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Upcoming Dates

Friday 19th June:	Last day of Semester One
Friday 19th June:	Secondary Talent Show
Monday 20th July:	Staff training day
Tuesday 21st July:	First day of Semester Two



BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

Happy Holidays

As the first semester draws to a close we would like to thank all members of our Learning Community for their commitment and support over the last 20 weeks. We hope that each member of our community has a safe, enjoyable and relaxing vacation period and we look forward to seeing everybody back on campus for the start of Semester Two.

Staff Farewells

As we conclude the first semester of the 2026 academic year we will be saying a sad goodbye to a number of staff members who are moving on to the next stage of their careers. We would like to express our appreciation to the following departing staff members for all that they have done for our Learning Community during their time with us: Andrea Gonzalez (EY), Kori Mesen (EY), Lucia Zamora (Primary), Charlie Watts (Secondary - Humanities), Daniel Quesada (Secondary - Science), Renzo Chiappe (Secondary - Maths), Henry Mallorie (Secondary - Science) and Roy Mckee (Health and Safety).

BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY

Library Update

We are very happy and excited to announce that our III Chess Tournament will take place this coming July 23rd. We will be joined by the Centro Pedagógico La Villa Creativa and national chess player María Elena Rodríguez, who has represented us internationally and ranks among the top positions nationwide. On our end, the BSCR will be represented by 10 students, ranging from Early Years 3 to Secondary. We wish them the best of success and a tournament filled with friendship, respect, joy, learning, and camaraderie. Please find the Tournament Agenda attached.

Furthermore, the Library Leaders and Teacher Adi invite you to let your imagination and creativity fly to design a name and logo for the Primary digital newspaper, which we hope to launch during the second semester. This will be a newspaper made by children, for children. You can send your proposals to: abarrantes@bscr.ed.cr. Upon returning from the holidays, we will vote to choose the winner.



BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY



Chess Success

Congratulations to the BSCR Chess Team on qualifying for the American Continental Stage of the FIDE-ISCF World Schools Team Championship 2026, which will take place in San José, Costa Rica, from 11-16 August 2026. In this round, the top 3 schools from each country of the Americas will be competing to be crowned champions. In the qualifying competition the BSCR Team finished 3rd out of a total of 25 Costa Rican schools that entered. Congratulations to Maximo, Maria Belen, Artharv, Lev and Isabella on their outstanding performance.

BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY

National Dance Representative

Congratulations to Miranda Guillén (Year 6), on being selected for the second consecutive year by the Costa Rican DanceSport Federation to represent Costa Rica as a member of the National Team in official international events.

Global Mathematics Competition

Our Year 10 student, Luisa Rodríguez Soto, has been selected to join the delegation of six young people who will represent Costa Rica at the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2026, the most prestigious pre-university mathematics competition in the world, taking place from July 14 to 21 in Shanghai, People's Republic of China. The delegation has also been invited to participate in the International Mathematics Summer Camp (IMSC) 2026, an intensive high-performance training program for the IMO, which will be held in Beijing from June 21 to July 12, organized by the Beijing Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Applications and Tsinghua University. We are especially proud to highlight that our student is the youngest member of the team, and that her preparation has been arduous and challenging, requiring discipline, effort, and passion for mathematics. The entire school community warmly congratulates her on this extraordinary achievement and wishes her the greatest success in this international experience.

PLASMA Vocational Competitions

The PLASMA Vocational Competitions, organized by Universidades.cr, provide students with the opportunity to explore different career fields through hands-on challenges that develop key academic and professional skills. Following our school's outstanding performance in last year's national finals, where we earned championships in several categories, the internal qualifying round was held on June 19 to select the four teams that will represent our school in the inter school competition. The level of competition was exceptionally high across all categories, reflecting the talent and dedication of our students. We are grateful to all participants for their enthusiasm and congratulate the members of our four teams, of whom we are extremely proud. These are our representative teams:

Culinary Arts: Camila Jiménez (Year10) and Andrés Van Grieken (Year 10)

Health: Santiago López (Year 10) and Marco Laurencich (Year 12)

STEM: Marco Jop (Year12) and Nicolás Reiche (Year 12)

Business and Design: Eduarda Silva (Year 10) and Paulina Van Grieken (Year 10)



Lombritec Visit

Last week, Year 6 students enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Lombritec, where they had the opportunity to learn firsthand about the vermicomposting (lombricompost) process and the important role of earthworms in recycling organic matter. During the visit, students reviewed key science concepts, including the different kingdoms of living organisms, abiotic and biotic factors in ecosystems, and food chains. They also strengthened their understanding of the vital roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers in maintaining healthy ecosystems. It was an engaging and enriching experience that connected classroom learning with real-world environmental practices.

CAS and NHS Activity

On Monday, June 15, 20 CAS and NHS students participated in a community service activity at the Jesús, María y José Association in Pavas. Together with 13 students from the association, we carried out a litter clean-up initiative to promote environmental awareness and care, collecting a total of 8 bags of trash. At the end of the activity, we shared a snack with the children from the place. Thanks to everyone's collaboration, we enjoyed a meaningful time together while strengthening our environmental stewardship.

