

MAR QARDAKH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Love the Lord, all you his saints!" (Psalm 31:23)

Ms. Vina Yousif – The Vice Principal

As we are approaching the end of the semester, and in the spirit of Thanksgiving, We extend our gratitude to God for the many blessings that surround us, our committed teachers, supportive parents, and hardworking students who make our mission truly meaningful. The students are the core of our work. As we approach the end of semester exams, we encourage them to be confident and ready to study well for their exams, reminding them to manage their time wisely, dedicate sufficient hours for studying, at the same time take good care of themselves and their well-being. we also urge them to believe in their abilities and trust the hard work they have put in throughout the term.

Ms. Bianca DeLeon – MYP Coordinator

Warmest greetings to you all. As we begin the month of November, we celebrate one of my favorite days of the year—All Saints' Day. It fills my heart with joy to see our KG and PYP students enter the gym hall dressed as their favorite saints, praying, as a school, the Litany of Saints.

This is the day when Mar Qardakh joins the “one body in Christ” (Romans 12:5), united with all the saints in heaven. As we continue our own journey through life, may we be inspired to “fight the good fight” by the lives of the saints. Let us seek their intercession, asking them to lead us ever closer to God, so that one day we may rejoice with them in eternal glory. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

To begin the month, we celebrated All Saints' Day! Students came dressed as different saints, filling the school with joy, creativity, and faith. At the school assembly, PYP students performed songs and processed along to the Litany of the Saints. We were blessed by the presence of priests and of Archbishop Warda, guiding us in faith and reminding us of the holiness of the day.



HS2 – VISIT WITH BISHOP FRANCIS

On Thursday, November 6, MQIS welcomed Bishop Francis Kalabat, Eparch of Saint Thomas the Apostle of Detroit. Our HS2 students had the opportunity to meet him and ask him and Archbishop Warda questions. Bishop Francis shared some advice about being young Chaldeans and how to value their unique heritage: "You can truly show who you are, and how you are still united but different."



PYP4-5 EXHIBITION

On Monday, November 24, MQIS welcomed parents and guests to the PYP4–5 exhibition, where students demonstrated both learning and creativity. Students presented on historical cities of Iraq, sharing what they had learned about the country's rich past. They also created models of famous sites and wore costumes inspired by traditional clothing, allowing parents to see their growing understanding of history and culture in action.



MYP4-HS2 BUSINESS FAIR

Our MYP and high school students recently put on an end-of-semester business fair! This event was not only a celebration of creativity and teamwork but also a practical extension of the concepts they studied in business class.



The event not only gave students hands-on entrepreneurial experience but also strengthened their confidence and skills for future learning. We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements and the dedication they showed throughout the project.

MYP-HS CHESS TOURNAMENT

This month, students from across grade levels took part in a school chess tournament marked by excitement and healthy competition! The students demonstrated impressive levels of focus and skill, presenting strong matches characterized by deep thinking and fair play. The aim of this tournament was to develop students' strategic thinking skills, enhance patience, and strengthen their ability to make the right decisions under pressure.



MYP2 AT THE MONASTERY

On November 24 and 25, our MYP2 students enjoyed a meaningful field trip to St. Anthony Monastery, where they had the privilege of viewing ancient manuscripts connected to their classroom studies and learned about the rich history of the Chaldean martyrs. Thank you to Father Yousif for showing the students an important piece of this region's history! This was a powerful day of learning, culture, and heritage.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Languages Exhibition

9th of December

Archdiocese's Christmas concert

11th of December

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