constant support to the OSA, while he also thanked all those who were present for making this event a very successful and memorable one.

It was time to announce the winners of the Big Game and end our lovely adventure. Chief Jane took the lead, counting the teams from 5th place to 1st place and calculating the final scores for each team. The winning team was comprised of former Chief Bassam Nakad, former scout George Saleh and 3 current scouts, Jennifer Abou Jawdeh, Anthony Gemayel and Cybelle Ghoul. The winning team was presented with medals and each member received a collection of OSA Yearbooks.

As they say a picture is worth a thousand words, we have many pictures of this great event on our Facebook page, Instagram and OSA Website, all courtesy of the lovely Anis Saad, who is not only a talented photographer, but who has also been a big part of our scouting life for the past 25 years.

We will be meeting again soon at "Back to the Campfire 2016", at Swings on 30 - 31 July, 2016.

We urge each and every one of you OS Scouts not to miss out on this event.

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OSA Social Visit to H.E. P.M. Tamam Salam '64 – April 2016

Former OSA President, Mr. Khaled Saab '64 along with his classmates (those who were available) Mr. Adel Bou Habib, Mr. Riad Bassatni, Mr. Samir Halawi, Mr. Ahmad Karami, Mr. Nazih Karami, Mr. Farid Khreino, Mr. Khaled Salam, Mr. Khaled Shamma and Mr. Hassan Zaatari were invited for a 1964 social class gathering at their classmate's residence H.E. P.M. Tamam Salam.

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Mona Karam '00 OSA Community Manager



OSA Official Visit to H.E. General Emile Lahoud '53 – May 2016

OSA President, Mr. Nazih Khattar '66 along with a few members of the OSA Board, former OSA President, Mr. Khaled Saab '64 and Mr. George Obeid '78 and BHS Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Hani Aboul Jabine '61 and BHS Board Governor, Mr. George Younis '65 visited H.E. General Emile Lahoud '53, former President of the Lebanese Republic and old scholar, at his residence in Baabda on 12 May, 2016.

H.E. General Lahoud welcomed his fellow old scholars gladly while they reminisced their BHS days and President Khattar updated H.E. General Lahoud on the latest OSA developments and the preparations for the 25th Silver Jubilee International Convention.

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OSA Prom Contribution Presentation – 19 May, 2016

On Thursday, 19 May, 2016, during the Graduates' End of Year Gathering, OSA President, Mr. Nazih Khattar '66, presented the Prom Committee of the graduating class of 2016 with a cheque of \$7,000 (for the second year in row) as a contribution from the Old Scholars Association. The cheque was given to Prom Committee Head Hadi Dika, while Mr. Khattar said a few words to the graduates, encouraging them to have fun, dance the night away and enjoy their prom night to the maximum, because it will be a night that they will carry in their memories forever. The Prom Committee in turn thanked Mr. Khattar and the OSA Board once more for this generous contribution.





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OSA 2016 Graduates' End of Year Gathering – 19 May, 2016

For the 16th year in a row the OSA held its Annual Graduates' End of Year Gathering for 2016 Graduates on Thursday, 19 May, 2016 at the BHS Amphitheatre, Fleisseh.

The celebrations started at 7:00 pm with a great number of attendees (students, teachers, class advisors) in the presence of OSA president, Mr. Nazih Khattar '66, BHS Principal, Dr. Walid El Khoury, and members of the OSA Board and OSA Secretariat.

Mr. Khattar welcomed the young graduates to the OSA and told them that they will be receiving their membership cards soon which entail them to 5 years free membership. He also urged them to join us at the 25th Silver Jubilee International Convention, so they can start meeting the bigger OSA family.

The party included great food, ambience, dancing to lovely music and of course cutting the cake.

Congratulations Class of 2016!

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BHS Walkathon – October 2015

Brummana High School held its Annual Walkathon on 31 October, 2015 where a total of 330 parents, friends, staff, and students from all sections and ages enjoyed a fun walk together around Brummana and managed to raise LL 5,150,000 which were given to the St. Jude's Children Cancer Centre of Lebanon.

Taken from BHS Newsletter Vol. 19 No. 2 – 26 Nov 2015 (edited)





BHS Founders' Day – November 2015

BHS Founders' Day for the Intermediate Section took place on 27 November, 2015 and was celebrated at the Meeting House. While a special assembly was held in the Secondary Section on that same day in the presence of guest speaker, old scholar and former Mayor of Roumieh, Mr. Louis Abi Habib '63 where he shared his best memories at BHS with students and gave them valuable advice concerning their life choices. After the assembly, Principal Dr. Walid El Khoury, Mayor Abi Habib, Development Officer and old scholar Mrs. Jocelyn El Ghoul '76, and HoS Mr. Chadi Nakhle cut a cake for the occasion of Founders' Day surrounded by Secondary students.

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BHS Independence Day – November 2015

All BHS students commemorated Independence Day which was celebrated on 20 November, 2015. The children (Infant, Lower Elementary & Upper Elementary) made their own hats and flags, while Intermediate students marched out of the middle gate, onto the main road, and back onto campus through the main gate, as they waved their Lebanese flags. After lining up in the sand court, the national anthem was played and Principal, Dr. Walid El Khoury, gave a speech on the importance of a person loving and being loyal to their country.

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BHS Drama Club "With Friends Like These" – December 2015

The BHS Drama Club trained and led by Drama Teacher, Mr. Omar Moujaes shone in their performance during the Upper School play: "With Friends like These" on 11 December, 2015. Parents, teachers and fellow students had an amazing time watching the play and applauded the "stars" on stage. We are very proud of all those who made that performance an unforgettable one. Congratulations to Mr. Moujaes on a very well done job. With Friends Little These Buy begans and its or an

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BHS Christmas Shows – December 2015

Carrols, songs, dances and the Christmas Choir Concert are annual events at Brummana High School during the festive season in December, where students from KG I – Grade 12 take up the stage and perform the best shows. The pictures below are worth a thousand words...

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BHSMUN Programme – February 2016

We are honoured to introduce the BHSMUN Programme at Brummana High School. This programme provides a stimulating Model United Nations experience for Intermediate and Secondary Section students.

The BHSMUN team chose the motto: Students Leading for a Change, as we believe it best fits what we aspire to do.

Following the success of our first internal school conference, Model United Nations Club at Brummana High School, it was a pleasure to conduct the second BHSMUN Conference that was held on Saturday 27 and Sunday, 28 February, 2016. The conference was a great success and the prizes were sponsored by SGBL (Societe General Banques du Liban).

The delegates had a wonderful time and greatly enjoyed the quality and variety of the committees and topics tackled. We sincerely believe that the conference was up to the delegates expectations, where they had the opportunity to make new friends, renew old acquaintances, discuss

and exchange ideas and experiences with almost 150 registered delegates from schools across Lebanon, such as Al Manar Modern School, Champville, Chouf National College, College Louis Wegmann, Nazarene Evangelical School, Sagesse High School, and St. Joseph School.

The conference included 5 committees: International Atomic Energy Agency, General Assembly, Human Rights Council, Security Council, and UNICEF. The BHSMUN team invited his Excellency, Ambassador Abdullah Bou Habib '60, former Lebanese Ambassador to the United States to the closing ceremony. He addressed the new generations about recent global issues and how they are being tackled in the United Nations.

We hope to see everyone again at our BHSMUN Conference in 2017.

The first BHSMUN website was constructed in October 2016. The delegate handbook, information guide, and poster were posted to delegates via the BHSMUN website.

From experience, we have discovered that each MUN circuit features distinct properties, but the fundamental passion for tackling world affairs remains the same. Our strength lies in the strength of our secretariat, trainers, and advisers. They are amongst the most talented and resourceful people. They have all participated in Global MUN Conferences, in Lebanon and abroad and we are confident of their knowledge and the topics they choose.

BHSMUN paves the path for our future potential leaders. Students of different geographical, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds will engage in multifaceted dialogue. They learn about world issues and international diplomacy in the hope of creating a world where future generations will not face today's problems.

Our Team:

Head of Secondary Section: Mr. Chadi Nakhle MUN Directors: Ms. Mayssa Haidar and Enzo El Adm Secretary General: Kareem Abi Fadel Head of Organisation: Serena Semaan Chairs and Dias: Maya Abdulnour, Maria Habib, Valeria Hilany, Roy Makkar , Paloma Nanonni, Iuns Nasri, Marc Onaissy, William Zard, Jana Zeinoun.

Press Team:

Mr. Anis Saad, Alexandra Saad, Sami Karim Lama, and members from the Photography Club.

In 2015, BHSMUN won 2^{nd} place in the Model Arab League Conference which was held at the Lebanese

American University. Roy Makkar, Alma Masmar, Layla Mouakket and Paloma Nannoni, won the Best Delegate Award (25% scholarship at LAU). Judy Al-Kayali, Adrian Jaber, Iuns Nasri, and Jana Zeinoun, won the Honourable Mention Award. Chloe Atallah and Raina Hussami won Country Statement Award. While Roy Makkar succeeded in the selection interview to join the Georgetown Washington delegation after going through a tough competition against 850 delegates at the 5th LAU Model Arab League Conference. We are proud of you Roy!

As the 11th High School and 6th Middle School Conferences were conducted, the BHSMUN team of 26 delegates won a total of 22 awards: 11 Secretary General Awards, 7 Diplomacy Awards, and 4 Position Paper Awards. Brummana High School won the 2nd best delegation, again, amongst more than 200 schools in Lebanon.

Middle School Awards

Secretary General Awards: Stephanie Ashkar, Kevin Farhat, Laura Nassar, Adrien Touzot and Sultan Zeinnedine. Diplomacy Awards: Hanadi Haddad, Sasha Lahoud, Talia Matar and Najeh Sultan.

High School Awards

Secretary General Awards: Alex El Adm, Roupina Maalouf, Maria Makhlouf, Qais Shihadah, and Alex Touzot. Diplomacy Awards: Nour Abi Fadel, Michel Mardini, Zain Nasri and Hadi Saade.

Position Paper: Yara Kehdy.

Participant Awards: Joseph Alam, Chloe Gemayel, and Thomas Tarabay.

About BHSMUN

Fortunately, we have the support of our Principal, Dr. Walid El Khoury, and the school's administration. In 2012, our MUN delegates did a wonderful job in the conferences held on the 31 March and 1 April at LAU.

Natasha Ghawi and Pio Ibrahim, both, won the Diplomacy Award. While Nicole El Helou and Sandra Pelgrim won the Position Paper Award.

After winning the Secretary General Award during the final conference at LAU and going through a New York mock and interviews, Christina Farhat was one of 6 chosen candidates out of 1000 to represent Lebanon and Brummana High School at the New York Conference. After 2 days of intensive debates, the awards were given out. Out of 400 people in the committee Earth Summit 2012 Rio + 20, Christina won the Best Delegation Award, also known as Secretary General Award. For

the first time in history, the Lebanese Delegation won the Secretary General Award out of the whole conference comprising of 2,400 participants from all over the world. Once again in 2013, and for many years in a row now, our MUN team, under the guidance of Sara Mink, has participated in the MUN Final Conference of LAU and brought back 7 of the most prestigious awards, listed by honourable rank: Secretary General: Basma Naiisseh and Mira Rawady; Diplomacy: Nicole Abou Samra, Yasmina Aswad, Rawan Deeb, and Amani Kmeid; Position Paper: Daniel Hilal.

BHS delegates believe that knowledge and power in MUN come so much from experience and perseverance, that one conference was simply not enough to quench the thirst these diplomats had for MUN. With this mentality, the students at BHS were hard at work with Miss Mink to find the most suitable conference to attend. The best conference they found was Georgetown University SFS Qatar's MUN conference! This 4-day conference had more than 500 delegates over 70 schools and 120 nationalities. Michael Abou Jaoude, Christina Farhat, Natasha Ghawi, and Pio Ibrahim represented the Republic of Austria, while Fredric Azar and Nizar Kabani represented Burkina Faso in the SPECPOL, IAEA, HRC, and ECOSOC committees.

All of our delegates won the incredible experience offered by this conference; however our very own Christina Farhat was exceptional and received an Honourable Mention. During the Global Village, our delegates spread the extraordinary Lebanese spirit through their dancing, especially Nizar Kabani, who was granted the Best Dancer Award. The students toured Qatar, enjoyed amazing services, attended interviews and many workshops.

As for Middle School MUN at LAU, The BHS delegation represented the State of Qatar in the DISEC, HRC, IAEA, UNDP, WHO, and SOCHUM committees. During the 2-day conference, the delegates debated, gave speeches, allied and drafted resolutions to solve the world's most significant problems. The Minis received much praise and appreciation from their Chairs and fellow delegates for their amazing cooperation skills and intelligence.

Hats off to Alex Chidiac and Deema Al Hugail, who received Secretary General Awards (Best Delegate) in the HRC and UNDP committees respectively, and Kai Koenye who received a Diplomacy Award (Honourable Mention) in WHO. Also a big congratulations to Samir Barazi and Joseph El Helou who received Position Paper Awards in the IAEA and SOCHUM.

In 2014, a new delegation of 16 candidates attended the American Community School's Annual LEBMUN Conference in February. Trained by the managers of the MUN Club, the delegates participated in a 3-day conference based solely on resolution-writing. Despite the delegates' struggle to pull through intensive after-school training sessions in order to prepare, the students represented BHS well and Kai Koenye in the ICC (International Criminal Court) was the recipient of the "Best Justice" award!

After much frustration and perseverance, Brummana High School made a 2nd appearance at Georgetown University's International Model United Nations Conference. Chaperoned by myself, Mayssa Haidar, the all-female delegation of 6 (Teaba Abdullah, Nicole Abou Samra, Rawan Deeb, Sarah Karam, Amani Kmeid and Mira Rawady) endured 3 long days of speeches, debating, resolution writing, and good food! The competition was relentless, with some delegates attending 8 conferences or more before this one. Even so, the delegation emerged with an unforgettable experience.

10 students from Grade 9 participated in the Middle School Global Classrooms Model United Nations set up by the Lebanese American University. If asked, these 10 students would define MUN as an enjoyable, intellectual, and thought provoking experience. Maya Abdelnour, Valeria Hilany, Laura Karam, Omar Knio, Zoe Koenye, Roy Makkar, Paloma Nannoni, luns Nasri, Celine Tannous, and William Zard had attended MUN sessions at LAU Beirut and the final conference at LAU Jbeil. Representing our school, Laura Lee Karam won the Secretary General award, Omar Knio, Roy Makkar, Iuns Nasri, and William Zard, won the Diplomacy Award. Maya Abdelnour, Paloma Nannoni, and Celine Tannous won the Position Paper Award. They all represented Brummana High School amazingly well.

In 2015, a group of Secondary students participated in the Lebanese Model United Nations (LEBMUN) competition organised by ACS. Over 3 days, our young diplomats stood out in the different committees by displaying the negotiation and conflict resolution skills acquired through the training they had received as members of the MUN Club at BHS. 4 of our students won the most prestigious awards: Nicole Abou Samra and Amani Kmeid - Honourable Mention, Enzo El Adm -Best Delegate, and Marc Onaissy- Diplomacy Award.

As every year, our young diplomats who went to the LAU Model United Nations (MUN) excelled and

honoured us. 12 out of the 15 delegates from the Secondary Section won the most prestigious awards and deserved the Best Delegation Award 2015, which they brought back to school and presented to the Principal, Dr. Walid El Khoury, who always encourages and inspires them. The awards were as follows: Secretary General Award - Kareem Abi Fadel, Laura-Lee Karam, and Marc Onaissy; Diplomacy Award - Valeria Hilany, Dana El Khudari, Omar Knio, Roy Makkar; Iuns Nasri, Paloma Nannoni and William Zard; and Position Paper Award - Celine Tannous and Jana Zeinoun.

Secondary students excelled once more at the Model Arab League Competition at LAU. 4 students received the Secretary General Award as Best Delegates, which is the highest ranking award in the competition. The young awarded diplomats were: Enzo El Adem and Sami Karim Lama (Sec. 2 S), and Maria Jose Habib and Serena Semaan (Sec. 2 H). Our winners qualified for the preliminary selection stage to go to New York for a global MAL conference.

A special thanks goes to Mr. Chadi Nakhle, for his invaluable support, frank guidance and consistent assistance in creating the BHSMUN team. We also express our sincere gratitude to our Principal, Dr. Walid El Khoury, who has consistently inspired us with his invaluable insights not only on professional bases but also on vigour in life. Last but not least, we would like to thank our Bursar, Mr. Raymond El Feghali for his continuous support in providing and managing the conferences' finances.

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The International Baccalaureate at Brummana High School as of September 2016

What is International Baccalaureate (IB)?

Historically, in 1962 the International Baccalaureate was recommended as the international passport to higher education. The IB organisation was registered in Geneva in 1968. The first official IB Diploma Programme was taken by 12 schools from 10 countries in 1970. In 1970 negotiations started in many countries to recognise the IB. These negotiations also started in Lebanon, but were unfortunately halted because of the Civil War. In 1975, the IB North American office opened in New York. In 1994, the Middle Years Programme was launched. In 1997, the Primary Years Programme was introduced. In 1998, IB developed its mission statement. In 2006 the Learner's Profile was developed. In 2014, 135,849 Diploma Programme students sat for the IB exams, from 4,000 schools around the world.

But what makes the introduction of IB so important?

- 1-IB is a well-respected degree recognised by many leading universities, locally, regionally and worldwide.
- 2-IB does not qualify students for any specific major, rather they must select 6 courses and study 3 of them at a standard level in breadth, and the other 3 courses at a higher level in depth.
- 3-IB has 3 core subjects the Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity Activity Service (CAS) and the Extended Essay (EE).

In TOK students go on a journey with thoughtful and purposeful enquiry into different ways of knowing, and into different kinds of knowledge.CAS is an experiential component of the IB Programme and provides the opportunity for the IB Diploma students to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real-world contexts. The EE provides practical preparation for undergraduate research and an opportunity for students to investigate a topic of special interest to them, which is also related to one of the student's 6 DP subjects.

How did the IB reach BHS?

The environment at BHS is very open to educational endeavours and the Principal is very welcoming to new projects and ideas. Being a Cambridge International Testing Centre and having the IGCSE, AS and A Levels, BHS is predisposed to accommodate IB. But what makes IB a must at BHS is twofold: first students with IB can enter universities at the sophomore level and second BHS will be on the map of international schools.

The process took 2 years; in April 2014 the request of the Director of Studies to start processing the candidacy application was granted. The Principal attended an IB workshop, then the IB coordinator along with 15 other teachers were sent abroad to attend workshops either in the Middle East or Europe. A consultant was assigned to BHS, and the visit was concluded by a report recommending the start of process of the authorisation. The library witnessed a considerable physical makeover and many resources and databases were added. Computer based experiments were included in the science lab. Then the school had a verification visit in April 2016, which was followed by the authorisation in May 2016.

It is important to note that new policies were added to the educational system at BHS such as academic honesty policy, assessment policy, language policy, IB admission policy, all inclusion policy and IT policy. The process of change in becoming an international school started and will continue.

What is the long term effect of IB at BHS?

With the presence of IB at BHS, students will have the opportunity of a unique education. They will undoubtedly:

- be encouraged further to think independently and drive their own learning
- take part in programmes of education that can lead them to some of the highest ranking universities around the world
- become more culturally aware, through the development of a second language
- be able to engage with people in an increasingly globalised, rapidly changing world
- develop strong academic social and emotional characteristics

Finally

BHS has a considerable amount of synergy coming from its premises, students, teachers, administrators and Principal and only this collaboration made the IB project possible at BHS. So, thanks to all!

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BHS Field Day & Games Day – May 2016

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Basketball Grade 7	Little	Rizkallah	Waldmeier	
Basketball Grade 9 & 8	Waldmeier	Rizkallah	Little	
Football Grade 7	Little	Waldmeier	Rizkallah	
Football Grade 9 & 8	Waldmeier	Rizkallah	Little	
Shot Put	Rizkallah	Little	Waldmeier	
Discus	Little	Rizkallah	Waldmeier	
Long Jump	Rizkallah	Little	Waldmeier	
High Jump	Waldmeier	Little	Rizkallah	
400m	Waldmeier	Little	Rizkallah	
200m	Rizkallah	Little	Waldmeier	
100m	Little	Rizkallah	Waldmeier	
80m	Rizkallah	Little	Waldmeier	

Senior Boys	1st	2nd	3rd	
Basketball	Little	Rizkallah	Waldmeier	
Shot Put	Rizkallah	Waldmeier	Little	
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100m	Waldmeier	Little	Rizkallah	

Girls	1st	2nd	3rd	
Basketball	Waldmeier	Rizkallah	Little	
Football	Waldmeier	Little	Rizkallah	
High Jump	Waldmeier	Rizkallah	N/A	
400m	Waldmeier	Rizkallah	Little	

New Records in 2016			
Event	Record	Holder	Country
200m Intermediate Girls	30.6 sec	Olivia Neiwaidomske	USA (2016)
	31.44 sec	Patricia MacDonald	USA (2001)
200m Senior Girls	30.7 sec	Mayssa Abou Khalil	Lebanon (2016)
	32.3 sec	Nayla Abou Fadel	Lebanon (1972)
Shot Put (3Kg) Senior Girls	10.83 m	Laura Aouad	Lebanon (2016)
	9.45 m	Hazar Barazi	Syria (2004)
High Jump Senior Girls	1.33 m	Yasha Zeinoun	Lebanon (2016)
	1.32 m	Ingrid Aswad	Lebanon (2011)











BHS Drama Club "Troy" – June 2016

When our talented BHS Drama Club students take up a historical story like TROY, after 5 months of rehearsals, and transformit to a theatrical production led by their brilliant Drama Teacher and Director, Mr. Omar Moujaes, in collaboration with the LAU's Department of Communication Arts, we can only expect a well-rounded performance of acting, costumes, screenplay and professionalism.

This 2-day play was held at the best location, the BHS outdoor Amphitheatre, on 3 June and 4 June, 2016. Both nights were well received with over 500 people. The audience was treated to an epic battle between the Spartans and the Trojans.

Prior to the play, several BHS students along with their director Mr. Omar Moujaes were hosted by Radio Lebanon and MTV. Among the honoured guests was H.E. Mr. Elias Bou Saab, Minister of Education.

Once again BHS has shown us how it meticulously nurtures its students' hidden talents and focuses on more than just academics through its many clubs and extra-curricular activities.

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BHS May Festival – June 2016

The BHS May Festival was set to take place on 28 May, 2016, but due to the unpredictable Brummana weather, it took place on 5 June, 2016.

The festival was a great success thanks to the BHS Parents' Association, Principal, Teachers, Staff and Students.

The theme for this year was "Let's Dance," which featured the young stars from "The Voice Kids 2016" show.

The May Queen jury this year included former Miss Lebanon Christina Sawaya, and old scholar and Owner/General Manager of Noun Magazine, Siham Asseily Tueni '87.

5 candidates took the stage, Anna Carina Batrouni, Talar Boghossian, Nayla Feghali, Romy El Hajj, and Luciana Riachi where they were asked a set of questions, after which the judges made their final decision and Anna Carina Batrouni – daughter of old scholar Fouad Batrouni '86 (and ex-May King) – was elected as the 2016 BHS May Queen.

Congratulations Anna and thanks to everyone who made this event spectacular.

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BHS Prom night – June 2016

The BHS 2016 Graduates celebrated their Prom Night on Monday, 27 June, 2016 at Phoenicia Hotel.



















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BHS Infant Graduation – June 2016

They wore their green robes, their caps on their heads and marched up the stage on 13 June, 2016 to graduate from KG III.

OSA President, Mr. Nazih Khattar '66 was represented by OSA Administration Manager, Mrs. Caroline Zayoun who attended the Infant Section Graduation Ceremony along with OSA Board Member Mr. George Obeid '78.

The students took their diplomas, sang cheerfully and cast their caps for the first time ever to announce that they were now ready to move to Grade 1, though they still have a long journey ahead, parents and teachers couldn't be more proud.

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Mona Karam '00 OSA Community Manager

BHS Upper Elementary Graduation – June 2016

Representing OSA President Mr. Nazih Khattar '66, OSA Vice President Mr. Naji Chakhtoura '92 attended the Upper Elementary Graduation Ceremony which took place on 16 June, 2016.

Guest Speaker was actress Roula Hamadeh.

3 students, Carina Harfouche, Anthony Merheb and Lenora Yaghi received the Old Scholars' Award by VP Naji Chakhtoura.

Congratulations to all the students!

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BHS 143rd Speech Day – June 2016

The BHS 143rd Speech Day took place on 25 June, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Guest Speaker this year was President of the American University of Beirut, Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri and of course, the OSA took part in this ceremony, where our Vice President, Mr. Naji Chaktoura '92 represented President Mr. Nazih Khattar '66 and gave the Old Scholars' Award to Sami Karim Lama '16.

Congratulations to all our young graduates.

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Renee Abu Khalil Baz '35

Beloved Renee Abu Khalil Baz '35, a mother, a sister, a friend, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a fountain of knowledge and above all a true Quaker who practiced her belief in everyday life, and an Old Scholar.

Renee Baz graduated in 1935 and remained at Brummana High School serving the students as a nurse and later as the school's Housemother. The key word is "mother" which defined her every action. She put a pinch of love into every little thing she did. She was all heart, kindness and compassion. Every child was her child and this was her nature before and after she, herself, became a mother.

In 1940, she married the late Nagib Baz '27, who had also serviced the school his entire life with his meticulous construction work such as the primary school, swimming pool, water storage cisterns, the football field and overseeing the refurbishment of all buildings on the school grounds.

They had four children, Rabih Baz '61, Na'amat Baz Little '65, Sabah Baz '66 and Rima Baz Stephan '73 (all old scholars who continue to serve their school till this very day) and many grandchildren (also old scholars). Renee Baz was known for her great memory. She was always a source of knowledge and information to old scholars and anyone else who lived in Brummana or neighbouring towns. Her house was always open to all visitors, young and old. Even if you were just passing by, you had to stay for a meal with the family or namely her delicious cakes, cookies and lemonade. In April 2010, Mrs. Baz was awarded the OSA Senior Old Scholars' Brass Shield, to thank her for her continuous efforts, dedication, support and love for BHS and what it stands for. She dedicated her life in ensuring that the best was given to all pupils, boarding and day students, staff, teachers and whoever visited the school, which to her, was part of her every day routine and was deeply etched within her personality and character.

She was also awarded the Order of Merit for Education by the former Lebanese President and old scholar H.E. General Emile Lahoud '53.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to this great lady and legend on 4 November, 2015, at the age of 96. Her demise has left a big gap in the hearts and lives of her immediate children and grandchildren, but also in the hearts of the entire BHS Family, Old Scholars, Staff, Teachers, Students, Parents and Quakers in Lebanon and abroad.

She will be remembered and missed by everyone who knew her.

She has touched many people's lives. Though words are never enough, we would like to keep her memory alive through the many sincere words received on her passing in the messages received below.

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Mona Karam '00 OSA Community Manager



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Lilas Sefrawi Rest in peace Randa Mufarrij Amal, so so saddened by her passing. My warmest 2 condolences to all. Rest in peace auntie Rene and you will always be remembered by so many by your friendly demeanour, lively energy and lovely

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Karen Saba Aunty Renee was an exceptional person. May her soul rest in





Saad Saad '64

Mr. Saad Saad is a BHS Old Scholar who graduated in the year 1964. He started working at BHS right after graduation as a Laboratory Assistant in that same year. Later in the years 1965 till 1977, Mr. Saad became the school's Librarian, in addition to being a Duty Master and Study Supervisor.

He also worked as a Substitute Teacher and a Special Arabic Teacher in the years 1980 till 1987. In 1987 until 2001 he became the High School Supervisor and of course our lovely weather man.

He gave us daily weather forecast reports and made sure we all abode by the rules and regulations or else we had to suffer detention outside his office.

He is married to Mrs. Waad Saber, who is a former BHS Arabic and Translation Teacher.

Mr. Saad had a serious, remarkable personality, the majority remember him as being strict, but everyone loved him.

In 2001, until his retirement date, he was in charge of the buses as the Bus Coordinator.

He is a true emblem of Brummana High School and many generations who have passed through the school remember him.

Last year, during the OSA 24th International Convention (2015), Mr. Saad was commemorated along with his classmates (1964/65 graduates) honouring his 50th anniversary upon graduating from BHS.

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Emile Sawaya

Born in 1934 in Shweir, Mr. Emile Sawaya started working at BHS in the year 1955, teaching Maths and History to Forms I and II. A year later he decided to go back to AUB and pursue his studies with the approval of Mr. Dobbing. Soon after, he returned back to BHS to teach Maths and Science and he remained there.

In 1959, he became House Master in Fleisseh where he took care of Form I students with the help of 2 prefects. Then in 1960, he took over the Senior Dorms.

Later in 1961, he met his late wife Samia Bashir, who was a Primary Teacher at BHS and married her in May 1962. For 6 years Mr. Sawaya lived off BHS premises, until he was invited by Mr. Grosvenor to become the House Master of the newly built (at the time) Little Building.

Mr. Sawaya is a father to 5 Old Scholars, Maha '81, Suha '83, Adib '85, Rana '87 and Kameel '88.

His Grandchildren are also Old Scholars and current scholars.

He held the position of registrar in 1989, taking care of old scholars' files and records and continued to do so until he retired. He served BHS for almost 45 years. After leaving BHS, Mr. Sawaya went back to the family business of making fresh products, "mouneh" items, such as jams, herbs, syrups, olives, etc... but his love for BHS remains. He is always the first one to join any BHS event and it's a tradition for him to attend the Annual OSA International Convention.

Recently, Mr. Emile Sawaya and his son Kameel, opened their first shop in Mar Chaaya, Brummana, called "Beytouti" which sells their fresh "mouneh" produce, prepared by Mr. Sawaya himself with the help of his children.

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2ND & 3RD GENERATION OLD SCHOLARS



BHS 2nd Generation:

Elie Aswad '80 with his wife Nicole Lutfallah Aswad '85 and their children Ingrid Aswad '15, George Aswad in Grade 10, Patrick Aswad in Grade 5 and Christopher Luka in KG II.



BHS 2nd Generation: Jack Ghoul '95 with his children Malek Bahij Ghoul in Grade 2 and Kayan Ghoul in KG III



BHS 3rd Generation: Emily Kanaan Salem '82 with her husband Philip Salem '75 and their children Georgette Salem '15, Elie Salem in Secondary II and Anthony Salem in Grade 8

2ND & 3RD GENERATION OLD SCHOLARS



BHS 2nd Generation: *Kameel Sawaya '88 with his wife Jenny Bu Hamad Sawaya '90 and their children Christina Sawaya '15 and Andrew Sawaya in Grade 10*



BHS 2nd Generation: Mira Lammam Khoury '95 with her daughter Mia Khoury in KG III



BHS 2nd Generation: *Michel Nehme '98 with his wife Eliane Abu Fadel Nehme (daughter of old scholar Ghassan Abu Fadel '66) and their children Jonathan Nehme in Grade 2 and Jennifer Nehme in KG II*



2ND & 3RD GENERATION OLD SCHOLARS



BHS 2nd Generation:

Sally Sawaya '93 with her husband George Riachi '93 and their children, Selina Riachi in Grade 5, Angela Riachi in Grade 3 and Elie Riachi in KG III



BHS 3rd Generation: Shatha Kanaan Abu Khalil '83 with her children George Abu Khalil '10, Rayan Abu Khalil '13 and Maysa Abu Khalil in Grade 11





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Dalia Arab '97



BHS: The Unforgettable Days that I Will Always Miss

Had it not happened to me, I surely wouldn't have believed that a child will be crying as the countdown to saying goodbye to BHS Dorms got closer.

20 years back and I can still remember sitting on the rocky stairway underneath the pine trees with my suitcase waiting for the driver to pick me up. And as I saw the car arriving, tears rolled down my cheeks...

Well now, to me, those tears simply meant that the "BHS boarding experience" gave us much more than just academic and discipline lessons. It created this bonding between students and the living environment which replaced the presence of our families and homes. Our roommates became our siblings, some teachers and caretakers became our mothers, the shoulder we cried on or the father figure we turned to for advice. While some others reminded us of our "Nasty Aunty".

Now I must admit "being naughty" took a big part of our lives at BHS...after school detentions by Mr. Saad Saad '64 was something we planned for whenever we got bored of our daily routine.

Although I was one of the shy, chubby and polite students, there were certain moments where I couldn't help

staying out of trouble which the so called "troublemakers" used to enjoy. This however, had a positive impact on my personality. Indirectly it taught me that from time to time it's okay to step away from the "Rules Box" and take risks doing stuff we like despite the negative consequences. This mentality sure helped me expose myself both on a personal level and a career level.

Needless to mention that in boarding school you are forced to become self-reliant and you learn how to adapt and live in an environment of different cultures and interests. Even our roommates were selected by the school .This wasn't always so easy to cope with, especially if you ended up with a roommate who enjoys waking up at 4 am every day, munching on the crispiest kind of cereal you can think of. This munching at 4 in the morning made me develop a phobia of rats, because it sounded exactly like a rat chewing on furniture and I would jump out of bed, startled from hearing that noise.

As for the obligatory Sunday trips, we boarders had to wake up early for, I must say "Thank you BHS" because had it not been for those long boring trips I would have never seen all those Lebanese historical sites.

Despite some sad moments we had experienced back then away from home, I can proudly say that the 4 years I had spent at BHS Boarding House have given me memories that I cherish forever.

This tingling feeling I still get every time I pass by the BHS main gate makes me remember the school song "Oh, we won't forget Brummana School and won't let you forget..."

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Kamal. A. Beyoghlow '66 PhD



Congratulations to the Class of 1966

At the Marine Corps University outside Washington, D.C. where I taught and directed graduate national security seminars, there was a saying that goes like this: "Pain is Temporary – Change is for Ever." The gist of this saying is that pain is often forgotten while happy times and memories live forever. This is how I recall the years that I spent at Brummana High School (BHS) between 1960 and 1966.

I, like other classmates, was happy but struggling with adolescence and identity both positive and negative—a necessary step of growing up and facing the unknown. BHS was more a community than a school. We drew inspiration from one another and from our esteemed teachers, principals and staff, setting in motion bonds that proved to be strong and resilient against great odds. Our love for one another nourished our souls during years of separation and self-imposed exile after graduation in 1966.

Lebanon's tragic civil war scattered us like autumn leaves but at the same time, strengthened our resolve

to rise above sectarianism, confessionalism, and hate, and strengthened our will to counter these evils. My class of 1966 was all in the same trench together but it was not war that we fought and continue to fight today; it is rather the quest to remain faithful to our joint beliefs in coexistence, tolerance, and interfaith dialogue—traits that were instilled in us and internalised as a result of Quakerism. This is why this 50th anniversary of our graduation is a special one for me. It means we have now reached a plateau which so many others before us have traversed. It also means that we must reflect on life itself like never before and renew our commitment and faith in one another because of life's twists and turns.

As we all face the inevitable future, we must continue to hope that the values that we gained during our BHS years will not perish but will be sustained by the new generation of BHS scholars and learned men and women. I am at this moment reminded of a great classical Athenian statesman who, when addressing his fellow citizens, wanted nothing more than to remind them of the virtues of their ancestors as their country was facing adversity and misfortune: "if we look to the laws, they afford equal justice to all in their private differences; if no social standing, advancement in public life falls to reputation for capacity, class considerations not being allowed to interfere with merit; nor again does poverty bar the way, if a man is able to serve the state, he is not hindered by the obscurity of his condition. The freedom which we enjoy in our government extends also to our ordinary life."

Down Memory Lane

There were many happy times at BHS. I recall looking forward to the fancy dress parties and the occasional school-sponsored dances. Holding a girl in my arms and dancing romantically "slow" was heavenly. One activity I and others always looked forward to were the sporting events including the annual BHS Field Day (lots of delicious cakes made from scratch from Mrs. Baz's kitchen) and competing with other schools in basketball, football, volleyball, and track and field. This was BHS's hour of glory as we all joined in singing the school song. Mr. Albert was key in my realising the balance between mind and body. Thanks to him, I am still running and exercising today and never shy away from physical or mental competition or challenges.