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BHS OSA Newsletter

"Our mission is to promote, support, and protect the interests and welfare of our school and make it thrive".

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Dear Old Scholars,

This has been a particularly difficult and uncertain period for all of us. With the safety and well-being of our members and colleagues as our highest priority, we made the difficult decision to postpone our much awaited annual International Convention scheduled for July.

While disappointing, it was the most responsible course of action under the circumstances.

Despite these challenges, we were proud to host our annual Graduates Gathering in honor of the Class of 2026. It was a joyful occasion that celebrated the enduring bond between our graduates and their alma mater, the place that helped shape their character, inspire their ambitions, and prepare them for the future.

This year's graduates have shown remarkable resilience and determination. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and wish them every success as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Wherever life may lead them, we hope they carry with them the values, friendships, and memories formed at BHS and stay connected to the OSA.

While new opportunities may take them in many directions, the connection to one's alma mater remains a lifelong one.

Through friendships, shared experiences, and cherished memories, BHS will always be a part of who they are.

May the Class of 2026 continue to grow, succeed, and make us proud. We look forward to welcoming them as Old Scholars and lifelong members of our OSA community and hope to cross paths with many of them in the years ahead, whether in one of the cities we visit or through future event gatherings.

I Serve,
Riad Barraaj



A Message from the BHS Principal

Dear Old Scholars,

The school year is coming to an end. It has been a tumultuous and difficult time for many of the students who have had to live through war in Lebanon for the second time in two years. This has created great uncertainty for them and has at times undermined their confidence and their sense of purpose.

However, it is much to the credit of the graduating cohort in Grade 12 that they have shown great determination and kept going in spite of the distractions of war around them. IGCSE, A/S level, A level, and International Baccalaureate examinations have all gone ahead and taken place between the end of April and the middle of June.



Students have shown tenacity of purpose, sustained concentration, and the willingness to work hard over a protracted period of time. And I very much hope that they will be rewarded for their resilience and their strength of character by good results in the summer.

Throughout this period, the school has opened every day with 97% attendance, about 7% higher than in peace time, demonstrating the hope invested by parents in their children's education as a preparation for the resolution of future conflicts and by the children who yearn for normality through the daily routines of school life.

Ordinary events of peace time have gone ahead, teaching and learning, playground friendships, field days, concerts, plays, sporting activities, community service. These represent the spirit of Brummana and its holistic educational philosophy of respect, tolerance, achievement in every way, and service to others.

Yours sincerely,
David Gray



2026 OSA Chapter Heads and Vice Chapter Heads

USA

Northeast:

Tarek Yared '19: Chapter Head of New York

Samar Choueiri '98: Chapter Head of Washington, D.C

Midwest:

Edward Srouf '75: Chapter Head of Indiana

Southwest:

Rabab Saad Khoury '92: Chapter Head of Texas

Karen Kanaan '82: Vice Chapter Head of Texas

Southeast:

George Ashkar '99: Chapter Head of Florida

Ralph Awika '00: Vice Chapter Head of Florida

West-Pacific:

California:

Luna Baalbaki '17: Chapter Head of San Francisco and Bay Area

Serena Nader '17: Vice Chapter Head of San Francisco and Bay Area

Rita Abou Jaoude '11: Chapter Head of Los Angeles

Nabil Shagoury '65: Chapter Head of Orange County

Arizona:

Haig Tchamitch '68: Chapter Head of Arizona

CANADA

Ontario:

Karim Al Turk '98: Chapter Head of Toronto

Québec:

Fouad Geara '90: Chapter Head of Montreal

Elie Abou Fares '99: Vice Chapter Head of Montreal

KSA

Riyadh:

Grace Badr '03: Vice Chapter Head of Riyadh

UK

Nayla Cookson '65: Chapter Head of UK

OSA Administrative Committee & Board of Trustees

OSA Administrative Committee

Riad Barraji '70: President

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Nabil Al Mulla '68

OSA Events

BHS May Festival - May 23, 2026



BHS Prom Committee Visit to the OSA - April 30, 2026



Upcoming Events

- OSA Lebanon Reunion: Dec 2026 (Tentative)

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OSA Graduates Gathering - June 5, 2026



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OSA Awards

Speech Day - June 13, 2026



OSA President Mr. Riad Barraj '70 giving the Old Scholars Award to Perla Kfoury at the 153rd BHS Speech Day.

Upper Primary Graduation - June 18, 2026



OSA Treasurer, Ms. Emily Salem Kannan '82 presenting the OSA Award to Nectarios El Khoury



OSA Administrative Committee member, Mr. George Obeid '78, presenting the OSA Award to Rodolphe Hatem

Gratitude from the 2026 OSA Award Recipient

Dear Mr. Riad Barraj,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the honor of receiving the Old Scholars Award at Speech Day. I am truly thankful and deeply grateful for this recognition, which means a great deal to me.

Receiving this award is not only a celebration of my achievements but also a reflection of the guidance, encouragement, and support I have received throughout my years at school.

The teachers, administrators, and staff have consistently inspired me to work hard, strive for excellence, and believe in my abilities.

Their dedication has played a significant role in shaping both my academic journey and my personal growth.

This recognition is especially meaningful to me because it reflects values that I have always tried to uphold during my time at school. As a member of the Prom Committee, I chose to take initiative and dedicate my time and effort to serving others and helping create memorable experiences for my classmates. I have always enjoyed contributing to the school community, working collaboratively, and taking on responsibilities that benefit those around me. Being recognized for these efforts is incredibly rewarding, as it reassures me that leadership, service, and commitment to others are valued and appreciated.

I would also like to thank the school leadership for creating an environment that encourages students to pursue their goals, develop their talents, and reach their full potential. The opportunities, experiences, and values I have gained during my time at school have helped me become a more confident, responsible, and determined individual.

This award motivates me to continue working hard and to carry forward the lessons I have learned here. I am proud to be part of a school community that values excellence, perseverance, integrity, and service to others.

Once again, thank you for this meaningful recognition and for the unwavering support that has contributed to my success. I am truly honored and grateful.

Yours sincerely,

Perla Kfoury
Class of 2026



Old Scholars Reunions



Dallas - January 2026

From L to R: Fady Khoury '89,
Rabab Saad Khoury '92 and Jimmy Daghelian '92



Bahrain - February 2026

From L to R: Rashed Al Khalifa '71,
Nahia Abu Khalil '84 and Daoud Nassif '73



Los Angeles - October 2026

From L to R Wael Ideed Mahmoud '11,
Rafi Bagour '10, Reema Bajunaid '09,
Hersho Barazi '11, Jian Barazi '12
and Boulos Saab '10.



Class of '88, Lebanon - May 2026

From L to R: Nadim Maalouf, Mounir Allam,
Lina Francis, Eddy Goraieb, Jocelyn Kordahi,
Myrna Karam, Vivian Taouk and Lillian Hayek.

Old Scholars Advancement (Fundraising)

Over the past two years, the OSA has strengthened its global Old Scholars network through more than 100 WhatsApp groups across the United States, Canada, Europe, the Gulf, and Lebanon. These groups help Old Scholars reconnect, welcome recent graduates abroad, and keep them connected to the BHS family, and foster a community committed to supporting the future of BHS and its students.

The growth of our international community would not be possible without the dedication of our Chapter Heads and volunteers, whose efforts strengthen Old Scholars engagement, raise awareness of BHS's needs, and help advance the OSA's mission of supporting students facing financial hardship.

Looking ahead, we are planning visits to the United States and Canada this October and preparing for our annual convention in Beirut this December, both aimed at strengthening Old Scholars engagement and raising funds for student financial aid and other educational initiatives. We look forward to sharing further details in the coming months.

Supporting BHS students remains the primary focus of our work. During the 2025–2026 academic year, the OSA provided financial aid to 116 students, helping families facing increasing economic challenges.

While regional circumstances prevented our planned Gulf visits, we remain committed to reconnecting with our Old Scholars across the region. A highlight of the year was the launch of our Qatar Old Scholars community, marked by a gathering generously hosted by Mr. Khalil Sholy. We are also grateful to the many Old Scholars who have hosted OSA gatherings over the past years, particularly Sheikh Khaled Juffali, Mr. Nazih Khattar, Mr. Mazen Al Omran, Mr. Mohamad Al Othaim, Mr. Nabil Shagoury, Mr. Fouad Geara, and Mr. Roger Abou Jaoudeh, whose support has helped strengthen our global community.

We also encourage our Old Scholars in the United States to support the OSA Endowment Fund through CAF America. The Fund is designed to build a long-term capital base, generating sustainable income that supports the OSA's mission and helps secure the future of BHS for generations to come.

We are deeply grateful to all who support our mission. We also respectfully encourage those who have made pledges that remain outstanding to fulfill their commitments.

Every contribution helps us expand educational opportunities and secure a brighter future for BHS students.

The New BHS OSA Endowment Fund With CAF America



The OSA has now officially become a validated organization of Charities Aid Foundation America (CAF), allowing us to receive donations into our Endowment Fund that will help us uphold our mission. This fund enables tax-deductible donations for Old Scholars and supporters in the United States while providing a secure and transparent financial mechanism in light of Lebanon's banking constraints.

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Spotlight On An Administrative Committee Member

Service and community engagement define the spirit of the OSA, and **Samir Halawi**, a dedicated OSA Administrative Committee Member and BHS graduate of 1963, exemplifies this commitment.

Beyond his role at the OSA, Samir serves as Chairman of a privately owned family company in Lebanon engaged in charitable initiatives committed to supporting vulnerable families and providing accessible healthcare services in the Chouf region.

Through his charitable work, he helps ensure that medical cases and assistance reach those who need it most.

Within the OSA, Samir brings the same sense of dedication and stewardship, reflecting the enduring bond among BHS graduates and their shared commitment to giving back.



“When I look back at my years at BHS, what stands out most is the sense of community. It was a place that not only educated us but also formed lasting bonds and friendships that have accompanied me throughout my life.”

Old Scholars in The Spotlight

Congratulations to Old Scholar Stephanie Loukieh '07, on being Highly Commended in the Doctoral Academy's Excellence Awards for Best Contribution to Society / Local Community at The University of Manchester Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health.

This recognition celebrates the community impact of Stephanie's doctoral work, highlighting her efforts to help participants overcome barriers to accessing appropriate care. We wish her success in all her future endeavours.



In Memoriam

Mr. Jihad Abou Fadel '66

Ms. Marianna Abdul Hak '19

Mr. Radwan Ghazal '10



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