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# FAMILY DAY RECAP

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By Yearbook Team, 2024



Family Day 2024 was an emotional rollercoaster filled with unforgettable moments. The event, which took place Saturday, November 9, featured a variety of fantastic activities. Interact collaborated with seniors on “la cueva del grinch”, the annual holiday themed walk-through attraction with a few surprises. NHS ran the thrilling “dunk tank”, soaking students and faculty alike. STUCO added some exciting bright colors to children’s hair with the Hair Spray Painting Station and some fun to come after that in the TORITO. Attendees enjoyed a delicious array of food, from churros and Pikos to Panda Express, popcorn, pizza, and much more. Laughter and joy filled the air, and heartfelt thanks were directed towards the OPAI moms who worked tirelessly to bring this event to life.

As night fell, the final highlight took place: a special tribute for the seniors celebrating their last Family Day, an every year tradition. Grade 12 students participated in a balloon activity, where seniors threw balloons with a light inside into the sky, symbolizing letting go of their past life to enter a whole new era. This was followed by a live concert where families came together to sing and dance. The grand finale was a breathtaking fireworks display, lighting up the night sky and creating lasting memories as everyone teared up to the end of this magical day.



This successful event wouldn’t have been possible without the dedication of the mothers and teachers involved, so let’s extend our gratitude for their support in making this Family Day truly one of the best! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.

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**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**

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# TIENDITA

Mark your calendars for *tiendita* every Thursday! It's the highlight of the week where you can indulge in your favorite *shuco*, *pizza*, *granizada*, and so much more. This delightful event is brought to you by the dedicated OPAI moms, who work tirelessly to make it happen and provide us with these tasty treats. Additionally we went from having Cafetalito every day instead of every Thursday so make sure to check it out!!



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## Mini Game

Find the following words in the puzzle that are hidden.

- RESPONSIBLE
- BASKETBALL
- FALL
- PUMPKIN
- TRACK
- INTER CONNECTED
- LECHETON
- THANKSGIVING



By Maria Fernanda López, 2024

# AASCA TRACK AND BASKETBALL EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

By Valentina Rubio Herrera (Edited by Gabriela Sofia Makarian Ghawali)

AASCA Track and Field stood out again this year, breaking records and earning numerous first and second-place finishes. From Inter Connected, we congratulate all the winners, both in individual categories and in group relay and high jump events. Sofia Urizar shone with an outstanding performance, taking first place in the 800 meters, 1500 meters, 3000 meters track (breaking once again the AASCA record), and 3000 meters cross country.

In the women's relay competitions, the U-20 team earned second place in the 4x100 (comprised of Camila Scheel, Ivanna Mena, Giuliana Marsicovetere, and Analia Gonzalez), 4x400 (with Isabella Torres, Giuliana Marsicovetere, Sofia Urizar, and Analia Gonzalez), and 4x1000 (formed by Sofia Urizar, Elena Ponce, Inés Aguirre, and Ariela Aguirre). Meanwhile, the U-15 team took second place in the 4x100 (composed of Katia Spross, Fátima Toledo, Lena María Mancía, and Cristina Escobar), second place in 4x400, with Camila Velásquez breaking the AASCA record, and first place in 4x1000 thanks to Natalia Campo.



📷 By Maria Fernanda Lopéz, 2024

In individual events, Giuliana Marsicovetere excelled with second place in the 400 meters, while Analia Gonzalez achieved first place in the 100 and 200 meters. Katia Spross also stood out with second place in the 80 meters and first place in long jump. María Belén Díaz shone with first place in the 80 meters (breaking the AASCA record) and 300 meters. In the men's categories, Gianluca Marsicovetere earned third place in the 100 meters, Paul Brichaux placed third in high jump, and Jose Pablo Lee secured third place in the 300 meters. Additionally, the U-15 men's relay team, composed of Luis Felipe Verdugo, took third place in the 4x1000m.

A special recognition goes to Sofia Urizar, who broke her own AASCA records, and to the MVPs of each category: Sofia Urizar (U-20 Women's MVP), María Belén Díaz (U-15 Women's MVP), Gianluca Marsicovetere (U-20 Men's MVP), and Mateo Gómez (U-15 Men's MVP). Finally, we celebrate the team achievements: the U-15 women's team earned first place, the U-20 women's team took second place, and the U-15 women's relay broke the AASCA record. Congratulations to all the athletes for their impressive achievements and for continuing to make Colegio Interamericano proud once again.

# ROBERTO GOSSMANN BREAKS NATIONAL SWIM RECORD

By Camila Garza (edited by Elena Ponce)

Roberto Gossmann, junior, won the 21st quadrennial Juegos Deportivos Estudiantiles Centroamérica, bringing home four gold medals, two silver medals and setting two national records. Gossman won gold in both the 100m and 200m freestyle, 50m backstroke and the mixed 4x100m medley relay. He earned silver in the men’s 4x100m medley relay and men’s 4x100m freestyle relay. He also broke national records in the 100m freestyle and 50m backstroke.



Gossmann explained during an interview how important balancing his time between his academics and swimming is. Despite his demanding schedule, Gossmann excels both in the classroom and in the water. Roberto serves as an inspiration for all Inter student athletes. Everything can be possible with balance. Even though the competition was not an official school sanctioned event, the entire Interamericano community is proud to have been represented by such a talented student and athlete.





By. Mario Alejandro Montenegro Ramirez, Monserrat Salguero López, Natalia Lambour Sheinberg, Sara Poggioli, Yulianna Dasouqui

### ARTWORK

## Hope Among the Rubble



**The Statue**  
is broken because there is no justice around the world.



**The Soldiers**  
represent how even though things are really bad, if we help each other everything will get better.



**The Tree**  
is a clear example of what the environment is going through right now

# AASCA

## Arts and Music Festival

By Gabriela Sofia Makarian Ghawali (edited by Juan Miguel Meneses Contenti)

For the first time we got the opportunity to participate in the AASCA Arts and Music Festival where a really talented group of students flew to Costa Rica and participated by showing their different skills. Some students with a huge talent in the artistic side elaborated a big and stunning piece of art inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals. The other students that participated were music masters. Some played the violin, some played the piano and there were many other instruments mastered in the event.

Montserrat Salguero, one of the students that participated in AASCA Art Festival was so kind to give us a more clear explanation to what they created in their Art piece.

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The piece had to be related with the Sustainable Development Goals and we decided to implement more than one into our Art work. We based our art on the fact that Global Goals were made so long ago but were never actually achieved and at the pace we are going they are not going to be achieved by the year 2030.

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We are so proud as a school of the Artistic team’s job and also of the Music team. We are really grateful to have this much talent in Colegio Interamericano!!



# INTERACT



OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 30

📸 By Inter's Interact Team



# Wheelchair Challenge



This year Interact launched an initiative called the Wheelchair Challenge. The objective was to collect money to buy wheelchairs for those in need, and the outcome turned out to be amazing, raising Q6,208. It was wonderful to see the school come together to help society in this beautiful way.

All of highschool participated in the challenge. Grade 10, as the main donor, managed to raise Q1,124.00. Grade 11, was the closest to the title of most donations by being able to contribute with Q1,038.90. Grade 9 was able to donate Q491.00. And grade 12 also had some part to play, with an additional donation of Q165.00. All the grades made a total of Q2,818.90 with donations alone.



## Bake Sale

The school also ran a bake sale to raise more funds for those in need of wheelchairs. This brought in an additional Q3,398.00, which far exceeded expectations.

As a total, joining the money raised from the kind donations of each grade and the bake sale, the total was Q6,208. We can proudly say we raised enough money to provide over 50 wheelchairs for those in need.

This challenge not only reinforced the collective strength within the school community, but also showed us how kindness can make a difference.

# National Honor Society



📷 By Inter's National Honor Society

OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 25

# SERVICE

## NHS GOT 3,273 LITERS OF MILK!



The National Honor Society at Inter was able to collaborate with an organization called "Club de Leones" for their program "Un Vaso de Leche al Día". This project consists in collecting the most amount of milk and taking it to really poor sectors in Guatemala to nourish people.

This annual event took place from October 8-25. Thanks the generosity of the students, we managed to collect 3,273 liters of milk, surpassing the initial goal of 3,000 liters.

Inter thanks *Club de Leones* for their incredible service as well as NHS for having us participate in such a cool experience and helping so many people. It was insane how much we collected. Thank You Inter Students!!



**What is Community Corner?**  
Community Corner is a small space dedicated to asking fellow students and staff their opinions on different topics.

## Tell us about a place you'd like to visit during fall.

- Coban - Mr. Ludim Arriaza
- Avenida en París con Jacarandas - Mr. Rafael Murga
- Central Park, or any place in Canada- Miss Claudia
- Switzerland - Miss Ange Sipac
- Middle East or Washington State - Miss Olimpia Vasquez
- Canada - Miss Kelly Perez

**Teachers:  
FALL HERE VS FALL AT HOME?**

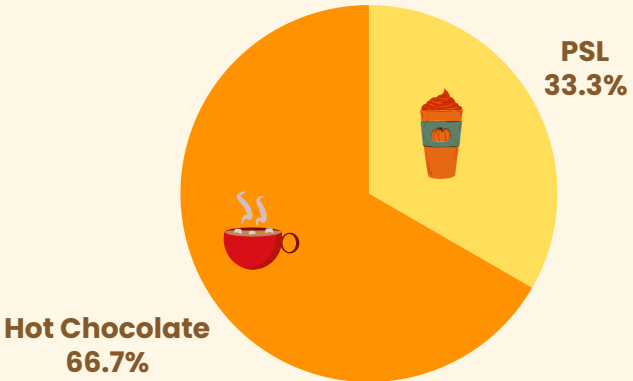
"Weather is cooler, there are more decorations, and enjoyment of the season is more distinct"  
- Joshua Putman, 10th Grade Teacher

"Fall doesn't exist in Australia"  
- Marc Maeji 9th Grade Teacher

**What was your favorite fall craft when you were younger?**

Decorating cookies - Katia Beydoun  
Decorating - Rodrigo Salazar  
Door decor - Said Jweiles  
Pumpkin Carving - Gianna Castillo

## Poll Time! Pumpkin Spice Lattes or Hot Chocolate?



Thank you for answering: Mr. Edberto Pop, Mr. Joshua Putman, Mr. Marc Maeji, Gaby Makarian, Ms. Claudia Artiga, Ms. Angie Sipac, Katia Beydoun, Said Jweiles, Gianna Castillo 11th, Rodrigo Salazar 11th, Adriana Marroquin, Ana Isabel Andrade

