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Upcoming Dates

Saturday 1st August:	Taekwondo Club - Father's Day Activity
Monday 3rd August:	Year 2A Primary Assembly
Monday 3rd August:	BSCR Boys' Cat.A Football Vs Colegio Yurusti
Tuesday 4th August:	BSCR Boys' Cat.A Football Vs. Colegio Saint Anthony
Wednesday 5th August:	BSCR Boys' Cat.B Football Vs. Colegio Metodista
Thursday 6th August:	Year 5 Service Learning Talk - Dra. Adriana Yock
Friday 7th August:	Year 10 IGCSE PE Field trip to Colegio Humboldt
Monday 10th August:	Start of Year 10/Year 12 Mock Exams



BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

III Chess Tournament

We want to thank everyone who helped and supported us in organizing the event and attended it, as well as our guest María Elena Rodríguez and the La Villa Creativa Pedagogical Center. To our representative chess team and the winners: Congratulations, we are very proud of each one of you, you did a great job! Keep up the great work.

Athletics

From 21st to 24th July, our Athletics Coach, Karen Somoza Álvarez, was part of the coaching staff accompanying the Costa Rican National Para Athletics Team at the World Grand Prix Tlaxcala 2026, one of the most important events on the World Para Athletics international calendar. The competition serves as a key qualifying event for the Lima 2027 Parapan American Games. Among Costa Rica's outstanding achievements, Paralympian Sherman Güity set a new 100-metre world record, further cementing his place among the world's leading para-athletes.



Mental Arithmetic Success

Congratulations to Federico Morales (year 2) on finishing in 1st place in his category at the UCMAS 2026 National Mental Arithmetic Competition.



Football Success

Congratulations to Felipe Chacon (Year 5) on his recent footballing successes. In the first half of the season his team, RF7 Soccer Academy, finished as champions in:

- Interfiliales – Elite Level
- Esprofutbol – Elite Level
- Linafa – Regional Champions 8th Division (Heredia)

Over the next six months they will now defend these titles as well as compete at the Linafa national level.

Electronic Devices in Primary

A reminder that the use of smart watches and mobile phones is not permitted in the Primary School. Thank you for your support with this.

Get ready for the Teknikids STEAM Expo!

Over the past few weeks, our students have eagerly begun preparing to participate in the Teknikids STEAM Expo, which will take place on August 22 at the Centro de Convenciones de Costa Rica. Two Primary groups will proudly represent our School in this great experience, where they will put their creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills into practice through various STEAM challenges. Our students have already started their training and challenges, developing new skills as they explore, create, and work as a team. We are very proud to see their enthusiasm, commitment, and curiosity throughout this process. We wish our participants the best of success in this first STEAM experience! We are sure it will be an opportunity full of learning, innovation, and great moments.



Colibrí National Primary Mathematics Olympiad

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding participation in the COLIBRI first round of competitions 2026:

- Harold Wang (Year 6): [4th place in Costa Rica](#)
- Damon Wu (Year 6): [20th place in Costa Rica](#)

International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO)

Congratulations to Luisa Rodríguez (Year 10) on being selected to form part of the Costa Rican delegation to the IMO which was held in Shanghai, China between the 10th and 21st of July. The Costa Rican team earned two honourable mentions - excellent results!



Open House - Music and Art

Congratulations to all staff and students who were part of the Year 7 and Year 8 Open House Event on Tuesday 28th July. Both the Year 7 and Year 8 students showed great creativity, skills, dedication and commitment in showcasing their presentations in both Art and Music. It was great to see so many parents supporting the event and to celebrate the wonderful creative talent of the BSCR students. We look forward to seeing the development of their wonderful work as artists and musicians next year!



SAT (for Year 11 and 12 students)

The next SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) will take place on Saturday, August 22nd. The British School of Costa Rica will serve as a test center on this date. The registration deadline is Friday, August 7th. The test fee is \$111, payable online. For more information on 2026 test dates and deadlines, please visit the International SAT Dates. 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.

UCR 2026 Vocational Fair

On Tuesday, July 28, our Year 11 National Baccalaureate and Year 12 students attended the Vocational Fair at the University of Costa Rica's Finca 2, Ciudad de la Investigación. This experience allowed them to explore a variety of academic and professional options while becoming familiar with the university campus, helping them make informed decisions about their future.

