



# *The School Buzz*

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### Director's Word



As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to thank each and every person who made our return to school a smooth one. We have made it through with very minimal COVID-19 cases and that is due to your support and the full commitment of our team on campus. The past couple of years have been challenging in all aspects, but we have made it to where we are today—together.

Looking ahead at Term 2, the SLO will continue to involve the students in their education, promote the highest standards of ethical and moral values, and stimulate a positive outlook on life. We highly encourage all our students to join the SLO.

In order to move forward in a positive way, communication between the school and you as parents, and with your children, is critical. We urge you to take advantage of the long break to encourage your children to open up to you so that you can be at the forefront of identifying and sharing with us any difficulties or challenges they might be facing. Together, we can successfully navigate the difficult times our students are facing and grow together towards completing a successful academic year.

Our best wishes for the holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Rita Rizk  
School Director

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### Diana Abou Khater and Justin Ghadieh, Class of 2017

We are so proud of our graduates, Diana Abou Khater and Justin Ghadieh, who have recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the American University of Beirut with High Distinction. The next step in their journeys is medical school. We wish you continued success!



### Karam Fakhry, Class of 2019

Our alumnus Karam Fakhry, Class of 2019, is going the extra mile! Under his guidance, the SIS-Adma Varsity Football team has claimed a victory in the Independence Keserouan Ftouh and Jbeil School Tournament 2021.

Hear what Mr. Fakhry has to say about his experience:

*“It feels great to be back at my second home. I’m very proud to be with the football team again as a coach after being a player for more than ten years. I’m happy to share my experience with the SIS-Adma team and help the boys achieve what my teammates and I have in the past.”*



## Clubs

### Fifth Grade Science Club

When we hear Science Club, we always think about experiments. And while that is a part of it, in the fifth grade Science Club, students get to choose what they would like to explore beyond the walls of the classroom. The English language is also integrated as science turns into a fun weekly spelling bee competition in which students practice the spelling of difficult scientific words.

*“I love the Science Fair because I learn new things every year and it is all interesting information! One of my favorite experiments this year was the eye experiment.”*

--Mariam Geagea, Grade 5

*“As a science Shadow Teacher, the Science Fair helps me relieve my stress and I hope we keep doing it because it is so fun and exciting!”*

--Noor Abi Shdid, Grade 5

*“The Science Club was a lot of fun! My favorite part was the eye experiment where we used one of our friends as a model.”*

--Romy Reaidy, Grade 5



## Model United Nations (MUN)

*“My MUN experience so far has been amazing to say the least. It has helped me develop leadership skills and gain confidence not only in public speaking and addressing audiences, but also as a person in my everyday life. I can’t wait for the final conference and to enjoy this unforgettable experience with my friends!”*

--Victor El Fadl, Grade 10

*“Since joining the MUN program as a delegate in Grade 10, the journey has been a rollercoaster! With the pandemic striking, being an online advisor was a difficult task last year. Nonetheless, that did not take away from the experience. The other delegates, advisors, and I are also very excited for the final conference and to go to LAU for the experience of a lifetime. I hope that a fruitful year awaits us all.”*

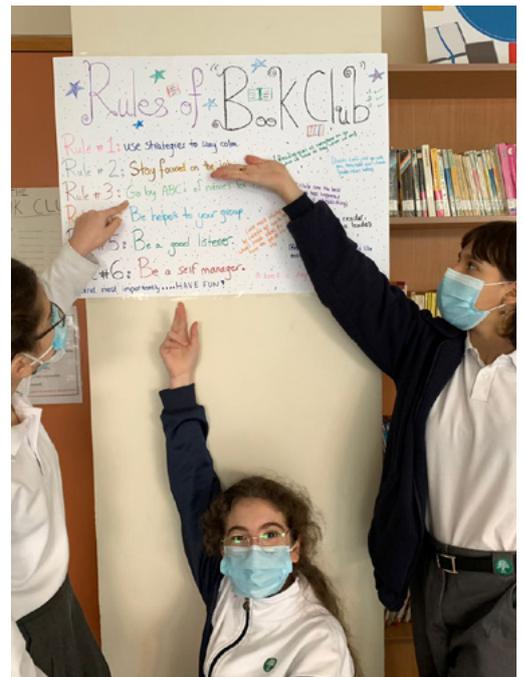
--Ralf Attie, Grade 12 High School Advisor



## Book Club

*“The book club has given me the chance to share my love for literature and reading with others as well as engage in discussions while picking out books I would otherwise not have picked up.”*

--Naima Abu Esber, Grade 8

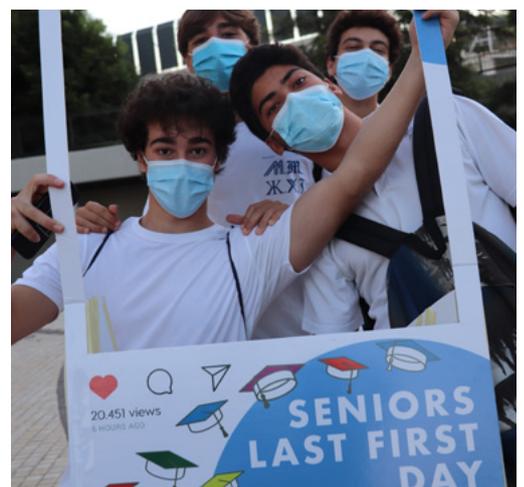


## Events

### Seniors' Last First Day of School: “The Senior Sunrise”

The Seniors' Last First Day is an annual tradition enjoyed by Grade 12 students. This year, we gathered at sunrise and spent it eating, having fun, and most importantly, reuniting with friends after a long quarantine. It was a very fun experience and I hope all seniors get to experience it too.

By Joey Beyrouti, Grade 12





## Job Fair

The job fair gives all our students in SABIS®, from grades 4 to 12, an opportunity to participate in the SLO, giving them a sense of responsibility and independence. Students of all ages can interact with one another and socialize with different groups of people.



## Senior Jacket Scavenger Hunt

The Scavenger Hunt was a great way for students and staff to work together to find our senior jackets. Seeing the teachers' faces light up when we found them was simply priceless. It was a rather unexpected and exciting way to claim our jackets, and the video we were shown in the theater really put a smile on our faces.

By Ralf Attie, Grade 12





## Independence Day Celebrations

As Lebanese, and due to the current circumstances, our patriotism has been challenged more than once. In SABIS®, we take pride in teaching our students to love their country and educating them about their home. From singing, to dancing and marching, the students learned, in an exciting way, to keep Lebanon in their hearts with extra love forever and always.

By Mia Louis, Grade 9



# SABIS® SLO Stories

## Academic Department

### Trivia Competition for Grades 9-12

*“The trivia competition was an amazing experience that brought the whole school together. Although my team lost in the final, we were still able to gain and share knowledge.”*

--Carl Moawad, Grade 12

*“Trivia Night was a very competitive event where students went head-to-head in many intense games of knowledge, strength, and integrity. The atmosphere was ecstatic! I would like to thank the school for organizing this event.”*

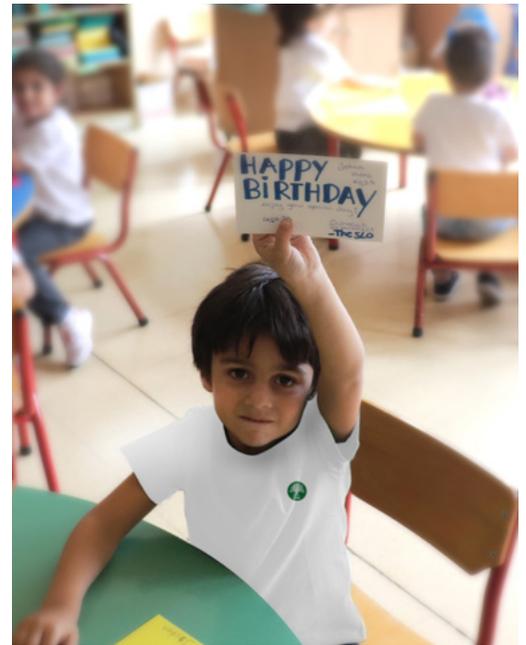
--Joseph Saab, Grade 12



## Outreach Department

### Birthday Cards' Distribution

The SLO initiative of giving birthday cards to students showed how caring and supportive they really are and made the students feel special and appreciated on their special day.



## Activities Department

### Seniors' Fun Day

The Senior Fun Day was probably the last day all the seniors would be together in one place before graduation. This long-awaited day had finally arrived. Every senior was assigned a team color, which we lathered ourselves in paint with and the games were underway. Every team wanted to be crowned winner, so the games got intense. We played a multitude of mini-games such as tug of war and one-legged races. It was a great bonding experience. We conversed, laughed, and danced. After this tiring event, we got to indulge in cheesy pizza. I'd like to thank the SLO for organizing this memorable experience.

By Habib Djaroueh, Grade 12



## Wellness Department

### Breast Cancer Awareness Day

SABIS® students wore pink ribbons and shirts to honor the survivors, commemorate those that were lost to the disease, and to support the progress we are making together to defeat breast cancer.



### World Mental Health Day

The importance of Mental Health Day was to shine a light on the struggles that people may face in their day-to-day life. Although the process was challenging, with my prefects by my side we were able to educate everyone on the importance of one's mental health. By spreading positive messages, the SLO was able to advocate self-worth, self-love, and self-esteem. To see the joy on many people's faces by spreading simple acts of kindness was one of the most heartwarming experience of my life—something I recommend everyone to participate in.

By Rafaella Mouawad, Grade 12



## Lower School Department

### Costume Party for Preschool and KG Student

Trick or treat! The KG Department and the preschool had their spooky costume party! We hope their costumes lift your spirits.



### Grade 1 Picnic

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader! We spiced up library sessions and appreciation for the little things in life with a picnic day in the field for Grade 1 with snacks and their favorite book.



## Sports Highlights

### Football Tournament

The Independence Day Football Tournament gave us a chance to play with each other one last time before we all part ways. Winning the tournament after almost 2 years without playing any matches was one of the best feelings on earth.

By Alfred Boulos, Grade 12





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