



Mar Qardakh International School



MS Hala Warda Head Of School



Archbishop Bashar Warda Coverners Corner

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). Beginnings are always important. With each beginning comes a new birth, renewal, and change. The same is true of Catholic education. As I pause to reflect on the words of John mentioned above I cannot help but draw a parallel. The Word became flesh when God chose to enter our world through the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is the ultimate educator, the ultimate teacher. This year, as all years, Mar Qardakh School begins with the Word of God present in the Mass, Sacred Scriptures, and even our studies. Many blessings to our students and staff and their families.

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Dear parents, it is an honor to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. I want to take this opportunity and thank teachers and parents for being flexible, caring, and patient with us during our IB evaluation. The fruit we gained from the evaluation was terrific as we all saw tremendous academic growth at our student's levels. This is my third year as Head of School for Mar Qardakh and I believe that if we have a strong family engagement we will have a successful year. As a parent, you can help us in so many ways to make sure your kids are on time every day and doing their homework daily, avoiding missing school as much as possible, and we taking vacations during breaks from school. This year our coordinators and teachers are working hard to create a magical experience every day of this school year. Finally, I wish you all a year full of grace and knowledge and thank you for your trust.

لقد بارك سيادة المطران مار بشّار متي ورده العمل للسنة الأكاديمية مقدّماً المسيح مثلاً للمعلم الأفضل وشدّدت مديرة المدرسة الآنسة حلا ورده على أن الطّلاب ونموهم الأكاديمي هو هاجسنا الأول والأخير في المدرسة ومحور العمل الأول لهذه السنة. مدرسة مار قرداغ الدوليّة تعودُ في سنتها الثانية عشرة وأنت إذا دخلت مبناها وصعدت طوابقها متجولاً في ممراتها تكون وكأنك تمرر إصبعك على لوحةٍ لتجسّسها وهي متعددة الألوان بهجة الحضور.

من دروس الدراما الصارخة بالتعبير إلى مشاريع مادة الأفراد والمجتمعات الإبداعية! كما ترى طلابنا في المراحل الأخيرة وقد أعلنوا أنفسهم بحالة التأهّب إذ هم مقتربون من امتحاناتهم الدولية وشعارهم العزيمة والإصرار! وإن مررت بجوار أطفالنا الصغار ترى المحبة أفعمت قلوبهم فتعلموا في صفّ الدين عن الثالوث الأقدس، الله المحبة، أما الكبار منهم، فانطلقوا بالحب من الشعور إلى الحركة والفعل، فانفتحت أمامهم أبواب الخدمة في الكنيسة كشمامسة أمانة.

هذا كلّه كان داخل المدرسة، لكنّ الفضول والإبداع غالباً ما يفتح الأفاق للخارج فترى طلابنا في الصف الثاني في المتحف ولم يمض بعد شهرٌ على دخولهم المدرسة. يحكى أن البدايات ترسم الطريق، ورجاؤنا أنها سنة مليئة بالتعلّم المدفوع بالشغف، المبارك بالمحبة، والموجه نحو مستقبلٍ مشرق.



My name is Farah Bashar and I graduated from business administration and this year I hope I want to give a lot to my students and help them become better learners.



Hello my name is Suzan and im the new PYP3 teacher and im very happy to be taking this oppirtunity and I hope that i can help my students to get where they want to be in the future.



My name is Myranda and I studied Theology&Catechetics My favorite thing about being in the classroom is sharing in the joy of the students!



My name is Larsa and i graduated from College of Basic Education /Salahaddin University -Erbil I'm willing to get my students more familiar with visiting the library in order to develop a reading habit and build up their vocabularies



Im Deema the new PYP1 teacher and I have a masters in Business Administration and my specialty is in Marketing Psychology.
As it is known "education is the greatest opportunity" to acquire skills and knowledge. Based on this fact, it's a new experience for building up the new generation within our educational environment.



My name is Lilian and im the new art teacher, I graduated form university of Al Baeth, Science Department, Bachelor's in Physics. I would love this year for the students to enjoy and practice different art skills and get to experience different learning opportunities.



My name is Rand Raad Matti and Im the new PYP2/C homeroom teacher, I hav a Master of Science in Chemistry / College of Education for Pure Sciences /University of Mosul and this year I will do my best to help my students succeed.

What's New At MQS

You'll find the most interesting stories under "What's New at School" in this newsletter and those to come! The first story revolves around a class beloved by students of every age—drama. Mr. George is always ready to present an idea in style whether it's time management or plays drafted by the student themselves.



Each class is different but begs students to ask the same question: How can I express my feelings in a beautiful way? On the stage, an actor becomes a tree, a cat, a CEO, or even a teacher and learns how to use their God-given gifts and talents to bring joy to others.

Not only does the audience always get a laugh or learn something new, but students develop self-confidence, the ability to read a crowd, and have fun while sharing their feelings in unique ways.



PYP2 Field TRIP



The pace has settled and eager minds are beginning to grasp their first units. A brief look at PYP2 visit to the Syriac Heritage Museum in Ankawa as part of their unit (who we are) students were learning about different cultures.



SAT and AP Preparation

Mr. Marly, a new face in the MYP hub, has begun teaching Highschool, MYP4, and MYP 5 SAT prep. The SAT is the primary standardized test for admittance into public university's in Kurdistan and abroad. "The main idea is the preparation for the eventuality of the SAT exam," said Mr. Marly in an interview. That is one of the reasons why Mar Qardakh School decided to offer SAT preparation to MYP 4-5 in addition to high school. In the words of Mr. Marly, "practice makes perfect." When asked what he enjoys about teaching SAT prep, Mr. Marly said "I find the challenge enticing of the subject itself, the difference of the exam. I like challenges." Our student do too and will surely learn many important study skills and material under Mr. Marly.



Only the first month has finished but Mr. Alex already has his Individuals and Societies (I&S) classes cooking. For the fourth week of school, Mr. Alex brought Aztec maize porridge for MYP1-3 to try.

"Aztec culture had a lot to do with food. One of the ways that my classes can understand the Aztecs better is through the food they ate. Even today, you can understand a lot about a person by the food they consume." Emphasizing this learning style, Mr. Alex assigned cooking homework to his classes and students will make their own Aztec food at home. "Education is a lifelong activity," said Mr. Alex. "If we can touch, taste, and smell our education, it becomes more than knowledge but instead a memory we can turn back to in the future."



here is the picture and the caption: Goals make the world go round. For the last assembly of the month, Safe Guardians Ms. Rebekah and Mr. Alex presented about the importance of SMART goals. SMART goals are goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timely. Now students are writing their own SMART goals in preparation for the rest of the school year!