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Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th October:	Year 9A Service Learning visit to Casa Luz
Monday 5th October:	BSCR Senior Girls' Football Vs. El Colegio Calasanz
Tuesday 6th October:	Year 8A Service Learning visit to Escuela El Volcán, Santa Cruz de Turrialba
Wednesday 7th October:	Year 8B Service Learning visit to Escuela La Sirena, Pococí, Limón
Wednesday 7th October:	Classes until midday
Thursday 8th October:	2026/2027 Mentors Induction Ceremony
Thursday 8th October:	BSCR Boys' Cat. F Football Vs. Colegio SEK
Saturday 10th October:	Torneo Kids Athletics - San Isidro
Monday 12th October:	NB Mock Exams begin

BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

Health and Safety Drills

Over the past few weeks all sections of our School have been practicing our emergency procedures (Evacuation, Earthquake and Lockdown) so that students and staff members are aware of what they need to do in the event of a real emergency. We are delighted to share that there was a very high level of compliance with each of the emergency procedures that we practiced.

BSCR Community Update - New Campus Project

At the beginning of the 2026 academic year, we announced the purchase of the land adjacent to our current campus. Together with the Board of Directors, we began the search for a company to manage the project. This process led to the selection of ICC, a firm with extensive experience in construction project management in Costa Rica.

As the next step, several architectural firms were evaluated to design the master plan for the new campus. Following this stage, Robles Arquitectos was chosen to lead the design.

Robles Arquitectos has already begun consultations with members of our educational community. These conversations are essential to ensure the master plan reflects the needs and vision of BSCR. To gather broader input, a major in-person session will take place on Wednesday, October 7. Please note that lessons will be suspended from midday to allow full participation in this important information-gathering process. We appreciate your understanding and ask that you make the necessary arrangements for that date.

Your support is invaluable in ensuring that the master plan reflects both the present and future needs of BSCR. Together, we will continue the legacy and vision of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, guiding BSCR into its next stages and strengthening its role as a benchmark of quality education locally and internationally.

Quarter 3 House Points Winner

At the end of last quarter, our Primary section met for their last assembly and the winner of the House Points for Quarter 3 was announced. Congratulations to Arenal on a very narrow victory with only 5 points separating 1st and 2nd place. It is fair to say that there was a lot of excitement in the auditorium as the scores were announced. We now look forward to the remaining House Competitions in Quarter 4!

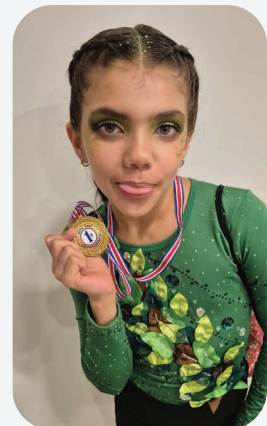
1st place: Arenal (2,278 points)
2nd place: Poas (2,273 points)
3rd place: Barva (2,214 points)
4th place: Irazu (2,123 points)



Published Author inspires Year 5 students
Mr Mallon's Year 5 Literacy Challenge class were incredibly fortunate to receive a visit from Sofia Martinez Munive (Year 10) who came to talk to the students about her journey as an author. Sofia undoubtedly inspired the group with her personal story and was open to reflect with the students during a fantastic Q & A session. Sofia proved to be a wonderful role model for our aspiring writers in Primary!

Silks Success

Congratulations to Elena Quiros on finishing in first place in her category at the Azul Fest aerial silks competition.



BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY

EYS - Virtual Workshop

We cordially invite EYS parents to the VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: "Discipline: Structure, Love, and Autonomy," which will be led by psychologist Andreína Azofeifa from our School's Student Development Services (SDS) team. The workshop will take place virtually on Thursday, October 15, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the following link: [Disciplina: estructura, amor y autonomía](#). Although it is specifically aimed at parents of EYS students, it is open to all families in the lower primary levels who would like to gain strategies and tools for managing boundaries and discipline in children. We look forward to your presence and to sharing this space for reflection and learning.

BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY

Olimpiada Costarricense de Informática (OCI)

Congratulations to Luisa Rodríguez and Emiliano Robalino (both Year 10) on qualifying for the Final of the Costa Rican Olympiad in Informatics (OCI). Luisa finished in 4th place and Emiliano in 6th place in the second round of this prestigious national competition meaning that they both progress to the final.

House Competition - Pumpkin Design Competition

For our latest house competition, all Secondary students are invited to enter our Pumpkin Design Competition.



2026 PSAT/NMSQT - Year 10 & Year 11

We invite our Year 10 and Year 11 students to participate in the 2026 PSAT/NMSQT, an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the digital SAT format and receive feedback on their Reading, Writing, and Math skills. The SAT is a standardized test used by many universities, especially in the United States, as part of their admissions processes.

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026
Time: 7:45 am
Location: School Auditorium
Cost: ₡25.000

Registration and Payment Deadline: Friday, October 9, 2026

Payment Options:

1. SINPE Móvil: 8782-2796 – Colegio Británico de Costa Rica
2. Bank Transfer:

COLEGIO BRITANICO DE COSTA RICA SOCIEDAD ANÓNIMA

Cédula: 3-101-047574

IBAN Colones: CR32010400000118030119

Banco Davivienda

Important: The payment details must include the student's full name and the word "PSAT". The payment receipt must be sent to smadriz@bscr.ed.cr in order to process the registration. For inquiries: Ana Baumgartner, University Counselor – abaumgartner@bscr.ed.cr | Phone: 2220-0131, ext. 171.

Exploring University Opportunities

It has been a very busy and enriching week for university guidance on our campus! We were delighted to welcome representatives from two of Spain's most prestigious private universities, IE University and the University of Navarra—both of which are chosen options for several of our alumni. Additionally, on Thursday, the majority of our Year 11 and Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend the Lincoln School University Fair, where they connected with dozens of universities from around the world. University exploration continues next week with two mini-fairs that will allow us to learn about universities from the Netherlands and Canada. These experiences are a valuable part of the university guidance process, as they allow our students to explore different academic options, ask questions directly to university representatives, and make informed decisions about their future.

