MAR QARDAKH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Archbishop Bashar Warda - School Governor

Our beloved parents,

With the beginning of the new academic year, it fills us with great joy to first raise our thanks to God for what we have accomplished together during the past year. At the start of this new year, we place before us the words of our Lord Jesus:

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:14)

It is a message of calling and responsibility. Your children are that light, each carrying a flame placed by God. Together, we are responsible for protecting and nurturing this light.

Let us remember: our children are a city set on a hill—visible to all. our responsibility is to teach them to live with courage, honesty, and discipline, for the world today needs pure hearts and radiant spirits more than ever.

Let us together ask the Lord to bless our sons and daughters, making them cities set on a hill that cannot be hidden, shining with kindness and wisdom, growing in excellence and maturing in grace before God and people.

Ms. Hala Warda- Head of School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the 2025–2026 academic year, I want to share our focus for this year: the well-being of both students and staff. We believe that when students feel supported, they learn and grow best, and when teachers are cared for, they can give their very best in the classroom. Together, we will build a school culture where well-being is part of everyday life strengthening minds, hearts, and spirits. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership as we embark on this journey.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our EY Orientation Day was a joyful three hour program designed to help our Early Years students get familiar with their new classrooms and teachers. The day was filled with exciting introductory activities, fun games, lively dancing, engaging circle times, and plenty of play. It was a wonderful start to the school year, full of smiles, laughter, and happy faces as the children began their learning journey with confidence and joy

On the other hand, our PYP, MYP, and High School students began their day with a heartfelt prayer for the new academic year, followed by a variety of engaging activities academic, cultural, and sports. They also had the chance to meet their new teachers and get to know them better. The day concluded with a closing prayer, filled with gratitude and wishes for a successful and blessed academic year ahead.

BLESSINGS FROM ARCHBISHOP WARDA

On the first day of the new academic year, His Grace Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda led the Blessing of the Water ceremony together with the teachers and students, marking the beginning of the school year with grace and blessings.

It was a moment filled with faith and joy, as students and teachers gathered in prayer, asking for the Lord's blessing for a year of success, dedication, and growth in both knowledge and faith.

PYP CLUBS

Every Thursday, our PYP3 to PYP5 students look forward to Fun Clubs—an engaging time to explore new interests beyond the classroom. Each grade enjoyed unique activities, from chess and cooking to board games and reading, giving students a chance to learn, play, and discover together.

UNIT 1 – HEALTH FOOD

Early years started their Science unit 1 on fruits, vegetables, and healthy habits, the students took part in a special "Healthy Lunchbox" activity. Each child prepared a lunchbox at home filled with nutritious fruits and vegetables, which they proudly brought to school.

During snack time, the children sat together, shared their healthy treats, and talked about the different fruits and vegetables they had. It was a joyful and practical way to reinforce healthy eating habits while learning new vocabulary and enjoying time with friends.

MYP-HS SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Mar Qardakh International School is proudly preparing to host a sports tournament in Erbil. The event, which will take place on our school campus, will include matches in soccer, basketball, volleyball, and ping pong.

PREPARATIONS

Our coaches and students are preparing wisely and passionately to make this tournament a remarkable experience for everyone involved. Stay tuned for more updates.

STUDENTS' HIGHLIGHTS

Our student Rama Gliana, is representing our nation with pride as part of the U-17 National Team

Our MQIS High School ladies, Amy Raid and Maryam Najeeb, competing in the Iraqi's Women Basketball competition in Baghdad and winning second place.

A special congratulations to our beloved students on this great achievement!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MYP5 - HS graduation
1st of October

School sports tournament
November

Archdiocese School's bible competition
19th of October

School parents' meeting
15,16,22, and 23rd October

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