



# Middle & High School Newsletter

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### A Message from Middle & High Admin Team

### Assalamu Aliakmon dear Middle and High School Parents,

October was a very special month to our section. We started by ensuring the health and safety of all our Face-to-face students (12 years old and above) as they underwent COVID-19 test on the school campus.

FINALLY, WE HAVE OUR STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL!

All ASCS teachers and admin were waiting for this day. We are very happy to see our classrooms alive again with the presence of our students.

We are very proud to announce that our students are fully committed to all COVID-19 precautionary measures.

It is true that the situation is exceptional, but we have exceptional students, exceptional parents, and staff who are working together to provide our children with the best and safest learning experience. So, we thank parents for their trust in ASCS. We thank our students for their commitment and hard work. We thank teachers who are working really hard and sparing no effort in promoting students' academic excellence and safe environment.

"Together We Can!"

Middle & High Admin Team









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### Science Department









We are back at it this October with incredible in-class activities and amazing enrichment programs. Our students are performing well in virtual labs, where they are improving their scientific method skills, and being fully immersed in scientific investigation and inquiry.

Our students are constantly exposed to real world applications of science through project-based learning. Grade 12 Environmental Science students took a virtual field trip of a desalination plant. Desalination in the UAE is our main source of potable water, made by converting sea water into fresh water. Students were able to make connections with this scientific process and how the UAE applies this technology. Students also collaborated to complete reports on their findings. Check out this link below and go on the tour with us:

https://alternate.sydneywater.com.au/Education/Tours/DesalVirtualTour/tour.html#

This month, we have participated in MASE. Our students produced exceptional projects and truly shined nationally. Watch this space for more competitions next month. Here are some of our student samples:









### Science Department

ESTEAM encompasses
Entrepreneurship, Science,
Technology, Engineering, Arts and
Math. Watch this space next
month, it's going to be awesome













#### BEING A FLEXIBLE THINKER

Flexible Thinking
Thinking of Others Person
People feel good
We get things done
Expected behavior

Just Me person
People feel tense,
frustrated, mad,
or sad
Situation is difficult, we don't
get things done





October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and our Science & Physical Education Departments have teamed up to promote this awareness through various activities. Cancer research is a large area of Science research, and we wish that some of our bright students get involved in this area one day, and discover innovative treatments or even cures in the future.

The Science Department has also piloted the Growth Mindset Initiative. This initiative helps our students develop a positive mindset in all areas of life, and also develop themselves as visible learners at school. This month, we are now conducting presentations and activities of Growth Mindset – Flexible Thinking 1 & 2.

It is with this constant thought that we have got our Grade 10-12 students to join the NAJAH Virtual Expo 2020 platform. NAJAH Connect is an interactive 365 days virtual educational platform which helps students find and connect with local and international universities.





# Math Department



"We need to discard the idea that learning abilities are fixed and start realizing we are all on a growth journey. Our aim is to develop a growth mindset for our students who are able to think logically, accept challenges, and seek out opportunities to improve."

Ms. Tahani Nasser Middle School-Math Coordinator

### Tips to help your child's success in math

#### **Encourage Math Conversations.**

Communicating about Math helps students process new learning and build on their thinking. Engage your child during conversations and have them describe why they solved a problem in a certain way

#### Play Math Games.

Games are an excellent way to make learning more fun, while simultaneously promoting strategic mathematical thinking, enhancing mental math strategies, computational fluency, and understanding of operations. Games also foster a home-school connection when done for extra practice.

#### Be Positive about Math

Express confidence in your child's ability to succeed in math. Help your child see errors as opportunities for learning. Share positive math memories from your past

#### Connect Math to other Learning Areas.

The more we show students how math is connected to the world around us, the more invested they become. Read books with math connections.

Talk about the ways math integrates with real life. These conversations will help reinforce mathematical thinking in children in all subject areas.













### Math Department

#### **Connect Mathematics to Daily Life**

Utilize every opportunity to use calculate math in daily life. Ask your child to estimate grocery bills, change, tax, tips, measurements, travelling distances and times, and the quantity of paint or carpet needed for a room. Talk about the ways in which you use mathematics in your job and daily life, and about mathematics in the newspaper (sports statistics, stock prices, math puzzles, and graphs).

#### Take Breaks

Math can be a very heavy subject. For some students, it's the most challenging aspect of middle and high school. Avoid and curb math induced stress and fatigue by taking breaks. Regular breaks throughout math practice will help your child remain sharper for longer overall.





# **English Department**



The English Department at ASCS Maliha is pleased to announce Grades (6-11) students' participation in SPEA Spelling Bee Competition. The school round will take place as of November 1, 2020. Students who are shortlisted will get the chance to compete with other students among all Sharjah Private Schools. Stay tuned!





### قسم اللغة العربية



يسر قسم اللغة العربية أن يعلن عن حصول الطالبة : أنفال صفر الزعابي على المركز العاشر بمسابقة تحدي القراءة العربي. مبارك لطالبتنا المتميزة هذا الإنجاز الرائع.

نفتخر بالطالبة أنفال صقر العلكيم من الصف الحادي عشر في المدرسة الأمريكية للإبداع العلمي مليحة لحصولها على المركز العاشر في تحدي القراءة العربي، حيث تنافست مع 21 مليون مشارك من 52 دولة عربية!

We are very proud to announce that our dear student Anfal Saqr Al Alkeem, Grade 11, got the 10th place, at the esteemed Arab Reading Challenge, where she competed with 21 million participants, from 52 Arab countries!

# Social Studies and Moral Education World Sight Day

On Thursday 15-10-2020, the Moral Education Department in the school participated in the White Cane Day, to experience and support those who are destined to lose one of the most important senses in humans, which is the sense of sight.

The aim of this event was to enlighten our students with the right manners and etiquette to interact with this group of people ascs.sch.ae











### Social Studies and Moral Education

Rasha Hassan, Head of Social Studies and Moral Education, received a certificate of appreciation from the Ministry of Education (INSPIRING TEACHERS).



# Physical Education Department

Physical Education Department is committed to ensuring all students have the opportunity to lead healthy, physically active lives.

We conducted pre-tests for students and during the PE sessions and evaluated them daily through quizzes that are given in the sessions or by observing their performance on what was taught during the lessons.

Last week, we started giving the practical part sessions (face-to-face) outside the class, and to ensure the health and safety of students, we asked them to adhere to physical distancing, bringing enough water with them in PE lessons, and bringing their personal sport mat. It is our priority to make students are healthy and safe!

M&H PE Teachers: Bashar Al Tamimi/ Shrouk Mohammad-Salah Mohammad

PE HOD: Linda Gharsalli









# **Guidance Counseling**

#### **Virtual University Events:**

Virtual Events will be held throughout the school year to ensure that students are still able to access universities & their respective admissions officers. The current schedule is:

- October 4th: Emirates Aviation University Virtual Session (Grade 12)
- October 26th & 28th: Royal College of Surgeons Ireland Virtual Sessions (Grade 11 & 12)
- Nov 10: University of Sharjah
- Nov 17: American University of Sharjah

#### **Live Sessions for Senior Students:**

Senior Students have access to weekly workshops held by the Guidance Counselor to ensure students are on track with meeting graduation and university requirements.

- 6th: University Applications Process
- 20th: Personal Statements
- 27th: University requirements

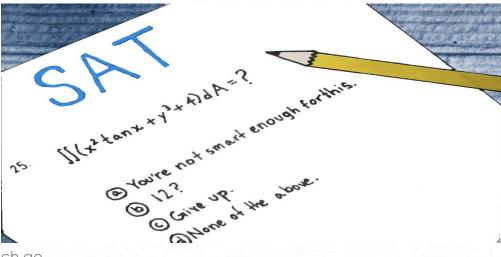


#### October External Exam Dates:

- SAT: October 3rd
- · EmSAT: October 24th











### **Wellbeing-Inclusion Department** Parent's Corner

### What Can Parents Do About Bullying?

How to reduce the risk of bullying for your child?

Research suggests that parenting practices may make a difference in whether children become aggressive, bullied, and victimized—or not. Your family relationships help to children's expectations about how relationships should feel, what helps relationships to work well, and how to constructively manage the problems that arise in relationships?

- Use an authoritative parenting style.
- Nurture a positive family climate.
- Teach emotional and interpersonal skills.
- Cultivate relationships with school personnel and other parents



#### What to do when bullying happens?

- Manage your own feelings first.
- Gently elicit the story from your child, gather information and write down the details.
- If cyberbullying is involved, collect data and take screenshots of all offending Screens-Report to social media.
- · With the school, first approach the social worker in charge of the immediate environment phase.
- Regulate your feelings when you talk with school Personnel/ Social Worker.

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