



RE-ENROLLMENT LETTER



2019-2020

DEAR **CAG** FAMILIES, **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We are honored to extend the invitation to you and your children to re-enroll at the American School of Guatemala for the 2019-2020 school year.

As you know, re-enrollment at CAG is not only a demonstration of your child's growth and success in our academic program, but also an acknowledgement that your family supports the school and helps us to uphold a **75 YEAR LEGACY** of principled values important for education and leadership. As we celebrate you and your family in the re-enrollment process, we also thank you for your ongoing investment in a CAG education. We express our commitment to you and your family by continuing to build upon our school's academic and student life program and remain committed to nurturing the relationship between home and school by building upon trust and transparency as we steer CAG onward to reach our vision, building a legacy of meaningful lives who bring value to Guatemala and the world.

We understand you choose CAG as the most important investment you can make for your family's future. Because of your investment, we uphold our commitment to the CAG vision and mission through our strategic work. Our school's strategic plan guides the priorities of that work to be a school that is

- **STUDENT CENTERED, WHERE EACH AND ALL ARE KNOWN AND VALUED.**
- **A "ONE SCHOOL" MODEL FOR EXCELLENCE.**
- **A PARTNER WITH ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY TO IMPACT OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE DIRECTION.**

Whether it is through our facility improvements, enhancing the CAG experience, or faculty development, we have established a compelling case for re-enrollment calling upon you to continue to be a part of our community and proud of CAG.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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TUITION INVESTMENT continues to be directed back into our program towards professional development, curriculum development and facility upgrades. Because we believe facilities are important resources for teaching and learning and are extensions to curriculum, we will continue to make campus wide improvements to facilities at CAG this year.

GRADES 1 AND 2 will be updated to reflect our newest spaces in in Pre-K, Kindergarten and third grade with brighter classrooms and flexible learning furniture and materials which will provide a seamless Lower School transition in our learning environments.



MONTAÑITA PLAYGROUND equipment will be upgraded, (don't worry alumni, we will take pictures and preserve the old classics!). Because the Montaña is a favorite gathering for students, families and visiting alumni, we will be adding a large seating area with a pergola for student lunches, outdoor activities and a place for parents and visitors to gather.

MUSIC CLASSROOMS located in the Auditorium building will receive an upgrade and will be all school, Prek-12th grade inclusive.



THE FOUNDER'S LIBRARY will undergo phase II of improvements for the MS-HS section which also include an addition of a learning lab for student support and enrichment.

THE ATHLETIC FACILITIES will continue to receive ongoing improvements to our fields to inspire our Hornets and the many visiting teams we host throughout the year from Guatemala and Central America.



Some of our **OFFICES ON CAMPUS** will be modernized so students, families and visitors experience CAG in all of their environments.



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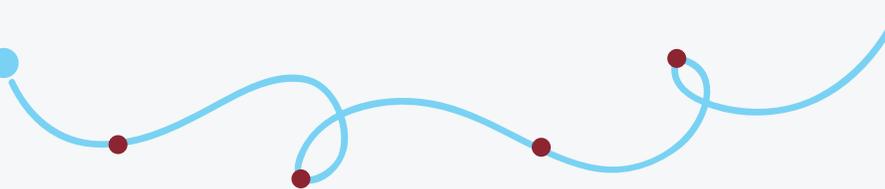
THE EXPERIENCE



Excellent schools analyze their program and its outcomes to inform improvement plans. CAG is an excellent school, and as such, we are committed to ongoing academic improvements, as outlined below. As we continue to shape our graduation profile, **VIDAS**, we analyze the distinct characteristics needed to form meaningful lives.

CITIZENSHIP IS AT THE HEART OF OUR DISCUSSION.

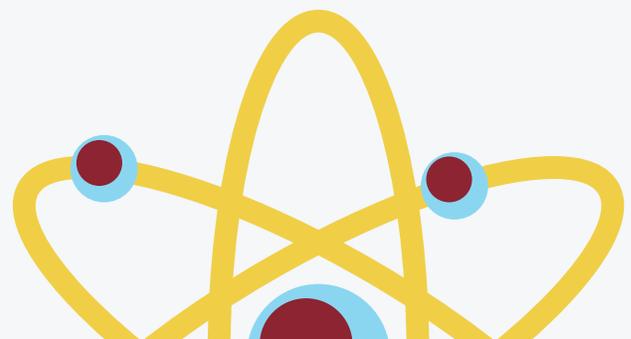
Civics education at CAG will take center stage in 2019-2020 guiding our students through various stages of learning and growing to understand and appreciate what it means to be them, a member of their families, their community, and their country. This entails an **Investment Into** on our **Estudio Sociales/Social Studies** curriculum, **Lenguaje** program and an **Integration** of music and art to enhance the understanding of civics in defining "who we are". This not only will deepen the importance of our school's core values, but will support the work we are doing to develop service learning, internships and leadership opportunities for students.



SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS Next year, High School will launch experiential learning opportunities for student focused on building community connections.

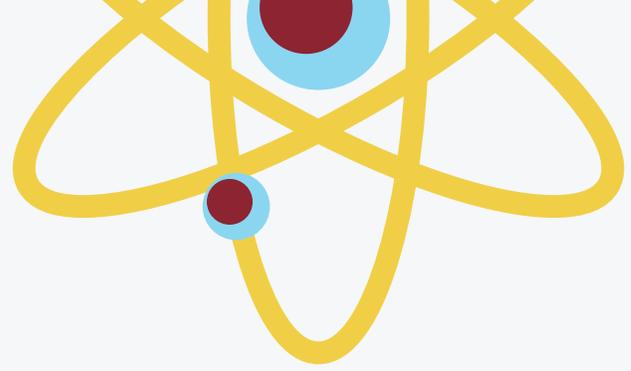
➤ Students will have the opportunity to **Intern with local professionals** that are **CAG alumni partners** to gain hands on experience in areas of career interest.

➤ Students at the advisory level and at the class level **will live a learning experience** during retreats where they are able to see their country, work together in service activities with local communities and develop a deeper understanding and respect for the country they are a part of as an important extension to Civics education.



A FAMILY SCHOOL COMMITTED TO OUR LEARNERS

As early as Pre-Kindergarten, we know how important teaching to all levels is for each student's success and for the collective success of CAG. Our **Learning Lab** will support children and their families in finding success in learning and will also support the needs of children who require enrichment. We are also proud that the **Learning Lab** will form its own department and represent the broad learning expectations and standards expected at all levels at CAG.



SCIENCE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY Science education will undergo a two year re-sequencing bringing integrated science to Middle School and resequencing the course of study in grades 9-12 for 2020. This will help align math education to the demands of science and also allow us to expand science electives responding to alumni feedback about their preparation for STEM fields at the university levels.

MATHEMATICS MATTERS

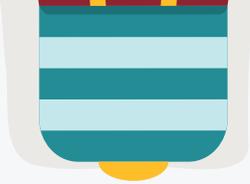
The CAG Math program will receive a careful analysis next year Prek-12th grade-aligning our program across all sections by 2020. We are learning that it is important the math program represents one math perspective with an uninterrupted continuum from one section to another. This requires **additional math coaches and department chairs** which we have invested in to **work directly with the Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Department**. We are also excited to offer AP Computer Science next year as an extension to math electives.



ART-FULL PLANNING An interest in the fine and performing arts is growing at CAG and are necessary elements in STEAM education. Performing arts will grow to include electives in 4th and 5th grades, the Middle School musical will be a continued tradition with anticipation growth into the High School. We are also excited to introduce an added elective, AP Art, into the program for our students pursuing design programs at the college level.

INNOVATIVE THINKING Technology and Innovation offer increased opportunities for students in High School to include App development, web design, e-sports arena, virtual gaming development and a push for competitive robotics. These programs depend greatly on student interest, so we encourage our students to learn more about these classes and how they benefit future STEM fields.





IMPACTING INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE

TEACHER IMPACT

The quality of our teachers continues to be CAG's number one priority. The faculty reflection and growth program will continue into the 3rd year, with the addition of a **student survey tool** and a **teacher culture matrix** bringing a 360 approach to school wide standards of professional excellence, academic excellence and standards of engagement for the teachers to participate in the development of teaching professionals.



OPERATIONAL TEAMWORK

The Operational Team on campus is fundamental to CAG's success because they turn vision into a reality! This team works to advance CAG by strategizing school finances and investments, ensuring the campus is modern and safe, and supporting the overall professionalism of the employees across all operational departments. The school provides **ongoing annual training** to supports our employees so that we can provide the best safety and service to all members of the CAG community.



LEADERSHIP IMPACT

Our leaders support our work in developing faculty and curriculum excellence as well as the advancement of student life. They are our campus wide models for excellence and are the voices on how institutional goals impact sections and departments directly. This year, the leadership team will partner in all areas from Academics, Advancement and Operations to roll-out strategic school initiatives.



WE ARE PROUD of the direction the school is moving towards that stays focused on providing a forward looking and rigorous learning experience that is delivered by the best local and international faculty. We are also proud to be able to offer all of the enhancement to the CAG experience while **offering a competitive and conservative tuition increase at 3%**. Though we know any increase may mean a sacrifice for our families, we continue to review the expenses that are associated with a CAG education and also continue to ensure tuition revenue is invested back into the academic program and into student life.

We encourage ALL CAG families to use **SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION**. This year we are able to offer a **0% increase on busing fees** and we continue to extend a **5% discount for the third sibling rider**. Different from other schools, CAG owns and manages its own bus fleet, and employs its own drivers and monitors. Our transportation system is customized and trusted. We also use state-of-the-art satellite tracking accessible for families through our online system, SchoolBuzz.



Finally, we take the responsibilities that come with such a highly regarded reputation wholeheartedly, and it is our continued commitment to you to offer a nurturing and caring learning environment where students thrive in a school that provides them with a modern education, steeped in tradition but always evolving to be forward reaching. We are committed to making sure a CAG education is meaningful in fulfilling its mission to empower and inspire all of our learners. In making sure we fulfill this promise, we pave the way for school wide improvement and development.

2019-2020 promises to be a great year filled with school wide growth and improvement. We are thankful to our families for your ongoing confidence in the work that we are doing. And we are most appreciative of the incredible students we have who are inspiring us to innovate and strive for excellence!

As always, my door is open to you and your family. If you have questions, please feel free to email or stop by the office.

In the tradition of maroon and gray,

PATRICIA LEE MARSHALL
GENERAL DIRECTOR

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