

December 2007

Happy Holidays ★ Καλές Γιορτές ★ Felices Fiestas ★

Meilleurs Voeux ★ Frohe Festtage ★ Buone Feste ★

★ С НОВЫМ ГОДОМ ★ Vesela Koleda ★ Jieri Kuaile ★

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Dear Parents,

As we share with you some of our students' and teachers' accomplishments and successes during the first term, we would like, firstly to commend the students whose exemplary study habits resulted in very good first term test grades. We look forward to seeing you all during the upcoming parent/teacher conferences on December 10, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. During this time you will have the opportunity to see the teachers individually and discuss your child's progress.

Information Technology

The recent upgrading of the computer lab with the purchase of eight new computers with the latest **Windows VISTA** program, enhances our IT curriculum and provides added enjoyment for faculty and students. We look forward to refurbishing the second computer lab in the same way in the near future. In addition, a new interactive (smart) board has been purchased by the school and we are anxiously awaiting its installation in a few weeks' time. Students and teachers alike look forward to using this new teaching / learning tool in all subject areas.



will go towards their experimental IB Biology Internal Assessment component. Other academic field trips included a visit to Attica Zoo by grades 7 and 8, a science field trip to EYDAP by grade 9, a visit to the Biennale Destroy Athens exhibit, the Enigma Gallery in Kifissia, and the Ilias Kosintas' Photography exhibition in the Psychiko Art Museum by grades 10, 11 and 12 Art, and a visit to the Kouvoutsakis museum by grade 7 Art.

Clubs

The students in grades 7-10 enjoyed participating in the different clubs every Tuesday and are now getting ready for continuing or choosing a new one for the second term. The clubs are: Swimming, Tennis, School Band, Forensics, Russian, Chinese, Basketball, Film and Cinema, Guitar, Table Tennis, Aborigine Art, Paper Maché Art, Bowling, and Dance.



Field trips

The students in IB Biology studied the extent of the damage caused by the forest fire on Mt. Pendeli and the long process of recovery of the ecosystem. This first field observation work

University placement

Under the aegis of the CCC and college counselling, organized by Ms. Iliadis, students learned about the following institutions and their admissions policy. The institutions represented were: University of Dundee, Scotland Northeastern University, Boston, USA, University of Toronto and of British Columbia, Canada, American University of Beirut, University of Surrey, the University of Newcastle and Oxford Brookes University.



Athletic News

The after-school Interscholastic sports offered for Fall season are: JV Boys & JV Girls Volleyball, SV Boys & SV Girls Volleyball, JV Boys & JV Girls Soccer and SV Boys Soccer. Our athletes participated in many sports competitions and tournaments during the first term and showed great team spirit, athletic talent and outstanding sportsmanship.



Special kudos to the Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams for their win against Champion, the SV Boys Soccer Team for playing 3 excellent games and making it to the semi-finals which placed them in the Third place category. In addition, kudos to the SV Boys Volleyball Team for bringing home the third place trophy and bronze medal and to the JV Boys Volleyball Team for bringing home the 2nd place trophy and silver medal.

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Thessaloniki Aegean Tournament

Our athletes showed great sportsmanship and represented our school colors with great pride. **Congratulations** to the

athletes and their coaches for bringing home three First Places (Gold Medals) and one Bronze! The JV Team, **Gold** in soccer, Constantinos Mikos, **Gold** in tennis, Andreas Papazafiropoulos, **Gold** in Track and Field event – shot put, and John Klonizakis, **Bronze** in 100m run. Well done to all! We are proud of you!

Community time

During Community time the students in grades 7-9 are involved in various activities. The students are separated into houses and each house is responsible for activities with a different theme. There are four Houses and four House Leaders. Community service, reforestation, recycling, fundraising and sports competitions are run through the Houses. The four Houses are: The Dorians for Reforestation, The Athenians for Paper Recycling, the Mycenaeans for general recycling (aluminum, glass, etc...) and the Spartans for fundraising.

Some of the activities include: cleaning the veranda and recycling the cans and the plastic (Spartans), collecting batteries and recycling 13 kilos of them (the Mycenaeans), hosting a food, clothes, toys and stationary drive for the refugees (Spartans).

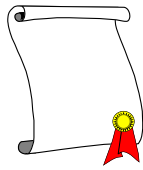


Ms Athena Marini, a reforestation project leader and former teacher spoke to the students about fire damage and reforestation. Students brought in pine cones and the speaker demonstrated how to prepare the seeds for reforestation. Another presentation on Forest Fires was presented by one of our parents, Mrs.Vlahoutsikou on the theme of

"Helping the Phoenix rise from the ashes"

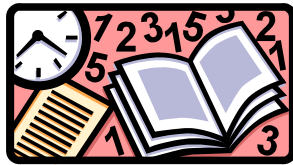
Student Council

Best wishes for a productive and exciting term in office to the following students making up the newly elected student council: Grade-7: Laura Barry & Giorgio Klonis, Grade-8: Alex Edman, Grade-9: Raymond Collado & Constantinos Pournaras, Grade-10: Giorgio Rombotis & Perry Smith, Grade-11: Peter Peraticos & Christian Grau, Grade-12: Patricia Zentelis & Costas Lemos. (Ms. Petratou, advisor).



Tutorial Time

Students in grades 10-12, on a daily basis have the opportunity for one period to get more help, guidance and support from their teachers as a group or individually, in a different academic area each day. Please impress upon your children to take advantage of this unique opportunity offered to them by their teachers.



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



Daily rehearsals for the Winter show which will take place on Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. add to the festive season and school spirit. Best of luck to all the very talented performers and the stage crew.

Once again, students, faculty and parents will be 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 children.

Beautiful, handmade Christmas cards are being made by the seniors to enhance Christmas spirit and support the senior class.

Fundraising for a worthy cause

A group of students in Grade 12 is responsible for community service and fund raising where the proceeds will go to charitable organizations as well as towards the seniors' annual prom.

Some of the activities that the students are directly involved in and organize in order to raise money are: food sales within the school, arts and crafts bazaar, tags days, school dance, calendar sale, raffle tickets sale, etc. We appreciate your support in helping the seniors increase their funds for a worthwhile cause.

A big THANK YOU to all the parents who are giving gifts to the seniors to include in their Christmas Raffle sale.

Finally, we would like to wish all of you and yours ☆



Season's Greetings

Χρόνια Πολλά

And all the very best for the New Year! ☆



Sincerely,

Chris Tragas
Principal

