

# THE CAS TIMES

## From the Director's Desk

Dear Parents:

May God Bless All CAS Families! We have arrived to the end of 2017 full of many blessings and successes. We hope to see everyone at our Noche de Luces activity on Friday, December 8th as the students have been working very hard on their musical performances.



After the show we can celebrate together with fireworks, food, lights, and worship.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of the CAS Staff!

- Ms. Vivian Pineda

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

<b>Noche de Luces</b> – All students must attend (5:30PM, 12:30 Dismissal)	Dec. 8
<b>Garage Sale/Baratillo</b> - Cancelled (8:00AM – 12:00PM)	Dec. 9
<b>Early Release</b> (12:30 Dismissal)	Dec. 15
<b>Christmas Break</b>	Dec. 16 – Jan. 7
<b>Classes Resume</b>	Jan. 8
<b>Review Week (Core Classes)</b>	Jan. 15-19
<b>Midterm Exams (Core Classes)</b>	Jan. 22-25
<b>Teacher Work Day</b> (No School)	Jan. 26
<b>Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	Jan. 29

## Chapel/Bible Message – Theme for December: RESPONSIBILITY

“Every day is a new day,” says a common expression. In fact, every day we have to have a plan to manage our different responsibilities, ahead of time. Whether it means to take the kids to school, to have a report ready for work, to wake up early to get ourselves ready, or even plan vacations that we can enjoy with our families, we are *responsible* to be ready for the day.

But what happens if our alarm does not go off early in the morning? What happens if traffic is not friendly at any given moment? When we are mindful that it is God who has created every day according to His will and purpose, this is when we realize that even in the difficult and unplanned moments, He is there with us to see it through.

The theme for December is “*Responsibility*.” It is easy to think about what we want for our day but have you asked God what He has in store for this day that He has given you?

We can help our students learn *responsibility* by encouraging them to have small jobs or chores in the home, to carry their own backpacks and to remember their homework and materials needed for school. Learning to be responsible takes time and it is a process but it is never too early to begin!

*Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him,  
And He shall bring it to pass.*

*Psalms 37:5 (NKJV)*

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are pleased to be honoring two CAS teachers, our mother and daughter team, Beth and Jessica Brotherton.

**JESSICA:** Five years ago, we were living in Florida and not sure where Guatemala was located on the map. After a Google Search and Skyping with Ms. Vivian, we were on our way to life in the *Country of Eternal Spring*. Upon stepping foot off the airplane, we were whisked to CAS to celebrate Matthew's birthday. Little did we know then, this would become our new life and 5 years later, we are still celebrating.

We have been honored to teach amazing students while living a new, quieter, better way of life. Our family has grown to a small zoo with 6 dogs, 3 cats, 2 guinea pigs and lots of love. We love the beauty of Lake Atitlan, the history of Tikal, and the excitement of Antigua. While we still enjoy our visits to Florida, we always love coming back home to Guatemala. The people here are beautiful and we have loved teaching, learning, and living among them. We are truly blessed.



**BETH (Ms. BB):** I have been living in and loving the Country of Eternal Spring for 4 ½ years. After teaching in Florida for 10 years, I decided I needed a change and my daughter, Jessica, allowed it to happen by agreeing to take care of our house and our pets. Although I enjoyed my first year in Guatemala, I was lonely with only my dog Cassie, so I convinced Jessica to join me. Once Jessica joined CAS as the Kinder A teacher, we moved into our lovely house just up the road from the school. Since then, our family has expanded to a small zoo of 3 cats and 6 dogs. We have grown to love this country and frequently visit the beauty of Lake Atitlan and the excitement of Antigua. I feel truly blessed for my life in Guatemala.

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### CAS Music Performance at SanKris Mall!

On Saturday December 2nd, CAS students gave a beautiful musical performance at SanKris Mall. Thank you to all the families who came to support the students! It was truly a blessed event!

