



# *The School Buzz*

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### Reading Campaign

The Grade 1 students had a good time laughing and learning as they watched the older SLO prefects organize a small play called "Chaperon Rouge."

*"It was so funny. Everyone was laughing and I loved Chaperon Rouge! I also learned new French words thanks to the play."*

Kiana Chaghoury, Grade 1



*"I liked how the older students were acting. They were really funny! I also liked the French language a little bit more thanks to them."*

Nicolas Abou Zeid, Grade 1



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## In-Service Training

SIS-Adma teachers gathered on Saturday, May 6, for an in-service training that teaches them practical ways to maintain a healthy work-life balance and boosts their energy in the last few weeks of the academic year.

Sessions were led by experts from Siira, a local startup that seeks to provide emotional support to the community through group discussions on a variety of topics, from parenting to relationships and family dynamics. Teachers and staff completed the training armed with practical ways to make small changes in their lives that can make a big difference.



## Poetry Night

*"Poetry night at SIS-Adma was a beautiful celebration of art and expression. It was a joy to witness the students pouring their hearts out on stage and sharing their unique voices with the community. That night reminded me of the limitless creativity and bravery that resides within each of us."*

**Nadine Atallah, Grade 11**







## High School & Alumni - Lebanon Marathon

*"The High School & Alumni - Lebanon Marathon was a great way to gather the Adma, Koura, Choueifat, and El-Metn schools, showing attendees our unity and what SABIS® students are known for, which is their love for competitive challenges. People came for the intensity of the race and stayed for the activities, live music, and delicious food. This event truly instilled in everyone a greater sense of community and inspired us to compete, love, and prosper both in and outside our academic lives."*

**Fadi Bandaly, Alumni (Class of 2021)**



*"Participating in the High School & Alumni - Lebanon Marathon was an amazing experience that I'll never forget. It was thrilling to reconnect with my former teachers and other alumni who were there and to see how much everyone had grown and changed since we had last seen each other. The energy and excitement for the event were contagious, and I couldn't help but feel inspired by the dedication and determination of all the participants. It was incredible to see so many people come together to support a great cause and to cheer each other on. Overall, participating in the marathon was a fun and rewarding experience that I'll always cherish."*

**Nabih Tabet, Alumni (Class of 2020)**





## EXPO 2023

*"I had so much fun at the SIS-Adma EXPO 2023. I was so happy that I was able to help out and run a game on my own, which was Giant Jenga. I played so many games with my friends like chess, Jenga, electromagnet circuits, candy pong, and so much more."*

**Ethan El Khoury, Grade 4**





*"The SIS-Adma EXPO 2023 was by far the best day at school this year. It was interesting to learn about people's cultures and to see how many SABIS® schools are available all over the world. We also had a lot of fun playing interactive educational games, seeing many people on campus, and above all, we enjoyed the delicious food. All the musical and dance performances added life to this amazing day. Our favorite performance was the sword fight."*

**Joy Tannous and Reham Al Sheikh, Grade 9**



*"It was remarkable to see the efforts everyone has put into making this day as fun and as memorable as it was. I loved every minute of the event."*

**Mia Louis, Grade 10**



*“Everyone, from staff to students, acted like a team and worked collectively to bring this event to life. The school felt alive with all the stands, booths, families, and students on campus together.”*

**Andrea Boueri, Grade 11**





## Student Achievements

### Math Olympiad

Ralph Zaarour and Jad Dagher, both Grade 12 students, showcased their mathematical skills by participating in AUB's challenging Math Olympiad, a two-stage competition that gathered the most exceptional students from all over Lebanon. The impressive performance of Jad Dagher, who achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Ralph Zaarour, who secured 8<sup>th</sup> place, fills us with immense pride. Their accomplishments, not only in the school but also beyond it, are a source of inspiration to us all.

*"Participating in the AUB Math Olympiad was a truly memorable experience. I enjoyed solving the challenging problems that tested my creativity and ability to keep looking for solutions no matter how hard the problems seemed. I am thankful for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I hope that I'll be able to take part in similar competitions in the future."*

**Jad Dagher, Grade 12**



*"The AUB Math Olympiad was a memorable experience. It showed me math from a perspective that is different than what we usually learn at school, and I was able to meet people from different backgrounds all across Lebanon. Above all, it was a significant moment for me as it marked my first opportunity to represent SABIS® outside the school and before graduation."*

**Ralph Zaarour, Grade 12**

## SLO Stories

### HFS Charades





*"The HFS Charades were a lot of fun because it was the first time we've held this event at school. The charades were really challenging and it was hard to act out the sentences and translate them, but we won in the end."*

**Mark Hreiki and Ibrahim Kanaan, Grade 5**



## Good Behavior Competition

The winners of the Term 2 Good Behavior Competition, organized by the Discipline Department, were grades 4A and 8B. As a reward for their good behavior, both classes were able to enjoy some fun time on the green field.





## Volleyball Tournament

*“Winning a volleyball tournament at school where teams were made up of both teachers and students was an exhilarating experience. It was a unique opportunity to interact with our teachers outside the classroom in a fun and competitive environment. The atmosphere was lively and energetic, and each team was determined to win. It was incredible to be able to contribute to the team’s victory. The tournament not only brought us closer as a team, but it also strengthened our relationships with our teachers, creating a positive and memorable experience for all involved.”*

**Karim Tabet, Grade 12**



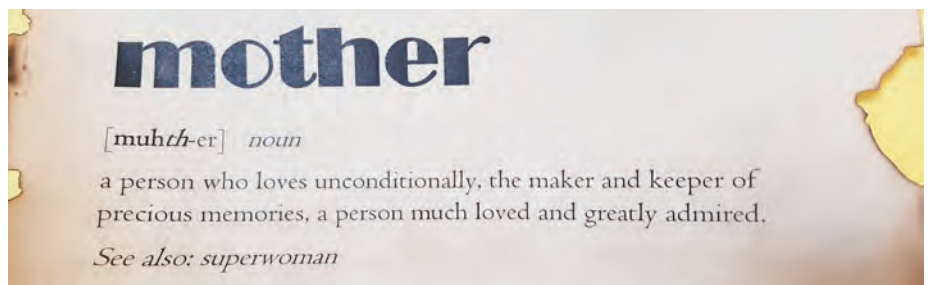


## Mother's Day



*“Receiving a beautiful tulip, which is my favorite flower, from my students was such a sweet touch on Mother’s Day. We spend so much time with our students and feeling their appreciation on that day was so meaningful.”*

**Ms. Alyce Abi Shdid, Grade 11-12 AQC**



## KG Department

The KG Department held a masquerade ball in honor of Mother’s Day. Mothers got to spend quality time with their children, painting masks, and participating in several games. Every student wrote their mother a letter and hung it on a wish tree. At the end of the event, all students gave their mothers a souvenir from the heart.







## Pre-School

The Pre-School students showed their mothers how special they are to them during a Mother's Day celebration. The students read stories and played several activities with their mothers. At the end of the event, all students gave their mothers a souvenir from the heart.









## Talent Show

*"The Talent Show this year was filled with genuine talent. Our school is apparently filled with a lot of talented students. All the school rallied to support and encourage them."*

**Daniel Hannouche, Grade 9**



## Chess Tournament

*"I am very honored and happy to be the Chess Champion. Chess requires dedication and strategy, both of which I believe I have attained during the tournament. I thank all my friends and teachers for all the support. It was a great new experience."*

**Henri Raji, Grade 6**







Second Place: Leo Saleme | First Place: Henri Raji | Third Place: Kyle Gharios

## SLO Handover Ceremony

*"The SLO Handover Ceremony was full of heartfelt emotions and nostalgia. Personally, I had the privilege of not only handing over a department, but of receiving a new position as well, which is Head Prefect. This special emotional moment will stay with me as one of my fondest memories at school."*

**Joceline Geara, Grade 11 (Head Prefect of the AY 2023-24)**







*"I am not only proud, but also grateful for the opportunities and experiences that the SLO has provided me, as this year's Head Prefect. I have no doubt that next year's team will help the SLO grow and make it brighter. Good luck and I wish you guys all the best!"*

**Naomi Haidar, Grade 12 (Head Prefect of the AY 2022-23)**



## Senior Walk

*"The Senior Walk is a valued tradition at SABIS® and rightfully so, as it holds a special significance for all seniors. It is a bittersweet combination of a celebration and a farewell during which the entire school community creates a pathway on campus for the seniors to walk through as they savor the last moments of their SABIS® journey. The experience is overwhelming; a flurry of emotions floods in filled with bittersweet happiness. However, the true essence of the Senior Walk lies not in saying goodbye to the school but rather in saying goodbye to every individual—students, teammates, friends, teachers, and senior family— who have been an integral part of our journey. To my beloved SABIS® family, thank you for the knowledge and countless memories that will always remain close to my heart."*

**Clara Mitri, Grade 12**







## Appreciation Day

*"Appreciation Day was a great opportunity to express our gratitude to the administration, cleaners, maintenance, and bus drivers. They do so much for us every day and their hard work does not go unnoticed. It was great to see just how happy we could make people with just a simple gesture."*

**Jessica Saleme, Grade 11**







## Sports Day

Grade 1, 2, and 3 students enjoyed an event filled with sports activities that allowed them to showcase their athletic abilities.

*"The activities were very fun but my favorite was the Striker Challenge because I love football!"*

**Carl-Abdo Mghames, Grade 1**





*"I liked the Hula Hoop challenge the most and I also loved the Obstacle Course challenge. They were fun."*

**Olivia Harb, Grade 2**

*"I loved the Striker Challenge the most. I also really liked the Racing Station and the Plank Station because I enjoy these activities all the time."*

**Adel El Rassi, Grade 3**



## Beach Cleanup

*"The beach cleanup was a very fun experience, we learned so much about the environment and how important it is to keep our beaches clean and protect marine life. It was a great feeling knowing that such a fun activity will make a big impact on the world."*

**Michele Frem and Hayat Frem, Grade 11**







## KG Egg Hunt

Our KG students celebrated Easter in the most colorful way. They created artworks, played fun interactive games, and completed the Egg Hunt with their teachers. The event also featured a surprise guest: The Easter Bunny. Students really enjoyed the KG Egg Hunt, but enjoyed eating their chocolate eggs even more.









## Pre-School Arbor Day

A month before Arbor Day, the Pre-School students planted seeds, watered them, and watched them grow. This activity helped them learn the importance of taking care of the environment. When Arbor Day came, the students transplanted the flowers into decorative tubs and kept them as decoration for their classrooms.





## Sports Highlights

### GST

*"The experience was truly amazing: traveling with your friends, making memories, and getting to know people from many countries. Making it to the semifinals in the Football category and winning 4<sup>th</sup> place was an amazing experience. The feeling of winning a game and advancing to the next round is almost priceless. Thank you, GST 13, for this amazing experience!"*

**Rayan Nader, Grade 8 (Participated in the U14 Football category in GST)**







*"GST 13 was the most amazing experience ever. We never imagined that we'd have this much fun and meet this many people. We went as a group of 28 students, we became closer to each other, and we all became good friends and bonded during this wonderful trip. The majority of people we met were supporting us and cheering us on. On the court, we felt so encouraged by the crowd cheering for us and we felt so proud to bring the trophy back home."*

**Andrea Bouery and Hayat Frem, Grade 11 (Participated in the Girls Basketball category in GST)**





## NDU Inter-School Sports Tennis Tournament

We take great pride in the achievements of Lionel Bahlis, one of our outstanding Grade 11 students. He recently competed in the 15<sup>th</sup> NDU Inter-School Sports Tennis Tournament and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. We commend Lionel for his remarkable accomplishments, which extend beyond the boundaries of our school.

*"The tournament had the right amount of competitiveness that made the atmosphere thrilling and electrifying. Representing SABIS® on the court filled me with pride and made the experience even more enjoyable."*

**Lionel Bahlis, Grade 11**



## Lebanese Schools' Championship for Artistic Gymnastics

Kate Hitti and Zoe Bassil competed in the Lebanese Schools' Championship for Artistic Gymnastics. They both participated in 4 sub-competitions. Zoe Bassil came in 4<sup>th</sup> place, while Kate Hitti was able to bring home the gold, finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place. We are so proud of both of their accomplishments.



**Kate Hitti's ranking: Overall: 1<sup>st</sup> place**  
Beam: 1<sup>st</sup> place Vault: 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Floor: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Bar: 3<sup>rd</sup> place



**Zoe Bassil's ranking: Overall: 4<sup>th</sup> place**  
Beam: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Vault: 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Floor: 3<sup>rd</sup> place

## CCJ Inter-Schools Mini-Football Tournament



Our football varsity team won 1<sup>st</sup> place against College Central Jounieh in the CCJ Inter-Schools Mini-Football Tournament. Our team came out victorious with a final score of 4-2.

*"Winning the CCJ Inter-Schools Mini Football Tournament was a great accomplishment for the entire team. Even though this wasn't a major tournament, we are happy to have won a trophy as a team, especially since it was the final game for our seniors."*

**Stefan Chalhoub and Ghadi Bandaly, Grade 11**





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