD. I ALSO THANK MY PARENTS AND MY BROTHER FOR BEING MY NUMBER ONE SUPPORTERS. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY GROUP OF FRIENDS AND TEACHERS FOR GUIDING AND SUPPORTING ME.

Q. ANY ADVICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE OTHER STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AS AN AMERICAN SCHOOL RAM?
A. ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU. YOU ARE NEVER ALONE NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND TEACHERS WILL BE THERE TO SUPPORT YOU JUST LIKE THEY HAVE WITH ME.

The Music Takeover

LISTENING TO MUSIC ISN'T JUST FUN—IT CAN SURPRISINGLY CHANGE YOUR MOOD AND MAKE EVERYTHING FEEL BETTER. IF YOU HAVEN'T TRIED ARTISTS LIKE BILLIE EILISH AND BAD BUNNY, THEN YOU'RE MISSING OUT. THEIR SONGS HIT DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON HOW YOU FEEL—WHETHER YOU'RE CHILL, SAD, OR HYPED. ONCE YOU START LISTENING, IT'S HARD TO STOP SINCE THE MUSIC CONNECTS WITH YOU.



Bad Bunny

If you're looking for music that hits and matches your mood, you should listen to Bad Bunny. His songs are more than just catchy—they pull you in and make you feel something. Plus, the way he represents Puerto Rico makes it even more real and easy to connect with.

Recommended Songs

- Titi Me Preguntó
- Me Porto Bonito
- Yonaguni
- Dakiti



Billie Eilish

If you're looking for an artist who can relate to you, then Billie Eilish is the one for you. Her music feels real and super relatable. She talks about things teens go through and her chill, unique style makes it easy to vibe with and just be yourself.

Recommended Songs

- Bad Guy
- Happier Than Ever
- Ocean Eyes
- Birds of a Feather

“MUSIC IS LIFE” THOUGH MAYBE YOU NEED TO ADD MORE LIFE TO IT.



MORE RECCOMENDATIONS

Looking for something else to make your mundane sad music taste even sadder? Childishly fresh eyes by The Caretaker, is a lyric-less song that is apart of a album series to represent dementia and the stages of it.

Want to explore more niche music belonging to niche communities? To You! (Oh darling) by Landelsoup is a song surrounding popular content farm Max design pro, its an intense love song from a rhythm games mod.

For the last song, maybe you would want to try an edgy song? Cherry waves by Deftones is an edgy classic emo song.

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TIRED OF LISTENING TO BORING, MUNDANE, AND LIFELESS SONGS? HERE'S SOME THAT MIGHT CURE THAT MUSIC-CATASTROPHE!

Looking for a song that will make you frolic through a field? Impostor Syndrome by Sidney Gish, is a song talking about her life as a forgotten and ignored person who steals the identities of other people around her to make up her own identity.

Maybe a song to help you feel sappy and nostalgic? I Thought I Saw Your Face Today by She & Him, is a song that talks about nostalgia for a certain partner or loved one in the past that might have left said person in the song, and believing they see that persons face in a strangers.

Had enough of happy songs? August 10 by Julie Doiron is a sorrowful song that shows a person begging their partner or someone else to stay by their side despite of something they might have done.



Together as a Community

Why is it so hard?

Since little kids, we were told our safety comes first. Have we been feeling safe in our own planet Earth...? We were also taught companionship... Where did it all go? What we mostly see is a community getting separated by the ICE, U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement. ICE is a federal law enforcement agency in the United States. Their main responsibilities are: enforcing immigration laws in the U.S and manage immigration deportations and detentions.

Recently, they've been promoting violence and separation.

We see kids screaming and running away, when they should be laughing and running around. We see families getting separated when they should be together. We see teenagers getting beat up when they should be hanging out with loved ones. We see elderly people being abused when they should be resting in their homes. We see a community falling apart yet we still don't open our eyes.



As a community, let's start spreading awareness, even if it's hard IT IS NECESSARY. We should never get deported because of our race, ethnicity or even gender. We are humans, not animals... We cannot be illegal on stolen land...



BEYOND THE BRUISES

WHEN WILL ENOUGH BE ENOUGH?



Once again..

As of two days ago, Afghanistan passed a new penal code declaring that any woman stating she has been domestically abused by her husband must show concrete evidence, or her declaration will be denied. This effectively legalizes domestic abuse as long as there is no permanent damage or broken bones. Not only could their declaration be denied but they have to also be accompanied by their abuser to even be allowed to give their declaration. Since the Taliban regained power in 2021, the situation has only worsened; they have set women's freedom back centuries—denying them education, jobs, and now, basic human rights. Every day, little by little, women are treated as an afterthought, as if they were less than human.



Women are humans too

Sadly, we are seeing a reflection of this shift within our own government. Following the revocation of Roe v. Wade, many states have already lost the right to abortion. There are now active plans to restrict access to contraceptives and, most recently, proposals like the SAVE America Act that critics argue could disenfranchise millions—disproportionately affecting women and voters of color by requiring strict documentary proof of citizenship that many do not readily have.

The patriarchy continues to threaten progress across the world, no matter how hard we fight against it. Men need to stop putting their two cents into what women do and don't do with their bodies. We deserve as much control over our own bodies as they have over theirs—and, sadly, over ours.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5TH:

- Gustoulo Caraballo FEB 6
- Jaycob FEB 23

6TH:

- Valeria FEB 23
- Mikaeala Torres FEB 7
- Xavier FEB 5
- Diego Rivera FEB 19

7TH:

- Juliangle FEB 8
- Noah FEB 18
- Valentina González FEB 21

9TH:

- Aakesh FEB 21

11TH:

- Nina FEB 16
- Josean FEB 6

12TH:

- Nanichi FEB 9



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Upcoming....

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5TH:

- Sophia Alago 28
- Frabian 30

7TH:

- Laura 6
- Jasmin 19
- Isabella 26
- Marcos 15

8TH:

- Lyan Figueroa 9
- Steven Rodriguez 16
- Dario Pérez 26
- Khriz Ortiz 12

9TH:

- Giobarry 10

11TH:

- Amaiya Hersey 5

12TH

- Yanilys 27
- Rebecca 27

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