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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

At Al Mawakeb, November and December were filled with joy, festivity, and awareness! We bring you the highlights of this month's events:

47th UAE National Day

AMB held its annual National Day celebration on November 27th this year. The school hosted a variety of events and performances, including poetry recitation, the scouts march, an art show, traditional dances, and a traditional majlis. Through the celebration, the students expressed their love and devotion to the UAE and its rulers.



Diabetes Awareness Day

To spread awareness about diabetes, students came to school wearing blue on November 14th. Throughout the day, younger students participated in several activities to learn more about diabetes and ways to adopt a healthy lifestyle. Senior student Sarah Abdallah also gave a speech about the relationship she noticed between stress and diabetes. Moreover, grade 7 students arranged for a Diabetes Walkathon in Barsha Park.



International Day of Tolerance

On November 15, students came to school dressed in their traditional clothes and brought traditional dishes with them. During break time, They celebrated their diversity and their different cultures by organizing a festival and sharing their local dishes with others.





WWI Memorial Day

The ethics club held an event to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1. During the event, they tested students on their knowledge of key WW1 facts through a trivia, they presented the consequences of the war, read eyewitness accounts, and ended their event with an engaging and thought-provoking debate.

Al Mawled Al Nabawi

On November 19th, the students of Al Mawakeb celebrated the birth of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) with several events where they recited poems, presented plays, and spoke about the virtues of the prophet.



Martyr's Day

All the students of Al Mawakeb stood for a minute of silence at 11:00 a.m. on November 29 to honor the martyrs of the UAE.

AMSI Voices

On November 13, the senior students of AMB attended the annual AMSI Voices event held in Al Mawakeb Khawaneej. During the event, AMSI alumni spoke in several panels about their experiences to empower and inspire the senior students to make a change.





BOOKS ABOUT ZAYED: A LIBRARY INITIATIVE

"He who does not know his past cannot make the best of his present and future, for it is from the past that we learn."

- Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan

To celebrate the Year of Zayed, the school library has launched an initiative to collect books about the late founding father of the country, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. The books will be displayed in a corner of the library for students to pick up and read. Students are welcome to contribute to the library by bringing books about Sheikh Zayed.



LOST BUT FOUND

By **Hanan Al Hammal**

I have been staring at my laptop for about an hour now, trying to collect my thoughts and arrange them in order to start writing my essay, but I can't. I am a mess. I feel like I'm lost and trapped in this huge ocean I like to call my mind. Therefore, I'll just follow the rhythm my hands decide to dance to.

Over the years, I believe I started building up someone who wasn't me. I created a whole different version of who I really am perhaps because I felt like that is the key to fitting in; or maybe I

just wanted to be the version of someone I thought people would mostly like. But one thing is for sure, I carried fear inside of me, fear of acceptance, reality, change, and fear of revealing who I am. I felt lost between the thoughts of whether I am the person I show, or if I'm the person who deep down, I feel is myself. Whether I am this naive girl who is looked at as hyper, even insane; or if I am the girl who simply loves to gaze at the moon & stars, and enjoys one's company. Here's what's funny, I am none. And that's

what you'll see throughout this essay.

Something quite peculiar happened to me earlier this year. I don't know how or why, but I woke up one morning with an emotion I haven't felt in quite a long time. I felt like I was in control, in control of my own mind. Having this power felt quite strange at first, it even felt wrong. But as the days kept on passing I realized that I am starting to find my puzzle pieces that were shattered all over the place, some even I lost. And that was the best feeling I have ever known because although I had only just started to find pieces of myself, and I'm not even

halfway through gluing these fragments together; I knew that eventually I will. And someday my puzzle will 'almost' be complete.

This puzzle will never be whole, in fact none of our puzzles ever will be. Because we all lost certain parts of ourselves at some point or another; which if you think about, actually is not that bad. In fact these parts we lost are taking an enormous role in helping us create a new version of ourselves that we *personally* love. In contrast to that, our puzzle shouldn't even be fully complete, because if it is, then what is the purpose of existing at all?

These parts we lost are feelings we may have once had, and needed to let go of, or the grief we felt when we were forced to say goodbye to someone we loved. These pieces are all of our tears and restless nights. They are the moments we hit rock bottom, the nights we felt like giving up, and the days our hearts felt way too heavy to the point where we couldn't even find the ability to get ourselves out of bed. All of these emotions take a role in helping us discover

who we are. Now I'm certainly not saying that we'll never feel these feeling again, in fact we will; once, twice, even a million times. But surely, the way we cope with them will be different. Because at least then, we would have finally met our true self.

Here's something I'd like all of you to know. This cage you feel trapped in, is of your own creation. And the only person who can help you unlock the cage and free yourself, is you. You aren't lost between the walls of your labyrinth; in fact you do know your way out. You know the path you must take to escape this maze but you are just too afraid to even try step a foot outside of it, you're afraid of change. Let go of that fear and watch how you will be rising like never before. Watch how all the stars will gasp in awe at the beautiful human that you are. And whoever can't accept the person you've become, then you may gladly let them go and start thriving in this world, freely and blissfully.

In a matter of a year, I know that I've drastically changed. But one thing that hasn't

changed and I believe never will, is my admiration towards the stars and the moon, and the way I feel fire running through my veins whenever I read an enchanting piece of art or when I hold a pen in the palm of my hand, and begin writing words on a piece of paper. I have found my source of power in between lines of fear, hurt, and bravery and I started putting my pieces together; now it's your turn to do so.



2:26 PM

By Shahd Jamal

5,4,3,2,1 ...

Happy New Year!

It is 2019 and you start making promises to yourself, ones similar to last year's, the year before, and the year before that too. You start noticing a pattern in your resolutions and realize that you could not keep those promises, inevitably breaking them. No, the promises were never deliberately broken; they just seem to have lost themselves in the midst of life with all its busy,

unpredictable events and its little obstacles which you think may have thrown you off track. Never wait for a mere change of a digit in a year to set goals you have always dreamed of achieving. Who said that the mesmerizing fireworks mark the beginning of a new you? Is the new year 'Snapchat' filter your true motive to working on a better you? Is the same phrase, which is shouted in unison after the typical countdown

every time the Earth completes a turn revolving around the sun, what really encourages you to finally set goals and work your best to achieve them? A human is simply too complex in structure and function and too significant to be driven in such shallow manner.

Say it was a random Wednesday in May and you had the urge to learn playing a new instrument, should you do it the next day or must you wait until the clock reads 12:00 AM on December 31st? It is almost as if procrastination, hesitation,

and reluctance are encoded in our DNA; we feel the need to restrain and restrict ourselves to certain limitations that do not truly *limit* our abilities, yet we still use them as excuses to revel in temporary happiness. If you're trying to save up for something you've always wanted to buy; if you are planning to adopt a new hobby or sport; if you would like to learn any language, be it Chinese, Russian, or Italian, or if you are

simply trying to become a better person, a better friend, a better daughter, or a better student, start now. There is no better time to start than today. Tomorrow is never promised; one will never know if today is the last day they get to witness a sunset, if it is the last time they get to savor their favorite food, or if it's the last time they find refuge in their favorite person's arms. It could even be the last time their eyes linger on that corner of the

room. The only tangible moment is the one you are living in right now, so make the most of it. Do not anticipate the new year or make it your green light or take it as your cue to begin a task or become a 'better you'. That green light could be any day of the year, be it December 4th or March 14th, at 4:00 AM or 2:26 PM, it simply does not matter.



365 NEW CHANCES

By Hanan Al Hammal

Another year has passed, another lesson learned, another goal set, perhaps even the same one you weren't able to achieve in 2018. Another joyful, heartwarming memory made, perhaps even memories, another loss, yet a new chance to gain. 2019 is here; we have 365 new chances to make it work, we have 365 new chances to achieve all we've been hoping and wishing for. Whether 2018 was your year where you were able to reach whatever you've been

aiming for or not, I am proud of you. You've come this far, you've worked hard, and at the end of the day no matter what the outcome was, you were still able to hold on to a little smile on your face and I believe that that itself is an accomplishment.

Look at 2019 like it's a new flower blooming in a field full of wilted roses and damaged grass. Let 2019 be the year where you regrow your garden and watch it bloom again. Treat yourself the way

you'd treat that garden of yours. Leave the fallen leaves and wilted roses as a symbol of strength, use them as your source of power, the source that will make you rise and give you the motivation to do more and push yourself to the limits in order to feel relief towards the end of that journey. Water your plants and grow with them as they flourish and bring color to your field. You can either make 2019 the most phenomenal year you've had by far and truly get to say "I am proud of myself" and mean it, or lose hope from the start and leave things as they are on the shelf.

One thing I do know is that you can do it, whatever it is you can and you will achieve it once you gain confidence and believe in what you're telling yourself. Close your eyes for a moment, silence the voices around you, think of the exact target you are trying to reach and set a simple little plan you can follow in order to reach it.

Most importantly, remember that you have a purpose. It could really be

as simple as making someone smile or bringing joy into the hearts of those who need it the most. Be kind, humble, gentle, loving, caring and, most importantly, be you because you are all of the things I've mentioned before and even more. You can make a change in your life and someone else's life this year.

2019, we are ready for whatever challenges you hold for us! Happy new year everybody!

HOW TO FAIL

By **Adrianna Sabbagh**

In our modern, fast-living age with an open circulation of benefits, the need for easy failure and the appreciation of its philosophy augments. Unlike the accelerating path of success, a very uninteresting trajectory, failure has one definition and a universal, timeless application. Failure is a pursuit that we are unaware of; it attracts imperfection and it is a much needed pest control for the inflated egos of today. Failing is rather easy; that is indisputable. However, truly, completely, perfectly failing is rather difficult, even impossible for some. Nevertheless, a prolonged study and personal, experienced observations have revealed that the effective process towards failure can be compressed into three major steps:

1. Trade your standards and values

It is unnecessary to be aware of your standards and values in order to succeed in this failure of character, yet being aware and even living by them for a considerable time could lead to a more significant compromise. To illustrate, such values could include dignity, modesty, respect, gratitude, kindness, generosity, loyalty and onwards. You may trade them with an abundance of human flaws, but my personal favorite is

stupidity as it carries the same currency and weight as all of the pre-mentioned assets combined. Many fall into the mistake of selling their cheap values for the inexpensive quality of selfishness. It can be likened to trading a pencil for a designer purse full of gold. Selfishness is a sold-out quality among the richest of failures and the poorest of winners.

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full of gold. Selfishness is a sold-out quality among the richest of failures and the poorest of winners. Do not underestimate its power and the magnitude of its consequences as it brings you closer to failure.

2. Distance yourself from improvement

Improvement is a tiresome desire. It is a false desire. It only pulls you farther away from your real, untainted self. The simplest way to surround and ground it is to do nothing, to remain on the continuous, y-equals-a-number line on

the academic graph. A more difficult method to avoid improvement is to take a sine/cosine approach, moving in up and down waves at insignificant intervals. If you did not comprehend the mathematical references, you may be on the right track.

However, finding difficulty in the comprehension of math principles is considered by some to be a victory for the creative and linguistic wings of consciousness. This is a reason this point is a controversy and a reason I may also state that you are, in fact, not failing but flourishing in decisive giftedness (an unfortunate obstacle in the

journey towards failure).

3. Ignore the failures that do eventually come your way

If failures were to be ranked from the most perfect to the least, ignoring failures would be the most perfect form of failing. As victors would inspiringly assure, giving their past successes no mind did not allow them to progress to greater, horrid accomplishments. The same does not apply to failures. You must ignore what they teach you, as lessons and learning are linked to the pre-stated point of improvement. You must absorb the doubts they pose and the self-pity they impose. In this way, you can make sure that you

have remained in the comatose state of failure, a state many have found challenging to obtain.

Once you find yourself deprived of your values, wasting your words on worthless causes and obsessing over success, ignoring your failures, you may then and only then know that you have failed.

Disclaimer:

Such a severe failure is not permanent. It can be reversed, so watch out.





STRESS AND DIABETES

By Sarah Abdallah

As a diabetic, I notice the tiniest changes in my body. I have a sensor on my arm that many of my school peers have asked about; it checks my sugar level every single minute of the day. I easily scan my phone over it and a number pops up.

The normal sugar levels are between 90 and 140 mg/dL. Therefore, when I wake up and find that my sugar level is 250 mg/dL or above I directly assume it is from a meal I had eaten the night before. I try to lower it back to the normal range again through various methods,

but nothing works. The day goes on and I am feeling very moody. I check my sugar again and it is still very high although I haven't eaten anything throughout the day. I then realize it is from how stressed I am. I was too caught up by the work I had to get done I forgot about my physical and mental health.

As a person who goes to the doctor for regular checkups every month or two, I know how much our bodies are affected by our surroundings. We all continuously face stressful

chapters in our lives. However, we should be mindful that we will face bigger issues in the future, so we must know how to deal with them because they can negatively affect our health.

Hours later and my sugar is fine. What did I do? I went for a short walk and read few pages from a book I like. I dedicated only 15 minutes of the day for myself. Through that I became more productive and my mood shifted to the better.

Stress plays a crucial role in many diseases. In your most stressful times, remember to take care of yourself. Nothing is worth harming your health.

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE SAT

By Reem Hazim

On Saturday, December 1st, thousands of students around the world sat for the SAT test. Whether you're an anxious junior preparing to take the test for the first time, or a fretful sophomore taking the Pre SAT, or even a freshman with no prior knowledge of the test, I have prepared a comprehensive guide to slowly ease you into the world of the SAT.

What is the SAT?

The SAT is an entrance exam administered by a non-profit organization called the CollegeBoard to assess student's aptitude. Most international colleges require students coming from a U.S. high school to take the SAT because it's a standardized means of measuring students' abilities. In other words, because different high schools have varying grading

schemes, and what is considered a 'good' grade in one school might be a 'bad' grade in another, the SAT provides colleges with a valuable tool for comparing students based on the same standards and admitting those who demonstrate higher scores.

It's crucial to understand what type of test the SAT is to perform better on it. The SAT is an aptitude test, meaning that it measures your

ability to learn and your general information. It does not test your knowledge in specific areas or subjects (CollegeBoard also administers the SAT Subject tests, which do exactly that).

While taking the SAT might seem like a very daunting task, because of its broad nature, it is actually a relatively easy test to ace. But first, before I tell you why getting a good

score is actually very simple, it's always best to know your enemy before you face it, so let's get more familiar with this foe.

What are the components of the SAT?

The SAT mostly consists of multiple-choice questions. It is comprised of four sections: two math sections and two English sections.

The first section is the longest one. It's the Evidence-Based

Reading section, which is just a fancy name for a comprehension test. The section is an hour and five minutes long and is made up of 5 passages with around 10-12 multiple-choice questions on each passage. There's a total of 52 questions on this section, and the texts cover the topics of world literature, social studies, and science.

The second section is the Writing and Language section. I like to think of this section as the 'editing' section. It spans 35 minutes only and consists of 44 multiple-choice questions. You are given 4 passages with deliberate grammar, spelling, vocabulary and

transition errors, and are expected to fix these errors based on what the questions require. This section is actually the easiest section on the SAT, especially if you have a good grasp on basic English grammar and spelling conventions.

The third section is the shortest one on the test: The Math without Calculator section. In this section, you will spend 25 minutes answering math questions, and calculators are not permitted. It may seem counter-intuitive for the SAT to give you such short time for a section where you have to do all the math by hand, but the Math without Calculator

section only asks 20 questions, and none of them require laborious or long math calculations.

Finally, the last section is the Math with Calculator section. Don't be fooled by the 'with calculator' part; I personally found this section to be a bit more difficult than the previous one, despite being able to use my calculator. For one, this section generally has more graphs, longer questions, and more problem solving than the one before it, which is why you're given 55 minutes to complete it. The section consists of 30 multiple-choice questions and 8 grid-in questions. Grid-in questions, also sensibly called

'Student-produced response questions', are questions where (yes, you guessed it) you have to write your own answer.

How long is the SAT?

If you add up the timings for all the sections, the SAT should take around 3 hours. However, you will be given a five-minute break between the reading and writing sections and between the math sections. In addition, the pre-testing procedures normally take around half an hour to an hour. Moreover, if you are planning to take the SAT with the essay, you will have to stay an extra 50 minutes to take the essay.

Note: This article has been shortened for AMS Journal. You can read the full article, which includes information about SAT scoring and advice on how to study for the SAT, by visiting this link:

<http://torchams.wixsite.com/torch/allarticles/a-comprehensive-guide-to-the-sat>



KG students celebrating the country's 47th birthday



The boys swearing oaths and pledging loyalty to the country to their nation.



The AMB Raedat performing a beautiful synchronized show.



47TH NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

By Marina Markarian

The day's events were as wondrous as ever. Students from KG all the way to grade twelve displayed their devotion to the school and to the UAE. National day is a yearly festivity that the AMSI schools partake in to celebrate the UAE national day with pride and joy. There were many things that contributed to making this day so positive such as the performances, the Arabic majlis, and the

supporters. The opening, as per ever year, was perfectly executed by the AMB scouts. In perfect coordination, our scouts marched into our hearts. Grade 11 and 12 Raedat girls held a spectacular show with the colors of the UAE flag and they exhibited their creative side through an art show. Everyone anticipated the end result of the upside down painting. The big reveal did not fail to leave

the audience in awe as a picture of the late HH Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan emerged through the beautiful strokes of paint. Next, our lovely Murshidat girls revealed their scout cries through a series of chants and beats, holding their squad flags high proudly to represent each individual.

It is important to reflect the UAE pride and its traditions on this special day. In honor of National Day, our students displayed many aspects of the UAE tradition through the Qassam, a yolla dance, and a traditional dance.

Our students marched in with camouflage attire, a nod to our martyrs, and recited a promise, in unison, to our nation. Through the yolla dance, the boys showed off their skills by tossing rifles and sticks with the beats of traditional music. The girls, on the other hand, danced to another version of UAE traditional music adorned in beautiful jellabiya's.

The youngsters also had the opportunity to show their love to the UAE. KG1 and KG2 stole our hearts as they marched in bringing the colors of the flag together in the cutest way possible. Other shows included the boy's pyramids, Lara Kassem's poem, and the majlis. The pyramid display combined strength and drive, executed impeccably by the AMS boys. Lara Kassem's tribute warmed our hearts with her wonderful poem. May her words inspire the future generation to see how much our home has

prospered . The majlis was prepared by our students to share the UAE heritage. It was a necessary addition to the celebration for it highlighted the beauty of traditions and heritage, both of which are extremely important to the UAE. We as Al Mawakeb portray unity and family in any activity, it is our core values that increase our pride and belonging to this beautiful land.

A big thank you to the teachers who have worked for months to perfect the performances. Thank you to the parents for your enthusiasm and cheers. Thank you to the photographers for capturing the memories in pictures. Thank you to the school as a whole, for encompassing the dedication to the UAE, to our home. Lastly, thank you to the UAE for being home to many of us. Your joy is our joy. Happy 47th birthday to a thriving nation.



Picture taken by Al Ittihad Newspaper.

SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN RASHID LAUNCHES 'MADRASAH' PLATFORM

On October 16, HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum launched the online educational platform 'Madrasah' as part of his 'Translation Challenge' initiative.

By Reem Hazim

The platform is considered to be the largest of its kind in the Arab world, and it contains 5000 video lessons on subjects such as science, math, biology, chemistry, and physics.

The platform aims to present exceptional educational content in Arabic by translating material from the most prestigious teaching curricula in the world. The platform will be provided

for free to more than 50 million Arab students all over the globe.

The launching ceremony was attended by HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and ruler of Dubai, HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, and HH Sheikh Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy

Prime Minister and Minister of Interior.

The platform is part of the 'Translation Challenge' launched by HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum last year. The initiative's goal is to translate 5000 educational videos and 11 million books to Arabic with the participation of volunteers from all different fields.

The easy-to-use platform presents content in a very exciting and simple way while maintaining scientific accuracy and relying on appropriate explanatory graphics.

A plan has been set to enrich the content of the platform by adding more subjects such as Arabic Language and programming.

FIVE STEPS TO SELF-CONFIDENCE

By Gomana Abdelfatah

Self-confident people are admired by others and inspire confidence in others. They face their fears head-on and tend to be risk-takers. They know that no matter what obstacles come their way, they have the ability to get past them. Self-confident people tend to see their lives in a positive light even when things aren't going so well, and they are typically satisfied with and respect themselves.

Wouldn't it be amazing to have this kind of self-confidence, every day of the week? Guess what? You can. Here are 5 steps to boost your self-confidence:

1. Stay away from negativity and bring on the positivity.

This step is crucial since it relates to your inner circle (friends and family), although it might seem tough **at** first but it's time to seriously consider getting away from those individuals who put you down and shred your confidence. Be positive, even if you're not feeling it quite yet. Put some positive enthusiasm into your interactions with others and hit the ground running, excited to begin your next task. Stop

focusing on the problems in your life and instead begin to focus on solutions and making positive changes.

2. Change your body language and image.

This is where your body language comes in handy. A simple act of pulling your shoulders back and smiling while speaking gives the impression that you are a confident person. In addition, speaking slowly and maintaining eye contact has been proven to boost one's self-confidence and

self-esteem to others.

3. Don't accept failure and get rid of the negative voices in your head.

Never give up. Never accept failure. There is a solution to everything, so why should you allow negative thoughts to hold you back? Make this your new mantra. Succeeding through great adversity is a huge confidence booster. Low self-confidence is often caused by the negative thoughts running through our minds on an endless track. If you are

constantly bashing yourself and saying you're not good enough, aren't attractive enough, aren't smart enough or athletic enough, and on and on, you are creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. You are becoming what you are preaching inside your head, and that's not good. The next time you hear that negativity in your head, switch it immediately to a positive affirmation and keep it up until it hits the caliber of a self-confidence boost.

4. Be prepared

Be ready for any task you encounter. Research and preparing beforehand causes your self-confidence to soar.

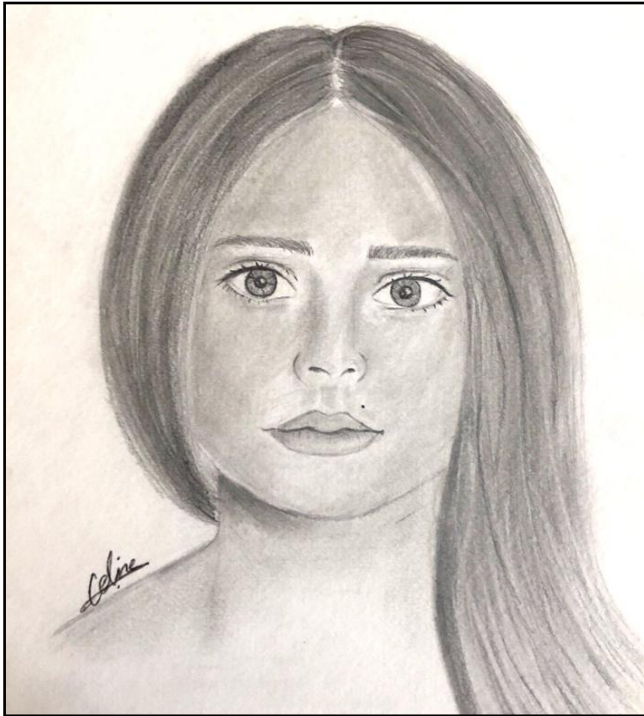
5. For tough times, when all else fails: Create a great list

Life is full of challenges and there are times when it's difficult to keep our self-confidence up. Sit down right now and make a list of all the things in your life that you are thankful for, and another

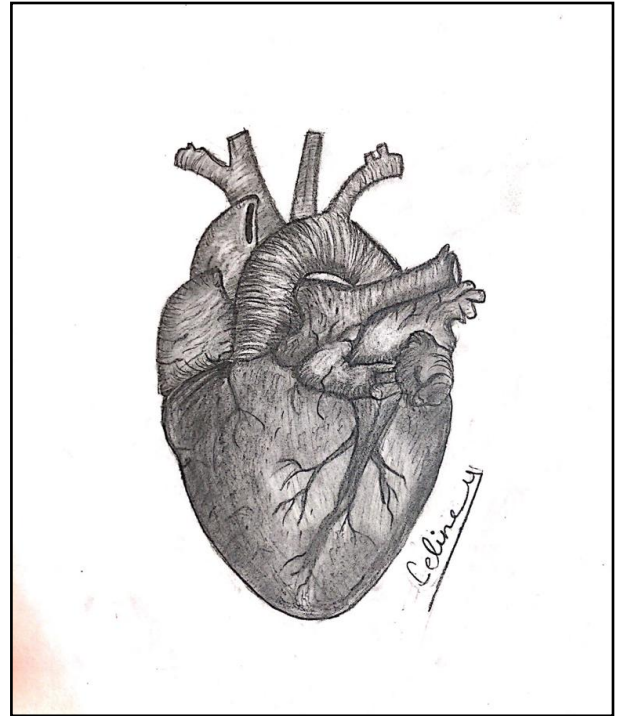
list of all the things you are proud of accomplishing. Once your lists are complete, post them on your refrigerator door, on the wall by your desk, on your bathroom mirror--somewhere where you can easily be reminded of what an amazing life you have and what an amazing person you really are. If you feel your self-confidence dwindling, take a look at those lists and let yourself feel and be inspired all over again by you.

ART GALLERY

Here, we showcase our talented students' amazing artwork



by Rama Celine Mahmalji



by Rama Celine Mahmalji



by Rama Celine Mahmalji



by Mona Al Bastaki



by Mona Al Bastaki



by Rama Celine Mahmalji



WW1 MEMORIAL DAY

By **Adrianna Sabbagh**

On November 18, 1918, the 'war to end all wars' came to a cessation.

On November 18, 2018, the Ethics Club brought students together to mark 100 years after the end of the first world war.

First approached with this idea by the Social Studies department, I was unsure as to how this event would unravel itself. How does one compress and minimize four long years of a war that reshaped

continents, eradicated most of the population and set a time bomb for an even more brutal war into one 20-minute-long presentation? The answer lay in the identity of our committee.

As the Ethics club, we realized that our approach should be one that is minimally informal and mostly moralistic. Our task was not to honor the war and its warriors, for, ethically, there was nothing to be highly

esteemed about the symbols of man's growing destruction. Our task was not to admire it as a feat of innovation or reform, our task was to provide the facts, our opinion and the counterargument. And our opinion was clear: we are remembering the war so as to learn and to be wary of its consequences...

In an engaging introduction, the audience was quizzed on the details of start and end of the war as well as its main causes. This was followed by a brief citation of the war's major legacies. Next, students recited and read poems, letters and eyewitness accounts

surrounding the most gruesome effects of the war on the personal lives and relationships of the individuals struggling through those times.

Finally, the presenters gave the audience the stage during the final debate on the Just War Theory and its plausibility.

The Just War Theory states that war, in any shape or form, could be acceptable and even the ethical resolution to antagonism under specified conditions that include proportional losses and gains, a lawful declaration and self-defense. Some argued in favor of its benefits, others could not perceive its validation.

In conclusion, the events proved to be an excellent opportunity to educate ourselves and others on not just the history of the world wars, but also the ethos and pathos of what makes the theories that defend and sustain them plausible. It was a

reflection of Al Mawakeb students' moral and social awareness and it contributed to the overall mission of the Ethics committee in emphasizing the importance of ethics in the identities of our generation.



AN UPCOMING CLUB THAT WILL CHANGE HOW YOU VIEW MATH

By Jomana Abdelfatah

Mathematics rightly viewed possesses not only truth but also supreme beauty, and that is the reason why various students develop a deep fascination for it. Although math is often regarded as a dull and challenging subject, in reality, it has many beautiful aspects and exciting applications that are not taught in the classroom. The Math Club aims to provide students with the opportunity to explore the exquisiteness of mathematics and spread awareness about its

powerful ability to explain the world around us.

The Math Club is a group that strives to aid students in discovering the different aspects of mathematics outside the classroom. Through innovative lessons designed around nontraditional mathematical topics, The Math Club enhances mathematics education and motivates students to pursue the highest limits of their natural abilities. In addition, it will help students explore their skills and interests which will have profound

effects on their futures, allowing them to get technical jobs in the fields of engineering, computer networking or medicine. It would also propel many students who are insecure about their own abilities into advanced careers.

Moataz Basyouni and Haidy Tamer, talented students who have a deep passion for mathematics founded the Math Club under the supervision of Mr. Hassan Darwich, and they are searching for members who are committed, hardworking and passionate about mathematics. The club meetings will take place every Monday after school alongside break meetings with the corresponding heads. So what are you waiting for? Sign up now and explore the hidden beauty of mathematics!

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE HEADS OF MATH CLUB

To better introduce students to the upcoming Math Club, Torch writer Gomana Abdelfatah has interviewed Moataz Basyouni and Haidy Tamer, the heads of the club.

Interview conducted by Jomana Abdelfatah

What are the main aspects that differentiate your club from others?

The math club is considered unique due to its way of teaching. Our club educates students to start using mathematics in their daily life and explore its value to their future.

What are the 3 main characteristics/traits that should be evident in your club members?

The members of our club should be committed, hardworking and passionate about mathematics. Without those qualities, we believe that it is hardly possible for anyone to achieve anything or study anything in general.

What are the most important skills your members will obtain by the end of the school year from your club?

The most important skill our members will be learning at the end of this year is critical thinking because it is required for every problem we encounter in our daily life. No matter how small or big problems are critical thinking is needed to get through it.

What type of content does your club offer?

We will be going over various forms of math such as mechanics, the number theory and coding. We will be going over the history of certain

mathematicians and the basics of certain formulas to give the students background information on the topics.

Summarize your club idea and content in a few lines.

A new perspective on mathematics that is yet to be explored within the school. Critical thinking, analytical thinking and quantitative reasoning are the skills obtain through our exceptional content

When and where will the club meetings be held?

Math club members will be meeting each Monday after school to discuss topics provided by

our supervising teacher, Mr Hassan Darwich. We will also be having break meetings, in which each section will be meeting with their corresponding head (Boys: Moataz Basyouni; Girls: Haidy Tamer).