

May 2004

Dear Parents and guardians,

**Hello - Γεια σας - Salut - Hola - Guten Tag - Salve - Molo - ς'кем-Здравей  
Зрўеўе - שָׁלוֹם (shalom) Hallo (Ni Hao) صباح الخير (sabah alher) - Bom  
dia Magandang tanghali po -God dag- Здравствуйτε (zdrastvetye)  
(Konnichiwa)**

## ***May highlights include***... (in alphabetical order by faculty member)

### **From Ms. Avradopoulos, Fine Arts dep't**

Congratulations to Music and Drama high school students who played a very important role in ALICE in WONDERLAND. They designed the set, helped with lights and make-up, served as crew and played in the band, doing an excellent job!

A very impressive IB12 and AP Art Exhibition took place on the main campus. Well done to all young artists.

### **From Ms. Bitouni, Math dep't:**

Ms Milioni and Ms Bitouni accompanied their 11CP classes to a wonderful exhibition about Mathematics in Ancient Greece in the "Hellenic Cosmos" Museum. The students had the chance to experience a different approach towards mathematics and were amazed by the historical details on the paths followed by those brilliant minds that lead to Mathematics as we know it today. Impressive visual interpretations of some of the most famous theorems of Geometry discovered in Greece, as well as the interesting and fun games organised for them, proved to be an exciting surprise for all students.

### **From Ms. Deriziotis, Foreign Languages dep't:**

Good luck to the thirteen seniors who sat the external exam for the Certificate of Attainment in Greek on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Other end of year activities in IB classes included the completion of the World Literature assignment, formal oral commentary and first creative task. **"Que c'est bon!" Fondue à la française** was the highlight of Ms. Hatzopoulos' French class celebrating traditions of French culture.

### **From Ms. Dris, Resource center:**

We are very proud to announce that this past month the Resource Department took part in a research project on developmental disabilities in Greece. Under the auspices of the Fulbright Foundation, this research is significant because it: contributes to the development of dyslexia research in the Greek language, advances specific assessment techniques for use with Greek children, and explores the subtypes of dyslexia in Greece from a cognitive neuroscience perspective.

We look forward to continuing our direct involvement in the field of LD research and thus contributing to our school as well as to the community at large.

### **From M. Iliadis, TOK coordinator:**

A big thank you to Ms. Bitouni, Ms. Tzaros and Ms. Petratos who spoke to the group on the areas of knowledge in math, science and history respectively. Individual oral reports are currently being researched and will take place during the first week of June. Summer homework will include a written evaluation of the presentation.

### **From Ms. Foka. ESL dep't:**

During this very productive third term ESL students worked on research skills and projects, poetry and creative writing as well as poster projects for science class. The SLEP (Secondary Level English Proficiency test) was given to all students in the department to

assess linguistic progress made during the year and make recommendations for improvement and mainstreaming.

**From Ms. Petratos, Social Studies dep't:**

Juniors and seniors enjoyed a very interesting educational field trip to Ancient Corinth, Mycenae and Nafplion as part of the Ancient History and World Cultures classes, organized and chaperoned by Mr. Laskas.

Ms. Petratos, senior class advisor, has been working very hard with senior advisors and seniors to raise money and organize the senior trip to Santorini. Please impress upon your children the importance of being on their best behavior. The opposite will result in severe consequences which may jeopardize their graduation and admission to university.

**From Ms. Tzaros, Science dep't:**

IB11 students continued to visit the Turtle Rescue Centre "Archelon" in their efforts to learn more about the care of an endangered species and to work co-operatively in a scientific programme. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Mrs L. Venizelou, President of the Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles, presented a very interesting lecture and slide show on the biology of the sea turtle.

**From Mr. Vradis, Physical Education dep't:**

Heartfelt congratulations to all TASIS athletes and coaches and warm thanks to Parents' Association board members for the beautiful Sports Awards Ceremony that took place to honor the athletes and their achievements during the year.

**From Mr. Zafirellis, University Placement advisor:**

A meeting with all juniors took place regarding admission procedures and other matters pertaining to the application process. Seniors are now busy finalizing application folders, responding to invitations for interviews and/or portfolio presentations. All seniors who have applied to universities in the UK have received offers from their selected institutions, including an Unconditional Offer for medicine!

**From Ms. Zouka, English dep't:**

External exam AP and IB classes completed their revisions for the May exams with the help of their teachers Ms Zouka, Ms Petridou, Ms Iliadis and Ms Boundy. It was a tense but productive time for both students and teachers. During the last two years we have had 100% pass rate in IB classes, so we look forward to equal success for this year's students! Grade 12 students taking English 12 CP and AP English courses are currently working on research papers. Their choice of subjects is fascinating, ranging from an investigation of the Loch Ness monster to the damage done by oil spills. The students' papers, due to be completed at the end of the trimester, should make for interesting reading!

**STOP PRESS.** . . As some parents have inquired about next year's uniform, we would like to inform you that it will be the same except for an **ISA** patch which will replace the old emblem.

**Mark your calendars!**

<b>May 27 - 31</b>	<b>Senior Trip to Santorini</b>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>TASIS Art Exhibition (grades 6 -12) at the Auberge</b>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Senior prom at the Auberge</b>
<b>June 10 -17</b>	<b>Internal end of year exams</b>
<b>June 18</b>	<b>Last day of school, Half-day</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Graduation</b>

Sincerely,

Chris Tragas  
High School Principal

