# The School Buzz

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## **Alumni & Students Football Game**

"The Alumni vs. Students football game was a great experience and an amazing way to kick off the school year. It reunited us with alumni from various academic years, and gave us a chance to connect through the sport we love."

## Ryan Saleh-Lahoud & Joey Mazegi, Grade 11



#### **Beirut Marathon**



"The marathon was a very enjoyable experience especially after several years without it. Seeing many people participating in such an event proves how optimistic Lebanese people still are after everything that we have been through."

Nay Feghali, Grade 12



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## **University Fair**

"A University Fair was held for the first time at SIS-Adma. There were 19 universities present, both local and international. It was an amazing and extremely helpful experience. We learned about what many universities offer and got a clearer idea and understanding about our future paths, and what we would like to major in. The fair also offered the Grade 11-12 students the opportunity to learn about many new universities and majors. It was a great occasion to unite SABIS® schools within the network and experience together the opportunities SABIS® has to offer."

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#### Michele Frem, Carl Hanna, & Joseph Awaida, Grade 11 & 12







## **Independence Day**



All students from Preschool to Grade 12 participated in the SIS-Adma Independence Day celebration. They sang the national anthem, danced to patriotic songs, stood in flag formation, marched proudly waving their flags, and danced the traditional Lebanese Dabke.

"Every year on Independence Day, the entire school is filled with joy and happiness as people recall the day Lebanon gained its Independence. This year, the national flag was displayed near the theater as a sign of the country's freedom and identity. As a senior, this year was my last time participating in this event, and to say the least, it was sentimental. Students gathered from different classes to support the Lower School students as they sang the Lebanese National Anthem. The noteworthy moment was when my classmates and I performed the Lebanese Dabke in front of everyone, and then asked our teachers to join us in this folkloric dance! It was an emotional moment which will never be forgotten."

Angela Fakhry, Grade 12





# **Student Achievements**

### **Joceline Geara**

"I traveled with the Beirut Club to the 23rd Arab Women's Basketball Club Championship as the only Lebanese team. We won it all, and I will never forget the feeling of raising the Lebanese flag high above."

### Joceline Geara, Grade 11





## **Aya Maria Mattar**

Congratulations to our SIS-Adma Alumna, Aya Maria Mattar, who was part of the Lebanese Women's Volleyball team that won the West Asian Championship. We are so proud of your accomplishment Aya!



## **SLO Stories**

## **First Day of School**

The Lower School & Outreach Departments made sure that the first day of school was a memorable and welcoming one for all.

"I loved the glow sticks and the bubbles! I also really liked Minnie, Mickey, and Dora's visit."

Heaven Khoury, Grade 1

"I loved the music, the bubbles, and dancing with Minnie!"
Nai Zaibak, Grade 2

"I enjoyed the activities with Spider-Man. He was my favorite!" George Yazbeck, Grade 2

"My first day was nothing short of bright. From colorful boards, bubbles, and glowsticks to the big smiles that welcomed us. I'm looking forward to a great year!"

**Judy Tannous, Grade 11** 







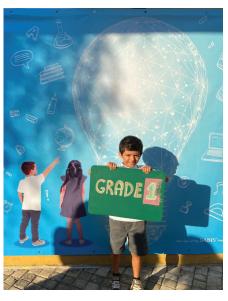












#### **SLO Job Fair**

"The job fair honestly left us speechless! Excellent teamwork allowed students to have a chance to participate in the department of their choice, and express themselves in the way they want to. It also helped us meet people from various departments, and interact with students from different grade levels. We can't wait to be a part of this organization and are ready to make new memories and have a great year!"

## Yasmina Mazegi, Isabella Mazegi, & Christopher Bassil, Grade 11























## **World Smile Day**

Both the Outreach & Lower School departments were able to spread smiles and positivity on World Smile Day through several activities and games.

"I really loved the music, the dancing, and the smiley stickers!" Thalia El Haddad, Grade 1

"I liked how we were complementing our friends!" Kelly Haddad, Grade 2

"What I loved most was writing nice letters to each other and the stickers." Ayla Barakat, Grade 3

"Activities ranged from "Pin the Smile" to the "Human Knot Game," but the "Reason to Smile" board was our favourite interactive activity. World Smile Day really made us appreciate all the different and amazing reasons to smile." Clara Mitri & Keane El Medawar, Grade 12















#### **Are You Smarter than Your Teachers?**

"The "Are you smarter than your teachers?" event was a really exciting competition that allowed us students to challenge those who teach us everything we know! There was a selection of different subjects for us to test our knowledge on. It was really fun to see our friends cheer us on from the audience even though we lost...we'll beat them next time!"

## Yasmina Mazegi, Grade 11









#### You Matter!

"The Wellness and Outreach Departments collaborated and organized the "You Matter!" event to show people their worth and spread positivity. We welcomed the students and staff in the morning with bracelets that say "You Matter!", posted flyers with quotes that helped and motivated people, and had people write kind and encouraging notes to themselves."











## **Football Tournaments**

The Sports Department organized several football tournaments for all students from grades 4-12 to enjoy.

"Grade 9 IP was one of the classes that came out victorious in the SLO Football Tournament. We had a great time being part of this experience, and we had an even greater time winning."

## Daniel Kouaik, Grade 9























**Senior Jacket Ceremony** 



"Words cannot even begin to describe our happiness when we were surprised with our senior jackets! As we entered the theater, we were surprised to see all our teachers there cheering us and welcoming us in. At that moment, we realized that this was our long-awaited Senior Jacket Ceremony! Our jackets were hidden under the theater seats, and once the search for our jackets was over and we were all enjoying them, we cut a graduation themed cake and celebrated with our teachers. There was so much love, joy, and happiness in the air that day, and I can wholeheartedly say that us seniors will never forget the day we first wore our senior jackets!"

#### Bake for a Cause

The Social Responsibility Department organized a bake sale in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. All the proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to helping those struggling with the disease.

"The Bake Sale was a huge success! Multiple tables stacked with food, donated by students, were cleared out, and everyone seemed thrilled. Students were enjoying baked goods with their friends all over campus, and money was raised for a good cause."

### Angelina Hobeiche, Grade 10









#### **Food Drive**

Representatives from the Lebanese Food Bank arrived at SIS-Adma to pick up all the donations that were collected throughout the month-long food drive held in honor of World Food Day. All of this was possible thanks to all the donations submitted by everyone within the SIS-Adma community. Together we can accomplish so much!



#### **Grade 1-3 Clubs**

The Grade 1 to 3 students enjoyed many clubs throughout Term 1 such as the Clay Sculpting Club, Bowling Club, It's Tasty Club, Book Club, Chess Club, Academics Club, Bracelets Club, Football Club, Crafts Club, Hand-in-Hand Club, and many more.

"My favorite activity was when we did the Turtle Snacks, and I liked the Bubbles club as well!"

## Elio Thoumy, Grade 1

"I loved the Bowling Club, the exercise challenge, the kindness puzzle and the Clay Sculpting Club!"

### Dany Yazbeck, Grade 2

"I loved all the clubs and every activity we did—especially the Bracelets Club!"

## Joya Chamoun, Grade 3

























## **KG Costume Party**

SIS-Adma hosted a costume party on October 28, in the Kindergarten Department. The event began with a fun-filled fancy-dress parade. There were very happy superheroes, fairies, witches, princesses, and other interesting characters walking around. Excited faces were seen everywhere as children posed for photographs to the equally thrilled parents. They all participated in a number of fun and exciting activities providing the students a variety of opportunities to enjoy themselves while interacting with friends and expressing their creativity.















## **Preschool Pumpkin Carving**

Pumpkin carving is a popular event for the preschool. This year the pre-schoolers celebrated with a parade showing off their ever-so-cute costumes. Later during the day, their parents joined and participated in a scavenger hunt which led them to the pumpkins. Some really good Jack-O-Lanterns were carved that day!







# **School Trips**

Students from Grades 1-11 enjoyed several trips this term at various locations such as Byblos Nature, Hillhout, Arnaoon, and Chahtoul.

"I was so excited the whole time!" Heaven Chammas, Grade 1

"I loved the trip. It was very fun! I can't wait to have another trip." Romy Nader, Grade 5























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