



Mar Qardakh International School



MYP Coordinator's Corner - Ms. Bianca De Leon

Christmas may almost be here but we're still thinking about All Saints Day! This year MYP had a variety of saint themed activities as we work to get to Heaven ourselves. It reminds me of the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). The Saints gave it all for Christ and we instill that same desire in our students! No matter the grade, age, ability, background, or past choices, everyone has the chance and even more so the calling to be a Saint. Sometimes we forget that being a Saint applies to our studies as well. Those who seek the Lord in all aspects of their lives learn quickly that with God all things are possible and without Him little can be completed. Want your student to be studious, intelligent, generous, humble, diligent, principled, and balanced? Encourage them to be a Saint. We'll do the same and hope to see you all on the next side--in Heaven!

Administrative Assistant's Corner - Ms. Vina Yousif

As Christmas approaches, this is the time of preparation, the time of advent which invites us to await with joy the birth of Christ. This time can be very busy for the family with all the preparations for decorating the house, buying gifts, and celebrations these are essential but we should remember always that it is a great opportunity for internal change. Encouraging our children to have hope and believe in themselves, to live in joy and appreciate the small things they have, to be peaceful and forgive the ones around them, and to love and give from all their hearts. The values around which this time is centered go beyond religious rituals to become an invitation for every human being to live these principles in their daily lives. In our school community, we believe in the importance of integrating this spirituality into the lives of our students and their parents, to make it a shared experience that enriches everyone.

All Saints Day at MQIS

Our All Saints Day celebration with the students was a lively event that brought Saints from all ages (Ancient to Modern and everywhere in between) together for one celebration of the Church Triumphant. Imagine St. Ephrem meeting Bl. Carlo Acutis! To conclude the day, PYP students participated in a Saints craft and went away one step closer on their own path to sainthood. In the words of St. John Mary Vianney, “We can, if we will, become a saint, for God will never refuse to help us to do so.” Let us pray for each other as we walk the road to Heaven with our students!



All Saints Day with PYP

With the PYP, stations were set up around the school each focusing on a specific Saint where students participated in games and challenges that highlighted the Saint's values and holy life. Some stations encouraged teamwork, mirroring the spirit of cooperation and kindness shown by certain Saints, while others included puzzles and storytelling that helped students connect with the courage and dedication of figures like St. Francis or St. Joan of Arc. This celebration not only enriched their knowledge of these holy figures but also left a lasting impression, showing how the Saints' values can inspire us today. It was a joyful day that reinforced positive values while strengthening students' connection to their heritage and faith, making the event both meaningful and memorable.



5K Practice and Race

To promote healthy habits among the MQIS community, a part of the school emphasis on balanced living as an International Baccalaureate institution, students practiced for and ran a 5K. The teachers organized the race round the Park Sami Abdulrahman track with over thirty students and their families showing up. On the big day, Pierre and Amy (both MYP5) finished in first place among the MYP4-High School bracket, while Michael (MYP2) and Mirel (MYP1) were the first place finishers for the MYP 1-3 bracket. These four champions received a prize consisting of a medal and a KFC gift card. After that much running, we hope they made good use of the money right away and restored their energy!



MQIS Parents' meeting

We recently held our second annual parents' meeting, a key event where we engage deeply with our school community to support each student's growth and success. During the meeting, teachers and parents came together to discuss both academic progress and behavioral development, creating an open dialogue focused on each child's unique strengths and areas for improvement. The meeting reinforced our commitment to collaboration between home and school, ensuring that each student receives the guidance and encouragement they need to thrive.

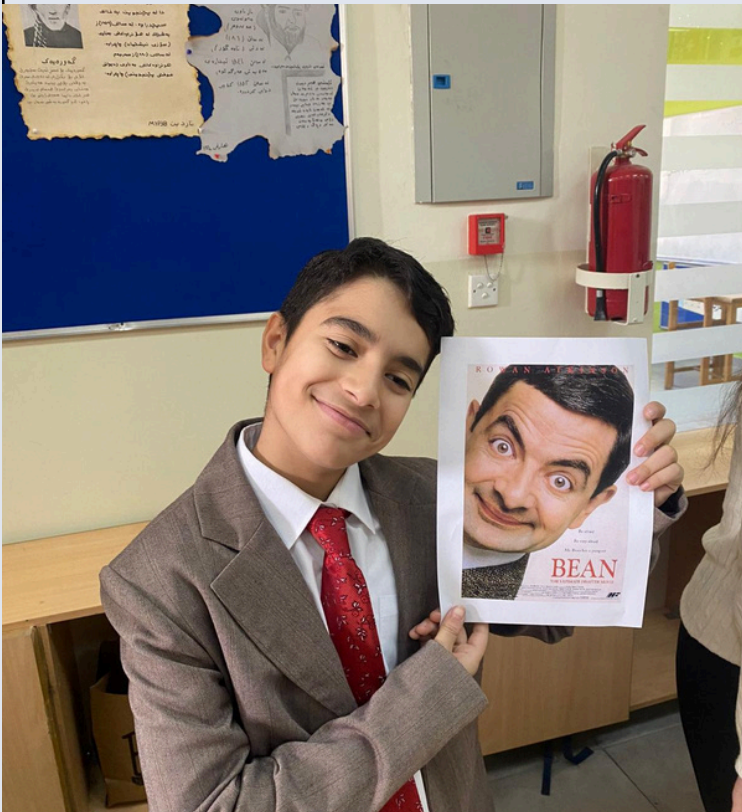


Lux and Person of Interest

All students in MYP have the opportunity to participate in Lux every other week to learn about the Faith and spend some free time in a safe environment. In November, we directed our own Saint plays and made Advent wreaths!



Mr. Bean poses next to a stunning image of.....himself.



**"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid."
John 5:14**

The Person of Interest Exhibition at the end of the month attracted the most exquisite group of guests. Mr. Bean shook hands with Alexander the Great who watched G.K. Chesterton walk proudly through the halls. The great men and women of history paraded in front of parents and students sharing about their lives and inviting the onlookers to take a step back into the mists of time.

