

December 2001

***FOR YOUR INFORMATION...from the school's daily bulletin***

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once again it is with pleasure that we share with you our students', faculty's and parents' accomplishments through the month of December.

**STOPPRESS!**

**It is with great pleasure and pride that we share with you The Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools' awarding of ACCREDITATION to our school (second time) until December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The professionalism, commitment and hard work of everyone involved in the Self-Study, the Visit and Objective Evaluation, and the Action Plan reflect the characteristics of an accredited school, namely: devotion to a mission, knowing itself, accepting objective evaluation, being recognized, self-correcting, student oriented and planning for the future.**

***December highlights include ...***

-everyone's involvement in the Health Awareness Week which proved to be very successful. Questionnaires, quizzes, lectures, sketches, videos, and discussion provided and presented by the faculty, students and guest speakers enhanced this important interdisciplinary activity confirming that "**education will remain the best tool for health awareness.**" **Special thanks to Mrs. Tzaros and the members of the science department.**

-a beautiful National Honor Society induction ceremony inducting new members and celebrating all the members' outstanding qualities of character, leadership, scholarship and service. Congratulations to all students and a heartfelt Thank You to Mrs. Zouka, their adviser.

-grade 12 students applying to British universities through UCAS were reminded by Mr. Zafirellis to submit their applications immediately. Students applying to American universities were reminded that the January 26<sup>th</sup> SAT sitting is the next one and they must register before December 21<sup>st</sup>.

-the very interesting lecture on "out of control children and adolescents" presented by Ms. Thanopoulou and our resource team specialists, Ms. Panagiotou and Ms. Pattakou was followed by a very good discussion and parental involvement.

-congratulations to our soccer athletes and their coach, Mr. Valvis, who came first in the SV Boys Soccer Tournament organized by our PE department, involving four international schools. Well done guys! Bravo!

***... 'Tis the season to be jolly...***

-actors, singers, crew and their teachers have been rehearsing and working very hard for the Holiday show on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and please make an effort to come and support the students and the school during this festive season.

-thanks to Mrs. Foca and her ESL community service group for sponsoring a food and clothes drive to help make orphans' Christmas a brighter one.

-students, faculty and parents are buying silver stars for the Christmas tree provided by the "Make-a-Wish-Foundation". May everyone's wishes for health, happiness and peace come true! Proceeds will go to the Foundation for terminally ill children.

-the Christmas Bazaar sponsored by our parents' association proved to be very successful and added to the holiday spirit. Thank you parents.

***Finally, we would like to wish all of you and yours***

***Season's Greetings  
and the very best for the New Year!***

Sincerely,  
Chris Tragas

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