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A Letter From Our Principal



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Dear Al Sahafa Family,

As another school year draws to a close, it is important that we take some time to reflect on the challenges we have overcome and accomplishments we have achieved - not just in this past year - but since this school's founding. In many ways, this school year was like any other year: the classes, exams, celebrations, events, and awards are some of the day-to-day activities we have grown used to.

However, behind the scenes, we were working towards some tremendous shifts: our school is changing its location and, more importantly, its vision. The MYP authorization that our school has now secured, thanks to our teachers' painstaking efforts, will place this school among a selected few institutions that are committed to integrated, experiential, and well-rounded education. Our students will gain the skills and knowledge to prepare them for elite academic and professional futures. This cannot be achieved without the new facilities available to us in our new campus. This relocation comes hand-in-hand with our new vision as we aim to provide all the resources and opportunities to our students.

As we say goodbye to our current location, we are also bidding farewell to our old ways of thinking and habits. We could not have made it this far without the experiences of the past - and to that we are grateful - but it's time to move forward. I look forward to embarking on this new journey with all of you, and we look forward to your renewed support and dedication as we pave the way to higher and more prominent individual and collective ranking!

Best Regards ,
Mrs. Ola Mourad

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Awareness Campaigns

At Al-Sahafa International School, we take awareness campaigns very seriously. Every now and then, a specific grade level is chosen to work on a special awareness campaign in which students stand and display information about their campaign in order to raise awareness about important serious topics throughout the school. Each grade customizes their campaign to make it more appealing to kids who want to learn about critical issues. This year, the following awareness campaigns were selected:



Breast Cancer
Awareness

Grade 12



Heart Awareness
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Grades 11/10



Kidney Awareness
Day

Grade 9



Earth Day
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Breast Cancer Awareness

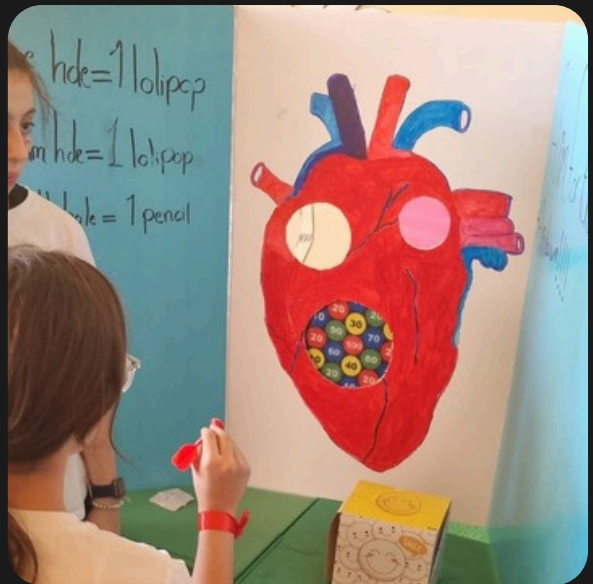
The school came together on October 25, 2024, to shed light on the Breast Cancer Awareness. The class of 2024 set up an interactive day to educate the students of Al-Sahafa School. By dedicating a day to breast cancer awareness, the school fosters a sense of community and encourages students to actively promote health and well-being.



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Heart Awareness Day

The heart, undoubtedly, is the most important organ in the human body. On September 29, grade 10 and grade 11 students took the initiative to organize and celebrate Heart Day in our school. The event aimed to spread awareness among students about the vital role the heart plays in our body, the various diseases that may affect it, and the treatments available for those conditions. The event was designed to be informative and interactive. Students were educated about the early warning signs and symptoms of heart diseases, the importance of a healthy lifestyle, and the necessary precautions to keep their heart healthy.



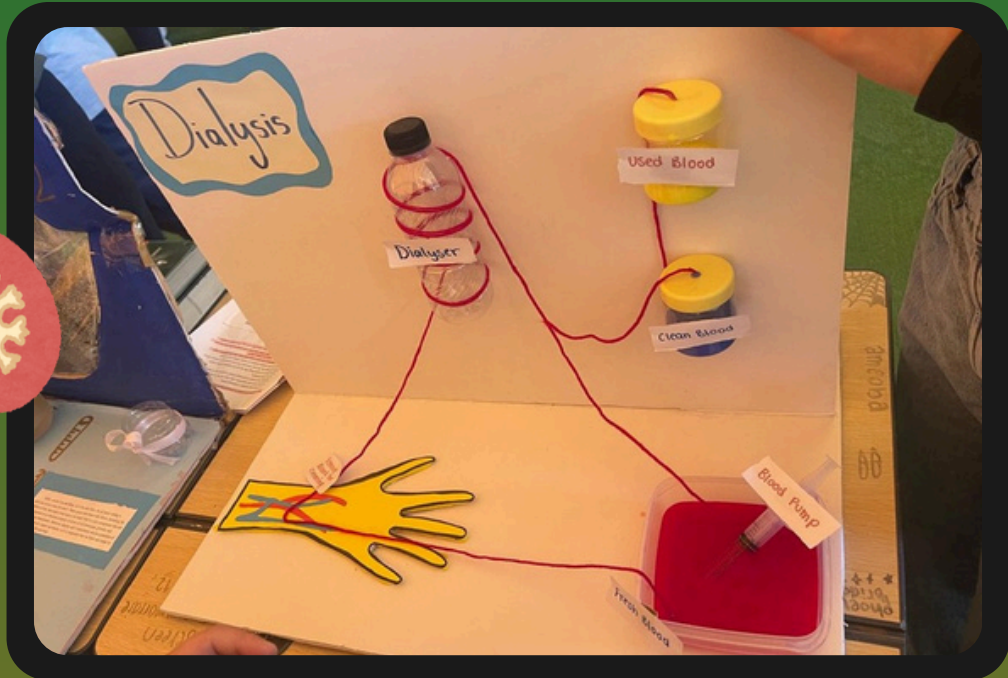
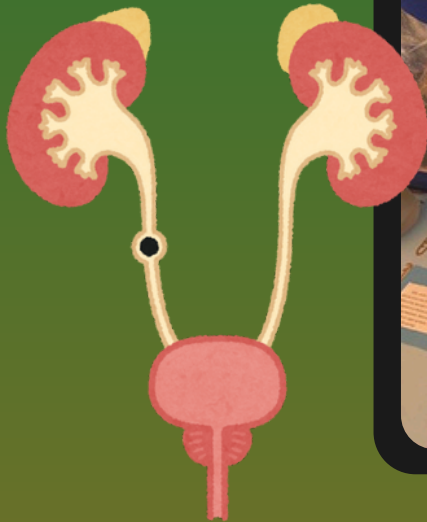
The event also included a series of engaging activities, such as quizzes, games, and demonstrations, to help students understand the workings of the heart and how it can be maintained in good health.

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Kidney Awareness Day



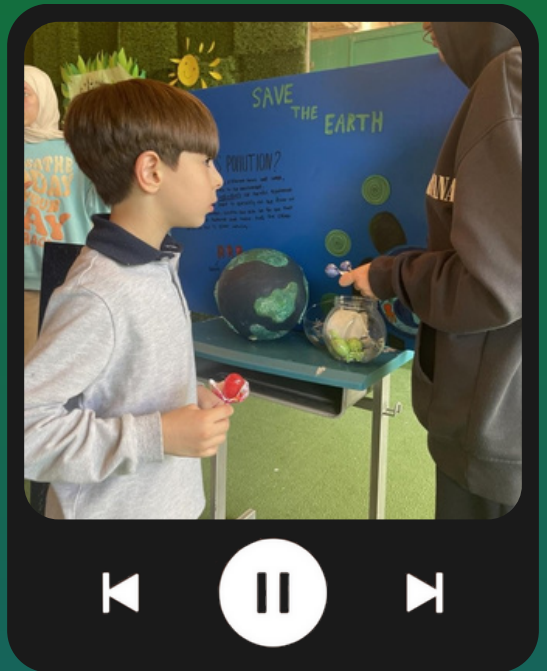
Raising awareness about kidneys at AlSahafa International School is crucial for promoting good health practices among students. Through informative sessions and various activities, students learn about the importance of kidney health and how to maintain it through proper hydration, balanced nutrition, and regular exercise. Grade 9 students provided insights into kidney diseases, symptoms, and preventive measures. By fostering understanding and proactive habits, these initiatives empower students to take charge of their health and support others in their community in maintaining optimal kidney function.



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Earth Day

Earth Day at our school was a wonderful event filled with informative sessions on how to save our planet. Students enthusiastically shared tips and ideas on sustainability, conservation, and environmental protection. The day was also brimming with fun games and activities that engaged everyone in an eco-friendly way. The event successfully raised awareness about the importance of caring for our planet and inspired many to take action towards a greener future. It was heartwarming to see the school community coming together to celebrate Earth Day and make a positive impact on the world around us.



Made For You: Trips

Al-Sahafa International School organizes diverse trips, blending education and fun. From visits to universities to thrilling hiking adventures and memorable trips to places like Doos karting ,yalla bowling ,the project ,Snow forest ,Hawa fizz,trampoline park ,and Noos park , these excursions enrich students' experiences, fostering academic excellence and lifelong memories.



Trampoline park



Yalla bowling



The Project



Snowy Forest



Noos Park



Hawa Fizz



Doos Karting



Yalla Hike



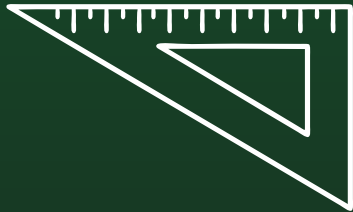
Spain Senior Trip

PSU Math Competition



Al Sahafa School participated in the PSU Math Competition and emerged as the champion, securing first place. The team's dedication and hard work paid off as they showcased their exceptional mathematical skills and problem-solving abilities.

The victory not only highlights the talent and intelligence of the students but also reflects the school's commitment to providing a strong foundation in mathematics education. Congratulations to the winners for their remarkable accomplishments!

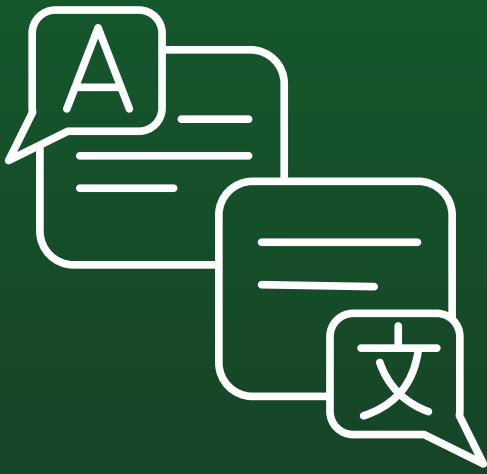
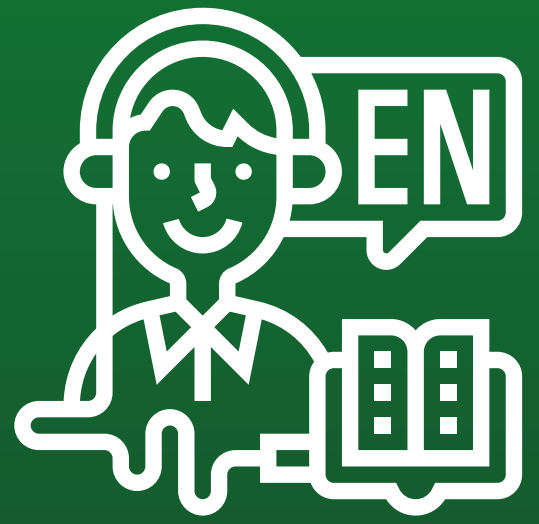
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PSU English Competition



Al Sahafa School's participation in the PSU English Competition was marked by outstanding success, as their talented students secured the second-place title. Demonstrating exceptional command of the English language, the team showcased their eloquence, critical thinking, and impressive communication skills throughout the rigorous event.



This remarkable achievement not only highlights the academic prowess of the Al Sahafa students but also underscores the school's commitment to excellence in English education.

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A Letter from Mrs. Nelly



After eight wonderful years at Al Sahafa International School, it's time for me to say goodbye. My heart is full of gratitude for the experiences, memories, and relationships I have cherished here.

To my colleagues: Thank you for your support and friendship. Working with you has been an honor, and I have learned so much from each one of you. Your dedication to our students inspires me every day.

To my students: You have been the highlight of my time at Al Sahafa International School. Watching you grow and succeed has been incredibly rewarding. Each of you holds a special place in my heart.

Leaving this school family is bittersweet, but I will carry our memories with me wherever I go. I want to thank Mrs. Ola Mourad for her kindness, trust, support, and for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful family.

Warm regards,

Nelly Jaouhari



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A Reflection on the MUN Experience



Hi, I'm Tuleen Harwash, and I'm a ninth grader who attended the MUN 2024 . I was introduced to the world of debates and research, expanding my knowledge and skills in these areas. It offered a unique opportunity to explore various perspectives, understand complex international relations, and foster empathy towards different cultures and nations. It opened so many doors of confidence and education, made me believe that this experience has instilled in me the belief that I have the capability to excel in any activity, regardless of its complexity. I, encourage u for working hard and challenging yourself into thinking u can do anything at any time!



Participating in Model United Nations (MUNs) was a journey filled with exhilarating moments of discovery, empathy, and viewpoints of different perspectives. Each debate, negotiation, and resolution was a testament to the idea of collaboration and the potential for positive change. The friendships I made and the challenges I overcame evoked a profound sense of fulfillment and hope, igniting a passion for diplomacy and global engagements.

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KG2 A



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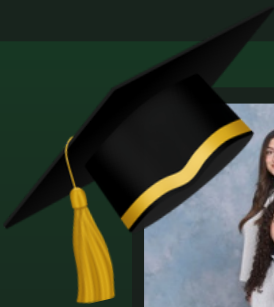
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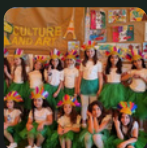


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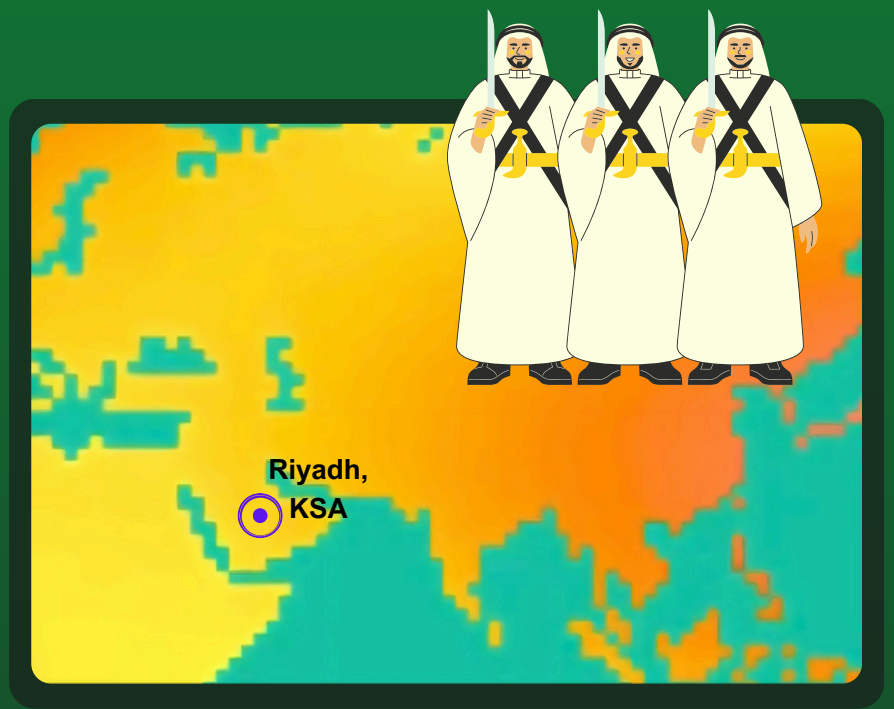


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Saudi National Day



On September 23, 2023, students came together in celebration of Saudi National Day, adorned in vibrant Saudi traditional clothing. The air was filled with the rich aroma of Arabic coffee, as they danced joyously to the beat of Saudi songs, fostering a spirited atmosphere of cultural pride and unity.





Math Day



"Pure mathematics, in its own way, is the poetry of logical ideas," said Einstein. Mathematics is a crucial subject that holds significant importance in our daily lives, offering various benefits. It enhances brain functions, particularly critical thinking and analytical skills. Moreover, it plays a vital role in professions like finance and architecture. This year, grade 11 and 12 students organized a math day for lower graders in grades 1 through 4. This exceptional event featured engaging games and competitions that the students truly enjoyed. In addition, the students got to create creative crafts to keep as a memory of this phenomenal day. This event provided the students with a fun and educational experience that allowed them to grasp important mathematics fundamentals.



Parade



The dress-up parade at our school was a vibrant spectacle of creativity and imagination. Students adorned in an array of costumes transformed the campus into a whimsical wonderland. From fairytale princesses to swashbuckling pirates, each participant radiated joy and enthusiasm.



Parents and teachers alike marveled at the ingenuity and attention to detail evident in every ensemble. As the parade wove its way through the school grounds, laughter and applause filled the air, creating a sense of unity and celebration.



Science Fair

The science fair at our school is a highly anticipated event that showcases the creativity and innovation of our students.



Our young scientists presented their experiments, research projects, and presentations to the school community. The fair also featured a "Save the Earth" awareness campaign, in which students were encouraged to dress in theme and create posters in support of the cause as shown.



Spelling Bee



The inaugural spelling bee at our school for lower grades was an amazing event, igniting a passion for language and learning.

Cheers erupted for each correctly spelled word, fostering a supportive atmosphere. It was more than a competition; it was a celebration of education. With each round, young minds were enriched, showcasing the power of academic curiosity and community spirit.



Winter Festival

During the month of December, the school hosted a major winter festival. On the first day of the winter festival, students in grades 1–5 were treated to a variety of festive activities, including imaginative arts and crafts and exciting mini-games. Along with working on arts and crafts, classes 6 through 12 enjoyed their winter festival the next day by playing a variety of board and card games provided by the school. The event spanned two days and featured a range of entertaining activities, including an exclusive jumping castle on both days.



Mini-shows

To celebrate the end of the school year, grades 1 to 3 performed various dances representing different cultures, including Brazil, Italy, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Hawaii and South Africa, and celebrating cultural diversity.




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MYP1 Visual Arts Exhibition

Throughout the year, our MYP 1 students have worked on their arts projects. They proudly showcased their work on Cultures, African Culture, Arabic Calligraphy, and Famous Paintings at the art exhibition.





Our Students' Creative works



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AlSahafa International School encourages students to express their creativity and embrace their inner artist. Students love producing a variety of art that focuses on their creativity and helps them create their own interests, ranging from simple arts and crafts to composing exquisite poems.

What makes me, me?

Although I haven't lived for too long in this world, I feel like I've lived long enough to learn much about myself and what I love. I am a **spirightly**, passionate person who loves to think out of the box and even make the smallest of activities more creative than what's required. I hate **choddy** work, that's why I try to make everything look its best. Even though I love trying new and different things, it can take some time for me to **assimilate** to something different from what I'm usually used to, but in the end, it's completely worth it. Creativity is the most **monotonous** component of me that makes me, me. Most people see me as a **passive** and quiet person, and I think it's a good thing. I love to take time to embrace the precious seconds that pass by and think about good memories of the past and new ideas that I can bring to life. I love being kind to others; it makes me smile big when I help the people around me. I always try to **console** my loved ones whenever they feel **passive** because as much as they care about me, I care equally about them. I try to make anything that feels handrum more enjoyable by adding a sprinkle of me to it. I believe that the secret ingredient to happiness is doing what you love.

Thank you!

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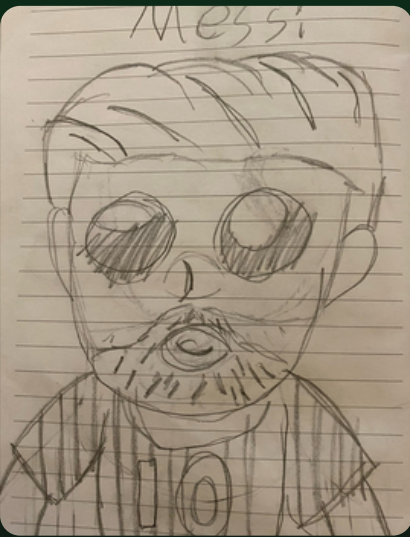
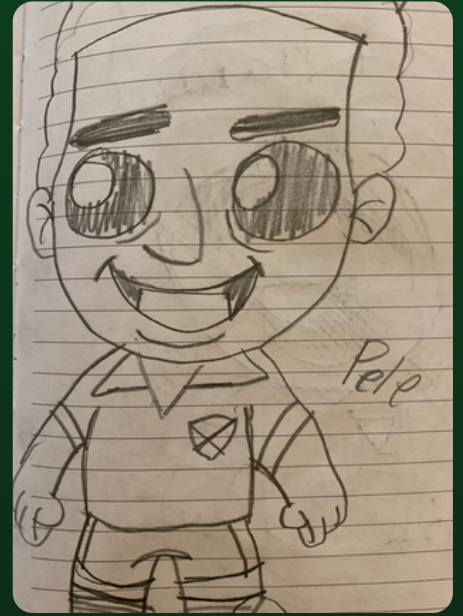
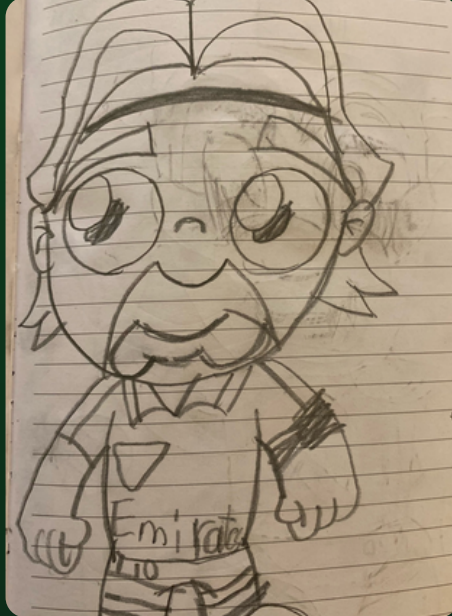
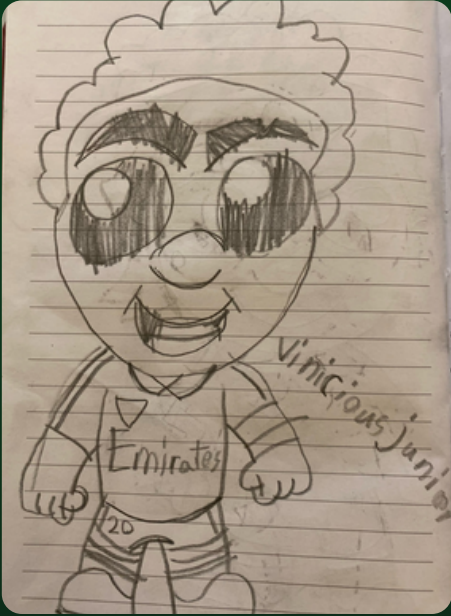
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Issa Ali's Creative Sketches

Grade 2F

Can you guess the players?



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Dima Abdelfattah - Grade 3A

A New Adventure.....

By: Dima Abdelfattah -- 3A

Hello mates! Today's story is a different story. I 'm going to tell you about something new. You can't wait, ok let's start. So we all have dreams that want to achieve ,but this kid named Rami has a special dream, he wants to be a pirate. He wants to sail and find some treasures. He starts practicing and practicing, but then he finds that if he works with other kids , together they will be stronger , so he gets out of his house and starts to find some kids that may help him. He found three kids Sami ,Maria, and Zaina . They made a plan of how their ship will look like. They all agreed on one design. And they also decided about each one's job. Rami will sail the ship ,Sami will keep the ship clean, Maria will lift the sail, and Zaina is the helper of captain Rami. Now they are all grown up. Here starts the adventure. They start building the ship they designed. After two weeks they decided to sail, and find treasure. They found bottle in the sea with a treasure map inside. They opened the bottle, followed the treasure map and they finally arrived to the treasure place. They dug where the X was marked and found the treasure box which was full of gold. Each of them took the same amount of gold and they all lived happily ever after. The end.

The Powerful Mouse

Once upon a time, there was a young girl named Elena. She had a special pet. It was a mouse, but it was not an ordinary mouse. It had powerful powers.

There was an evil and wicked witch.

She lived in a forest. No one dared to go there!

She was known as the envy witch. She said to herself: "I need this mouse; it is so powerful."

The next day, she decided to dress as a delivery guy and went to Elena's house. She snatched the mouse from Elena's hands and ran away. Elena was miserable and said in anger, "It was a trick to take my lovely mouse." Elena heard a twinkly sound close to her ear: "You can do it! Get your mouse back!"

She looked back and saw a royalty fairy with her guards: "Hi your majesty!"

"Why are you helping me?" said Elena

"I felt pity on you suffering, so I decided to help you my dear!"

"Go get your mouse back!" Said the fairy

"I am terrified to go to the forest." Said Elena

"You are strong my dear!" Said the fairy

"Okay, I got this!" said Elena

Elena went to the forest and said to the witch: "Witch! Can you give me the mouse back, please!"

"I beg your pardon for taking your mouse; the mouse belongs to you." Said the witch

"Thank you for giving my mouse back. You deserve this present from me." Said Elena.

The mouse and Elena lived happily ever after.



By Aseel Jamil Harb

Grade 4 A

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Faisal Jum'ah - Grade 4F

School Days



Growing up in this day and age,
With free expression all the rage,
Our young ones learn when starting school
that reading's fun and math is cool
While writing's not the least
Experiencing it is really fun and exciting
For every child it is essential
to realize their full potential
And teachers always do their best
to catch their interest.
When years of schooldays end at fast
With all time passed,
Will the children pass
And say. "Our schooldays we will miss"
And as the final day arrives,
"They were the best days of our lives"

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Lina Abdelfattah - Grade 5A

New building, new chapter of my life;

New experience...

Written By *Lina Abdelfattah* Grade 5A

*My school life as a lower grader is coming to an end
And so as our old school building , too
It was for me a great friend
But I don't know if it was one for you.*

*The logo has changed
So as the school's shape
It looks quietly arranged
With colors of lavender and white, it felt like a
mysterious dreamscape*

*IB, researches , and even visits
6th grade is where it will start all
I know it might not be as easy as putting brackets
But we have to do this trough the winter, spring,
summer and fall*

*Well, I guess it's the end
To school life as a lower grader and our old school
building , too
It was for me a great friend
But I don't know if it was one for you.*

Lea Al Mohtar - Grade 6A

Spring is here

..Written by Lea Al Mohtar.

It's the time of the year | butter flies
Spring is here | fluttering around the blossom trees
Gardens have grown | With the windy breeze
Filled with chirping tones | the kite flies
Singing a song | higher and higher
Where spring belongs. | up the blue skies.
April showers | Spring, filled with bumble bees
Bringing flowers | and flowers is all what you see
Showing power | spring , spring
In the happy hours. | welcome spring
Jumping in puddles
And making bubbles
Leading to a beautiful blue sky

Luna Abi Rafeh - Grade 7A

Look What You Have Done

By Luna Abi Rafeh

Imagine going back home, and
discovering it has been destroyed

That is what happened yesterday and I
was paranoid

Look what you have done

Now we're all left alone

And you are there laughing happy about
your new home

You demolish the trees, one of the
things we really need

Then you pollute our air, the air that we
both breathe

Just like you I need a home to raise my
children.

Look what you have done

You're making us compete with our own
families

We're fighting for our lives, for our
children's lives

Still we sing our songs

But soon we won't be there to do

So, look what you have done



BIRDS!

This little bird of brown and grey.

A cheery tune it sings all day.

It never stops it sings all night

Serenders it love under the moonlight.

In the nest feeding ~~there~~^{their} children

looking at each other with no competition.

I thought It was going to be perfect

Until I saw humans

ruining our houses and breaking our trust.

Trying to find a place to live

but there was no success.

Looking ~~off~~^{Right} looking left there was a big nest.

With plenty of place to sit.

but wait a bird came

I looked at it

and flew away.



By: Anna, Reina, Janna

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They cut down the trees to make their resource
leaving us alone with no shelter
Us suffering to survive in the cold
While they wear a warm sweater
I'm starving and feel like I didn't eat in days
while they eat in many cafes
My home the place I love
I miss its beauty & the resources that were enough
The green trees I was raised in
But now they are gone & thrown in the bin
The clear, blue river flowing
the one I drank in that kept me going
The earthworms my mother fed me
the food I ate when I was a baby
Now, my mother is gone & nowhere to be seen
and still I can't find food the color green
Now, I live on the curb with my pals
trying to find some food that anyone has
Now, I eat seeds & bread beside those mice
while those humans eat some hot rice
Now, I'm trying to find new forest to live in
I better find one fast



Ritaj Skaiki 7B

In a world where nature's beauty gleams
A bird takes flight, his heart in dreams
With wings of grace, he soars up high
But as he gazes below, he lets out a sigh

Oh, humans, why? He cries with sorrow deep.

Why must you disrupt my peaceful sleep?
You tear down trees, my shelter and home, leaving me stranded alone.

The bird's voice trembles plaintive pleas.
"Respect this earth, the home we share. You see!
For when you destroy, you harm us all,
They dedicate us to fall, and so we are destined to fall."

He speaks for the creatures, the meek and small, whose homes are left to fall.

Let us listen to the bird's wise words
And strive to heal what we have disturbed
For in saving his shelter, we save our own.
A world of beauty, where seeds are sown.

Aya Majed Shidyak 7B

Science

I flap my wings, not too high in the blue sky
I look at my feathers, scathed and harmed
Memories of that fight with the hawk that night flood back
One, two, three times he scratched me
I look down at the homes on the ground,
How ungrateful humans could be. Houses everywhere on the street.
I look at a human that looks like he's living on a street
I wonder, is he like me?
Slowly, I go lower near that human
I land on the wet street, looking at the man eating bread
I wonder, will he feed me?
Since we're the same like brothers, I wait for a piece
But instead, so suddenly, he flaps his long arms,
Forcing me to flee
I wonder, why did he do that? Isn't he like me?
No home, no feathers
I fly slowly through the sky, looking for a home or another brother
I've been flying for hours in the night sky, looking for a single tree
But deforestation has ruined me
I close my eyes for another 10 praying to any god out there
I hope, but that seems not my destiny
I give up, I can't anymore
I stop flapping my wings in
One, two, three

Heidi Dalibalta 7B

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Haneen Yamen - Grade 9A

I stare always
as it has me in a haze
in between the weaves
of our keffiyeh ,
runs the lines that perceive
for which it is not just a cloth
where all the different lines
have a backstory of signs
in many different times
black stripes on the edge
represent the trade routes that fledge
and the fishnets
connect us to the sea
the Mediterranean sea
that makes us feel carefree
the curves
they preserve
the olive tree
which is a key
to long-standing and free
we find our pride
in all the meanings that hide
on the traditional symbol
within lines that are simple
lie meanings of pride
ones that can't be denied



in a distant home
somewhere not so grey
very far away
moments wired for precision
none with violent vision
in a home where memories never
fade
where children played
in the sun or in the shade
full of joy they'd
run through the fields
filled with olive trees
as much as you please
somewhere in the middle east
somewhere with peace
with no fire to cease
from the river to the sea

Ritaj Mohamed Kassem - Grade 9B

R.A.E.T. ACTIVITY

Role: Leo
Audience: Music-lovers
Format: Short story
Topic: Music unites people together!

Melody Within

"An original story"

By Ritaj Mohamed Kassem

It was a normal day at school, just like any other day. I was walking home with my friend, Alan. While walking, I suddenly heard beautiful melodies and harmonies of an instrument, so calming and heart-warming. It was coming from a store to my right. I looked over excitedly to see a stunning-looking violin being played inside by what seemed like the store's owner. He looked quite old. I loved there watching and listening to the beautiful sound of the violin. At that moment, I was hankering for that violin. Alan was in a state of *anarchy*, confused by why I'm standing here in the middle of the way, staring at the violin's play. "What are you staring at?" he finally said.

"In this violin playing amazing!" I asked.

"Well, yeah it is. Do you perhaps want to go inside instead of us blocking the people's way?"

"Obviously!"

I scurried inside racing to see the violin up close. The owner stopped playing and looked over at me noticing my excitement at seeing the violin. "Hello there young man! How are you doing?" he said politely.

"Hello sir, I'm doing quite well, thank you for asking."

He giggled, "That's great. What can I help you with?"

"I noticed your violin playing and it was stunning; you really inspired me to want to start playing the violin."

"Oh!!! I'm so glad you liked it and sure, let me show some violins."

The thoughtful man showed all the violins he had in store. He showed me violins that I could start with as a beginner, but none of them caught my attention as much as the one the teacher was playing on. I asked him about that violin. He led me to it. Everything about that violin was just amazing. Its sound is just out of this world; its comely exterior is made of beautiful dark wood and even felt so smooth and durable.



"It's incredible sir! How much does it cost?" I asked.

"It's indeed a beautiful instrument and one of my personal favorites and it costs around \$45,000. It's a pretty expensive violin because it was *fabricated* by a prominent violin maker, but it's worth it."

Alan stood there shocked. I was more shocked than him. There is no way I can even get that violin at even half the price.

"Look, because you're such a passionate-looking kid, I'm going to gift you one of my old violins for free. It's worth about \$3000 and it's a really good one too, you can take this one and save enough money to buy it if you'd like," he said.

"Wait, what? For real? Thank you so much sir I don't know how much I could thank you," I said filled with excitement.

"You're absolutely welcome. What's your name by the way?" He asked.

"My name is Leo, sir," I said still unable to take off the smile on my face.

"It's a pleasure to meet you, Leo. My name is Mr. Anthony. Also, I tell you why I gave you this violin; it's because you remind me a lot of my grandson. He wanted to play the violin for the same reason as you. I also gave him this same violin, and he loved it very much. After many years, he bought a new one and gave this back to me. He's a very great violinist now."

"Wow, that's amazing! You must be very proud of him."

"Of course, he started playing the violin at your age and never thought of stopping even if it was too hard. In the end, he succeeded, and I want you to be like him. I know you can."

"Thank you so much, sir! You know, no one has ever taken the time to actually start a discussion like that with me. I appreciate it."

"Oh, really? What about your parents?"

"Well, they are the strict type of parents and if they know I got a violin, they will rip my neck off."

"Why?"

"When I was younger, I wanted to play the piano. They said that there is no benefit of learning or playing it, and they warned me if I ever asked about wanting to play any instrument they would do something really bad."

Mr. Anthony stood there for a second thinking.

I followed him and he led me to his office while Alan was watching the instruments in the shop. "Here, this is my phone number, so I can give you advice about playing the violin and you can come anytime if you need help."

"Thank you so much, sir! I will definitely contact you when I need help."

"That's great! Now, go home, so you can try out the new violin!"

"Okay, bye sir, have a great day! Thanks again!"



"Goodbye, Leo."

Alan and I went out of the store. I've never felt so happy and excited in my life! I said goodbye to Alan and continued the rest of the way back home.

As I arrived inside, I tiptoed *circumspectly*, so that my parents don't notice the violin that I was holding. Luckily, they didn't notice me. I had some lunch and did some homework. I even did some research about tips for playing violin. After a few hours, I met up with Alan at our secret hideout and practiced violin there. Although it was my first time and I didn't sound that great, it was an amazing feeling to be holding and playing such a gorgeous instrument. As I'm practicing, I just imagine playing in front of the crowd like a professional and hearing the cheers of the people. After nearly 2 hours of practice, I packed up the violin and sat down to talk with Alan.

"Good job on practicing, Leo," said Alan with a bright smile.

"I appreciate it!" I said.

"So, how is everything at home going?"

"It's alright. They didn't notice the violin or anything."

"Well, that's good, but why do they not let you play an instrument?"

"It's not just instruments, Alan. That's only one of the things I am forbidden from."

"Really?"

"Yeah, I'm even banned from the TV, any appliances, playing games, sitting and doing nothing, and much more. I can only read and do these 'super productive' stuff. I tried to convince them that playing and practicing music is a good thing, it's not only a fun thing, but learning music is like learning a language, but they still weren't convinced."

"So, what would happen if they did find out about you playing the violin?"

"Umm, well, it's either they take it away and never give it back or they throw it away. That's the thing I'm most afraid of and I have no idea what to do."



It's literally *foreshadowed* that one day they will find out and I would be doomed. All my dreams will be shattered."

"Well, the same way you sneak to meet up with them and they don't know, the same you also sneak the violin and hide it somewhere they never check."

"Oh, that's true. Thanks!"

"You're welcome! Well, I have to get going now. I guess I'll see you tomorrow. Bye, Leo!"

"Bye, Alan." I went back home, and I succeeded in hiding the violin under my bed, so nobody would ever find it.

I met up with Alan every day to practice violin in our hideout, and I would go visit Mr. Anthony every time I needed help. He and Alan were the spark of my life helping me get up those steps of struggle. And thanks to them, it has been nearly five whole years (And I've turned 15) since I played violin and my parents never found out. I know there is going to be a time when they find out about the passion I've been hiding for a very long time.

Mr. Anthony had invited me to an upcoming orchestra concert, and I was going to perform Symphony No. 5 by Beethoven. I didn't want to tell my parents about this huge event because I was too afraid that they would ruin my performance. I was already *downtrodden* by them enough and their coming won't make a difference. However, I did invite Alan, he is my best friend and letting him watch me would make my day a lot better.

Nearly two months and it was finally that day, I was so ready for my first orchestral performance. I got ready, hurried downstairs to have some breakfast, and after that, I met up with Alan to walk to the area where we were performing the orchestra. When we arrived there, it was a gorgeous place with a beautiful, classic style. I got even more excited. On the stage, I saw Mr. Anthony standing and talking with the other musicians. There were so many! From cellists to oboists, clarinetists, and more!

I went to greet Mr. Anthony and he was very happy to see me.



"Hello, Leo! I am so glad you were able to make it!" He said proudly.

"It's an honor, sir. I want to thank you so much for helping me make it this far and motivating me to do what I love," I said.

Laughing, "It's not me, son, it's you. You didn't let anyone stop you from being who you wanted to be and kept on going, no matter what. You are such an *intrepid* and brave young man with so much ambition, and I am extremely proud of you!"

"Thank you, sir! That means a lot."

Mr. Anthony was considered a father to me; kind, caring, bolstering, and encouraging. I would've never made it this far if it weren't for him. A few minutes were remaining until we began.

When we were about to begin, I thought I saw the faces of very familiar people. I couldn't believe my eyes; they were my parents!!! Watching me play!!! I was so scared, but I didn't want to let anyone let me down just at the last minute. We started playing and Mr. Anthony, who was the conductor, guided us through the whole song. The sounds were very prominent and beautiful. I felt the music making me enter a whole dimension where I am alone performing calmly without fear and anxiety. This was the most wonderful thing I've ever done. Playing in an orchestra felt like you were just showing people the art of music and how stunning it could be.

After we were done, one of the most genuine ovations was handed to us by the crowd. I couldn't be happier. Not to mention that even my parents were clapping with big happy smiles on their faces. My mom and dad came up to me.

"That was beautiful, Leo. We are so proud of you," Mom said.

"Yes, indeed. And we wanted to say that we are extremely sorry for what we've done to you during the past years. We were being really unfair to you and preventing you from doing what you love, but you showed us how music can make people's lives so much better," said Dad sincerely.



"Certainly, I'm so glad you decided to play the violin even if we were unwilling to, because we would've never been able to see that doing what you love is important. Thank you!"

They gave me a huge hug and I was so happy. This is music, it brings people together and makes us feel united with our loved ones. And no matter what, we should always find something that we love to do. Never give up!



~THE END~

ليلي العمر - الصف ١١

كتابة فقرة تعبر عن الصورة باستخدام التوابع



بينما يتسلى بعض الأطفال بحضرة الدُشغال اليدويّة في مدارسهم امريكا
واوروبا معظّمهماء ثم يُلطّخون انفسهم بالوان المائيّة
يخرج اطفال الكثير من البلدان العربيّة خارج بيوتهم بعد معاناتهم
من التّوجير القصري الذي يفرض عليهم العيش في ركب مستمر بسبب
أمر لم يتكفوا بوجوده. فلو كان الولد جاك الأمريكي ولد في فلسطين،
لكان تمنّى أن يُلطّخ بالوان والألوان بدلا عن التّماء. اللهم احفظ اطفال
العالم كلهم، فلا أحد يستحق التّوجير من بيّة

ليلي

The following is an imaginary interview written by Ghazal Omran 12A with the arabic poet Lubayd Bin Rabbee'a

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

أجريت لقاء مع الشاعر الجاهلي لبيد بن ربيعة وقمت بطرح بعض الأسئلة حول حياته:

سؤال: ما هي أصولك ومكان ولادتك؟

جواب: أنا لبيد بن ربيعة بن حارث بن عبد العزى، ولدت في المدينة المنورة.

سؤال: ما هي المراحل الرئيسية في حياتك؟

جواب: عشت حياة مليئة بالتجارب والمغامرات. بدأت حياتي كشاعر بدوي يعيش في الصحراء، ثم تحركت إلى مكة والمدينة والكوفة، حيث تعرفت على شعراء آخرين وتفاعلت معهم. لاحقاً، تحولت إلى العاصمة الأموية دمشق حيث استقبلت بتقدير كبير وأصبحت جزءاً من الحياة الثقافية والأدبية هناك.

سؤال: هل كان لديك عائلة وأبناء؟

جواب: نعم، كنت متزوجاً ولدي أبناء. كان لدي عائلة أعيش معها في مختلف المدن التي زرتها. كانت عائلتي دعماً قوياً لي.

سؤال: كيف تعاملت مع التحولات السياسية والاجتماعية في عصرك؟

جواب: كنت أعيش في عصر مليء بالتحولات السياسية والاجتماعية. تعايشت معها وناقشتها في قصائدي. كنت أحاول أن أنقل الأفكار والشعور للناس في ذلك الوقت من خلال شعري.

ثم طرحت على الشاعر القدير أسئلة تتعلق بشعره وكان الحوار منتجاً للغاية:

سؤال: ما هو الغرض الرئيس الذي تتناوله قصائدك؟

جواب: تتميز قصائدي بتناولها لمواضيع متنوعة، ولكن الغرض في الغالب كان عن الحكمة. أتناول قضايا الحياة والموت، الحب والفراق، الزمان والمكان، وأعبر عن الحكم والمواظ بأسلوب شعري راق ومعبّر.

سؤال: ما هو الأسلوب الشعري المميز الذي تتبعه؟

جواب: أستخدم أسلوب شعري فصيح وجميل، حيث أستخدم البلاغة والتشبيه والمجاز في قصائدي. أنا من أوائل الشعراء الذين استخدموا القصيدة الكاملة بشكل متقن، وأتميز بتوزيع متقن للوزن والقافية في الأبيات.

سؤال: ما هي أبرز قصائدك؟

جواب: من أبرز قصائدي "المعلقة"، وهي واحدة من المعلقات السبع التي تعتبر أعظم قصائد العصر الجاهلي. تتناول القصيدة قضايا الحياة والموت، وأعبر عن الحكمة بأسلوب شعري مميز.

سؤال: ما هو الإرث الأدبي الذي تركته؟

جواب: أعتبر واحداً من أعمدة الشعر الجاهلي وأحد أبرز شعراءه. قصائدي وإسهاماتي الشعرية تعتبر جزءاً هاماً من التراث الأدبي العربي. أثرت قصائدي في الأجيال اللاحقة من الشعراء والهمتهم في إبداعهم. وفي الختام، أود أن أشكر ضيفي الشاعر/ لبيد بن ربيعة على إتاحتها الفرصة القيمة والتمينة لأجراء هذا الحوار الممتع والقيم.

الطالبة/ غزل عمران

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Our Little Learners - Daycare



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Our Little Learners - KG Section





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Senior Section

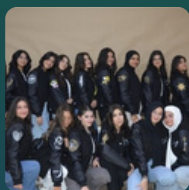
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Meet The Class of 2024



Aya Bani Hani

University Major: Business Management

Favorite School Year: Senior Year 2023-2024



"okay now what"



Ghazal Omran

University Major: Biomedical Engineering

Favorite School Year: Sophomore Year 2021-2022



"you just lost the game"



Haya Al-Matt

University Major: Software Engineering

Favorite School Year: Junior Year 2022-2023



"officially unemployed"

All

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Hayat Terro

University Major: Business Administration (Economics)

Favorite School Year: Junior Year 2022-2023



Jana Khodor

University Major: Medicine

Favorite School Year: Sophomore Year 2021-2022

"I just want out"



Joud Marouche

University Major: Biomedical Engineering

Favorite School Year: Junior Year 2022-2023

"see you guys in faisal"



Lana Abdullah

University Major: Medicine

Favorite School Year: Sophomore Year 2021-2022

"I still want more piercings"



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Lara Othman

University Major: Architecture

Favorite School Year: Sophomore Year 2021-2022



"I've done my time" -OJ



Menna Al-Nabtiti

University Major: Engineering

Favorite School Year: Junior Year 2022-2023



"I bet dead people are easier to get along with"



Sadeen Al-Smadi

University Major: Medicine

Favorite School Year: Junior Year 2022-2023



"معا نحو تحرير الاندلس"



Salma Abuzaid

University Major: Medicine

Favorite School Year: Sophomore Year 2021-2022



"not a doctor shh"

All

Music

Podcasts



Sama Kiwan

University Major: Neuroscience

Favorite School Year: Junior Year 2022-2023



Sama Khaled

University Major: Business Analytics / Administration

Favorite School Year: Senior Year 2023-2024



"put ana 7elwe zay el sama" ~leelo



Sara Askar

University Major: Cybersecurity

Favorite School Year: Sophomore Year 2021-2022



"We'll never be those kids again"



Sarah Al-Baz

University Major: Business Marketing

Favorite School Year: Sophomore Year 2021-2022



"It is what it is"

All

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Podcasts



Sereen Al-Sammarraie

University Major: Architectural Engineering

Favorite School Year: Junior Year 2022-2023

"White Ferrari Frank Ocean - 1:45"



Zaina Abulhuda

University Major: Film and Television

Favorite School Year: Eighth Grade 2019-2020

"LOL, bye"



Zeinah Jallad

University Major: Medicine

Favorite School Year: Junior Year 2022-2023



Zena Halabi

University Major: Business and Marketing

Favorite School Year: Junior Year 2022-2023

Senior Trip

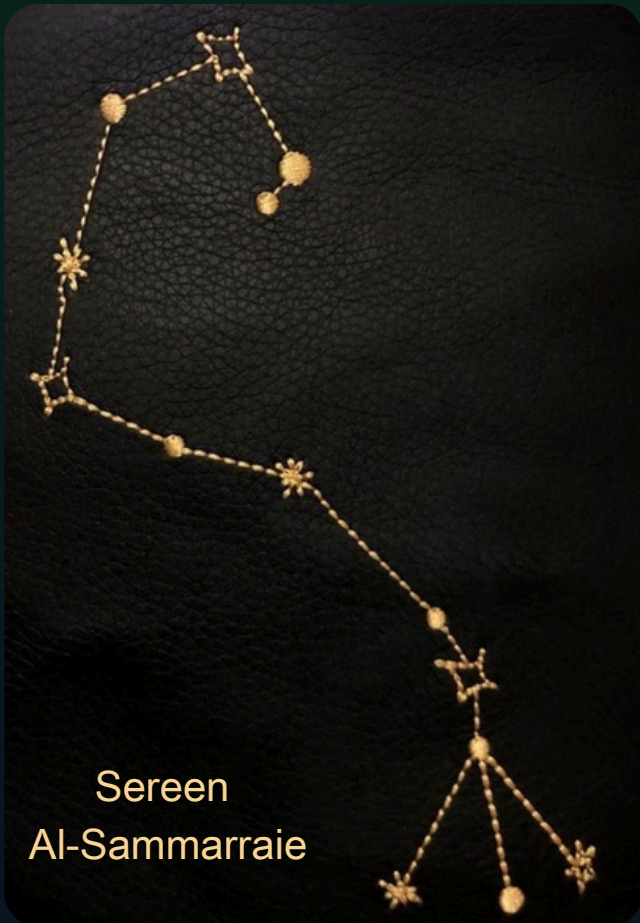


This year, our '24 seniors got the opportunity to visit Spain, where they explored the beautiful streets of Madrid and danced non-stop in downtown Barcelona



Highlighted Senior Jacket Patches

A closer look at two of the most meaningful patches on the seniors '24 senior jackets!



Sereen
Al-Sammarraie

I wanted to illustrate the impact my friends and family have had on me by having each of them draw a star, resulting in my constellation—everything that makes me who I am.



Sarah Albaz

On my senior jacket is a heart-shaped patch, drawing you in with its intricate lines and swirls. It's a symbol of love and support, reminding me that no matter where life takes me, home is with me. Only upon closer look do you realize these prints are from the hands that raised me.

A Fond Farewell, a Bright New Start

As we bid farewell to this place we've called home, a bittersweet feeling washes over us.

Our school, our family, is simply evolving. We carry these memories, these bonds, to our new and exciting campus. It's a chance to grow, to discover, to write new chapters in our story together.

See you soon at our new home, where the same spirit of learning and love will continue to thrive.

Same Family. Same Love.

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