
MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with pleasure that I am sending you this first update of our activities. Our students quickly became accustomed to the schedule and a daily routine has been established.

Three of our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Area Leaders are joining me in describing some of their activities and plans. I am also including an update of our Athletic Program.

On October 3rd the Tom Newby School from South Africa visited TASIS. Our students had the opportunity to listen to their choir and to play soccer and chess with our guests. It was an interesting and enjoyable experience for all.

Finally I would like to wish all a productive and happy school year. Do not hesitate to communicate with me on any Middle School issues.

Sincerely

Lucy Corsi
Middle School Principal



ATHLETIC EVENTS

The TASIS Athletics Department is pleased to announce that our Interscholastic Program for the Middle School Students began successfully and many of the MS students are participating in one of the Team Sports we are offering for the 1st Trimester.

Teams:

JV Boys Volleyball - Tuesday & Thursday

JV Girls Volleyball - Tuesday & Thursday

JV Boys Soccer - Monday & Wednesday

U-13 Boys Soccer - Tuesdays



Note: The U-13 Boys Soccer Team had their first friendly game against Tom Newby School from South Africa, and the students enjoyed an 11-a side game full of good plays and excellent sportsmanship.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL EDUCATION

A successful school year to all! I am happy to be part of this exciting and meaningful new program at our school. We have begun the year by looking at the following:

6th grade: Adaptation to a new school, making friends, cultural differences, school rules and responsibilities.

7th grade: Safety, friendship and school rules.

8th grade: Safety, becoming a teenager and making decisions.

At this critical developmental age, students need to adjust and adapt to the many changes around and within them. Education is the best tool to provide students with the proper information about their health and the risks that they may face in this life. Our aim within this area of Health and Social Education this year is to fulfil this goal.

Helen Tzaros
Health and Social Education MYP Area Leader

Community Service (1st trimester)

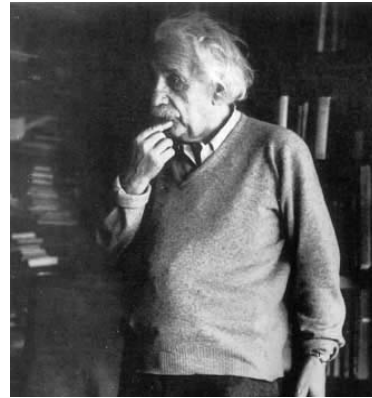
For the 1st trimester, the area of Community Service in the MYP program has initiated a variety of activities that aim at enhancing students' community spirit and their sense of service to others. For this purpose students of grade 6 are responsible for decorating the school's bulletin boards; grade 7 is in charge of classroom maintenance and offers assistance in the science labs; grade 8 is helping in the library and the computer lab and grade 9 is engaged in creating a newspaper for the MYP program and participating in the recycling program. In addition, students have the opportunity of being involved in a number of other activities such as preparing a drama production and participating in various sports teams. We are looking forward to a constructive trimester.

Maria Protopapa

Community Service MYP Area Leader



HOMO FABER



The purpose of Homo Faber as an Area of Interaction is to develop opportunities for students to appreciate creativity. In the first trimester students are creating; it is an opportunity to invent and create their own original ideas where they are able to express and interpret their thoughts in expressive writing, oral presentations, role play, and the use of materials.

At the start of the year students in grades 6,7 and 8 created collages depicting themselves and their friends using the theme of Changes. The 9th grade have begun working on the MYP newspaper in which the students will be collecting Community Service points. In the following months middle year students will be studying the inventive geniuses and advancement of thought and theories through time, as well as the development of civilizations in their subject classes.

What makes Homo Faber so exciting is that it is found in all areas of study.

Maria Voulgaris

Homo Faber MYP Area Leader

