

December 2002

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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

- **A heartfelt THANK YOU to the faculty for their dedication, care, guidance and hard work in making the first academic trimester a successful and productive one.** We look forward to seeing all of you during the Parent/Teacher conferences on

December 18, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. You will have the opportunity to meet with the teachers individually and to discuss your child's progress thus far.

- The Health Awareness Week under the aegis of the science department proved to be very successful. Questionnaires, quizzes, 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.**
- **Oh la la ...Quel plaisir!** Tour Eiffel, Louvre, Champs Elysées, Versailles, Quartier Latin, Montmartre, Notre Dame, Cité des Sciences were some of the great places visited by our students during the very educational, fun filled and memorable Paris trip under the aegis of our foreign language dep't. **Merci beaucoup** Mademoiselle Protopapa, Madame Hatzopoulos and Monsieur Laskas.
- The IB morning with all IB year 11 parents and Mr. Kattavenos, Ms. Dris, Ms. Burwell and Mr. Zafirellis was very informative and positive. The extended essay, university admissions, study skills, exams and CAS were some of the topics discussed. The question-answer session that followed was the highlight of the morning and very helpful to parents. A few days later, Mr. Kattavenos hosted the yearly IB Coordinators meeting. Ideas were exchanged and different IB issues were discussed from coordinators representing 10 schools in Athens and Thessaloniki.
- Special thanks to the Parents' Association and Mrs. Cohen for their continuous support in providing food and drinks to our athletes during the JV Volleyball Tournament. Congratulations to Mr. Vradis, Ms. Pirochos, our JV girls who brought home the First Place Trophy and to our JV boys for the Second Place Trophy.

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

- Advisors Ms. Foka and Ms. Petridou and their advisees had a very gratifying visit to the Hadjipatereio Institute for Spastic children. Our students were commended for their exemplary behavior, compassion and willingness to spend some happy moments with the children.
- Students and teachers have been rehearsing and working very hard for the Holiday show on December 19th. Mark your calendars and please make an effort to come and support the students and the school during this festive season.
- Once again students, faculty and parents will be 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.
- Beautiful, handmade Christmas grams will be sold to enhance Christmas spirit and support the senior class. Our thanks to Ms. Petridou and her senior helpers for their time and effort !
- Our students and their advisors are working hard in raising money through different community service activities including food, clothes and school supplies drives and bake sales to help make some not-so-fortunate children's Christmas a brighter one.
- Please note that this year, instead of Christmas cards, the school will be donating the money to the Friends' Association of Children with cancer "ELPIDA".

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

Season's Greetings

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and the very best for the New Year!

Sincerely,

Chris Tragas

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