

December 2003

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once again it is with pleasure that we share with you some of our students', faculty's and parents' accomplishments during the second half of the first term.

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

- A beautiful National Honor Society induction ceremony took place inducting new members and celebrating their outstanding qualities of character, leadership, scholarship and service. Congratulations to Alexander Dinopoulos, Stephanie Karkoulis, Ourania Varsou, Vedran Bovan, Alexia Drakoulaki, Maria Eneva, Stavros Kalokerinos, Orpheus Kipris, Victor Savevski, Isidora Rockomanovic, Lee Tagas, and Alex Andreadakis, and a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Zouka, NHS Advisor.
- The Health Awareness Week under the aegis of the science department proved to be very successful. Questionnaires, 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 very interesting lecture for parents on "Intimate relations among adolescents: guidelines for parents", organized by Ms. Thanopoulou and presented by Dr. Mordoh, complemented the Health Awareness Week.
- The IB morning with all IB year 11 parents and Mr. Kattavenos, Ms. Illiadis, Ms. Dris, Ms. Burwell and Mr. Zafirellis was very informative and positive. The extended essay, university admissions, study skills, exams, TOK 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.
- Very interesting lectures presented by our faculty continue to enhance and complement the TOK classes. These include "Ethics and Morality" by Mrs. Matsaganis, "Art and Aesthetics" by Mrs. Black, "Personalities" by Ms. Protopapa, "Language and Literature" by Mr. Zafirellis and "The Silent Language and Languages of the World" by Mr. Tragas.
- Congratulations to the Senior Varsity Boys soccer team and their coach Mr. Valvis for the win against St. Catherines and for the tie against the Polish school which earned them second place out of 8 teams, in the International tournament at Byron.
- Senior class advisors, Ms. Petratou and Ms. Black, are working very hard with the student council and the seniors in supporting them through numerous fundraisers towards their prom and senior trip at the end of the year.
- Very impressive student art work is proudly displayed on the school's walls. Congratulations to our talented artists and their teachers, Ms. Black and Ms. Voulgaris.

- Other school activities enhancing the "total educational experience" that we provide for our students, include: Field trips by the Humanities class to the "Foundation of Greek Culture and History", by the Greek classes to see the movie "Politiki Kouzina", and by the ESL classes to FAGE (dairy product factory), as well as promoting community service by students who painted the stage for the winter show and cooked for the Parnitha trip, rafting in the Pelopponese, field work for Biology classes, meetings with University representatives and participation in the African/Afro Brazilian music workshop.

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

- A wonderful Winter show added to the festive season. Congratulations to all the very talented performers and the stage crew. Special thanks to Ms. Avradopoulos, Ms. Koulouris and Mr. Drivas.
- Once again students, faculty and parents are buying 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, student-made Christmas cards are being sold to enhance Christmas spirit and support the senior class. Our thanks to the senior advisors and their senior helpers for their time and effort!
- The Christmas Bazaar sponsored by our Parents' Association proved to be very successful and added to the holiday spirit. In addition, a very good time was had by TASIS parents, faculty and friends during the Parents' Association fundraiser at the YA HALA Lebanese restaurant. Thank you, parents!

*Finally, we would like to wish all of you and yours
Season's Greetings
Χρόνια Πολλά
and the very best for the New Year*

Sincerely,

Chris Tragas
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