

December 12, 2008

Dear Parents,

The longest night of the year is upon us once again and it is time to reflect on the passing year. To reflect and to look inward in order to be able to examine once again what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done better in the year to come.

The Holiday spirit is in the air! The classrooms at Melina's Junior and Melina's are looking very festive. The rehearsals for the Winter Show are well on their way. Everybody is on his/her best behaviour because there is a rumor that Santa is planning to visit our Kindergarten.

At the Primary School everyone has been kept extra busy in the past few weeks with special events such as the Traditional Greek Puppet theatre, fundraising for the Helping Hands Organization and preparations for the Christmas Show on 18th December. Special thanks at this time go to the Student Council who have done a great job of organizing seasonal surprises for our younger students and volunteering at the wonderful Christmas Bazaar last weekend.

The hallways and the corridors of the Middle and High School are wearing their festive attire as a great number of students have been actively involved in putting together the Winter Show featuring the ISA Choir. The IB Theatre Arts students also performed. The performance on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December was a great success and all involved deserve hearty congratulations.

Our Parents' in Action Group put on a very successful Christmas Bazaar last Sunday, December 7, with a special appearance by the Recover Band and Ms. Yvette Jarvis who sang her way into the hearts of everyone bringing back memories of the sixties and seventies. Thank you to the Group who put in so much effort in organizing the event, decorating the school and setting the tone for the festive season.

We wish to also thank our Parents' Liaison Group for their interest and concern about school issues and for their helpful suggestions. The Parents' Liaison Group will be working parallel with our Parents' in Action Group, focusing on school issues that may require the support of our parents.

I will never tire repeating how important it is for us to keep alive and well the most important triangle: Parents, School and Students. The close co operation and common goals will most certainly ensure the best possible results for each student according to his/her potential.

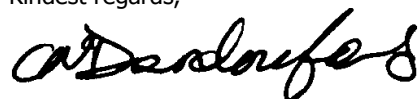
At this point I would like to congratulate all the students who participate in extra-curricular activities and personally acknowledge their triumphs over the past year:

Kelly Sklavounou – Equestrian	Efthimios Kremiotis – Equestrian
Constantinos Mikos – Tennis	Despoina Papamichail – Tennis
Dimitra Stavrianakou – Tennis	George Galenianos – Tennis
Dimitris Perdikoulis – Soccer	Alen Velic – Soccer
Alex Edman – Ballet	Alexandra Chryssomallidi – Ballet

In preparation of the July 2009 ban on smoking in public places, ISA is becoming a non-smoking area throughout as of January 1, 2009.

As we look forward to 2009, our good wishes go to all our families for a Happy Holiday Season and a safe return to school in January.

Kindest regards,



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Director