

March 2004

Dear Parents and Guardians,

*A good and restful spring vacation to all!*

✿ **HAPPY EASTER** ✿ ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ ✿ FELICES PASCUAS ✿  
✿ JOYEUSES PÂQUES ✿ FROHE OSTERN ✿ BOA PASCUA ✿  
✿ VESELE VANOCE ✿ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ VOSKRESE ✿ BUONA PASQUA ✿  
✿ SCHASTLIVOI PASHHI ✿ MUTLU PASKALYA ✿

Once again we are pleased to communicate to you some of the high school's highlights during the month of March. All that follows and much more is the result of our faculty's continuous effort, guidance, assistance, and genuine interest in the students' academic progress and well-being. ***A heart-felt acknowledgement of appreciation and gratitude to all!***

### ***For your information...***

- 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester grades were mailed to you if you did not make it to our parent teacher conferences on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We **congratulate** the students whose very fine efforts resulted in well deserved grades. If your children have not put in the effort it is important that they do so during the very crucial 3<sup>rd</sup> term and final exams. Students who do not achieve desirable results especially due to lack of effort or who have too many absences may be requested to repeat the grade, do summer school, not be re-invited next year or not graduate. It is imperative, therefore, that you carefully discuss with them their progress thus far and their commitment to academics.
- Mr. Kattavenos, Ms. Burwell and Mr. Zafirellis met with the 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and informed them about our academic programs in the last two years of high school. Whichever program they are in, our expectations are the same. They must work equally hard to achieve very good results and prepare themselves well for university. Of course, in addition to academics, a sound character, good attendance record and exemplary behavior are of equal importance.
- Congratulations to the ESL students who, under the guidance of Ms. Fokas and the ESL faculty, Ms. Koufopoulos and Ms. Venieris, published a very nice first ESL newspaper with articles on school and world affairs. Research projects, extensive writing and analysis on plot, setting, characters and theme on two films were the highlights of the ESL department for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term.
- Mr. Zafirellis met with grade 11 students in preparation for 2004-2005 admissions cycle. Information concerning procedures for applying to universities abroad was shared. In addition, representatives from BCA, Athens, Bocconi University, Milan and Hellenic College, MA visited TASIS and gave presentations of their respective

programs to interested juniors.

- Students sitting external exams (IB, AP and IGCSE) in May and June 2004, were given their time tables. Mock exams have just been completed as have all syllabi, and students are now revising for the May exams.
- Year 12 TOK students have concluded all of their presentations, evaluations and essays. Currently the year 11 TOK students are examining the disciplines into which knowledge is frequently classified, looking at both the rationale for classification systems and interdisciplinary comparisons. This study began with presentations by Ms. Bitouni and Ms. Milioni in Math and continued with Ms. Tzaros and Mr. Mehrabian in Science. Ms. Petratos will conclude with history after spring break.
- Mr. Kattavenos, Ms. Tzaros and Mr. Mehrabian visited with the 11IB students the Turtle hospital for the science group IV project and for CAS. The students will be committed to help out on a personal level thus applying the program's philosophy to real world experience.
- In 10<sup>th</sup> grade the students in Greek classes have been exploring the theory of literature and seniors continue their external exam preparation for the Certificate of Attainment in Greek. Congratulations to senior Ourania Varsou for her outstanding performance on her IB Greek mock exam.
- A group of 13 TASIS students, along with Mr. Vradis and Mr. Valvis, enjoyed a five-day ski trip at Stubai Valley, in Austria. The students enjoyed skiing, artificial wall climbing, indoor swimming and sightseeing in the evening in the historic town of Innsburg and the quiet town of Fulpmes. They were commended for their outstanding behavior and it is hoped that such a trip can become an annual event.

## ***KUDOS to :***

- All seniors who received university acceptances and offers*
- All art students and their teachers, Ms. Black and Ms. Voulgaris, for the very impressive art work exhibited throughout the school building*
- All the students and their teachers who participated in academic field trips and who were congratulated for their mature behaviour and seriousness of purpose*
- All students and teachers who participated in the volleyball match during lunch*
- All students and teachers who participated in raising money for Water Aid on World Water Day*

Sincerely,

Chris Tragas  
High School Principal