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Principal's corner

Once again, I am pleased to share with you our students' and faculty's recent accomplishments. Firstly, we must recognize and congratulate the students whose excellent work habits and hard work earned them commendable achievement and effort grades for the second term of the current academic year. Kudos to them and may they serve as an example to be followed by all students.

Our gratitude and appreciation also go to Mr. Roberto Scilipoti and all the students who worked very hard in producing our newsletter, "On the Spot" outlining important academic and social events throughout the second semester.

It is with equal pleasure and pride that I share with you my very positive feedback after having observed the classes of all the teachers in both middle and high school. I was very pleased with the work done in the classroom. As always, the teachers were very well prepared and the lessons very well structured, well organized and very interesting. Comprehension and application of what was taught was evident through the students' engagement in the lesson and through reference and application to what they had already studied as well as experienced and learned through field trips, lectures, projects, movies, labs, etc. The connections made were very relevant. The students, in the great majority, behaved very well, responded well, participated and were engaged in the lessons.

My observations were a confirmation of the faculty's excellent work being done in the classroom and a confirmation of the school's excellent academic reputation and high standards. I feel indeed proud and fortunate to be working with such committed educators.

Their professionalism, care and interest in their students left me, once again, with a very positive feeling and high sense of pride.

Up-coming events...mark your calendars

March 3 rd – 12 th	IB 12 Mock exams
March 7 th	End of second trimester Carnival celebration during community time, tutorials and lunch only
March 10 th	Clean Monday – No classes
March 20 th	Parent/Teacher conferences –No classes
March 21 st	In-Service day for all faculty – No classes
March 24 th - 25 th	Greek Independence Day Holiday – No classes

Chris Tragas

ISA ATHLETES TRAVEL TO THESSALONIKI!



On November 29th, 2007 61 ISA Athletes making up 7 teams accompanied by their coaches and chaperones, travelled to Thessaloniki to participate in the annual Aegean Tournament, hosted by Anatolia College, in which a total of 70 teams from 17 private schools in Greece participated. The teams arrived in Thessaloniki in the evening and after a light dinner rested at the hotel. The next day was filled with athletic events.

Our JV Boys soccer team played two challenging games and brought home the 1st place trophy! The team showed great sportsmanship and spirit. Later that day our boys and girls volleyball teams played some tough games. Then came the turn of our very own tennis star, Konstantinos Mikos, to play his games, winning them both.

The varsity boys soccer team had an outstanding game against Papafeio. The game ended with a 3-3 score.

After the games, our teams went to a tavern where they enjoyed delicious food. The day ended with a walk in the streets of Thessaloniki and a stroll through the Mall.

Day 3 was filled with success as Andreas Papazafeiropoulos won the gold medal in the shot put, Konstantinos Mikos won 1st place in the tennis, beating an athlete from Anatolia in the final, and John Klonizakis received the bronze medal in the 100 m sprint! A fun evening at Kosmos Mall in Thessaloniki followed for the Juniors and the Seniors went out.

All in all the trip was extremely successful and the chaperones agreed that the group was fantastic. A celebration assembly was held at the school to congratulate the athletes for their effort!





Andreas Papazafeiropoulos, 1st Place, Gold Medal—Shot Put



Konstantinos Mikos, 1st Place, Gold Medal—Tennis Tournament



SV Boys Volleyball Team



John Klonizakis, 3rd Place, 100m Sprint



SV Boys Soccer Team

7th Grade

The first year in middle school for the 7th graders has been very busy so far!

In **English**, the 7th graders studied units of literature including short stories and poetry helping them develop their reading, writing and vocabulary skills.

In **History/Geography**, students had the opportunity to learn about magnificent ancient civilizations including the Vikings, Incas, Mayas and Aztecs as well as discussing the impacts of weathering rivers as well as coasts.

Challenging problems and investigations in **Mathematics**

got the 7th graders excited! Integers, multiples, factors, powers and roots as well as work on sequences and angles have been examined.

Science involves everything around us and in 7th grade, students began exploring with acids and bases. Vital organs and organ systems were explored. They are currently studying states of matter.

The languages include **Greek, French and Spanish** where teachers have been helping students improve their written and oral skills. Verbs, communication, figures of speech and giving directions are only a few of the topics covered.

Volleyball and Soccer have been the major areas of focus in **Physical Education**. 7th graders had the opportunity to apply their skills in game-oriented activities.

In order to assist them in presenting their work, the **Information Technology** classes involved researching and preparing interactive presentations on Microsoft Power Point.

Finally, 7th grade students have been very creative in the arts! In **Music**, focus was given in vocal exercises, projection and enunciation and in **Art**, Patterns, sequence and movement.



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8th Grade

The 8th graders have been extremely busy this year learning about and making connections between all their classes.

The ‘self-discovery’ theme was covered in **English** through stories allowing students to develop their comprehension, writing and vocabulary skills.

In **History/Geography**, they travelled back in time and learned about the Renaissance and exploration in history. Hazards was the major topic in Geography.

Mathematics has been quite

challenging so far and has involved learning about linear and quadratic sequences, triangular and odd numbers, algebraic function and ratio/proportion.

Elements and compounds, symbols and formulae, conservation of mass, balancing equations and a wonderful unit on volcanoes have been included in the curriculum in **Science** so far.

In the Foreign Languages (**Greek, French and Spanish**) students learned about nouns and verbal clauses, sentence

and paragraph structure and dialogues.

Through a variety of progressive drills students developed their soccer and volleyball skills in **Physical Education**.

In **Information Technology**, students have been busy exploring the tools of Microsoft Office including, Word, Excel and Power Point.

Work on vocal exercises, projection and enunciation in **Music** and research in futurism, movement and structure in **Art** are what the 8th graders have been learning so far.

9th Grade

Shakespeare has “hit” the 9th graders, who, after completing The Pearl are working on Romeo and Juliet in their **English** class.

A look at the Industrial Revolution gave them the chance to discuss urbanization, industry and pollution, later going on to learn about the French Revolution in their **History** class.

Lots of work in **Maths** with lots of brain busters and work on topics such as inequalities, number lines, algebraic expressions, fractional indices and

many more. The 9th graders have been busy in **Biology** and **Chemistry** with lots of laboratory work such as investigating enzyme activity, experiment using ticker timers and ticker tape, microscopic observations and various separation techniques.

In the **Languages** the 9th graders have worked and learned about several interesting things. Novels, literary extracts, grammar and short stories on different themes are all enriching the Foreign Language curriculum.

Fitness, basketball, soccer and now basketball are keeping the 9th graders going in **Physical Education**.

In **Information Technology** Windows Movie Maker has been introduced, with the students creating wonderful and interactive presentations.

Finally in the **Arts**, they have constructed beautiful pieces of work which are on display around the school.



SENIOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS



The seniors have been very busy so far organizing many fundraising events. Several tag days have

been organized where students had the opportunity to wear their regular clothes or get dressed according to themes such as Halloween. The waffle sale was very successful and students enjoyed delicious waffles with chocolate and ice cream! The hot dog sale was also a great success and over 100 hot dogs

were sold!

The seniors organized a candy guessing game where students had to guess how many sweets were in a jar. The one with the closest guess would win the jar! Peter Peraticos, Grade 11 and Constantinos Toliias, Grade 6 won the candy! The 12th grade has many surprises coming up in the near future! Some of these include a souvlaki sale, lottery and several tag days. Also, Valentines Day Roses and Death by Chocolate bake sales! Student should also look forward for the High School dance coming up!

Patricia Zentelis, 12th Grade



THE MAKING OF OUR MUSICAL, THE LION KING

The Lion King is a lovely story that has romance, fun, adventure and lots of learning. The story begins at the Savana where Simba (the future King) is born. Behind the celebrations Scar (Simba's evil uncle) devises a plan to take over the throne. Scar's plan is to kill Simba's father Mufasa which he does with the help of the mean hyenas.

Simba is forced away and Scar becomes king. Alone

in the desert Simba has lost all hope when Timon and Pumba find him. As Simba grows older he remembers more and more of his past. He has the support of his friends Nala, Rafiki, Timon and Pumba, Simba gains the courage to go after what is his. That is, the throne of the king.

George Karakostas, 7th Grade

ISA students have auditioned for the roles in the Lion King and are rehearsing every Monday and Wednesday. A choreographer is teaching wonderful African dances and the show is being coordinated by Ms.Koulouris



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ISA SUPER NEWS!!

-Students are enjoying the upgrading of our computer lab with eight brand new computers running on Windows Vista!

-We welcome the arrival of our SmartBoard which had been installed in the UM and offers wonderful interactive lessons for both teachers and students!



- **ISA Clubs**
- **Tennis**
- **Swimming**
- **Basketball**
- **Soccer**
- **Volleyball**
- **School Band**
- **Music Improvisation**
- **Guitar**
- **Film Club**
- **Chinese**
- **Russian**

Instructors are from within the school and outside school. An opportunity for students to explore, enjoy and participate in an activity of interest to them. Coordinated by Ms.Voulgaris

IB GROUP 4 PROJECT

For the requirements of the IB (International Baccalurate) Science students were asked to do a Group 4 project. This project was the combination of both science classes (Physics SL and Biology SL). A topic had to be found to include both areas. It was agreed among both classes and teachers to do a project that included projectile motion, measurements of angle and the velocity of an athlete running (to cover the physics aspects) and to make an athlete run in order to measure heart-beats, breathing rate and tempera-

ture (to cover the biology aspects). This is a major project for the IB which the students were required to do extremely well on since this project is considered as their internal assessment for the sciences.

Daneve Margos,
12th grade



Under 11 and Under 14 Teams Ready for Action!!!!

Under the coaching of Mr.Valvis our Under 11 Boys soccer team and Under 14 Boys and Girls Soccer team are ready to hit the pitch!

The Under 11 Boys already showed their skill after dominating the friendly game against Byron College and beating them 5-4!

Students work on their skills while playing as a team at all levels. They show great team spirit and are very eager to start playing games and participate in tournaments!



SCIENCE TRIPS!!!!

The Science Department has been busy organizing a number of field trips for our students!

The 9th Graders have already visited EYDAP Water Treatment Center and the 7th and 8th Graders have gone to the Planetarium and enjoyed a wonderful presentation on the history of Space Exploration.

10th and 11th grade students visited the Science and Technology exhibition at the Planetarium and many classes will be attending the exhibition on The Brain which looks to be very interesting!

YEARBOOK!

The Yearbook Staff have been working hard towards the completion of the 2008 Oracle.

Student pages are being created using the Corel Draw design program.

Seniors are actively being involved by submitting their Senior Caption, talking about their school years and thanking anybody that has helped them. Also they are bringing in their baby photos

9th GRADE TRIP TO EYDAP



The 9th grade went on a field trip to the water treatment plant of EYDAP on November 6, 2007 in Galatsi. We were accompanied by our Chemistry teacher Ms.Tzaros and our Biology teacher Mr. Mehrabian.

At EYDAP we learned the process of how the water from lakes is cleaned and then sent to our homes. We learned the history of how Greeks used to take water from well. We learned that there are 4 main lakes we get water from: Marathon Lake, Mornos, Iliki and Evinos. After the presentation, we were given a gift booklet about the company, comic books about water and pens. We enjoyed the trip and we thank our teachers for giving us the opportunity to learn about the process of water treatment and we also thank EYDAP.

Raymond Collado, 9th Grade

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS!!!

The role of the class President and Vice-President is to represent their class. Their main responsibility is to help solve any difficulties that may arise during the year. It is important for the President and Vice-President of the class to take their role seriously as they are representing their fellow classmates and are the point of contact for their class.

Congratulations to all the candidates and the students that got elected. These are:

Grade	President	Vice President
7th	Laura Barry	Giorgio Klonis
8th	Alex Edman	
9th	Raymond Collado	Konstantinos Pourmaras
10th	Giorgio Rombotis	Perry Smith
11th	Peter Peraticos	Christian Grau
12th	Patricia Zentelis	Costas Lemos

Costas Lemos,, 12th Grade

VALENTINE'S DAY SPIRIT AT ISA!!!!!!

ISA students celebrated Valentines day with a number of events at the school.

The seniors organized a flower sale in which students and teachers had the opportunity to buy red, pink or white roses for their friends and their loved ones! A little note accompanied the rose and everyone was thrilled with this event.

In addition to the flower sale a big bake sale was organized by the class of 2008 in which home-made goodies were brought and sold. Cup cakes, brownies, cookies, cakes and many more delicious sweets were on sale. The profits of these two events go towards the organization of the Senior Prom!

