

# THE CAS TIMES

## From the Director's Desk

Dear CAS Families,

The school year is almost gone but we still have some very good activities, such as Splash Day, before the Spring Break. Please make sure your kids don't miss school days the 3 last months as this is a critical time to improve grades.

Enjoy your week off and take all the safety precautions as needed to return to school relaxed and full of energy to finish the year strong.

Remember to talk as a family about *Fairness* and how to apply this value in your daily life and especially in school.

- Vivian Pineda



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Splash Day!	
12:30 Dismissal	Mar 23
Semana Santa	
No Classes	Mar 24 – Apr 2
Classes Resume	Apr 3
Senior Trip to Florida	Apr 5 - 13
Progress Reports	Apr 13
Sports Day	
12:30 Dismissal	Apr 20
Labor Day	
No Classes	Apr 30/May 1

## Chapel Message – Theme for March: FAIRNESS

We live in a world where we all are in need of a little fairness. We may constantly find ourselves being mistreated, taken advantage of, or abused in many ways. Our daily plans are either incomplete or we can easily think of someone to blame for our outcomes. We end up painting a very difficult world where it is impossible to have a life. Sadly, our kids are watching how we handle our difficulties and repeat our same mistakes.

This month, we have been learning from scripture about "Fairness." We normally associate it with how others treat us, but end up forgetting that we need to show a friendly behavior to others, as well.

Our kids' attitude toward others will be reflected in what role model was imprinted on their hearts and minds, during their growth and development. Back in Jesus' time, a rule was famously known as the "Hippocratic Oath" which states, "Do no harm." This basically meant "Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you."

Still today, we often do not offer any act of kindness unless it is done to us first. When Jesus was teaching on the Sermon on the Mount, he stated the same concept but in a proactive, positive way. He made us think in a new way, where we can treat others fairly by being a leading... (cont'd)

example, to which we call the “Golden Rule:”

*“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.” Matthew 7:12 (NLT)*

*- Cesar Casasola, Chapel/Bible & Music Teacher*



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

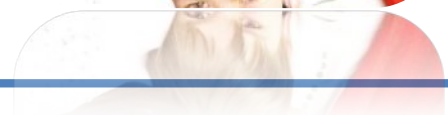
**This month we are proud to honor Karen Alvarado. She was a first-grade teacher at CAS last year and now she is working full-time as our school psychologist providing emotional and academic support to CAS students in Prekinder to 12th grade. Karen has a beautiful heart for the Lord and for our students and she has been a tremendous blessing to our school.**

My name is Karen Alvarado. I was born on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1991. I am the third child of four. I love spending time with my family and friends as they are God’s most amazing gift for my life. Since I was a little girl I dreamed of becoming a teacher and in 2007 I started studying at IGA Magisterio Bilingüe Intercultural until my dream came true. After graduation, I started studying Profesorado Especializado en Problemas de Aprendizaje at Universidad Del Valle de Guatemala. In 2013, after completing the Profesorado, I started a degree in Psicopedagogía which I finished in December 2015. This year, I started my Master’s degree in Gestión y Desarrollo de la Niñez y Adolescencia degree at the Universidad Rafael Landívar.

Teaching and helping kids with different needs has become one of my passions. It is incredible how important you can become in a child’s life and how much you can influence them along their way. I am aware that when you teach you also learn every day and I am always amazed by how much I learn from them. I truly believe God has given us different talents and gifts, so we need to make these talents grow and share them with others to let Christ shine through us.

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights” James 1:17*

I am very grateful and blessed to be here at CAS! I love my job and every day I try hard to give my best and be helpful to anyone in need.





## Spiritual Retreats 2018 - "RESTART"

*"For I am about to do something new; you see, I have already begun!" Isaiah 43:19*

This year, the Lord was definitely present at both the Elementary and High School retreats at EcoAventura and Finca la Loma. Students enjoyed music and worship, games and a wonderful time of fellowship together.

