

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to begin with a warm welcome to all the new families who are joining us this year and extend that welcome to all our returning families, and hope that you have all had a restful summer holiday. As always, we look forward to the challenges of the new academic year and feel certain that our commitment over the last couple of months in preparing for the start of the school year will offer fresh enthusiasm and success to all our students.

We have been working very hard on our self-study and look forward to welcoming the members of the Middle States visiting team in late November.

As you know, our third Melina's building is ready to accept some of our youngest members. Ms. Louise Kalokerinou who for many years has taught Kindergarten and primary school classes, will be co-ordinating the new Melina's Kindergarten. Ms. Elena Markazonnes will be assisting in the office.

I would like to introduce to you, and welcome, new members of our teaching staff who have joined us this summer:

Mr. Manolis Periclakis	grade 6 teacher
Mr. Duncan Barrable	grade 4 teacher
Ms. Elina Dimitropoulou	Learning Support Centre
Ms. Phaedra Voultiadou	German teacher

And also to welcome back the following teachers who, for personal reasons, had taken some time away from teaching:

Ms. Tsoka	Head of Foreign Languages
Mr. Massourides	ESL, Theory of Knowledge

Proper uniform being worn by students reflects pride and honour for one's school. We again request parents to impress upon their children the importance of coming to school clean and properly attired. Extra uniform items such as winter jackets, vests, long-sleeved shirts and scarves have been included to supply students with all the necessary winter clothing for warmth and comfort. Dark jackets may be worn during the winter months in the canteen and outside the school building. Students will be sent home if they are out of school uniform.

This year's Bonding trips for primary school and grade 7 have been scheduled as follows:

- September 16-17 for grade 7
- September 16 for grades 3-6
- September 23 for grades 1-2

A number of sport and activity trips as well as cultural events are being planned throughout the year. Please consult the calendar on our new website for updates and possible changes to dates.

The majority of our IB Diploma students achieved very good results and received places at the university or educational institution of their first choice. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the graduates of 2011 and wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

Finally, we enclose the end-of-year Honour Roll for the 2010-2011 academic year. Congratulations to the students in grades 7-12 whose perseverance and hard work throughout the year earned them a place on the academic and/or effort honour roll. Well done!

At the same time, the students who experienced academic problems in one or more classes will be placed on bi-weekly academic monitoring as of the beginning of the academic year in order to help them overcome their difficulties as soon as possible.

Once again, we look forward to seeing you all and wish our students a happy, healthy and successful school year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Koenig-Dardoufas', written in a cursive style.

Costis Koenig-Dardoufas
Director / Head of School