



Mar Qardakh International School



From the Desk of the Vice Principal - Ms. Vina Yousif

Mar Qardakh International School is the only international Catholic school in the region and has a particular passion to teach our children about Catholic values. At Mar Qardakh, we are proud to be offering a deeply rooted Catholic program guided by the principles of love, compassion, and service. Our goal is to form the character of our children to be principled, balanced, responsible, and able to make ethical decisions that contribute positively to society. We do this primarily through an environment that provides a holistic and international education where children can experience learning and deepen their connection with God. With your cooperation, we strive to accomplish this mission as we move forward to empower our children to reach their full potential.

MYP Coordinator's Column - Ms. Bianca de Leon

"May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24). It is easy to put things into boxes. You could say it is natural to being human. Boxes give us order and keep similar things together in one spot. Our spiritual life on the other hand is different. Rather than boxing up our life into different jobs, roles, or groups, the spiritual life influences every aspect of ourselves. One of the most rewarding parts of being a coordinator is witnessing students go from living multiple lives to sacrificing their desires for the one good life in Christ. As they discover Him, they also learn how every action they make from the smallest assignment to the SAT has a connection to spiritual goodness.

Living The Learner Profile



Under the caring guidance of their teachers, our Early Years students embarked on new adventures, discussions, and hands-on experiences centered around empathy, kindness, and compassion. They learned about the importance of caring for others including their classmates, teachers, family members, and the wider community.

To bring their understanding to life, students worked together to create a heartwarming play that showcased different scenarios where caring actions were center stage. Enthusiastically, they took on various roles, acting out scenes of sharing, helping, comforting, and showing empathy towards others.



This month our PYP5 students took on the challenge of planning and executing the Field Day event for our younger students. They demonstrated exceptional leadership, teamwork, and organizational skills throughout the entire process.

The classes carefully designed a range of engaging activities and games that catered to the interests and abilities of our Early Years learners. From relay races to sack runs, tug-of-war to parachute games, there was something for everyone. The activities were thoughtfully chosen to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and coordination skills.



PYP 1 Family Fun Day



We would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible success of the PYP1 Family Fun Day that took place on October 20th. It was a day filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments for everyone involved.

The event kicked off with an array of carnival games and activities that brought out the competitive spirit in both children and parents. The sack races had everyone hopping with enthusiasm, while the crafting station had students and their parents working together to create fun, long-lasting, memories.

Families gathered under the bright sun, spread their picnic blankets, and indulged in delicious meals while sharing laughter and conversation on the MQIS field. The atmosphere was filled with warmth as parents and teachers enjoyed quality time with one another.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents and guardians who attended the PYP1 Family Fun Day. Your presence and active participation made the event a resounding success. We are grateful for the strong school-parent partnership that exists within our community.



Knights, Eagles, and Patriots



GO EAGLES!

MQIS is proud to have introduced men's and women's basketball, football, and volleyball teams as part of our extracurricular programs. Students who perform well in class can practice three times a week in preparation for scrimmages and tournaments!



SECOND ANNUAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

The fall semester always has a break from studying for students to compete for the prize of grand chess master of the school. MYP1-HS2 participated in the tournament and the winner will be announced in November!



IRAQI INDEPENDENCE DAY!

MYP3-4 celebrated Iraqi Independence Day with an Arabic exercise in Ms. Athraa's class. Students wrote about their experiences of patriotism, which were then featured in the hub!

**"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Amen"
(Psalm 51:10)**