



Upcoming Dates

Friday 25th July:	National Holiday: Anexión del Partido de Nicoya - School closed
Monday 28th July:	Senior Girls Football Vs St. Francis
Tuesday 29th July:	Virtual Meeting for Year 10 parents regarding IB/NB choices (see below)
Wednesday 30th July:	Secondary Parent-Teacher Meetings
Thursday 31st July:	Year 3 visit to Volcán Irazú & Museo Nochebuena
Thursday 31st July:	Virtual Meeting for Year 8 parents regarding IGCSE (see below)
Friday 1st August:	Subject/Curriculum Options Fairs (Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10)
Friday 1st August:	Y1/2 Boys & Y5/6 Girls Football Vs Colegio Metodista
Wednesday 13th August:	Start of Year 10/12 Mock Exams
Friday 15th August:	National Holiday: Mother's Day - School closed



BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

Start of Semester Two

We would like to wish all members of our community a happy, safe and enjoyable second semester!

Uniform Reminder

As we start the second semester, we would like to remind all families of our school uniform requirements. Our uniform is an important and mandatory part of our school culture and thus we ask all families to please ensure that students come to school dressed in the required uniform for their year level - [Uniform Circular \(see the attach\)](#)

USA Cup, Minnesota 2025

We would like to congratulate all of our students and coaches who participated in the USA Cup during the mid-semester break. Our Year 5/6 Representative Team participated in two separate tournaments reaching the semi-finals in the weekend tournament and the quarter-finals of the weekday tournament. In addition to the matches the students also had the opportunity to participate in a number of cultural activities including a visit to the local zoo and an amusement park. Our Year 5/6 Representative Team was composed of:

Year 5: Christopher Dabdoub, Nicolás Gonzalez, Juan David Martínez, Adrián Saborío, Alejandro Alonso, Fabio Fausto Amador, Tomás Vargas.

Year 6: Camilo Espinoza, Felipe Hidalgo, Julián Peraza, Tomás Cordero, Samuel Martínez, Rafael Zamora

We would also like to congratulate the following students for their participation in the tournament where they represented the team that they play for outside of school:

Year 5: Javier Eugenin, Nicolas Bruno, Josué Ortega

Year 7: André Tristán

Year 8: Andrés Trejos

Year 9: Gabriel Beffeler, Ignacio Araya, Alberto Gazel, Andrés Alonso,

BSCR NEWS - Early Years and Primary

Quarter 2 House Points Winners in Primary

Ignacio Lopez and Andrea Vega proudly lifted the Quarter 2 House Points trophy on behalf of Poás after being crowned Quarter 2 House Champions in Primary.

1st: Poás = 2,525 points

2nd: Barva = 2,437 points

3rd: Arenal = 2,275 points

4th: Irazú = 2,165 points

Maths Olympics Qualifiers - MEP

A huge congratulations to the following ten students from Primary who are amongst a select group of 166 students from both Public and Private schools who have qualified for the II Etapa OLCOMEPE that will take place between the 19th -21st August. We look forward to hearing more on their progress next month and wish them all the very best of luck!

Year 1: Kai Larionov, Ramon Ramirez Quesada

Year 2: Alejandro Bonilla Morales

Year 3: Atharv Marwaha, Enrique Zamora Corrales, Lev Larionov, Julian Barquero Delgado

Year 4: Becky Chen Wu, Harold Wang Santamaria

Year 5: Alejandro Alonso Merayo

Dance Competition Success.

Huge congratulations to Alexa Martinez (4C) who recently took part in the ASH Nationals Dance Competition in Orlando, USA, where she placed second with her solo and first with both group dances.

Well done Alexa!



BSCR Primary Choir in International Choral Fest CR 2025.

During the mid-semester break the BSCR Primary Choir was part of the participant choirs in the International Choral Fest Costa Rica for Peace, one of the most important Choral Events in our country. During their performance, our students shared the stage with choirs from Costa Rica and the United States and the 2025 main guest Conductor from Spain.

The choir was praised by the audience, the organization and foreign choirs because of their stage presence and interpretation. Some of the comments received were "Is the very first time in so long that we can hear a children's choir using the correct vocal technique" / "Is amazing how they correctly use the stylistic". This opportunity opened doors for the Choir with other organizations who expressed their interest in promoting activities with the group in the future. Congratulations!



Parent-Teacher Meetings

On Wednesday 30th July, between 1pm and 4pm, we will hold our Secondary Parent-Teacher meetings. If, as a parent of a Secondary student, you would like to schedule either a virtual or in-person meeting with your son/daughter's teacher/s on this day please follow the instructions sent by email on the 22nd of July. Please note that classes for all Secondary students will end at 12 noon on this day to facilitate these meetings. Classes and clubs for all students from Early Years 1 to Year 5 will not be affected.

Costa Rican Informatics Olympiad (OCI)

Congratulations to Emiliano Robalino (Year 9), Luisa Rodriguez (Year 9) and Eduarda Silva (Year 9) on qualifying for the second round of the Costa Rican Informatics Olympiad. This marks the first time our school has participated in this prestigious national competition.

English Creative Writing Competition

We would like to congratulate all the students who took the time to write, proofread and submit their entries for this year's Creative Writing competition. We loved seeing their command of the language and the original ideas in all of their writing and we are looking forward to reading next year's entries. If any student failed to send us something this year, you will have time to work on it and save it for the 2026 competition, commencing in April of next year.

Our winners this year are:

Year 6-7 category: Naima Alvarez (Year 7)

Year 8-9 category: Stefano D'Arsie (Year 9)

Year 10-12 category: Samuel Gomez (Year 10)

We would also like to give honourable mentions to Diana Ramirez (Year 7), Sofia Martinez (Year 9) and Marco Laurencich (Year 11).

COMATEQ Gold Medal

Congratulations to Emiliano Robalino and Luisa Rodriguez on winning a gold medal at the COMATEQ (Competencia de Matemáticas por Equipos 2025) competition that was held at TEC, Cartago in June.

Online IGCSE informative session for Year 8 parents

On Thursday, July 31st, at 8:00 am, there will be an online informative session for parents of Year 8 students about the IGCSE program and their future course choices. To join the meeting, please use the following link <https://meet.google.com/ttc-syec-iw>. Parents will also be welcome to attend the fair on Friday, August 1st at 9:10 am in the Auditorium.

Online NB/IB informative session for Year 10 parents

On Tuesday 29th July, at 10:30 am, there will be an online informative session for parents of Year 10 students about the NB and IB programmes and their future course choices. To join the meeting, please use the following link <https://meet.google.com/xhn-xjif-mkk>. Parents will also be welcome to attend the fair on Friday, August 1st at 11:30 am in the Auditorium.

SAT (for Year 11 and 12 students)

This year's next SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) will take place on Saturday, the 23rd of August. The British School of Costa Rica will serve as a test center on this date. The registration deadline is Friday, August 8th. The test fee is \$111, payable online. For more information on 2025 test dates and deadlines, please visit the International SAT Dates. Most Year 11 NB and Year 12 students registered for the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica (TEC) admissions exam will have it on the same date and time as this SAT. Please check for a scheduling conflict, and if there is one, register for a different SAT date.

BSCR NEWS - Secondary

The SAT is a standardized test administered by The College Board. Many universities worldwide, particularly in the United States, consider it either a requirement or an optional part of the application process. The SAT is now digital, and students are allowed to use their own computers or tablets. For practice and preparation resources, please visit the SAT Practice and Preparation Information. Khan Academy is an excellent free resource for SAT preparation.

We recommend that students registering for the first time, schedule a meeting with Ana Lourdes Baumgartner, University Counselor, to complete the process. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Lourdes at abaumgartner@bscr.ed.cr.