



S.D. NEWSLETTER

May Edition

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Principal's Message

The school year is coming to an end, and so is our 2022- 2023 Newsletter.

It was certainly a great year: nearly calm, away from the pandemic, smooth, productive, fruitful, positive...

The relationships we have built with our students, with the new staff members and the new teachers, are priceless.

JM graduating class has bid the school goodbye and started preparing for their final exams and their graduation ceremony.

JM first JB DP1 class is going marvelously well and blooming day by day.

1S students are making their choices for next year, and the 2S have already started stepping into their final year.

Our Secondary family is growing, our roots are going deeper, and our bonds becoming stronger.

As for our Newsletter, we just hope the topics, the rising stars, the old faces, as well as the new ones, the thoughts, and the inspiration section have given you a bit of this exquisite JM Secondary taste.

See you in September!

Nathalie El Hani



NEXT!

May 2023

01.

May 1
Labor Day

May 3
Darbessama 2SA

May 5
Farewell 3G

May 10
Darbessama 2SB

May 12
Le Gordin Bleu
Orientation

May 17
Darbessama 2SE & IBDP1

May 19 & 20
Fingerprints

May 25
Gannubine Hike 3G

May 31, June 1 & 2
English & French
Book Fair

Upcoming
Events

June 2023

02.

Exams... and then...



Enjoy!!!

As soon as I graduated, I thought the next step was taking on the world. For me, life has proven to be an arena of growth.

It has been three years since my graduation. Throughout those three years, I redefined everything in my life in a million ways shaping myself as I go through day after day. However, one thing remains unchanged: the values I've gained through my journey at Jesus & Mary.

If Jesus & Mary taught me one thing, it would be that in order to grow you should grow the people around you, for only together can you touch the stars you are aiming for. That is why, as a senior Clinical Psychology student at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, I have decided that no one should feel there is a ceiling for growth or development.

I had the opportunity to discover the USEK MUN Chapter (UMC), a university Chapter that I did not know would turn into a family. After semesters of hard work, I am now the Chairperson and Head of the Board of UMC.

With such a position comes the responsibility to spread the values Jesus & Mary launched me towards Life with. Henceforth, I took one opportunity after another to organize pioneering leadership programs that not only resulted in great successes, but most importantly resulted in inspiring hundreds of young university students into developing their skills and capacities. It will always be a pleasure for me to help people outgrow and outshine what they thought was their ceiling in life.

If I can leave you with one thing in this note, it can't be anything other than the note my dear principal Mrs. Hani left me with on graduation day: "Remember, no one makes it alone!"

Where Did
They Go?



Christopher El Murr
Graduate 2020

03.

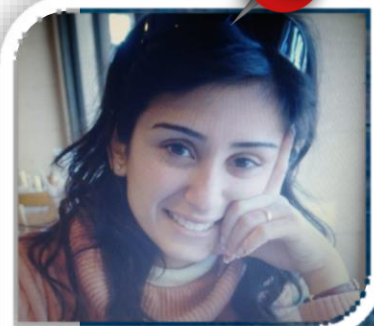
Ms. Alissar Mallah

Physics Coordinator & Teacher

*Zoom in on
the team*

Je m'appelle Alissar Mallah. Dès mon enfance, à part jouer et m'amuser, j'aimais bien discuter les mathématiques et les faits scientifiques avec papa. En première scientifique (2S), j'ai décidé de découvrir davantage les sciences physiques mais je ne pensais pas à l'enseignement, je voulais simplement aller dans le domaine de la recherche. Mais juste avant de terminer mes études universitaires, mon prof de physique m'appelle et propose d'essayer d'enseigner. Et me voilà !!

J'ai aimé cette mission où j'ai réalisé qu'enseigner, aimer et respecter ont une même longueur d'onde, ce qui a servi mes principes et engagements chrétiens qui, j'espère et je prie, resteront le centre de gravité de ma vie.



JMUN

Thanks to CAS that is essential within the IB Diploma, we, Matthew Bejjani, Michel Atallah and Reem Ghazal, have decided to host a Model United Nations Conference.

Being former MUN delegates, and having benefited from this experience, we decided to create an MUN at JM. JMUN was born; delegates from many schools took part... the topic, the guide, and the event were planned, prepared, and put into action. Not only was the outcome great, but also, this has helped us achieve management skills and growth in organization while also tackling topics of global importance such as gun control in the USA.

Certificates were given, prizes were awarded, and the event was successful and fruitful! Maybe we should do it again next year?!



Talent Cheers

One of the Secondary Division many traditions is the Talent Cheers.

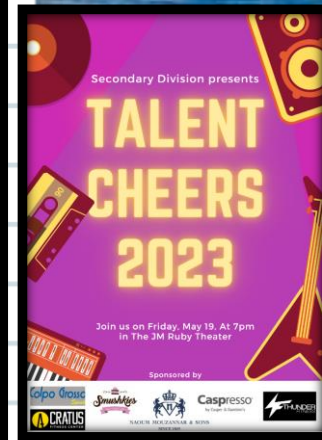
Everyone has a hidden talent, especially JM students and after taking a four-year break, we have decided to bring back this show that showcases how special the students are.

After recruiting a team and opening auditions for talents, we were off to work : rehearsals, meetings, and many rejections from celebrities later... all this was planned.

Judges, sponsors, lights, music, supplies... the show was about to start. The theatre was full, and the audience's cheers were shaking the school grounds.

A big thank you goes to Mrs. Lea, Mrs. Tina, and all the teams!

As event organizer, this was a wonderful experience for me. I hope that next year's show will be even better!



Matthew Bejjani – IBDP1

07.

*Inspiration
in Action*

With aims of raising awareness in an amusing way, REACT Club held a Human Rights Trivia at the JM Fingerprints. This competition was in collaboration with YOU Newspaper, a youth club from Saint Joseph School. Participants consisting of members from both clubs were divided into two groups in a random order and were asked challenging questions regarding the topic of the trivia. Although many of the questions were answered in a wrong way, our team made sure to explain the right answer to each to ensure the proper spread of awareness.

Also at the Fingerprints event, we held a booth to raise awareness about our club values and beliefs through interactive activities. As always, our aim is to empower the youth to be the change our society calls for.





SEE YOU NEXT
YEAR!

Stay Tuned 😊

*This is not
a Goodbye*

