
Hello Γεια σας **Salut** **Hola** Guten Tag **Salve** Molo ς'kemi
Здравей Зрyевue שולו (shalom) **Hallo** Morimbwanzi
Ni Hao أبصخ ربخلا (sabah alher) **Bom dia** **God dag**
Magandang tanghali po **Здрáвствуйте** (zdrastvetye) **Konnichiwa**

Dear Mr. And Mrs.

As we share with you some of our students' and faculty's accomplishments during the first half of the 2nd term, we would like, firstly, to **commend** the students in grades 9 - 12 (MYP, 11IB/CP, 12CP) whose very fine efforts resulted in very good mid-year exam grades. Special congratulations to the following students for their excellent results in their exams:

Grade 9

Elena Doriza (Chemistry, Greek)
Alex Karouzakis-Heckendorf (Maths, Biology, Chemistry)
Giorgio Rombotis (Maths, Biology, Chemistry, History)
Perry Smith (Maths, Biology, History)
Zoe Barbaris-Sanetsis (Greek)
Vasiliki Ziadah (Chemistry, History)

Grade 10

Kyriakos Agorastakis (Greek)
Marina Cangelaris (Maths, Science, Greek, History, IT)
Nikos Gerontakis (Greek)
Anna Kattavenos (Maths, Science, Greek, IT)
Maria Niki Monastiriotis (Maths, Science, Academic Writing)
Byron Panou (Greek, Academic Writing)
Marilyn Qing (History)
Spyros Ravanopoulos (History, IT)
Cathleen Smith (History, Spanish, IT)
Anna Vrionis (History)

Grade 11

Elina Apostolakou (Greek, Spanish, TOK oral)
Daneve Margos (Business Studies)
Anna-Maria Gueorgieva (Business Studies)
Dean Tragas (Greek, TOK oral)
Nick Trakas (TOK oral)

Grade 12

Electra Konstantoni (Greek)
Analie Bourtzoglou (Human Geography)
Alex Kotsonis (Art History)
Emma Papaioannou (Art History, Greek)
Synolda Ross (Art History)
Eleni Tsalamata (Art History, Greek)

January highlights include:

- At present eleven 12th graders have been offered conditional places at universities in the UK for the term beginning in September 2007, a total of 25 separate offers so far. The 2nd British Council University Fair will be held at the Athens Hilton Hotel on March 31 and April 1st. 11th graders and their parents are urged to attend. (Ms. Iliadis, University Placement advisor)
- Final TOK essays are currently being completed for submission to IBO. George Chrysotis, Nasia Kalokerinou, Sami Kenaan, John Maroulas, Sophie Vrionis and Sophia Zabaras are to be commended for making good use of their time and being prepared to submit their work. Oral presentations completed the first term of IB TOK for the 11th grade. All students did very well and their topics included language, emotions, intelligence, learning and cultural issues. They addressed such questions as: What can cause emotions to change? How can you change the effectiveness of your thinking? What is hope? What are some similarities and differences in language? What is the significance of the Rosetta Stone to language? How does music influence newborn children? (Ms. Iliadis, TOK co-ordinator)
- Once again science becomes alive and real as the science department is organizing educational field trips for Grades 6, 7 and 8 to the Planetarium and the Science and Technology exhibition on February 5th and March 14th, respectively. (Ms. Tzaros, Head of Science)

- The teachers in the English dep't applauded their students' noteworthy research projects which served as an extension of the novels and the poetry they studied in grade 8, 9 and 10 English classes. (Ms. Zouka, Head of English)
- The recent upgrading of the computers and the internet line in the two IT labs, have enhanced the IT curriculum and have provided added enjoyment for faculty and students.
- We extend a warm welcome and wish a successful academic year to our new students who joined us in January: Chloe Anastasiadis gr 6, Tara Jeremic Zeineddine gr 8, Andreas Loubier, gr 9.
- Congratulations to Venetia Malakondas (grade 8) for winning the Gold Medal in Karate-Kumite, and the silver medal in Karate-Kata for the Pan Hellenic Championship on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the Olympic Stadium (OAKA) during the qualifying games.
- Junior Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball and under 14 Boys and Girls Soccer are the sports for the winter season. Our athletes are practicing and getting ready for the following February tournaments: JV Girls Basketball vs. Champion at ISA (Feb. 5th), JV Girls Basketball Tournament at St. Catherines (Feb. 12th), JV Boys Basketball Tournament at St. Lawrence (Feb. 13th), SV Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournament at Politia (Feb. 15), SV Boys Soccer Tournament at Palini 8 a side & SV Boys Basketball Tournament at Palini (Feb. 18th). Unfortunately, due to lack of snow, the ski trip to Milan is cancelled. (From the Athletics department)
- The Fine Arts Department will stage "The Boyfriend", a musical comedy of the 1920's on Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th. Auditions will be held on February 8th and are open to everyone in grades 6-12. For the audition students are expected to sing any one song of their choice, which may be performed with or without accompaniment. In addition, the students from the Drama classes will be working on the production "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" by Neil Simon, to be showcased before the Spring break. Preparations for the Pan Hellenic Forensics competition are under way. Best of luck to all the participants and their teacher, Mr. Delianides.

Always for a good cause!

- Grade 11 community service activities continue with the weekly visits to the senior citizens' home while grade 12IB students are finalizing their summary CAS forms.
- The House of the Thebans showed the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean, part 2" in the auditorium on Wednesday, January 31st. All proceeds will go to handicapped children.
- School spirit is on a high as the different House leaders and assistants have started working with their students towards the Carnival celebration which will culminate in a costumes, food and decorations competition on Friday, February 6th, towards the end of the academic day.
- Seniors are working hard in preparing cards, chocolates and flowers for Valentine's day and will be organizing a souvlaki sale for "Tsiknopempti". Proceeds will go towards their prom and senior trip.

Coming up ...

- February 19th, Clean Monday, no classes
- Year 12 IB Internal Assessment, Extended and TOK essays due to IBO
- School trip to Spain in March for students in grades 8-12, organized by the Foreign Language and ESL departments. Details to follow.

Sincerely,

Chris Tragas
Principal