



Mar Qardakh International School



PYP Coordinator's Column – Ms. Tara Shaoul

The celebration of All Saints Day has become one of my fondest moments in our school calendar and I eagerly anticipate its arrival each year. All Saints Day encapsulates the essence of our Catholic identity and mission. It is a time when we collectively embrace our faith, immerse ourselves in the stories of the saints, and reaffirm our commitment to fostering a values-based education. The celebration serves as a beautiful reminder of the spiritual journey we embark upon as a community, united by our shared beliefs and dedication to guiding our students towards lives of integrity and purpose.

Being a part of our school community and coming together to commemorate this significant feast fills me with a sense of joy and gratitude. The vibrant enthusiasm and genuine engagement of our students, parents, and staff during this time are truly remarkable. Witnessing the joy and awe on the faces of our students as they lead prayer, processions, or presentations fills my heart with immense pride and fulfillment. Their genuine enthusiasm and curiosity remind me of the impact we have as educators in shaping their lives and nurturing their spiritual growth. It is a humbling and rewarding experience that reaffirms my passion for serving in this role.

Early Years Celebrating All Saints Day



During our All Saints Day celebration, our Early Years students engaged in a variety of fun activities. They participated in story sessions, where they learned about the lives and accomplishments of different saints. Through arts and crafts projects, they created visual representations of saints, fostering their creativity and fine motor skills. Additionally, students dressed up as saints and shared their understanding of their chosen Saint's virtues and attributes, boosting their confidence and oral communication skills.



This special day provided an opportunity for our young learners to explore the lives and legacies of Saints, fostering a deeper understanding of their significance in our world. Saints exemplify extraordinary virtues and qualities, serving as role models for our children. By introducing them to the lives of saints, we aim to inspire our young learners to emulate their kindness, compassion, courage, and resilience.



PYP All Saints Day Celebration



On All Saints Day, our PYP students arrived at school dressed up as their chosen saints. The energy and enthusiasm was palpable as the hallways were filled with mini versions of their heavenly friends. From St. Francis of Assisi to St. Therese of Lisieux, our students showcased their creativity and knowledge about these remarkable individuals fostering a sense of connection to their chosen saints.

Throughout the day, our PYP students engaged in a series of fun learning games designed to deepen their understanding of different saints. These interactive activities encouraged collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity while making the learning experience enjoyable and memorable.



MYP All Saints Day Exhibition



MYP1-HS2 students participated in All Saint's Day with detailed presentations about the lives of their holy men and women. Each student memorized important details about their life and expressed why they chose that particular Saint above others.



What floats your boat? MYP1 learned about the covenants between God and the Ancient Israelites as part of Religion with Ms. Lizzie. As an activity, they crafted and then sailed homemade Noah's Arks. Land in sight!



SAINT OF THE DAY!

Guess who Nawras (center top right) is?

- a. St. Dominic
- b. St. Giuseppe Moscati
- c. St. Brendan
- d. St. Louix IX

"Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain to the builders labor" (Psalm 127:1).