



# Mar Qardakh International School



## Governor's Corner

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest'" (Mt. 9:37-38). Welcome back to school all students, parents, and teachers. You have been missed over the summer and it is a joy to see you all again. Keeping each other in prayer, let us not forget the words of Our Lord in the ninth chapter of Matthew. Each of us is a laborer in the vineyard. MQIS prepares us to go out and share the truth of our Faith by our lives; however, just like Christ says, we must first ask Him to send us. He has a plan so let us listen to God's call in our lives.

**Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda**

## Head of School Corner

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Staff,

I hope you all had a great summer, and your families are in good health and high spirits as we eagerly embrace the dawn of a new academic year at MQIS. I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to lead and nurture the hearts and minds of our beloved students in the spirit of faith and excellence. This new academic year is a fresh canvas upon which we will paint new memories, face new challenges, and celebrate new achievements. Our dedicated faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to prepare engaging and enriching lessons that will foster not only academic growth but also the spiritual and moral development of our students. As we embark on this new journey together, let us remember the words of Saint Augustine: "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." May this academic year be a time of faith, growth, and endless possibilities for all of us.

I look forward to witnessing the remarkable achievements and growth of our students, both academically and spiritually. Together, let us make this academic year at MQIS a testament to our commitment to faith, excellence, and community.

In Christ's love,

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# Welcoming Our Early Years Students



We are so happy to welcome back our little learners! Our school community has missed seeing you in the halls every day. Thank you for bringing your curiosity, enthusiasm, and smiles to our classrooms!

MQIS always wants to make sure that students feel right at home from the first day. Our Early Years team planned some exciting orientation day activities to allow the students to explore their new classrooms, meet their teachers and discover all the fun learning opportunities they have in front of them.



This year, Early Years has two exciting updates! First, we have added onto the school building providing them with four spacious classrooms. And, to fill those classrooms MQIS opened up our program to three-years olds for the first time. Students and teachers alike are thrilled by the new space!

# PYP1 PICNIC DAY



Is there a better way to get back into the school schedule than through food? PYP1 began their year by inquiring into the difference between healthy and unhealthy snacks. They discovered that a balanced diet makes for balanced students! To practice their new knowledge they ventured outside for a picnic in the garden. Lunch featured all the important fruits and vegetables our students need to grow up strong and healthy.

As with many activities at MQIS, the picnic did not only teach students the importance of healthy eating. PYP1 also learned how to share what they have, clean-up after themselves, and take care of their bodies through good hygiene.



# MYP and Highschool Back In Action



## VOLCANIC ACTION!

MYP1-3 students learned about different types of geography in Unit 1 for Individuals and Societies class. The capstone class project was a volcano that they exploded at the school followed by a discussion of how natural landscapes affect different cultures.



## Preparing the Library

High school students came together to lend a helping hand in organizing the library and preparing it for the new academic year. Their dedication and teamwork ensured that the library was ready to welcome students with open arms. Great job, everyone!



## ORIENTATION

First things first! MYP opened its doors to new and returning students by hosting orientation events. Each classroom had a different game to help students transition back to school..

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