

February 2003

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Hello Γεια σας Salut Hola Guten Tag Salve Molo ç'kemi Здравей Зръеиие  
שלום (shalom) Hallo (Ni Hao) صباح ألتودخ (sabah alher) Bom dia Magandang tanghali  
по God dag Здравствуйтс (zdrastvetya) (Konnichiwa)**

Teachers, parents, counselors, psychologists, school administrators, and other professionals in the field of education share and believe in the importance of the home and the school working together in supporting, guiding and educating our youth. Your task in raising your children and ours in educating them is indeed a wonderful challenge and we have the best results when we work together, as the following poem expresses so eloquently:

### UNITY

*I dreamed I stood in a studio  
And watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a young child's mind,  
And they fashioned it with care.  
One was a teacher; the tools he used  
Were books, and music, and art;  
One, a parent with a guiding hand,  
And a gentle, loving heart.  
Day after day the teachers toiled,  
With touch that was deft and sure*

*While the parents laboured by his side  
And polished and smoothed it o'er  
And when at last their task was done,  
They were proud of what they had wrought.  
For this thing they had moulded in the child  
Could neither be sold nor bought.  
And each agreed he would have failed  
If he had worked alone,  
For behind the parent stood the school  
And behind the teacher, the home.*

(unknown author, compliments of Ms. Petridou)

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

#### **February highlights include...**

- The very special National Honor Society induction ceremony honoring the NHS members for their outstanding qualities of character, leadership, scholarship and service. A very happy evening enjoyed by students, parents and faculty.
- All 10th grade students attended a meeting where Ms. Burwell, Mr. Kattavenos and Mr. Zafirellis informed them about next year's academic programs and course selection. A coffee morning on Wednesday, March 5th will take place for the 10th grade students' parents to inform them of our academic programs and course selection as well.
- Individual college counseling appointments for seniors, and meetings with different university representatives continue to take place. Mr. Zafirellis has begun meetings with the 11th graders for the university admissions and application process. Please talk to your juniors and make sure that they have shared with you the important information that they have received.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> mid-trimester reports have been sent to you. We would like to congratulate the students whose very fine efforts resulted in teachers' commendations. If your children have not put in the effort it is important that you discuss with them their progress thus far and their commitment to academics.
- Congratulations to our 45 TASIS athletes for participating in the annual Aegean Tournament in Thessaloniki and especially to our SV Boys Volleyball team for bringing home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy after an excellent and challenging game. Our congratulations are extended to Mr. Vradis, Ms. Piriohos, Mr. Valvis, Mr. Scillipoti and our alumnus, Mr. George Zoulovits.

- During a Wednesday advisor/advisee mandatory meeting with Mr. Laskas and me, the students were praised for their academic accomplishments, commended for their participation in different activities and those who have not put in the necessary effort were reminded that their academics are their priority. Equal emphasis was put on such problems as the inappropriate wearing of the uniform, lateness to school, excessive absences and unacceptable behavior. Such actions make it difficult for the school to write letters of recommendation for university admissions and lack of cooperation on the part of some students may jeopardize their academic status. Please make sure that your children come to school on time, well prepared for their classes and always in school uniform.  
**Your support in this is imperative.**

Mark your calendars!

- *Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, CCC lecture on "Don't panic. Addiction and its prevention. Simple guidelines for parents."*
- *Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Parent /teacher conferences from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

Looking forward to seeing you at both events.

Sincerely,  
Chris Tragas  
High School Principal