



Welcome Back To School September / October 2009

William Carey Academy

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sept. 1-7	Aug/Sept. Fees due at Eastern Bank (and also the Publication Fee)
Sept 3	Teachers/Office Retreat (no school)
Sept 6	HS Elections
Sept 16—Oct. 3	Eid-ul-Fitr Break and Puja Break
Oct. 4	School resumes—Be on time!
Oct. 4	Boys' Sr. Basketball Team Tryouts
Oct. 1-7	October Fees due at Eastern Bank (and also Accreditation Fee)
Oct. 6-7	MS/HS Open Houses
Oct 15	Mid-quarter Grades issued
Oct. 17	PSAT Test at WCA on Saturday for all Students in Cl. 10 and Cl. 11

I. Welcome back to school

It's always good to get back to school! The lazy days of summer are put behind. Time to get back on a schedule again and get some things done; time to see our friends again; time to learn new things in our classes; time to meet our new and old teachers! Speaking of new teachers in the MS/HS, let's introduce them:

We are happy to welcome **Miss Alexis Berdeaux** who is from the big state of Montana in the USA. Miss Berdeaux will be teaching Classes 7-9 Social Studies; Class 10/11 English and MS PE for girls. We appreciate Miss Berdeaux's enthusiasm for teaching. She comes to us with a university degree in Teaching Social Studies from Corbin University in Oregon.

We also look forward to **Miss Andrea Lindow** joining us soon. She will be teaching HS Science subjects. She comes to us from Pennsylvania where her family lives and where she graduated from university in Grove City, PA with a degree in science.

We happily welcome back **Mr. Nathan Thomas** who has been away from us for two years while he was doing Bangla Language study and raising additional funds to be here long-term. Mr. Thomas will resume his teaching of Cl. 7-9 Math; elementary and MS music. He will also be starting the woodwind section of our band/orchestra this year! We are excited to have Mr. Thomas back with us.

Another person who joined us at the end of the last school year is **Mr. Durjoy Nandy**. Mr. Nandy's specialty is video editing and computer hardware. He videoed our Closing Program for 2009 and also our 2009 Sr. Graduation. (Both of those DVDs are available in the office for Tk.250/). Mr. Nandy will be our Sr. Computer teacher this year as well as doing our videoing and photography work. We are very happy to have him on board.

We are also happy for some extra help from some of our recent graduates before they leave for university. **Miss Rimpay Erwin** who was an exchange student in the USA last year and graduated from there, has been helping in our MS English department and doing a fine job. **Mr. Joshua Das** has been doing some substitute teaching in our math department. We appreciate these graduates very much. Another young man who was here for one year in Class 2 (13 years ago!) and grew up at Malumghat where his Dad was a doctor at the hospital there is **Mr. Shane Kelley**. Mr. Kelley has studied science for two years in university and is now taking a "Gap Year" before he finishes his degree. He is helping us for a few weeks in our science dept. until our HS science teacher arrives. It's great to have him around too for this short time.

Of course we are always happy to welcome back all the regulars. We are thankful for such a stable teaching staff but always happy for new people who come as well. We have 11 new students in our MS/HS this year so we want to make them feel at home as well.

II. Open House coming after the break!

Since the month of Holy Ramadan comes so early in our school year this year, we have decided to have our Open Houses after the Eid and Puja break. But you should mark your calendars now because it will be held during the first week after school resumes. School will open again on 4 October and our Open Houses will be held on 6-8 October for Middle School. We will send you a schedule a little later but make sure you get that on your calendar now.

III. Missing our Seniors from last year...

We always miss our recent graduates but we are happy that they are now equipped for the next step in their lives. Most of last year's graduates are already studying in Canada, the USA, the UK, or Dhaka. Several of them won scholarships and that is noteworthy as well.

IV. Two More Reminders....

1. No cell phones are allowed in school. If it is necessary to carry one, please leave it in the office in the morning....but remember to pick it up after school immediately. The office will not be held responsible for phones that are left there.

2. Any MS/HS student coming late will not be allowed in the gate after 8:30 am. This prevents a student from just sleeping in or studying longer for a test. This is not fair to his teachers or classmates....nor to himself. If you think there is an exception to this....(ie. he came in on the night train and it was late, etc).....then call the school office.