

February 2004

Dear parents and Guardians,

Hello **Γεια σας** **Salut** **Hola** **Guten Tag** **Salve** **Molo**
ç'kemi **Здравей** **Зрўеўіе** **שלום**(shalom) **Hallo** **(Ni Hao)**
صباح الخير (sabah alher) **Bom dia** **Magandang tanghali po**
God dag **Здрáвствуйте** (zdrastvetye) **(Konnichiwa)**

As we share with you some of our students' and faculty's accomplishments during the second half of the first term we would like, firstly, to **congratulate** the students whose very fine efforts resulted in very good mid-year exam grades and teachers' commendations on 2nd mid-trimester reports.

February highlights ...

From Ms. Avradopoulos, Fine Arts dep't:

High School Drama class has begun their project on Chinese theatre, specifically Beijing Opera. Senior art students created a beautiful art calendar which they are selling as a fund raiser for their class. IB 12 Art students are preparing for their art exhibition for mid - April. High School students have been practicing to perform as a band for the Middle School musical and seniors have begun preparation for their graduation program. **Recent alumni news:** TASIS alumna (class of 2002) Irene Vergitis' textile design work was published in the Greek VOGUE, February 2004 and TASIS alumnus, Manos Koutsis, (class of 2003) has been cast and can be seen on the Greek 'Candid Camera'.

From Ms. Deriziotis, Foreign languages dep't:

The procedure for the preparation of students for sitting the external exam for the Certificate of Attainment in Greek is at its peak. Students and teachers are busy filling out applications.

From Ms. Illiadis, TOK coordinator:

TOK Year 12 students are currently completing the required essay for external evaluation. Excellent work has been done by **Ourania Varsou, Maya Zoulovits, Konstantin Karouzakis-Heckendorf and Alex Dinopoulos**. Others are putting in extra hours of work to finish on time. TOK Year 11 students are studying reason and logic, specifically the rules of governing the formation of a valid syllogism. Do you know Aristotle's famous syllogism? (All human beings are mortal. Greeks are human beings. Hence, Greeks are mortal.)

From Ms. Matsagannis, Social Studies dep't:

Seniors are continuing to use their skills and talents with research investigation of the Medieval Ages. The investigation will lead to the development of personal projects and class presentations.

From Ms. Petratou, Student council advisor:

The seniors are working hard with fund raising activities. Beautiful Valentine's cards were made by **Ivy Orth** and were distributed with roses and candies. A mini carnival lottery with lots of presents added to the fun school atmosphere on spirit day organized by Ms. Bitouni.

From Mr. Psaromatis, Math dep't:

Over the mid-term break, the Hellenic Rugby Union's Youth Development Team toured London. The team was hosted by TASIS England and consisted of 18 boys aged under 18. Six of these boys were TASIS Hellenic students. The team had a wonderful experience - training, sightseeing and playing 3 matches. The team from Athens won the main game 15 - 12 over the TASIS England's 'B' Team. One of the try scores for the Youth Development Team was by **Alex Dinopoulos**. The other 5 students from TASIS Hellenic were **Denis Karnoscak, Milos Doncic, Konstantin Karouzakis-Heckendorf, Nathan Akkad and Alex Lostrom**.

From Mr. Vradis, PE dep't:

Congratulations to the athletes and their chaperones who took part in the Anatolia Sports tournament in Thessaloniki. Despite the harsh weather our teams showed great team spirit and our SV Boys Volleyball and Soccer teams returned home with silver medals.

From Mr. Zafirellis, University Placement advisor:

Grade 12 students have been receiving university offers from UK universities and several have already been accepted into Art and Design schools in Britain. The admissions cycle for Grade 12 students who wish to apply to universities / colleges in Greece will be opening soon and quite a few seniors will be busy writing essays and compiling applications in the next month or so. Congratulations to **Ourania Varsou, Stavros Kalokerinos, Vedran Bovan and Victor Savevski**, who have received nominations on behalf of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council to spend two week in either the USA or Europe with worthy peers from across the world seeking leadership roles and participating in a life-altering experience.

From Mrs. Zouka, English dep't:

Grade 12 CP students have just finished a unit on the legend of King Arthur which included a comparison of various forms of the legend from Sir Thomas Malory, Alfred, Lord Tennyson and T.H. White. To follow up, the class watched a video and prepared a "Welcome to Camelot" bulletin board that adorned the hallway outside the classroom until recently. Currently, the bulletin board is devoted to Sylvia Plath, who is much in the news due to the release of the movie about her life, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. Students in English 10 and 11 have been busy working on research topics such as, "African American protest writing" and on controversial ones, such as: "Cloning, Capital Punishment, and Euthanasia".

S T O P P R E S S . . .

Please continue to support us by reminding your children that their academics are their priority, by making sure that they are properly dressed with their school uniform before they leave home in the morning and that they abide by the school's rules and regulations. Consequences for infractions resulting in negative letters, detentions and suspensions may jeopardise their education and university preparation.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, March 31st, during the Parent /Teacher conferences from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Chris Tragas
High School Principal