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Letter from the Director

May I warmly extend a hand of heartfelt welcome to everyone associated with the ISC-Koura school community, new and returning students, parents and staff, without whom our school would not have accomplished all that it has.



As the 2019-2020 academic year is now well underway, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of its most notable achievements.

The 2018-2019 academic year ended with our stylish graduation ceremony held on the evening of June 26. I wish all our 37 graduates every future success. Also - yet again - our students truly excelled in Lebanese official and AP exam performance attaining the following: all 9 members of our 12GS class received mentions of merit, our 12LS group 10 and our Brevet class were awarded 35 from a total of 54 students. The 9 students who sat for AP exams in 2019 secured the commendable total of 13 “5” scores (the maximum) and 3 of “4” Well done to all our students, both past and present.

It gives me great pleasure to once again acknowledge the pivotal role that our wholly student managed SABIS Student Life Organization® continues to play in our school. Throughout this newsletter, you will see how our SLO® supports,

educates, empowers and inspires our student body through a diverse and stimulating range of events, peer-tutoring sessions and trips. An SLO® standout from Term 1 of particular note, the “Keen on Green” afternoon, highlighted the ever more pressing importance of protecting our planet through its promotion of nature-themed initiatives, creations and informed life choices. Also, our rousing Independence Day celebrations engaged all of our students in a wonderfully inclusive display of national pride.

Promoting environmental awareness and providing charitable assistance to our less privileged citizens have long been very important ISC-Koura goals. This was no different throughout Term 1 as our students conducted a paper and plastic recycling drive and a recycling campaign; our internally constituted charitable organizations SAGE, SAWA, TEAM, AMALNA, and SAFE continued to thrive and – in a commendable act of generosity - our Level O students amassed the astonishing total of more than 1 ton of food which was later distributed to the local underprivileged. In addition, one of these organizations—TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More), the aim of which is to educate underprivileged children—enrolled and paid the tuition fees of 2 students at an official school.

It only remains for me now to express the dual wish: that you all have a peaceful 2020 and that you continue to engage with us as we work together to make ISC-Koura the very best that it can possibly be.

Nabila Maluf

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Summer Camp

ISC-Koura's ever buzzing campus certainly didn't take a summer break, hosting some 98 students from July 8 to August 16 for its 2019 summer camp. Featuring its usual lively and stimulating concoction of games, activities and trips, the program ensured the maximum holiday enjoyment for all who enrolled in the fun



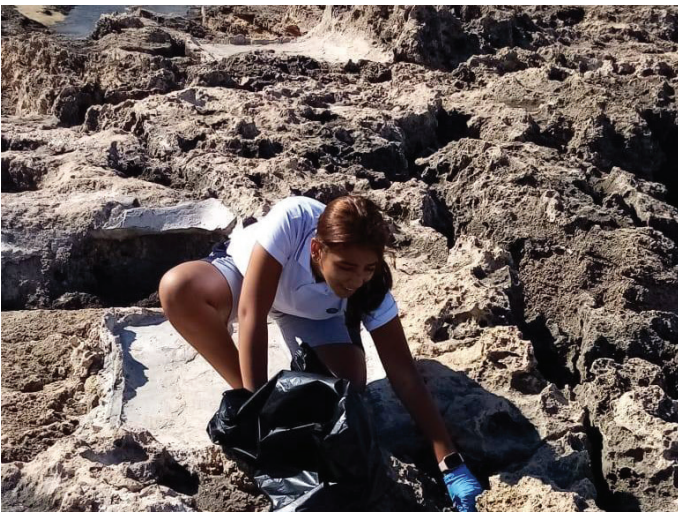
Orientation Day

Welcome to the SABIS® ISC-Koura family! That was the resounding message to newly enrolled students and their parents on Orientation Day. Games, music, prefect guided tours and informative staff presentations all featured in a lively, warm program geared to making the “newbies” feel right at home!



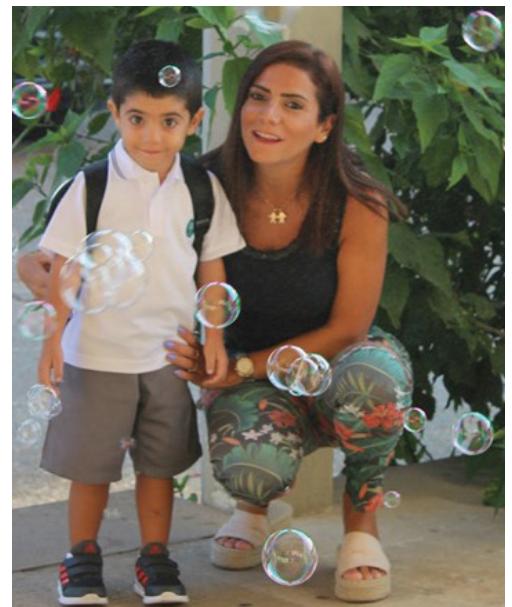
Beach Cleaning

Determined to play their part in preserving the iconic beauty of Lebanon's golden beaches, ISC-Koura's Level M student volunteers on the morning of September 21 donned gloves, grabbed large disposal bags, and set about cleaning a local sea front area. Well done guys!



Back to School

On the mornings of September 11-13, ISC-Koura extended the warmest of SABIS® welcomes to its students returning from their long summer vacation. Beaming smiles, cheerful greetings and some positive vibe “chill” music set the tone for what surely promises to be one of the most uplifting years ever!



Alumni Versus Seniors Basketball Game

Welcome back guys! That was the first resounding message from ISC-Koura to some alumni “ballers” who returned to their alma mater recently for a challenge basketball game against the current seniors. And the second? Congratulations! They won!



Alumni Versus Seniors Soccer Game

Past clashed splendidly with present as some of ISC-Koura’s alumni returned to take on the school’s current seniors in a challenge soccer match. What ensued? A lively, nostalgic occasion thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Level 0 Camping Trip

The scenic mountain environs of Ehden played host on the weekend of September 20-21 to a camping trip for ISC-koura's 2020 graduating classes. Intended to create an early year atmosphere of maximal bonding and positivity, the outing did not disappoint with a bonfire, tasty barbeque food and a multitude of fun activities providing the memorable highlights.



Alumni Visit

ISC-Koura's 2019-2020 commitment to pursue environmental initiatives to the maximum received welcome support in Term 1 from 2 of the school's alumni. Tarek Moubayed delivered an address to students and staff on personal environmental responsibility, whilst Yara Nehme—the proud holder of a Masters degree in Green Chemistry from the Imperial College London—spoke on the topic of nature preservation and recycling. Thanks, guys!



Green Apple Day

ISC-Koura's solid credentials as a "green" school committed to environmental protection were strikingly highlighted on the occasion of "Green Apple Day" on September 18. Levels A-C students planted their very own organic garden whilst those of Level O engaged in a variety of cleaning, building and recycling pursuits throughout the school campus. An apple for the teacher?...of course!...but for the students too! Well done to all!



Trivia Competition

So...you all thought that lunch breaks were just for lunch, right? Not in ISC-Koura where the vitality and spirited enterprise continues, this time in the form of the SLO® organized "Trivia" event, a brain-teasing general knowledge competition for Levels M, N, & O students. And the winner is? Not yet decided, so...watch this space!



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Prelist Session



Discipline prefect



Peer tutoring



Recycling Club

Furry Friend Day

Yaaay! It's back! One of the most charming and enjoyable events on the ISC-Koura Lower Primary School calendar returned on Wednesday, November 20, Levels A to D students brought their bestie buddies to school...and who are they, you might well ask? Their furry friends of course, a colorful assortment of bears, dinosaurs and dollies who held the center of attention as a frantic "Furry Friend Day" featured coloring, Zumba...and a treasure hunt!



Team

On the occasion of the International Day of Charity on September 5, one of ISC-Koura's very own student-run charities TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) sent 2 of its prefects to a local school to provide it with a monetary donation that will ensure the education there of 5 children from disadvantaged backgrounds for 1 year. Well done, guys, for starting the new year on such an uplifting note!



Pajama Day

Hey! Is this a big bedroom I see before me? Noooo! It's our classroom... but on a very special day! Pajama Day, Levels A to D students get to show off the most colorful, most snuggly and coolest jammies EVER! And it's not even bedtime either...Hooray!



Senior Class Dinner

An atmosphere of conviviality, laughter and witty repartee pervaded the Beit Haifa restaurant in Fih village on the evening of October 4, 2019 as ISC-Koura's 2020 graduating classes partook of their senior class dinner along with staff members. A charming gathering thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Hillhout Trip

Levels E and F students thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Hillhout outdoor play area, reveling in the diverse array of rappel, tree-climbing and monkey-bridge activities on offer. Whew! That was fun!



Independence Day

Staff and students thronged the school's upper soccer field on November 21 parading, waving Lebanese flags and fulsomely singing their national anthem, all in a moving expression of patriotic pride and to convey the loudest and most heartfelt message possible...Happy Independence Day from all at ISC-Koura!



SLO® Fair

ISC-Koura's SABIS® Student Life Organization® geared up for another year of bustling, dynamic activity with the holding recently of its 2019-20 SLO® Fair that saw its latest batch of prefects selected for their various roles. Have a great year guys



Keen on Green

On the sun-drenched afternoon of Saturday, October 5, 2019, ISC-Koura unveiled its first large-scale event of the year in the form of its environmentally themed "Keen on Green" fair. Sprawling across a significant portion of the school campus, the spectacle teemed with diversity and interest encompassing academic demonstrations, leafy displays, a mini farm, music, a sizzling food court, games and a host of nature-inspired activities. So...after all that!...still keen on green? Absolutely! And can we "recycle" this event idea again for next year?





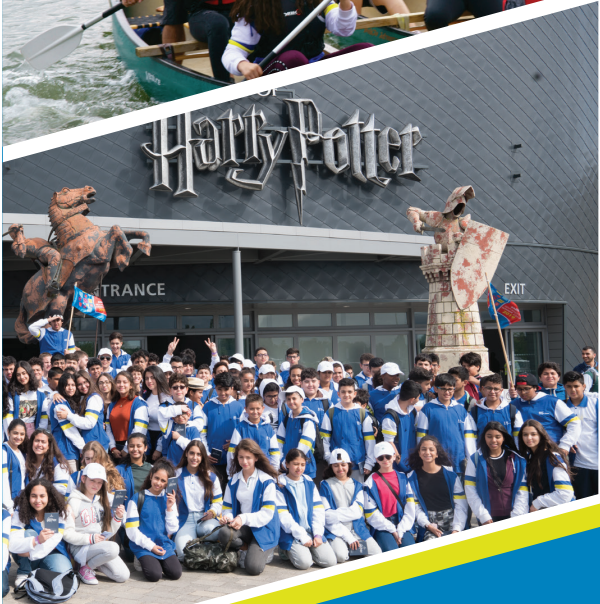
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