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Embracing the Effects of New Normal in PSG

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Since the dawn of the coronavirus in the world, we have all been at the edge of our seats awaiting the new amount of cases, deaths, and new restrictions on the world. Late December of 2019 was the date where the coronavirus was internationally and publicly announced and the world was struck with the fact that a virus which could infect many people is currently coexisting among us on earth. Countries like China initiated lockdown and other countries then too followed accordingly, implementing changes such as: closing the countries to tourists, and switching to online classes for schools, and some people weren't even able to work due to the lockdown. Nevertheless, humanity still survives with the virus and with the creation of the vaccine,.....

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Balik-Aral sa PSG, Muling Ikinasa!

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Ikinasa ang muling pagbabalik-aral sa PSG sa pamamagitan ng harapang pagkatuto o Face to Face na pamamaraan sa Philippine School in Greece. Ang mga mag-aaral ay sabik na pumasok sa paaralan upang ipagpatuloy ang kanilang pag-aaral kapiling at natatanaw ang kanilang mga guro at mga katoto. Upang maibalik ang lahat tulad ng dati, dahan-dahang nagtala ang pamahalaan ng Gresya ng bagong mga batas at aksyon ukol sa pagpapapatag muli ng daan patungo sa dating karaniwang pamumuhay.

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EDITORIAL:*One Mind, One Heart, One Dream for our Future in PSG*

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The Philippine School in Greece or popularly known as PSG is the first school I ever attended to. I started studying when I was four years old and until now, I am still here. It's not that I do not have any choice, but because I have already created so many memories with everyone. Imagine fourteen years of studying in PSG, fourteen years of seeing familiar faces such as teachers, students, and other faculty members! Fourteen years of making memories with the people I knew and with the people I've just met.

For those who think going to school is not worth it, you are

completely mistaken. You may have heard the downsides of it such as losing hours of sleep because you have to finish all your homework and studying for the exams. Sometimes you don't have a social life anymore. You can't have fun and go out with your friends. It even takes a toll on you mentally. You get so caught up with tasks, projects, homework, and activities that you end up being drained. But has anyone told you the amazing things you experience? You make memories with your classmates, schoolmates, and friends. You meet every day in school; Monday to Friday for almost 8 hours a day. Then there is a bond, where you share laughs and smiles. That's only the beginning. You become much closer with these people because now you are spending so much more time with them. You push each other to be stronger and to be better and to never give up. These are the memories you will never forget. I, too have great memories and experiences with my classmates and schoolmates. We go from strangers to classmates, classmates to best friends, and best friends to family. We become one soul where our hearts beat as one.

"Making the Impossible Possible."

The impossible becomes feasible when people work together. It brings with it the strength required to achieve the intended results of a project. As a result, even the seemingly impossible can be achieved. This is because people who are unified have the same mind, heart, and

vision, resulting in a single powerful influence. People that think in similar ways are predisposed to accomplish similar things, therefore having one thought brings people together. For those who share similar viewpoints, no further explanations or elaborations are required. They work together in unison by default. Real best friends are role models for this since they talk about the same things, have similar viewpoints, and even like discussing the same themes. People with a single heart are no exception. They share the same passion, resulting in a strong bond between them. Because they have a single passion, their actions are driven by that passion. We, students, illustrate this fact perfectly. Observe the attitude of the students. They may not know each other during their first meeting. However, one classroom may unite them. Their passion surpasses any restrictions they may have since they simply adore what they do. People that have a single vision have a single aim in mind. As a result, everything they do is oriented toward achieving that goal. The methods of accomplishing things may differ, and the specific activities may have diverse goals, but when taken collectively, they will lead to the achievement of a single goal. People become powerful when they work together, helping them to accomplish tough tasks. History shows that during times of great adversity, nations' problems were solved through unity.

EDITORIAL:

Kinabukasan sa Gitna ng Pandemya

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Noong karaniwan pa ang lahat, ang paghahangad ng mga tao na manatili sa kanya-kanyang tahanan ay higit na inaasam ng karamihan, ang pagkapagal at mga tinik sa lalamunan ay tila hindi mararanasan kapag nanatiling namamahinga at mag-isa lamang sa tahanan. Ngunit nang sumapit ang kasagsagan ng pandemya na dulot ng Covid-19, namalik mata ang karamihan tungo sa kanila ng higit na inaasam.

Tila naging malabo ang lahat, walang kasiguraduhan ang lahat ng mga gawain at isipin. Ang matagal at malawak na paglaganap ng COVID19 sa buong daigdig ay nagdulot din ng mga pandemya sa bawat sulok ng mundo. Ang ekonomiya ay nanganganib kung kaya ba nitong makipagsabayan at manatiling angat kasabay ng pandemya, nagtala ng samu't saring batas ang pamahalaan ng

bawat bansa at agad nilang inaakusahan ang bawat abala na sumulpot. Dahil sa kabagsikan ng mga pangyayari na dulot ng pandemya, nagbago ang lahat ng nakasanayang mga gawain. Isa na rito ang pagpasok sa paaralan, at ang paghahanapbuhay ng mga magulang. Naging mahirap at mahaba ang paglalakbay sa daan habang may pandemya, tila naging mabagal ang pagkilos ng lahat, maging ang pagtakbo ng oras.

Nagkaroon ng pagkakataon ang lahat upang makapagpahinga at manatili sa tahanan buong araw, araw-araw. Sa simula tila ito ay magandang pagkakataon upang makapag-isip-isip at magliling, upang makapagpahinga ang mga isipan ng lahat at ang kalusugan ng kaisipan ay manatiling maayos ang estado. Ngunit matapos ang ilang araw pa lamang, nagpantanto ng karamihan na ito ay isang balakid at hindi biyaya; isang matayog na balakid na kinakailangan ng maraming hakbang pataas upang umangat sa hagdan na mas matayog pa sa balakid na ito. Isa sa unang ipinatupad ng mga paaralan ay ang ipagpatuloy ang edukasyon sa pamamagitan ng *online classes*, nagduda ang karamihan dito sapagkat wika nila'y hindi magiging epektibo ang ganitong paraan ng pag-aaral, at hindi sila nagkakamali, ngunit mas mabuti na iyon kumpara sa pagpapatigil ng pag-aaral.

Karamihan sa mga mag-aaral ay wala nang pagganyak na maging aktibo sa klase, ngunit ang kinabukasan ng isang nilalang ay nasa sarili niyang mga kamay, kaya't maging masipag at manatiling masigasig tungo sa pagkamit ng bawat inaasam sapagkat hindi iyan ang maghahabol sa iyo kundi tayo mismo. Ang pandemya ay maaaring magsilbi bilang isang balakid na imposibleng lagpasan, ngunit sa mga matiyaga at may masigasig na katauhan, ang pangarap sa kinabukasan ay hindi mahirap kamtan, anumang unos ang pagdaanan.

Translation

Tomorrow in the Midst of Pandemic

When everything was normal, the desire to stay at home was preferred by most people, thinking that staying home will make things easy and it can provide rest. But when the Covid-19 pandemic reached its peak, most turned their back to what they had hoped for a very long time.

Everything seems to be blurry, scary, and there is no certainty of everything. The long widespread of COVID-19 around the world has also caused plagues in every corner of the world. The pandemic sharply curtailed the economy, although some experts said it is now on the rebound. Still the virus (which is becoming mutated) is far from over, rather a particularly new and highly contagious variants of the virus continue to emerge. The government of each country has enacted various laws and immediately acts on every inconvenience that arises. Due to the lethality of the events caused by the pandemic, all the usual normal activities changed. One of these is the change in the school system.

The pandemic journey became difficult and long, everyone seemed to move slowly, and time slowed down. Everyone had the opportunity to relax and stay at home all day, every day. This was a misconception at the beginning of the pandemic and it seemed like a good opportunity to meditate, to relax everyone's minds, and to stay in good shape. But eventually, after only a few days and weeks, most people realized that it was an obstacle and not a blessing! It was a lofty obstacle that required many steps up to climb a ladder that was even higher than what it seemed to be. One of the first things schools implemented was to continue education through online classes, which most doubted about it. Many believed that this method of learning would not be effective! However, in the long run of its implementation, it is far better than a complete cease of education.

The effects of online classes on students are worse than what we expected. Students were not interested and not motivated in their lessons. But students, should reflect on their future and think about it seriously! The realization of it is in his or her own hands! Thus, staying diligent will help us achieve every aspiration we have because a good future will not run off. This pandemic may serve as an obstacle that is impossible to overcome, nevertheless think about it. For diligent, patient, and enthusiastic people; the dream of the future is not difficult to achieve! No matter what storm is going to come along your way, you will succeed as long as you desire it!

Embracing the Effects of New Normal in PSG

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we hope that we can all return to a free mask world. With all these in mind, let us review what the school has done in response to the pandemic.

The school's reaction toward the new challenge the whole world faces was no different from any other school. At first, students were still allowed to attend classes up to when cases started to reveal themselves here in Greece. As the number in cases increased, the school shifted to online classes considering the students' and staff's safety and in compliance with the government's newly initiated lockdown. However, along with changes came many disadvantages in the new method of teaching and on the student's mental well being. Students and teachers had to deal with poor Wi-Fi connection, deteriorating mental health status, and teachers had to learn a new method of teaching; while teaching was going on, it was a hard time for many of us locked in the four corners and walls of our room.

Concluding all that was said, the effects of covid on the school were full of pros and cons. Pros, in the sense that we were introduced to new teachers, and students were able to relax even if the workload gradually increased over the lockdown's span. Cons were that as the work increased for students, so did their stress, anxiety, and overthinking levels, and likewise for teachers having to deal with poor Wi-Fi, difficulty in adapting to the new changes. Nevertheless, the school has been able to bounce back from the setbacks caused by the year by reinstating face to face classes with a lot of students already having vaccinations, and hopefully, everything can get back to normal as soon as possible. These recent years have been challenging for the school. However, we shouldn't stop persevering to achieve academic success and we shouldn't let anything hinder our chances for a brighter and greater future for us all.

Balik-aral sa PSG, Muling Ikinasa!

Ni: Jon Bradley Mayuga
Pagpapatuloy mula sa pahina 1



Ang muling pagbukas at pagsigid ng mga mag-aaral sa PSG ay muling nagdulot ng ngiti sa kanilang mga mukha sapagkat matagal ang kanilang pananatili sa kanilang mga tahanan. Tila isang panibagong karanasan ang muling pagpasok sa paaralan; laking tuwa at ngiti sa mga mukha ng mga mag-aaral na muli nilang nasilayan ang lahat ng mag-aaral sa PSG kasaliw ang mga guro. Noong ika-13 ng Setyembre, 2021 ay nagkaroon ng "Flag Ceremony" ang PSG at nagsilbi na rin itong panahon upang magbigay ng mensahe ang punungguro sa pagbabalik ng lahat sa paaralan.

Ang unang araw ng pagbabalik sa paaralan ay inilaan ng mga guro upang makilala at makumusta mga mag-aaral at gayundin ay upang makipag-usap ang mga mag-aaral sa mga kamag-aral na hindi nasilayan nang matagal, at pati na rin sa kanilang mga bagong kamag-aral. Ipinagpatuloy ng mababa at mataas na baitang ang paggamit ng aklat sa kanilang pag-aaral subalit ang Senior High School ay nagkaroon ng bagong pahina sa kanilang edukasyon, at ito ay ang paggamit ng E-book. Ang layunin ng mga E-book ay pasimplehin, pahusayin, at gawing mas nakaengganyo ang pangkalahatang karanasan sa pag-aaral.

Gayunpaman, mapa-online man o harapang pagkatuto ay handang makipagsabayan ang mga guro, mag-aaral at maging mga magulang upang ang pagkakatatuto ay maipagpatuloy. Ayon nga sa sinabi ni Leonor Briones, kalihim ng Departamento ng Edukasyon, "kahit ano pa man ang mangyari, ang pagkatuto ay kinakailangang magpatuloy." Pinatunayan ito ng ating karanasan sa pandemyang ito na kahit ano mang pangyayari, ang mga mag-aaral, guro at pati na ang mga magulang ay handang magsakripisyo upang kahit saang sulok man ng mundo, lahat ay natututo. Sa pakiwari ng manunulat, umusbong tayong malakas sa pandemyang ito at umusbong para sa pag-unlad ng bawat isa sa mundo.

Translation:

PSG Face-to-Face Learning, Reopened!

The implementation of face-to-face learning this school year in Philippine School in Greece has caused excitement to the parents, students, and teachers. Students were eager to enter the school to continue their education with their teachers and friends. To get everything back to normal, the Greek government has enacted new laws and actions to pave the way to bring back our normal life.

The reopening of the PSG to the students once again brought a smile to their faces after they stayed in their homes for so long. Going back to school seemed like a new experience. The students were overjoyed when they saw all of their fellow students in PSG again accompanied by their teachers. The first flag ceremony was held on September 13, 2021, which highlighted our principal, Mrs. Gracia Celia G. Nickel's inspiring and encouraging welcome message for the safe return of everyone in PSG.

On the first day of going back to school, the teachers dedicated this day to classroom orientation. The teachers talked about the subjects, health protocols inside and outside the classroom, and social distancing especially during break and lunch time. Each student was given the chance to talk about their experiences in online classes. Getting to know their new and old classmates made that day a more exciting and fun-filled day. Elementary and High School Departments would continue to use hard copies of books in their learning, while the Senior High School Department should use E-book. The purpose of E-books is to simplify, enhance, and make the overall learning experience more engaging.

Despite all the depressing events and experiences that happened before, everyone was very happy, expecting they would seldom use their gadgets and electronic devices for learning. Looking forward to a more enthusiastic and fantastic school year!

Oryentasyon ng mga Mag-aaral sa Taong Panuruan 2021-2022, Isinagawa!

Akda ni: Erchelle Jayrine Pagdilao



Isinagawa ang oryentasyon ng mga mag-aaral para sa taong panuruan 2021-2022 matapos na maiangat ang batas sa pananatili sa tahanan. Naging kapana-panabik sa mga mag-aaral ang kanilang unang araw ng pagbabalik sa paaralan sapagkat ang mga mag-aaral ay muli na naman matutunghayan ang kanilang mga kamag-aral at mga guro matapos ang mahabang pamamalagi sa tahanan. Noon ay nagkaroon ng pag-aaral sa pamamagitan ng online dahil sa mabilisang paglaganap ng COVID-19 kung kaya't inalerto nang lubusan ang bansang Gresya at naisipan ng pamahalaan na manatili na lamang ang mga tao sa

kanilang mga tahanan upang maging ligtas ang lahat. Laking tuwa ng mga mag-aaral noong napag-alaman nila na maaari ng pumasok sa paaralan sa taong panuruan 2021-2022.

Noong ika-13 ng Setyembre 2021 ang petsa ng unang pagpasok sa paaralan ng mga mag-aaral dito sa PSG. Sa araw na iyon ay may naganap na pangkalahatang oryentasyon para sa mga mag-aaral sa umaga at ang mga mag-aaral ay nakadistansya sa bawat isa upang maiwasan ang paglaganap ng *Corona Virus* sa bawat isa. Ang mga kinakailangan at nararapat gawin sa paaralan ay naisambit sa oryentasyon. Unang naganap ay ang pagpapakilala sa mga guro at mga lupon ng tagapamahala sa paaralan. Nagpatuloy ito sa mga pagsambit ng mga dapat gawin ng mga mag-aaral kung nasa loob ng paaralan at ito ay pinangunahan ni Binibining Jasmin Imperial. Ang lahat ng mga bagay na dapat gawin habang nasa loob ng paaralan ay nasambit kung saan ito ay nagbigay ng kaalaman sa mga mag-aaral kung ano ang dapat gawin sa kanilang pang-araw-araw na gawain kapag sila ay pumapasok sa paaralan gaya na lamang ng pagsukat ng init ng katawan at palaging pagsusuot ng maska para sa kaligtasan ng lahat.

Pagkatapos nito, may mga karunungan ibinahagi naman si Ginang Luz Taa na kung saan nagbigay siya ng kabigha-bighaning mensahe na nag-iwan sa mga mag-aaral ng ilang pagganayak na magsunog ng kilay sa buong taon na ito. Tumungo na ang mga mag-aaral sa kani-kanilang silid upang maipagpatuloy ang mga gawain sa unang araw ng pasukan kabilang na rito ang oryentasyon ng mga tagapayo sa bawat baitang. Ang mga mag-aaral ay dapat na ipakilala muli ang kanilang mga sarili sa kanilang mga kamag-aral o bagong mga kamag-aral. Naganap ito sa kani-kanilang silid pagkatapos ng pangkalahatang oryenta-

syon. Bukod dito, ang mga guro ay nagbigay ng talaan ng oras para sa mga asignaturang susundin ng mga mag-aaral sa taong ito. Sa kabuuan, ang unang araw ng pagpasok muli ng mga mag-aaral ay matagumpay na araw para sa mga mag-aaral. Nagbibigay sa kanila ng pagkakataong palakasin ang kanilang kaalaman habang nakikisalamuha sa isa't isa sa taong ito.

Translation:

Student Orientation for School Year 2021-2022

The orientation of students for the school year 2021-2022 after the online mode of learning was lifted. The students have an exciting first day back to school because the students would once again be able to see their classmates and teachers after a long time of staying home and doing online learning. Before there was an online mode of study because of the rapid spread of COVID-19, so the Greek government decided that people should just stay in their homes so that everyone would be safe. The students were overjoyed when they found out that they can go back again to school 2021-2022.

The first day of school for the Philippine School in Greece was last September 13, 2021. A student orientation took place in the morning and the students observe social distancing from each other to prevent the spreading of Corona Virus to each other. Everything that the students need to know about the new rules to be safe amidst COVID-19 was given at the General Student Orientation that happened in the school ground. The first part of the orientation was the introduction of the faculty, staff, and the board of management. After the first part of the program, Miss Jasmine Imperial talked about the things that the students need to know about their pandemic and how to be safe including the daily routine such as checking the temperature of every each student that enters the school and wearing a mask at all times is a must.

Mrs. Luz Taa talked about studying that sparks motivation to the students to do their best this school year. After the general orientation, the students went to their respected classroom for the orientation of their adviser. Additionally, the advisers give the schedule for each grade level. In summary, the first day of going back to school was a success. It was an amazing and beautiful day for the students at the Filipino School in Greece. This orientation allows them to strengthen their knowledge while interacting with each other amidst the pandemic.

Student Government Organization Election for School Year 2021-2022

By: Erchelle Jayrine Pagdilao



The Election of the Student Government Organization for 2021-2022 was held last 27th of September 2021. The Student Government Organization in Philippine School in Greece was divided into two different departments: Elementary and High School Department. These two departments work together for programs as well as plans for the future development of the School. The Student Government Organization aims to lead the students by having a plan for the school. Moreover, SGO Officers are responsible for taking an action plan that will be implemented for the improvements of the school.

Before the Election happened, the candidates were campaigning in front of every grade level. Thus, each student will have the chance to know about the right and qualified sets of officers and leaders of the Student Government Organization. The first campaign was held on the last 21st of September wherein the two parties from both departments have agreed on simultaneously campaigning to each classroom in order not to waste their time. The candidates from two opposing parties have prepared themselves speeches and presented the objectives that go with their plans. The two-party lists from the Elementary Department were "SMART" Party which stands for Student Movement Aiming for Responsible Task and "LSSS" Party for Leaders of School, Symbol of Success. The High school Department were "LINK" Party which stands for Leadership, Improvement, Notability, Knowledge and "Suzy" Party which is Spread Unity and Social Interaction. All these Party lists were known to the whole school wherein they also made an impact on the student's choice of voting for their future leaders. Both parties from the Elementary and High School Departments were given the period to campaign for several hours. In this way, they could influence the students for their plans about the role and function of future student-leaders of Philippine School in Greece. The first campaign period

was on the 21st and 22nd of September 2021. Then, this was followed by Second Campaign wherein candidates were able to interact with the pupils and students through the question- and -answer sessions. Candidates and voters were able to engage in a fun-filled and exciting Q and A discussion. Thus, they had the chance to convince and persuade the pupils and students in making the right vote for the SGO election which was held last 27th of September 2021.

The most awaited time of election arrived when pupils and students body from Elementary and High School chose their candidates on that day of September 27, 2021. As the day began for the Election, the pupils and students were given a ballot to chose the candidates from their choices. The students then casted their ballots carefully and submitted to their respective advisers. After some minutes, the counting of votes began for the Elementary and High school Department. Students were excited to know the next SGO



officers. The newly elected SGO Officers from both Elementary and High school Departments had their Oath Taking last 27th of October 2021.

Here is the list of the Student Government Organization Officers for the School Year 2021-2022. Congratulations!!!

High School Student Government Officers

- President:** Erchelle Jayrine Pagdilao
- Vice President:** Bessalyn Fernandez
- Secretary:** Ma. Chrissa Devanadera
- Treasurer:** Tisha Kirsten Luis
- Auditor:** Krisana Mae Vicena
- P.I.O.:** Dominic Royce Edrozo
- Business Managers:**
 - Kristine Mae Castilla
 - Johanne Mariea Ilagan

Health Officers:

- Johanna Marie Ilagan
- Christetha Rylyn Avila

Peace Officers:

- Stefanos Paiste
- Argiry Jon Carl Comia

Escort: Kyron Quisao

Muse: Princess Venice Javier

Foreign Representative: Farah Maghrebi

Elementary Student Government Officers

President: Krystelle Mae Lunggay

Vice President: Angel Kendria Panganiban

Secretary: Rei Jathneil Baludbud

Under Secretary: Isabel Toquero

Assistant Secretary: Michaela Salmos

Treasurer: Nicole Katrin Galut

Auditor: Karl Erick Villa

Business Manager: Ryan Xavier Bergado

P.I.O: Judy Alzeer

Health Officers:

- Emmanuel Kayrence Mayuga
- Rheena Mhae Maningan
- Angelica Malamion

Marshalls:

- John Jeddy Pablico
- Mac Arvin Maningan
- Mouyad Isaed

Escort: Joshua Mhel Carioso

Muse: Ysabelle Astrero

Kinder and Elementary Representative:

Athina Larreine Saturnino



Nutrition Month During the Pandemic

By: Ellianah Atchico, Maria Zaira Dio,
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Nutrition month around the world educates people about information in developing healthful habits. The Philippine School in Greece celebrated nutrition day on September 30, 2021, to promote a healthier diet, prevent malnutrition, and become resilient especially in times of pandemic.

The teachers required the students to bring healthy and balanced diet meals in support of the campaign of developing helpful eating. This teaches the students to learn the importance of choosing the right diet suited for their body figure and overall physical health. The students are reminded about the importance and benefits of eating healthy foods.

Students nowadays have an advantage towards the information about healthy habits and nutrition facts because of modern technology. We are lucky to have access to the modern web and discover different kinds of information about a balanced diet.

In addition, we have to eat a healthy diet for our body to be strong against the covid-19. Healthy foods help to boost our immune system. We should be aware of what we eat and what we drink especially in the pandemic.

In conclusion, nutrition day teaches us about the food we eat and what to be aware of. Eating vegetables and fruits give us vitamins and minerals, which helps us to have a healthy long life.

Araw ng mga Guro, Ipinagdiwang sa PSG!

Akda ni: Jolo Endozo



Ipinagdiwang ang araw ng mga guro sa Philippines School in Greece noong ika-5 ng Oktubre, 2021. Nagkaroon ng palatuntunan ang Mababang Baitang na pinamumunuan ni Ginang Mary Ann Saveron, tagapayo ng Student Government Organization at Ginoong Dennis Acerit na tagapayo sa Mataas na Baitang. Maaga pa lamang ay nagsimula na ang palatuntunan. Ang maririkit at matitipunong mga guro ay kakikitaan ng ngiti sa kanilang mga labi sa pagdiriwang ng kanilang natatanging araw.

Pagkatapos ng palatuntunan na inihanda ng mababang baitang ay nagsalo-salo ang lahat sa isang kainan na inihanda ng mga magulang para sa mga guro. Maya-maya ay nagsimula na ang palatuntunan na inihanda ng mataas na baitang. At muling nakita ang mga ngiti at saya sa mga guro. Sila rin ay nagkantahan at nagsayawan. Maligaya rin ang mga mag-aaral sapagkat nakikita nilang masaya ang kanilang mga guro.

Natapos ang palatuntunan ng msaya ang mga guro gayundin ang mag mag-aaral. Talagang karapat-dapat na bigyan ng parangalang mga guro sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay at paglalaan ng araw para sa kanila.

Translation:

Teacher's Day Celebration in PSG

Teachers' Day was celebrated at the Philippines School in Greece last October 5, 2021. The program in the Elementary Department was led by Mrs. Mary Ann Saveron, adviser of Elementary - Student Government Organization, and Mr. Dennis Acerit, adviser in the High School Department. The teachers looked beautiful, handsome, and delighted to celebrate their special day. Every teacher could be seen with their sweet and marvelous smile on their faces.

After the program was prepared by Elementary Department, the teacher ate together with the food prepared by the parents just for their special day. Eventually, the program prepared by the High School Department began. And again, we saw the smiles and happiness of the teachers while they were singing and dancing. The students were also happy because they saw their teachers happy.

The Teacher's Day program was a success. Teachers really deserve to be honored by giving and dedicating a special day for them.

Ρατσισμός και Προκατάληψη προς τους Ασιάτες

By: Pheevos Asuncion



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Με τη συνεχή αύξηση κρουσμάτων του Κορονοϊού διαμορφώνεται η νέα κανονικότητα της νέας δεκαετίας, καθώς ο κόσμος και η κοινωνία έστρεψαν το βλέμμα τους και αναζήτησαν ευθύνες στην ασιατική ήπειρο. Τα μέτρα που έλαβαν οι περισσότερες χώρες, όπως η καραντίνα, πυροδότησαν τον πληθυσμό πολλών εθνών, πολλοί από τους οποίους δεν είναι εμβολιασμένοι και αμφισβητούν το εμβόλιο. Αυτή η αναταραχή μετατράπηκε από απλή διαμαρτυρία σε βία, καθώς οι διαδηλωτές στόχευσαν συχνά αστυνομικούς και πολίτες στους δρόμους σε όλο τον κόσμο, εντείνοντας την οργή



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και την απογοήτευση των ανθρώπων για ό,τι συμβαίνει.

Ο ρατσισμός υπήρχε στην ανθρωπότητα από την αρχή του πολιτισμού, ενώ ο συνδυασμός εθνικισμού και υπερηφάνειας οδήγησε σε πολύ άσχημες καταστάσεις που επηρέασαν και εξόντωσαν πολλούς ανθρώπους τις τελευταίες δεκαετίες. Καθώς κοιτάμε πίσω την ανθρώπινη ιστορία, πολλές κυβερνήσεις διέπραξαν βαρβαρότητες εναντίον πληθυσμιακών ομάδων που θεωρούσαν κατώτερες, όπως εναντίον των Αρμενίων από την Οθωμανική Αυτοκρατορία ή των Εβραίων από το Ναζιστικό καθεστώς. Οι υπερεθνικιστές λοιπόν αρχισαν να χρησιμοποιούν τη νέα υγειονομική απειλή προκειμένου να εκδηλώσουν τον θυμό και τις πεποιθήσεις τους. Με τον Κορονοϊό να εξελίσσεται με ανησυχητική ταχύτητα, η ανθρωπότητα έκλεισε τις πόρτες της για άλλη μια φορά

σε έναν νέο θανατηφόρο ιό, αλλά όσο περνούσαν τα χρόνια τα εμβόλια και οι θεραπείες άρχισαν να εμφανίζονται με εξαιρετικές ανακαλύψεις σε σύντομο χρονικό διάστημα, λόγω της σύγχρονης τεχνολογίας. Ωστόσο, ενώ οι επιστήμονες βρίσκονταν στα στάδια δοκιμής του εμβολίου, το μίσος και η αναταραχή αυξανόταν και καθώς η ανυπομονησία σε ορισμένα μέλη του κοινού μεγάλωνε, οι άνθρωποι απέδιδαν ευθύνες για την κατάσταση σε άλλες φυλές πέρα από τους ίδιους, καθώς υπέθεταν ότι έφεραν τον θανατηφόρο ιό εξ αρχής, ο οποίος και θα μπορούσε να έχει περιοριστεί, αν δεν τον μετέφεραν εκείνοι. Σύντομα εμφανίστηκε βία σε ασιατικές κοινότητες ξένων εθνών, η οποία οδήγησε σε θύματα σε μειονοτικές κοινότητες. Οι διακρίσεις και ο ρατσισμός αυξήθηκαν σε πολλά έθνη σε όλο τον κόσμο χωρίς σημάδια ότι θα σταματήσουν σύντομα. Φυσικά, έχουν ληφθεί μέτρα για την αντιμετώπιση τέτοιων προβλημάτων, αλλά πιθανότατα προκειται απλώς για το πρώτο κύμα εγκλημάτων κατά Ασιατών και κυρίως των Κινέζων, καθώς επικρατούσε φόβος εναντίον του Κινεζικού πληθυσμού. Μέχρι τότε ωστόσο, θα περιμένουμε μέχρι να σταθεροποιηθεί αυτή η κρίση, ώστε να επιστρέψουμε στην κανονική μας ζωή για άλλη μια φορά.

Ο ρατσισμός και η προκατάληψη κατά την τρέχουσα δεκαετία θα συνεχίσουν να αποτελούν ένα φλέγον ζήτημα για τις ξένες κοινότητες των χωρών σε όλο τον κόσμο. Το μίσος και η απογοήτευση των ανθρώπων που διέπραξαν τέτοιου είδους εγκλήματα θα συνεχίσουν να γίνονται παράδειγμα για αυτούς που πρόκειται να ασκήσουν βία κατά των ασιατικών κοινοτήτων στο μέλλον. Αλλά μέχρι να επιλυθεί αυτή η κρίση στα επόμενα χρόνια ή δεκαετίες, θα συνεχίσουμε να προστατεύουμε τους εαυτούς μας και τους άλλους από αυτήν την απειλή. Με τον Κορονοϊό να εξακολουθεί να αποτελεί μείζον ζήτημα, δεν μπορούμε παρά να παρακολουθούμε τις εξελίξεις και να ελπίζουμε ότι οι ειδικοί εκεί έξω θα συνεχίσουν να κατευθύνονται προς μια θεραπεία και πιθανότατα τα επιτύχουν την εξάλειψη του Κορονοϊού για τις επόμενες γενιές.



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Translation:

Racism and Prejudice against Asian

With the continuous increase of Corona-virus cases becoming the new normal of the new decade, the people and the society turned their eyes and their responsibilities to the Asian continent. Measures taken by all countries such as quarantine have triggered the population of many nations, many of whom are unvaccinated and unreliable. This unrest turned from a simple protest to violence, as protesters targeted police and civilians in the streets around the world, intensifying the anger and frustration of people for it took place around the world.

Racism has been with humanity since the beginning of civilization, the combination of nationalism and pride has led to very bad examples that have affected and exterminated many people in recent decades. As we look back in the human history, many state government committed atrocities towards a group of people whom they believed as inferior like the Armenian under Ottoman Empire and Jewish people under the Nazi Regime. There is nothing they can blame for their anger and beliefs, but as we all soon discovered a new threat came to use. With the Coronavirus evolving at an alarming rate, humanity closed its doors once again to a new deadly virus, but as the years passed, vaccines and cures began to appear with great discoveries in a short time due to our modern technology. But as the vaccine was in the testing stages, hatred and unrest increased as impatience in some parts of the people grew, people looked at races other than themselves who were supposed to carry the deadly virus from the beginning and could have been prevented if not they had gone there. Violence soon broke out in Asian foreign communities, some of which resulted in casualties that are currently at an all-time low. Discrimination and racism have increased in many nations around the world without signs of stopping soon, of course, countermeasures have been taken to address such problems, but it would probably be just the first wave of crimes against Asians especially Chinese as Sinophobia became a norm. But until then we will wait until this crisis stabilizes and we return to our normal life once again.

Racism and prejudice from the current decade will continue to become a growing issue for foreign communities in other countries around the world. The hatred and frustration of the people who committed this kind of crime will continue to become a growing example for more people like those who can use it for future violence against Asian communities. But until this crisis is avoided and resolved in the years or decades to come, we will continue to protect ourselves and others from this threat, but with Coronavirus still a major issue, we can only watch and hope to the specialists out there in their field to continue directing for a cure and possibly the whole elimination of Coronavirus for the next generations.

Trending Issue: Leaving the Legacy Behind

By: Nonie Paola Avinante



A friend of mine recently asked about the type of legacy I want to leave for future generations. It was an unexpected question that sparked my interest. When people leave or pass away, the attention is usually on their possessions and who gets what. As a result, I began to reflect on the things that my loved ones, both living and gone, have shared with me.

I remembered my grandparents' garden parties, which included guests, food, and music. My grandfather owned a large property with a herd of cows. My cousins were engineers and architects. My mother's cousins were lawyers. Some things were passed down and taken to heart. These are the ones I'd like to leave behind as a legacy.

My path isn't the same as theirs, but I hope to create a strong connection with myself, my loved ones, and the world around us. A connection has a

magical quality about it. Take the time to listen. It's all too easy to rush through life, yet it goes by much too quickly, and there's so much to learn and enjoy when you take the time to listen to the stories spoken to you.

My mother gave her Christmas money to a friend who needed money for his children a few years back. But these are just a few instances. My family is known for its generosity, I like to remark. I'm only one link in a long chain of people who have shared and helped those in need. And I know that the spirit of giving is tremendously powerful, and that kind actions will bless you as much as they bless others you help. I aspire to be a living example of charity.

All of these events are fresh in my mind. They've become a part of my identity, and I hope they'll continue to do so for future generations. I've also picked up a few skills that I'd like to share. I hope I've inspired others to believe in the goodness and enchantment of the world around them. Because I know that beauty can be found anywhere; all you have to do is open your eyes and take it in.

I'd like to serve as a reminder to keep going when things get tough. If there's one thing I've learned from my ups and downs, it's that I'm stronger than I ever imagined. I'd like to advise people not to worry about where they'll get their strength; instead, simply keep moving and it will come. Understanding what I've learned from others as well as what I've gained through my own experiences has been a fascinating exploration of who I am and what I want to leave behind. And I realized that to be that example, to carry on these beliefs and values, I needed to live them now, consciously.

Our Calming Corner

By: Krystelle Mae Lunggay



Our Calming Corner has been helping lots of students in PSG. It is very helpful when any students get nervous, scared, or anxious. We also have some toys to use when you are nervous or scared, toys help's us relieve our anxiety. We have some stress balls, pop it's, fidget spinner, and more. Not only toys but we also have some soft pillows to use if you want to lay down.

We have our Calming Corner. Each classroom has one, and not only the Elementary but also the High School classrooms. It's not only kids who use Calming Corner but also teenagers and adults like our teachers and our students in high school. It can help the students a lot whether it is small or big. You can always go to the Calming Corner anytime you want.

Take Action for Mother Nature before it's too Late

By: Danica Grace Yadao



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As everyone should know that Mother Nature is the source of life and survival for all living things because it serves as their home and it provides abundant resources. However, the vast majority of people are taking advantage of the exploitation and the utilization of this resource abundance and richness for interests and benefits. Human invasions and activities have caused the planet Earth to face many environmental concerns and problems. Due to this reason, Mother Nature is being affected as well as the way people and creatures live. Saving and protecting Mother Nature must be an initiative in which everyone should take part. Thus, it is important to have Mother Nature for everyone to spread the word and become aware of this matter.

The planet Earth's present state of today has made it difficult for Mother Nature and life to have healthy and sustainable living conditions and existence according to facts and experiences. As a result of human activities, the world experiences environmental crises such as pollution, global warming, climate change, overpopulation, deforestation, biodiversity loss, public health

issues, and many more to mention. People are responsible for endangering Mother Nature and their own lives as a consequence of greediness and abuse of natural resources, so it is also their responsibility to save, protect, and take care of Mother Nature in return. Mankind should realize and be conscious of their actions and the situation of Mother Nature, then hopefully and finally they will act responsible enough and fulfill their responsibility as the Stewards of God's Creation as a means to help Mother Nature. There are resolutions to conserve nature and its resources through several ways including water and electricity conservation, tree plantations, proper use of resources, proper waste disposal, use of eco-friendly products, spreading awareness, and most importantly, being responsible global citizens since the process begins within the people. Saving Mother Nature relies heavily on the good habits and determination of all people to do their best to save Mother Nature. Therefore, humans can prevent Mother Nature from being severely polluted and uninhabitable by restoring ecological balance.

Briefly, save Mother Nature due because this will serve as a contribution to make the planet Earth a better place to live in for all living things and to the welfare of future generations. Humans, along with their activities and selfishness, are the causes of environmental problems, although there are many ways to reduce these problems and preserve Mother Nature. For the sustainability of Mother Nature, global solidarity and dedication in saving and protecting the planet Earth from deterioration are needed. Now is the time to take action, before it's too late. An important request is to spread and raise awareness and knowledge regarding the advocacy of Mother Nature to inform and inspire everyone. For the good and betterment of all, stand up for Mother Nature.

"Color are the smiles of nature."

- Leigh Hunt

Field Trip in Olympiakos Stadium

By: Krystelle Mae Lunggay



The most awaited once in a year field trip were one of the most exciting happenings for PSGEAN. The excitement of learning outside the classroom is what makes it even more enjoyable.

All the Elementary and high school students were happy for the field trip that was held last December 2, 2021 in Oaka, Olympiakos Stadium. When we were in Oaka, we were separated into two groups, boys and girls. The boys played: football, rock climbing, long jump, and they did some exercises, while the girls played: volleyball, tennis, rock climbing and, we also did some exercises like: running, jumping, and stretching.

After we finished playing, we ate our lunch together, sharing our foods. While waiting for the time to go back to our school, we went for a short walk. While we were in the school bus, most of the students slept because they are very tired. Everyone enjoyed the field trip and I know for sure everyone can agree that it is a successful one.

PSG Celebrated United Nations Day: Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World

By: Precious Jennel Malinis



Elementary and High School SGO under the supervision of Ms. Mary Ann Saveron and Mr. Dennis Acerit were inspired to think creatively and concretely working on how students help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to transform to be a more equal, equitable, sustainable, peace-keeping, and healthier world amidst pandemics. This year we celebrated United Nations Day last October 28, 2021, with the theme "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world". We celebrated United Nations Day with physical events such as parades muses and escorts in each class representatives wearing a national costume with a banner and flaglets, traditional dance, and catwalk challenge by the muses and escorts with confidence showing their compassion and hope in the face of the pandemic, with safety measures. We had also a coloring challenge for Kindergarten and Grade 1, a TikTok challenge for

grades 2- 4, and High School activities: Grouping Poster Making for Grades 7 and 8. The pandemic taught us to do things with a distance, promoted and advocated peace and cooperation with different nations even we have social distancing. Here are the following winners during the UN Challenges: ELEMENTARY: Category 1: Mr. UN 2021 - Joshua Mhel Cariaso Ms. UN 2021-Casey Bernadette Aggabao Category 2: Mr. UN 2021- Raid Abdelhamid Ms. UN 2021- Judy Alzeer Female Best in Catwalk - Krystelle Mae Lunggay and Nicole Galut Male Best in Catwalk -Raid Abdelhamid Male Best in Costume- Joshua Mhel Cariaso Female Best in Costume - Judy Alzeer HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. UN 2021-Aladin Ali Mohammed Ms. UN 2021- Sharmeleen Lucas Female Best in Costume-Sharmeleen Lucas Male Best in Costume-Aladin Ali Mohammed Male Best in Catwalk-Jon Bradley Mayuga Female Best in Catwalk-Kimberly Grace Lamadrid and Irene Crisostomo ACTIVITIES DURING UN CELEBRATION: 1.Coloring Contest-kindergarten & Grade 1 Winners: Angela Yadao, Aberer and John Leandro Cotaley 2. Tiktok contest-Grade 2,3 and 4 Winners: Group 1- Judy, Rheena Mhae, Cassie, Francis, Joshua, Abdullah 3. Jingle Contest-Grade 5 and 6 Winners: Yellow team- Jolo, Sali, Jumana, Ryan, Aleeh and Angeliki Grouping Poster Making for Grades 7 and 8 Winners: Group 1- Ma. Zaira Beatrice Dio, Nikola Luis Crisostomo, Nadem Sultan Tasneem Nakespadi, Joseph Cadiente and Yara It's a challenge to all of us to be part of the peace-building process and make our world a better place to live in.

Pope Francis' Visit to Greece

By: Tisha Kirsten Luis



Pope Francis arrived at Athens International Airport in Athens, Greece, on December 4, 2021. He arrived on Saturday morning for a three-day visit. Pope Francis is the head of the Catholic Church and a leader of the Vatican state. He flew with a special Aegean Airlines flight. It's Pope Francis's second visit here to Greece. His first visit was back in April 2016 when he visited the Moria refugee camp on the island of Lesbos. Foreign Affairs Minister Nikos Dendias, the Ambassador of the Vatican of Greece, and leaders of the Greek Catholic Church welcomed the Pope at the airport. The purpose of Pope Francis's visit here to Greece is for his Apostolic journey.

On December 4, Pope Francis went to Saint Dennis church to visit the priests, bishops, and members of the church. On December 5, he went to Megaro Mousikis and held a mass. On December 6, he visited Marousi to advise the youths. Pope Francis heard the riveting and moving testimony of Katerina Binibini, a young Filipina and a member of Vincentian Marian Youth (VMY). She spoke about her doubts and the suffering of the people. President Nicos Anastasiades stated that Pope Francis's decision to visit a small island like Cyprus proves the greatness of the Pope's personality to the people who suffer violations of international law. On his behalf, Pope Francis said that he comes to Cyprus "with the same desire as Apostle Barnabas: to see the grace of God at work in your Church and your land, to rejoice with you at the wondrous things the Lord has done".

**Pagdiriwang ng Pasko sa PSG,
Naging Matagumpay!
Ni: Krisana Mae Vicena**



Naging matagumpay ang pagdiriwang ng pasko sa Philippine School in Greece (PSG), ipinagdiriwang ang pasko sa PSG noong ikalabimpito (17) ng Disyembre taong dalawang libo't dalawampu't isa (2021) sa ganap na ikasiyam ng umaga hanggang ikalawa ng hapon. Ang pagdiriwang ngayon ay bawat baitang na nasa kanilang mga silid sapagkat ipinagbabawal ang pagtitipon tipon ng maraming tao.

Gayun pa man ay naging maligaya ang mga mag-aaral sa PSG sapagkat mayroong mga kanyakanyang palatuntunan ang bawat baitang katulad na lamang ng palitan ng mga regalo at pagsasagawa ng laro.

Hindi lamang ang mga mag-aaral ang naging maligaya sa pagdiriwang ng pasko maging ang mga magulang at mga kaguruan na nagkaroon din ng sarili nilang pagdiriwang. Nagkaroon ng Pagdiriwang ang mga guro noong ika-9 ng Disyembre, 2021 sa Seaside View Hotel sa Artemida, gayundin naman ang PTA ay nagkaroon ng pagdiriwang ng pasko sa Crown Plaza Hotel noong ika-17 ng Disyembre, 2021.

Sa pandemya ito, lahat ng mga mag-aaral ng bawat baitang ay nagsama-samang kumain, naglaro, sumayaw, kumanta, tumawa, nang magkakasama bilang isang klase. Sa kaganapang ito makikita sa mukha ng bawat mag-aaral ang labis na kasiyahan kasama ang mga dalubguro na ipinagdiriwang ang kaarawan ni Hesus. Sa pagtatapos nito lahat ay umaasa sa masagana at mapayapang bagong taong.



Translation:

**PSG Christmas Celebration,
A Success!**

The Christmas celebration at the Philippine School in Greece (PSG) was a success. The PSG celebrated Christmas on the seventeenth (17) of December 2021 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The celebration this year was different because they are no general Christmas party but per grade level in their room with their program. However, the students of PSG were very happy because each grade had its programs such as exchanging gifts and playing the game. In this pandemic, all the students of each grade came together to eat, play, dance, sing, laugh, together as a class.

The Faculty and Staff of PSG have also their own Christmas Party last December 9, 2021 at Seaside View Hotel in Artemida. The PTA also celebrated their Christmas Party at Crown Plaza Hotel last December 17, 2021.

In this event, great joy can be seen in the eyes of the students along with the teachers celebrating the birth of our Savior. With all of it, everyone is hoping for a prosperous and peaceful new year.

Christmas Lighting Held at Ambassador's Residence

By: PSG Chronicles



Last November 29, 2021, Monday 5:00 p.m. at the Ambassador's residence, the "Christmas Tree Lighting" event was successfully held. The said event was organized to present guests to our Philippine Christmas traditions, like the lighting of the Christmas tree, serving of Filipino cuisine, and on a replica of bahay-kubo (native house) where amazing things about the Philippines were showcased.

His Excellency Ambassador Giovanni E. Palec gave the opening remarks and led the lighting of the Christmas tree. He explained to all the guests how early Christmas is celebrated in the Philippines, starting with "ber" months. The event was chosen to send a message of hope and happiness that could ease the pain brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The night was graced by the presence of the following guests: H.E. Ambassador Atakarn Wongchanamas of Thailand with his Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Pornsith Pibulnakarintr; H.E. Ambassador Amrit Lugun of India; Ms. Nguyen Phuong Thuy, Charge d'Affaires., a.i., Ms. Nguyen My Khanh Linh, Second Secretary, Ms. Nguyen Bao Ngoc, Third Secretary of Viet Nam Embassy; Mr. Reinhardt Klaussurinka, Third Secretary of Indonesian Embassy; Honorary Consul Mr. Savvas Tzanis of Malaysia with Ms. Vivian Papandreou; Fr. Javier Perez Victoria, Parochial Vicar, Catholic Church of Saint John the Baptist; Mrs. Gracia Celia Nickel, School Direc-

trix and Principal, Philippine School in Greece with her Deputy Principal Ms. Jasmin Paz Imperial with some neighbours of Ambassador Palec, and POLO/OWWA-Greece officers, staff and their dependents.

The visitors and guests were entertained by the Philippine Embassy staff and their children's rendition of Filipino Christmas carols. Ms. Eunice Christel Manigbas, the second runner-up of the 2018 DZMM Global Pinoy Singing Idol and finished third in the Greece X-Factor Final competition held on December 18, 2019, was also invited. She serenaded the guests and visitors who enjoyed her applauded songs.

One of the highlights of the event was the serving of popular Filipino delicacies, which everybody enjoyed. Some of them were chicken adobo flakes in tortilla wrap, pork barbecue, beef cabbage rolls, different types of Filipino sweets, and many more.

The Christmas Tree lighting was broadcast live on the official Facebook page of the Embassy to show Philippine culture and traditions to our foreign guests, especially how we Filipinos celebrate the festivities of Christmas even though we are not in our country.



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Meet the New Faces of PSG

By: Dominic Royce Edrozo and Ma. Chrissa Devanadera

Since the beginning of the school year, PSG has gained a few more students and staff members. With this, we were given the opportunity to interview 3 new staff members and we'll be able to know them better as well as give us wonderful insights on multiple things. As for the new staff members, will PSG live up to its expectations set by the new teachers and staff? Find out through the interview!

◆ **Interviewer: How did you find out about PSG?**

Ms. EJ: So, my mother works in Greece for more than 15 years and she has acquaintances that work in PSG such as Mrs. Carol and Ms. Athina and the reason why I chose education as the path was to go abroad. Then, Miss Athina mentioned a job opening and the word reached my mom then I tried to apply and here I am!



Ms. Ellaine Joy Vicedo
High School TLE Teacher

◆ **Interviewer: Did you have any specific expectations about PSG?**

Ms. EJ: I expected that PSG would be able to

help my professional and personal development and so far, PSG met what I was looking for since I am after the professional and personal development.

◆ **Interviewer: Can you tell us about your educational background for those who may be curious about it?**

Ms. EJ: I am a teacher by profession, my major is Technology and Livelihood Education so I studied at STI College Balayan and graduated with distinction and am now pursuing my Masters Degree at St. Paul.

◆ **Interviewer: Are you thrilled to be able to teach your classes to face-to-face?**

Ms. EJ: Of course! The reason I'm staying here is that I applied for a visa 3 times but they were all reappointments and only this December I was able to receive my visa. But of course, I'm thrilled beyond what you guys may expect because it was hard to adjust in my former school because we had implemented blended learning and even though I was used to online learning, it was still, a hard time because it was my first time meeting you guys and it was online, I'm after the experiences, we can have personally and physically through the interaction.

◆ **Interviewer: Lastly, is there any message you would want to give your students?**

Ms. EJ: It would be considering the year we had, don't let your setbacks hold you back since whenever we encounter a mistake, the brain tends to think of it as a dead-end when in reality, it's just a detour but we also move forward.



Mr. Arjay Hugo
High School MAPEH Teacher

◆ **Interviewer: How did you find out about PSG?**

A: I found PSG through Facebook. I was just browsing through my newsfeed because I follow a lot of educational Facebook pages then, it just happened that I found PSG's Facebook page and I was interested! Then, I saw a post that they were hiring a Licensed MAPEH teacher around March 2020. Then I was quickly interviewed by Miss Grace and then I had my demonstration however I wasn't able to teach as quickly as Miss EJ because I already had an existing contract with my former school and I explained my situation to Miss Grace saying that I'm looking for another school to teach at because I'm not planning to renew my contract anymore at my former school. Then, Miss Grace told me to come back to the matter of PSG after my contract ended then everything fell into place with PSG.

◆ **Interviewer: What were your expectations about PSG?**

A: First with my expectation of PSG, of course, I expected that it can give me a greater opportunity in my teaching profession and for the students, my first impression was that Wow all the Students speak English! Because here in the Philippines, the medium of instruction in MAPEH is English but since we cater to 100% Filipino students, we speak Tagalog all throughout the discussion and that expectation was easily met. And I was not used to teaching in full English throughout the lesson because in my way of teaching especially to my Filipino students I always throw jokes that are related to the topic or lesson but ever since I started in PSG it has been a lot harder to make jokes in English because it may come off as unfunny so then I told myself it's like I'm so formal because I just give the terminologies and explain and that's all and it felt so plain to me. Surely a factor of this is because I'm teaching online. But to be honest, I don't have that many expectations yet because I haven't met you yet in the flesh but surely when I get there, I can set my expectations then.

◆ **Interviewer: Can you tell us about your educational background for those who may be curious about it?**

A: So I am a graduate of Bachelor Of Secondary Education Major in MAPEH, and I also hold a certificate in Electronic Computer Technology but I don't use it because that was my first course before taking education as a teacher. So when I graduated in Electronic Computer Technology after I applied I didn't like it, then continued my studies to become a teacher.

◆ **Interviewer: Are you thrilled to be able to teach your classes to face-to-face?**

Mr. Arjay: Yes! I'm very excited actually! Because all of us who teach online can execute the lessons better especially for PE in my subject especially because your students are in a classroom and you can only see me through a screen meaning the execution is very limited. I'm not able to make a happy activity because if I give instructions regarding the activity, it is difficult to facilitate it as well because I'm just on the screen unlike if I am there it will become a more hands-on and interactive class sessions together.

◆ **Interviewer: What made you consider working for PSG?**

Mrs. Rahba: I was a parent here at the school for 7 years and I love working here so I decided to come here to ask how can I help especially now that there are many Arabs here needing my help in translation so I decided to come and work here at the school.



Mrs. Rahba Fadl
Spokesperson to the Arabic

◆ **Interviewer: For the people that are not aware, what is your position here at PSG?**

Mrs. Rahba: I am the Admin Support Staff of the Arabic Parents.

◆ **Interviewer: Was it easy for you to adjust to the PSG work environment?**

Mrs. Rahba: Yes it was very easy because I am a parent here and every day I come to the school and I know the school pretty well, so it was very easy.

◆ **Interviewer: Next, what is/are your educational background/s?**

Mrs. Rahba: I finished my Bachelors in Medical Laboratory Science and I have a Diploma in the Greek Language from the University of Athens.

◆ **Interviewer: And lastly, are you enjoying your job here so far?**

Mrs. Rahba: Yes! So much!

One thing all of our interviewees had in common is that they came to PSG to look for greater opportunities and to improve themselves for their imminent future. PSG may be considered a stepping stone in some cases in shaping the minds of the new contemporary world as the school molds them into becoming successful people of the world. We hope to see more students come into PSG to improve themselves and help themselves for their future to come!

Power your Future with PSG Academic Heads

By: Farah Magrebi, Johanne Mariea Ilagan, Princess Venice Javier



Mrs. Gracia Celia Nickel
School Principal

- ◆ *Interviewer: Are you happy to be part of PSG? Why?"*

Mrs. Grace: "Of course I'm very happy because every day this is one of the reasons why we wake up early in the morning and we are blessed by a very nice life and this life is what we will share with our students, teachers or the whole part of this school."

- ◆ *Interviewer: "What do you think are the things in this school that needs to be changed? And how will this help the students?"*

Mrs. Grace: "If there is something we should change, I think, because of our experience during this pandemic, from what I see, this school is following the rules of the government in Greece and the government of our country, Philippines. If there's something we should change perhaps we should pay more attention to our schools and open our eyes to see

the needs to be done. We should give importance and pay attention to the safety of all. But since we are in the time of the pandemic, let us pay attention to everything we must do so that we can fight this pandemic and we will get to the point where we can all return to the normal life."

- ◆ *Interviewer: "Do you think our school has progress? What do you think are the progress of this school?"*

Mrs. Grace:" I think that progress doesn't depend on material things. Let's just say it's based on the talents of the teachers, their dedication and abilities of the student and we can say that we can say that our school is also moving forward because of this pandemic we were able to fight and even though we have this pandemic, we were able to keep our school open to students and we had online learning even in the middle of the pandemic and now we're back to face to face. I can see the school is improving because we have enough skills, abilities and the right mind for creating some things of how we will be able to continue educations of children during this pandemics".



Ms. Jasmin Imperial
Assistant Principal

- ◆ *Interviewer: Are you happy to be part of PSG? Why?"*

Ms. Jasmin:" Of course, I'm very happy to be part of PSG because I like our school community because we are like family and I'm involved in a group, the Miraculous Medal Center whose goal is to guide Filipinos and their family. As a teacher in PSG, I was able to do my ministry in the Center and in the school and which is to help the youth, especially the Filipino youth. In my opinion, we cannot separate ourselves to be Filipinos and we need to be welcoming not only to Filipinos but also to groups that want to join us like other races. I'm glad that we have such points of view on these matters."

- ◆ *Interviewer: "What do you think are the things in this school that needs to be changed? And how will this help the*

students?"

Ms. Jasmin: "I think nothing should be changed but there should be some improvements, just like the saying "There is always room for improvements" because that is part of our growth, we should be open, we don't know everything yet, that is why we are all studying. Because we all want to inquire a certain degree of knowledge, it's the same for the teachers. Even if we are teachers, it doesn't mean we have no room for improvements, because I believe that training education is a Lifetime process. Of course, if the teachers are open for improvements, changes, and growth it will benefit the students because they are bit only doing it for themselves, there's still reason for personal and professional development, however, we aim to strive, to study, and to improve for the service of our students."

- ◆ *Interviewer: "Do you think our school has progress? What do you think are the progress of this school?"*

Ms. Jasmin: "I think, this school is improving because everyone is contributing, the students are doing their own part as well as the teachers, administrators, and parents.

Power your Future with PSG Academic Heads

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Gng. Wilhelmina Buado
Elementary Coordinator

- ◆ *Interviewer: Are you happy to be part of PSG? Why?*

Mrs. Wilhelmina: "Of course, I'm happy to be part of this school because this school is one of the foundations of Filipinos for a good education. Not only Filipinos but also other children that want to have a good education."

- ◆ *Interviewer: "What do you think are the things in this school that needs to be changed? And how will this help the students?"*

Mrs. Wilhelmina: "First of all, our school is not that simple. It's not like the other schools that have a lot of gadgets. If there is, I don't want to change anything, however, there are some things that we can improve especially for our equipment/ gadgets/

technology, for this will give a positive effect in teaching. This will help the students if we have more gadgets, they'll be more experience for our students."

- ◆ *Interviewer: "Do you think our school has progress? What do you think are the progress of this school?"*

Mrs. Wilhelmina: "Of course, back then although I've only been here for 8 years, I've noticed that this school is improving. First of all, back then there wasn't a lot of equipment, we don't have yet some interactive board, it's like we weren't aware of technologies back then, however, little by little with the help of our students, parents, faculty and staff little by little our equipment grew. Because of this, it's easier to teach even if there's a lockdown, we have an alternative way to teach."



Bb. Hermiline Athina Bravo
High School Coordinator

- ◆ *Interviewer: Are you happy to be part of PSG? Why?*

Ms. Athina: "Of course, because I'm sharing my knowledge to the children and not only in teaching but also my love to them:

- ◆ *Interviewer: "What do you think are the things in this school that needs to be changed? And how will this help the students?"*

Ms. Athina: "The activities have to be changed because there's different culture here, that's why it would be nice if we can spread the different cultures of the students, and to learn the different cultures

that they would love, and they'll be taught to respect different cultures."

- ◆ *Interviewer: "Do you think our school has progress? What do you think are the progress of this school?"*

Ms. Athina: "Yes, this school is improving because the technologies in this school are more advanced. There are more students that enjoy studying here that's why they invited more students to study in PSG. I can also see that the students are happy in PSG and contented with the education that is provided by PSG."

Want New Friends?

By: Adrian Barairo and Miko Alexi Rico



Beyza Banu Artis
Grade 9 Student

◆ *Tell me more about yourself.*

I am a grade 9 student. I came to Greece one and a half years ago. And PSG is the first school I went to where English is primarily spoken.

◆ *What made you transfer to PSG?*

I choose PSG because people here seemed sincerer than others. I felt that I could see different cultures and learn different ways of doing things.

◆ *What was your 1st impression of PSG?*

When I just came to PSG, my classmates and teachers were welcoming. Even the students from different grades were helpful. I can say that it left a good impression.

◆ *How has your experience been in PSG?*

To be honest, it took some time for me to get used to the building and some other things. But once I adapted to the environment and everything, I'm really enjoying PSG. The teachers are very supportive and everything has been going great. Other than normal school subjects such as Math, we get to learn what to do in our daily lives.

◆ *What are your plans after PSG?*

I am still figuring out what I want to do after graduating from PSG. One thing I know, I want to go to a good university and enjoy my life. I am sure the things I learn in PSG will help me in the future.



Sophia Dela Cruz
Grade 10 Student

◆ *Tell me more about yourself.*

Hi, I'm Sophia Balallo Dela Cruz and I'm 15 years old. I love dancing, playing volley, and basketball with my friends. I like reading fantasy books that are out of school. And I kind of like editing and singing.

◆ *What made you transfer to PSG?*

Well I chose PSG because in my old school, a Greek school, I didn't understand much. I got 0 help from my classmates & teachers and I got bullied in my previous school. So after I have heard from my friend about PSG I want to give it a try and see if it will be best for my future.

◆ *What was your first impression of PSG?*

My impression was that I was amazed by some students who are kind towards me. I was welcomed by students and teachers. And on my first day at school, I was anxious to talk loudly to the class because I wasn't able to have the best experience at talking a lot to people. Still no changes though because I'm still anxious to talk to my classmates and some students that I used to know.

◆ *How has your experience been in PSG?*

It was amazing at first because I get to see some of my old church friends, meet new people, and see some new experience there. I was amazed by the classes I have, although it is hard for me to understand much because I got used to

Greek language but I might get used to it soon enough. *pires to work and help my family.*

◆ *What are your plans after PSG?*

After PSG, I might go to the Philippines and go to college. Or I might work at Greece for a bit then go to Philippines. I am not yet sure but I will see.



Renzel Grigorakos
Grade 12 Student

◆ *Tell me more about yourself?*

I am Renzel Grigorakos. 18 years old. I was born on December 24, 2003. I love playing online games and I also love playing instruments.

◆ *What made you transfer to PSG?*

PSG was the only school I could study when I moved to Greece and in my opinion, it would be easy for me to adopt in PSG since I am just new in Greece.

◆ *What was your first impression of PSG?*

I was surprised because I didn't expect the school to look like this. However, my experience in PSG was very good.

◆ *How has your experience been in PSG?*

I had a good experience at PSG and I made a lot of friends.

◆ *What are your plans after PSG?*

I don't have any plans yet after I study in PSG but I might go into college and study.



Maria Eleni Galo
Grade 9 Student

◆ *Tell me more about yourself.*

I am Maria Eleni Galo. I am 14 years old and was born in Greece, I love playing guitar. I am a student at PSG.

◆ *What made you transfer to PSG?*

Because this school is very different from other schools. As a Filipino studying in Greece, it is easier to study in PSG and I've learned a lot of things.

◆ *What was your first impression of PSG?*

In my opinion, my first impression at the PSG was fun, beautiful and orderly.

◆ *How has your experience been in PSG?*

For me my experience at PSG school was good, I gained a lot of friends and I also learned a lot of new things that I can use in the future.

◆ *What are your plans after PSG?*

My plan after studying in PSG was to go home in the Philip-

تعرف على العالم معهم

By: Maya Yehia



Tasneem Yehia
Grade 11 Student



Mohammed Elsherrif
Grade 11 Student



Farah Magrebi
Grade 10 Student



Allah El-Din
Grade 11 Student

يساعدون و الطلاب يصادقون و لطيفين المدرسين ان كان انطباع اول :تسليم_ **psg** في لك انطباع اول كان ماذا هذه ان كان انطباع اول :فرح_ للطلاب يكفي ولكن صغير المدرسة مبنا ان كان انطباع اول :محمد_ الدراسة في ان كان انطباع اول : الدين علاء_ التعليم طريقة و المدرسي المنهج حيث من القديمة مدرستي عن تختلف المدرسة القديمه مدرستي في اعرفهم كنت الذي الطلاب من الكثير هناك

انوي لا انا الحقيقة في :محمد _ كورونا ظروف بسبب ذلك من متأكدة لست : تسليم_ **psg** من تتخرج ان تنوي ل افضل هو هنا التعلم لان ذلك اريد نعم : الدين علاء_ القديمة مدرستي من اتخرج ان اريد لانني لا : فرح_ ذلك على معهم الانسجام استطعت ولكن الكثير اكون لم :تسليم_ الفلبينيين؟ الطلاب مع صداقات كونت هل اتخذه قد قرار خصيصا الاصدقاء من الكثير كونت لقد :فرح_ أصدقائي اعز من واصبحوا صفي طلاب مع كونت نعم :محمد_ كثيرة صداقات العرب مع كونت لكن الفلبينيين مع كثيرا ليس :الدين علاء_ عشر الثاني و الثامن بصفي

Translation:

Know the World with Them

INTERVIEW WITH TASNEEM YEHIA, GRADE 11

- ◆ **Interviewer:** What was your first impression about Philippine School in Greece (PSG)?

Tasneem: The first impression that I had was that the teachers are nice, and the students are very friendly to the point that they help me with my studies.

- ◆ **Interviewer:** Do you intend to graduate from Philippine School in Greece (PSG)?

Tasneem: I'm not sure yet because of the circumstances with the pandemic.

- ◆ **Interviewer:** Have you made friends with the Filipinos?

Tasneem: I don't have a lot of Filipino friends, but they are nice and I managed to get along with them.

INTERVIEW WITH MOHAMMED ELSHERIFF, GRADE 11

- ◆ **Interviewer:** What was your first impression about Philippine School in Greece (PSG)?

Mohammed: The first impression was that the school building is small but the facilities like building is enough for the students.

- ◆ **Interviewer:** Do you intend to graduate from Philippine School in Greece (PSG)?

Mohammad: Actually, I don't know yet because maybe my plans will change.

- ◆ **Interviewer:** Have you made friends with the Filipinos?

Mohammed: Yes, I have from my class. They became one of my best

friends.

INTERVIEW WITH FARAH MAGREBI, GRADE 10

- ◆ **Interviewer:** What was your first impression about Philippine School in Greece (PSG)?

Farah: My first impression was that this school is different from my old school in terms of the school curriculum and method of education.

- ◆ **Interviewer:** Do you intend to graduate from Philippine School in Greece (PSG)?

Farah: I don't know yet because I want to graduate from my old school.

- ◆ **Interviewer:** Have you made friends with the Filipinos?

Farah: Yes. I made a lot of friends especially from my eighth and twelfth grade schoolmates.

INTERVIEW WITH ALLAH EL-DIN

- ◆ **Interviewer:** What was your first impression about Philippine School in Greece (PSG)?

Alladin: My first impression was good because there were a lot of students I knew from my old school.

- ◆ **Interviewer:** Do you intend to graduate from Philippine School in Greece (PSG)?

Alladin: Yes, I want that, because learning here is the best decision I have made.

- ◆ **Interviewer:** Have you made friends with the Filipinos?

Alladin: Not much with the Filipinos, but I made many friends with the Arabs mostly.

New Curriculum for Foreigners: What to Expect?

By: Erchelle Jayrine Pagdilao

An interview with Ms. Hermilina Athina Bravo with regards to the new curriculum for foreigners. In this part, there are questions that the interviewer asked wherein it gives information for the foreign students about what they need to know to understand their curriculum.

- ◆ **What are the differences between the curriculum for Filipinos and Foreigners? and how do they differentiate them?**

There is no difference in the curriculum. It's just that we had to modify the grades and the subjects that are foreigners, especially the new ones because there is zero English. So of course, we are trying to apply equity and equality as well for them to be zero English, taking a subject such as Civics, is already too hard for them to handle which they won't be able to catch up that's why we have replaced Civics or Araling Panlipunan with remedial English classes. Instead of just having one English class which focuses on language and reading, they will also have oral English and written English. There

are Equal challenges and an equal grading system.

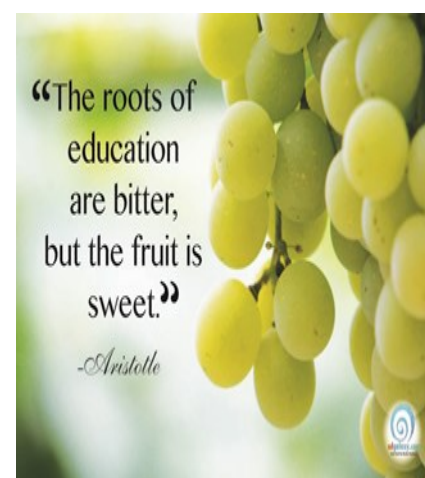
- ◆ **What are the subjects that the Filipinos have but foreigners don't have?**

Of course, they have the Filipino subject, and then those who are Arabic students, if they want to take the Arabic language they can take it. But those students who are not taking the Arabic language also have remedial English because the divisor of the general average should be nine subjects.

- ◆ **What is the information that a foreign student should know when attending this school with regards to their curriculum?**

They should be aware that we are following the Philippine curriculum. So they have to expect that the subjects that they are taking might not be taught in their previous school. Just like in Greek school wherein they teach religion but we don't have that in our curriculum. Furthermore, other subjects that they don't have in other schools like history — they

do have history but if it's in Greek school then it mostly focuses on Greece history unlike ours we tackle history around the world. Literature, especially in senior high school, has more forms of arts subjects in literature which other schools don't have as well. So for them to be able to catch up with that, they should practice their English especially if they are not native speakers of the English language. Moreover, if they ever do find it difficult or if they have trouble in coping up with their subjects. We also have the afternoon programs — the tutorials or the remedial English which they can also take.



ARABIC CORNER

يوم المعلم

By: Isam Mohammed

وقفوا احتراماً في ذرى الأمجاد
بالدين والأخلاق والإرشاد
بالرأي والتخطيط والإمداد
للجد والإخلاص والإسعاد
عيد المعلم قمة الأعياد
تروى إلى الأبناء والأحفاد
للعلم والتطبيق والإعداد
يرعى الدروس بفكره الوقاد
في خطة قد أحكمت بسداد
يسعى بها للدارسين بزاد
طرح الجوار بكل صوت شادي
تنويع أسئلة بلا إجهاد
للشرح والتفسير والإسناد
للفهم والتوجيه والإرشاد
يختر منها أجود الأجواد
يسعد حثيثاً للعلا برشاد
عذب الموارد سائغاً للصادي

حيوا معي يوم المعلم دائماً
ربي الشباب على الفضائل والإبا
فوزارة التعليم تبذل جهدها
صار المعلم عندها أنموذجاً
اليوم تحتفل الوزارة بالهنا
أجيال تربية عدت أنشودة
ومدارس التدريب صارت مركزاً
عدا المعلم ماهراً ومدرّباً
فترى المناهج عنده مرسومة
وصياغة الأهداف أضحت غاية
توضيح أفكار التعلم تفتضي
تعزيب كل اجابة محسوبة
ووسائل التعليم تبدو واجباً
وطرائق التدريس تبقى مصدرأ
أضحى المعلم قائداً ومربياً
فهو الذي يهب المدارس علمه
وهو الذي يروي الظماء بمنهل

Translation: Teacher's Day

For our dear mentors on Teacher's Day:

You always stand in respect to reach the pinnacles of glory.

By teaching the youth the knowledge and character,
with morals and guidance of great heart builder!

Teachers are doing their best,

With the teachings that they give to all and the rest.

They are the role model of sincerity and honesty,
creating the youth of tomorrow engraved in loyalty!

Teacher's day is their special day,

celebrating their sacrifices is the best way.

Teachers cater understanding that can be used in the future,
and guide students create a heart to make it pure.

We can see the happiness in their eyes,
when we appreciate them by any means.

We cannot forget the impact they bring to us.
For their love and care will remain endless!

ARABIC CORNER

المليونير الذي فاتته القطار

By: Tasneem Yehia

قصة اليوم تسمى “المليونير الذي فاتته القطار” وهي قصة جميلة جدا وواقعية تحكي لشخص الذي عاش حياته ليجمع المال ويقدر حياته وحرم نفسه من كل المتعة التي في الحياة والتي يرغب فيها في مقابل جمع الأموال لذا انظر كيف تنتهي. كان هناك شاب أراد أن يكون رجلاً ثرياً منذ صغره ولديه أموال ومشاريع كثيرة كما كان يتسابق مع الزمن لجمع أكبر مبلغ من المال، اعتاد العمل ليلاً ونهاراً حتى نسي أمره وكرس نفسه للعمل وكثيراً ما كان يسير أمام أفخم وأجمل المطاعم ورائحة الشواء اللذيذة تشمها أنفه وتنشط شهيته لكنه اعتاد على السيطرة على نفسه وعدم شراء الطعام حتى يجمع المال ويحتفظ به ولا يصرفه مقابل سعادة قصيرة الأمد. هذه هي الطريقة التي اعتقد دائماً أنها الطريقة السليمة على الرغم من أنه كان يحرم نفسه من ملابسه ومسكنه وسيارته الليموزين والطعام والعديد من الأشياء الأخرى التي يريدونها إلا أنه سيطر على نفسه منها خوفاً على المال وفي النهاية أدرك حلمه وكل الثروة المثالية التي حلم بها عندما كان صغيراً وأصبح من أغنى الناس في بلده. بعد ذلك تمنى أن يبدأ في التمتع بحياته الحقيقية والعيش فيها والتمتع بالسعادة التي حرم منها كثيراً، أخبره الطبيب أنه يعاني من العديد من الأمراض الخطيرة التي حالت دون تناول الحلويات واللحوم وأي أطعمة دسمة وهذا أمر صادم حقاً لأنه وجد أن مرضه الداخلي وضعف بصره منعه من الزواج ثم عاد إلى المنزل حزياً نظر إلى خزنه المليئة بالنقود وندب حظة وهو يضيف إليها رزمة جديدة تحتوي علي وصفات الطبيب التي ربما لن تنتهي أبداً وهكذا فوت قطار حياته ولم يتمكن من عيشها علي الرغم من أنه جمع كل الأموال التي يتمناها ظناً منه أنها سوف تجعله يعيش الحياة التي يتمناها ولكن هيهات.

Translation:

The Millionaire Who Missed the Train

This story is entitled “The Millionaire Who Missed the Train”. It is a very beautiful and realistic story that tells a person who lived his life to save money. However, he deprived himself of all the pleasure in life that he desired in exchange for his ambition, let's see how it ends.

There was a young man who wanted to be a rich man since his childhood and had a lot of money and ambitions. His goal in life is to collect a lot of money as much as possible. He used to work all day and all night until he forgot about himself and devoted himself to work. He often walked in front of the most luxurious and beautiful restaurants just to smell the delicious aroma of food. He was accustomed to controlling himself by not buying food because his goal was to collect and save money. This was the way he always thought was the right way. Although he was depriving himself of new clothes, house, food, and many other things he needed, still he wished for more money. He wanted to save a lot of money for his dream since he was a child and then after he had enough money he would be able to buy what he wanted. He became one of the richest people in his town. After that he wanted to start enjoying the life that he wants, living in it, and enjoying the happiness that he deprived himself of before. One day, the doctor told him that he was suffering from many serious diseases that prevented him from eating sweets, meat, and any fatty foods. This was really devastating for him because he also found out that his internal illness and poor eyesight prevented him from getting the life that he wanted.

Then he came home sad, looked at his place full of money, and lamented for a moment as he added to it a new package containing the doctor's prescriptions that might never end. He missed the train of his life and could not live it out; although he had all the money he wished for, thinking that it would make him live the life of happiness. Always remember that everything is temporary and living a happy life that we wanted starts right now and not in the future.

TURKISH CORNER

PSG DEKİ FARKLILIKLAR VE DENEYİMLERİM

By: Beyza Banu Artis

“Farklılıkta güzellik ve güç vardır.”– Maya Angelou

PSG uluslararası bir okuldur. Daha önce Türkiye’de sadece sıradan, normal okullara gittiğim için PSG benim için ilginç ve farklı bir deneyim oldu. Eskiden gittiğim okulların hiçbirinde yabancı öğrenci yoktu.

Doğrusunu söylemek gerekirse, okula uyum sağlayamayacağımı düşünüyordum. Fakat zamanla, okulum ve yeni çevreme uyum sağladım. Farklı uluslardan edindiğim çevreyi sevmeye başladım. Artık PSG’de bir öğrenci olmanın bana kattığı yararları kolaylıkla görebiliyorum.

Öncelikle, çeşitli uluslardan okula giden öğrenciler var. Tabi ki bir çoğu Filipino. Onun dışında özellikle Suriyeli, Sri Lankalı ve Çinli öğrenciler de var. Onlarla konuştuğça, kültürlerini ve yaşam tarzlarını daha iyi anlıyor ve öğreniyorum. Bu durumdan, gün geçtikçe daha da zevk alıyorum.

Ayrıyeten, çevrede olup bitenleri çeşitli açılardan görme fırsatına sahibim. Ufkumu gün geçtikçe daha da genişletebiliyorum. Bu sayede dünyayı daha büyük bir açıdan görme yetisine ulaştım.

PSG’nin bir parçası olmak daha açık fikirli olmamı sağladı. Gelecekteki eğitim ve kariyer hayatım için uluslararası bir üniversitede okuma fikrine sahibim.

Eminim ki, burada yaşadığım deneyimler unutulamaz ve paha biçilemez olacak. Arkadaşlıklarım zamanla daha da güzelleşecek ve büyüyecek; kurduğumuz bağlantılar gelecekte hepimize çeşitli faydaları olacak. Umarım ki, farklı münasebetlerle tekrar bir araya gelme fırsatını bulacağız.

Genel olarak, PSG’nin bir parçası olmanın benim için gerçek bir lütuf olduğunu rahatlıkla söyleyebilirim.

Translation:

Diversity in PSG as my Experiences

“In diversity there is beauty and there is strength.” – MAYA ANGELOU- American poet, memoirist, and actress whose several volumes of autobiography explore the themes of economic, racial, and sexual oppression.

Philippine School in Greece (P.S.G.) is an international school. It is an interesting and different experience for me since I only attended a regular school in my homeland, Turkey. Back in my old school, all of my classmates were local and there were no single foreigners except a teacher in the entire school.

I was worried about how to adapt during the first few beginning months. But, by the time I have gotten used to school with the environment of international society of students and teachers; I started to love them all. Now, I can realize the positive aspects and advantages of being a student at PSG.

Firstly, I have schoolmates from different countries but most of them are from the Philippines. PSG differs from my homeland school because of other students from Syria, Sri Lanka, China, and other countries which help me acquire more knowledge. The better I become closer with them, the more I learn about their cultures, traditions, food, language, and homelands. Honestly speaking, it is getting more and more joyful and exciting than before.

Aside from my regular academic classes, I have the opportunity to learn and see the world and events from different aspects. It widens my mind and point of view. Leading me to acquire the abilities and skills to understand the world from a wider and clearer angle.

Studying at PSG allows me to think more openly and diversely. This prepares me for my future and higher education for me to land a promising career. Thus, studying abroad at an international university wouldn't be a problem on my part.

And again about my classmates and schoolmates, I am sure the memories we have shared at PSG will be priceless and unforgettable. The seeds of friendship will bloom and flourish in the future. Hoping, we will have a productive and amazing relationship in the upcoming years of our studies. For I know, different doors of opportunities will be widely open for collaboration and unification among us on different occasions and on different situations...

Lastly, I can express that being a member of the PSG family is a blessing for me!

CHINESE CORNER

中国和希腊

By: Jason Yang

中国的好事

中文: (Chinese)

2020年初，一场突如其来的新冠肺炎疫情把世界各国置于风口浪尖之上，这场没有硝烟的战争让世界各国陷于百年未有之大变局之中，给各国经济、政治、文化、社会等方面带来一系列的危机和挑战。

不同的文化导致各国在抗击疫情过程中有着不同的态度与政策，而这一系列的态度与政策又将文化的内涵体现的淋漓尽致。西方国家的文化基因包含着欺凌性、侵略性和暴力性，在这样的基因上积淀的文化具有个人主义和资本至上的特质。而中华文化以和为贵、大一统、大善为美为底色，孕育了集体主义和人民至上的价值观。

首先，希腊民众想要他们所谓的自由，民众认为游行抗议是他们的自由。民众的这种自由主义是个人主义的主要体现。他们过度强调个体自由与个体利益，这就导致个体的责任感越来越弱，个体的权利却越来越大，这种结果给疫情治理带来巨大挑战。然后中国在疫情防控中，中国人民人人都是战士，每个战士的表现都可圈可点，武汉人民识大体顾大局，医务工作者日夜奋战，科研人员积极公关，各行各业，各条战线上的人们团结一心，一省包一市，一方有难，八方支援，这是集体主义精神传承和弘扬的具体表现。正是这样一些把自己生命安全置之度外的个体的付出，保障了中华民族这个大集体疫情防控的阶段性胜利。

我去中国的学校和希腊的比较 我觉得我更喜欢在PSG学习。首先，在国内的国际学校读完出国的话，很多国家都是不收的，因为中国是非英语国家，很有可能跟不上。但是在PSG的话，是比较容易进入其它国家的大学，可以当作一个“跳板”。然后这里的人比国内的友好，如果遇到困难，他们会主动帮忙，不需要任何意义。他们不会打架不会被欺负，这就是最好的地方之一。事实上，在这所学校里，我注意到大多数老师都是平易近人的，如果我有问题的话，这让我有勇气问或说任何事情。

Translation: The Good Things in China

At the peak of the storm, a sudden novel coronavirus pneumonia brought the rest of the world to the forefront of the world in early 2020. The war without smoke was a major change in the world in a hundred years and brought a series of crises and challenges to the economic, political, cultural, and social aspects of other countries.

Different cultures lead to different attitudes and policies in the process of fighting the epidemic, and this series of attitudes and policies reflect the connotation of culture incisively and vividly. The cultural genes of western countries contain bullying, aggression, and violence. The culture accumulated on such genes has the characteristics of individualism and capital supremacy. Chinese culture is based on harmony, great unity, and great goodness, which gives birth to the values of collectivism and the supremacy of the people.

First of all, the Greek people want what they call freedom. The people think that marching and protesting is their freedom. This kind of liberalism of the people is the main embodiment of individualism. They put too much emphasis on individual freedom and individual interests, which leads to an increasingly weak sense of responsibility and greater rights of individuals. This result brings great challenges to epidemic control. Then, in China's epidemic prevention and control, the Chinese people are all soldiers, and each soldier's performance is commendable. The people of Wuhan generally take the overall situation into account, medical workers fight day and night, scientific researchers actively engage in public relations, people from all walks of life and on all fronts unite as one, one province covers one city, one side is in trouble, and all sides support. This is a concrete manifestation of the inheritance and promotion of the spirit of collectivism. It is the efforts of such individuals who put their life safety aside that ensure the phased victory of epidemic prevention and control of the Chinese nation.

Comparison Between the School that I went to China and Greece

I think I prefer to study at PSG. First of all, many countries do not accept it after studying abroad in domestic international schools, because China is a non-English speaking country and is likely to fail to keep up. But in PSG, it is easier to enter universities in other countries and can be used as a "springboard". Then the people here are more friendly than those in China. If they encounter difficulties, they will take the initiative to help without any meaning. They can't fight and be bullied. This is one of the best places. In fact, in this school, I noticed that most teachers are approachable. If I have questions, it gives me the courage to ask or say anything.

ENGLISH LITERARY

Alexander and Us

By: Kyron Owen Quisao

Alexander the Great, former Macedonian king was very powerful and conquered many, including Persia in his era. From what I have learned about him, he went from nothing all the way to one of the greatest in history. At a very young age, he strives to be the best and tries ever so hard to meet his father's and others' expectations. He worked hard, learned new things, improved himself, chasing to be like his idol from Homer's Iliad, Achilles. After many struggles and time, he became the new king of Macedonia after his father's passing and ruled it like no other.

Learning about Alexander's history is like watching a movie. You can say that all of our lives are like a movie, and we're the protagonists or main characters of them. It is us who decides how we live our lives, we all have our own ways to live and do things. You have your own ways, ALEXANDER THE GREAT had his own ways, I have my own ways. Alexander made many decisions all leading to triumphant victory, favorable results and eventually, his end. Just like that, everyone including myself do things in the way they want.

Comparing myself to him, I am very different, mostly inferior. Alexander does his best in most of the things he does, he was one of the greatest leaders in history. Unlike him, I am less passionate about my work and don't do well in things like leadership. I may still be young, but I don't see myself achieving at least a fraction's equivalent of his greatness, time will tell. However I suppose we are similar in some instances like him conquering and ruling lands whilst I try my best to conquer the hardships of studying or him being a great leader while I'm at least trying to be one. I should see him as an example to do better and improve myself, and maybe one day, I'll be like Alexander the great..

ENGLISH LITERARY

Knowledge is Key

By: Ma. Chrissa Devanadera

Knowledge plays a very important role in our lives.

The art of knowing is how we survive.

With school, we often condone.

But without it, we are left with the unknown.

Schools are the basis of all things we learn.

Facts and opinions, we often return.

It's also where we develop things we are passionate about.

From literary to art, there's no doubt.

There, we uncover new things we never thought possible.

We are left with discoveries remarkable.

Talents we gradually uncover,

And hobbies we pick up from one another.

Knowledge is what keeps us informed about everything.

It's important we know all the basic teachings.

We'd finally get that special degree.

And this is why, knowledge is key.

Food for Thought: Into Each Life Some Rain Must Fall

Reflected by: Stephen Adrian Barairo and Miko Alexi Rico

That every life should experience hardship. Every life should experience sadness, fear, and anger. We know that there are difficult situations but can help us to grow. They can teach lessons that anyone might have never learned before.

“Some rain must fall” because that rain can be used to cultivate trees and plants into the strongest way they can be. It can transform a small sapling into a tree that could withstand natural disasters. Hardship teaches people their mistakes and weaknesses. Hardship gives people a chance to have a different perspective of life. Hardship may break things but sometimes it breaks the wall that blocks you from reaching your fullest potentials.

AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN

Ang Tunay na Kayamanan ng Buhay

Akda ni Tisha Kirsten Luis

*Ang iyong pag-aaruga'y sadyang napakasarap,
pagmamahal mo'y aking nalalasp,
tamis ng 'yong mga payo'y isang musika,
na aking dadalhin sa aking pagtanda.*

*Atko ay inalagaan ng buong pagmamahal,
wala akong masabi kundi ika'y mahal,
lola kita noon, hangang ngayon at kailanman,
hinding hindi ipagpapalit kanino man.*

*Salamat sa pag-aaruga ng walang sawa,
nais kong mabatid mo na mahal na mahal kita,
luha ko'y pumapatak ng walang humpay.
Noong maalala kong wala ka na palang buhay,
Oh, bakit ina namin ika'y nawala?*

*Mga agam-agam sa isip ko'y tumatakbo,
bakit ganoon na lang kadaling mawala ka sa
mundo.*

*Ganoon pa may asahan mo,
ang aking pagmamahal na iyong apo,
ay hangang dulo at buong puso.*

*Wari nami'y kami ay hindi mo pinapabayaan,
kahit ngayon na nandiyan kana sa kaharian,
kaharian na may buhay na walang hanggan,
katulad ng pagmamahal natin sa isa't isa na di
mawawala.*

Translation:

The Real Wealth of Life

Your upbringing is so wonderful,
I feel the sweetness of your love,
your advice is a music to my soul,
which I will take into my heart forever.

I was taken care of with love,
I have nothing to say but beloved you are,
Grandma you were, until now, and forever,
from which I will never change.

Thank you for taking care of me tirelessly,
I want you to know that I love you so much,
my tears flow constantly,
When I remembered you were not here anymore,
Oh, our Grandma, why did you leave us?

Doubts run through my mind,
why is it so fast that we lost you,
But always remember,
My love for you as your grandchild,
is endlessly forever.

It seems that you do not leave us alone,
even now that you are in the kingdom.
The kingdom with eternal life,
like our love for one another that will not be forgotten.

AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN

Pagkabigo

ni Alexandra Casabuena

*Araw - araw nasa pusot isip bakit nagkaganito,
minsan gustong magalit sa sarili dahil sa pagi-
ging bigo,
datapwat wala akong magawa kundi magbago,
dahil ako ay isang tao.*

*Jaong nagkakamali sa kapwa tao,
dahil sa takot kaya nabibigo,
nabibigo dahil sa mga takot na binibigay ng mga
tao,
maaring matakot, mapagod datapwat hindi
dapat sumuko.*

*Sapagkat ang pagsuko ay mapupunta sa bakit?
Kumbaga bakit pa naakit?
Bakit naging masakit?
Ang masasayang araw ay naging mapait.*

*Ang dating akin ay naging bakit?
nawala ang tamis dahil sa sakit.
Itindi ba ako marikit,
upang ikaw ay mawaglit.*

Translation:

Failure

Every day I'm thinking in my heart and in my soul, how
did it happen?

Sometimes I want to get angry at myself for my failure;
but I could do nothing but move on,
for I am just a human.

People who did mistakes to other people,
because they fear failure;
failed because of what other people did to them.
Sometimes we may be scared and tired but giving up is
not an option.

Surrendering will just go back again in asking, why?
Supposedly, why did I even get attracted?
Why did it hurt,
when happy days turned into sadness?

My someone who turned into why;
and made sweetness into sorrow.
Why? Was I not good enough,
for you were not mine anymore?

AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN

Marahil sa Tamang Panahon
ni Maria Eleni Galo

*Pareho siguro tayo,
na sa mga gabing tulad na nito,
tinatanong ang ating mga sarili,
kung bakit hindi patas ang mundong ito.*

*Nakatulala tayong dalawa sa alapaap,
punong-puno ng mga tanong,
na nagsisimula sa salitang "bakit,"
ngunit wala tayong magawa,
kung 'di intindhin ang nadaramang sakit.*

*Dahil ako'y umaasa na sa iyong paglisan,
tayong dalawa ay maghihilom,
Marahil sa tamang panahon,
ang tadhana mismo ang hahanap sa atin.*

*Pinapalaya na kita,
sa lahat ng sama ng loob,
sa lahat ng hinanakit,
na ating nalikom na nasabi nating mga salita.*

Naalala mo pa ba yung mga panahong hindi tayo mapaghiwalay,

*datapwat lahat ng iyon ay akala ko lang pala,
Dumating ang umaga na nagbago kang bigla,
yaong pagmamahal, lambingan na tuluyan na ngang nawala,
Gustuhin ko man ibigay lahat ng mga pagkukulang ko,
Kaso wala eh, napunan na pala ng iba.*

*Wala ng mas nakagagalak pa sa mga,
gabing kayakap kita at sinasa-* *bi*
sa isa't isa, *See translation on page 36*

*ang salitang "iniitog kita sinta,"
Sapagkat, sa ngayon ang masasabi ko lang ay "paalam na."
Isang araw mamahalin ulit natin ang isa't isa,
hindi man ngayon "marahil sa tamang panahon."*

Translation:
Maybe at the Right Time

Maybe we are the same,
that on a night like this,
we ask ourselves,
why this world is not fair?

We both look at the wonders of the sky,
with full of questions,
starting with the word "why".
But we can do nothing,
but ignore the pain we feel.

I know that you will leave someday;
let us heal both of ourselves.
Maybe at the right time,
destiny will find us.

I'm setting you free,
in all resentment,
in all hurtful words,
that we have gathered, and you have given me.

Do you still remember the moments when we can't be
separated?

I just thought that could be forever.
The morning came and you suddenly changed.
The love and tenderness are completely gone.
I want to give more to be enough in your eyes,
But never mind, you already found in another arm.

There is nothing more that can bring me happiness,
than those times that we hug each other at night.
And how you whisper to me "I love you, my dear."
Because, for now, all you can say is "goodbye".
One day we will love each other again,
Maybe not right now, but maybe someday is the right time.

AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN

Ikaw ay Ako

ni: Kimberly Nicole Chavez

Ang pamilyang Aguinaldo ay mayroong marangyang pamumuhay sa bayan ng Tawis. Ang nag-iisang babaeng anak ng mag asawang Aguinaldo na si Agnes ay mayroong katoto na si Margo. Ang pamilya ni Margo ay hindi marangya ang pamumuhay datapwat hindi ito naging balakid upang mas tumibay ang kanilang pagkakaibigan. Palagi silang magkasama at hindi mapaghiwalay kung minsan tinalakay nila ang tungkol sa kanilang mga pangarap kapag sila ay tumanda na at nais nilang magkasamang tuparin ang kanilang mga pangarap. Sa kanilang paningin sila ay totoong magkapatid kahit na magkaiba ang kanilang mga magulang. Sa tuwing sila ay magkasama ay ramdam nila na sila ay parang nasa alapaap sapagkat walang makapaghihiwalay sa kanilang dalawa datapwat hindi laging kasiyahan ang mayroon sa buhay at may suliranin kailangan na harapin.

Ang pamilya ni Margo ay kailangan umalis sa kanilang bayan sapagkat nakahanap ng hanapbuhay ang haligi ng tahanan sa malayong bayan. Hindi mapatid ang hinaggis ng dalawang magkatoto sapagkat ayaw nilang mawalay sa isa't isa at nangako na magkikita muli sa kanilang pagtanda. Sa nagdaang panahon ang dalawang magkatoto ay sinubok ng mga dagok. Ang mga magulang ni Margo ay parehas na pumanaw sapagkat sila ay naaksidente kaya kinupkop siya ng kanyang tiyahin habang ang negosyo ng pamilyang Aguinaldo ay bumagsak kaya naghirap si Agnes. Pareho silang tumibay sa mga pagsubok sa buhay na hinarap nila. Si Agnes ay hindi nakapagtapos ng kolehiyo sapagkat wala siyang sapat na salapi samantalang si Margo ay nakapagtapos bilang inhinyero ng kolehiyo. Hindi naging madali ang buhay ni Agnes sapagkat kailangan niyang maghanapbuhay upang matustusan ang kanyang pangangailangan habang si Margo ay nagsumikap na matupad ang kanyang pangarap. Muli silang nagtagpo sapagkat ang gumawa ng panayam kay Agnes ay si Margo. Labis ang kagalakan na nadarama ni Margo nang makita niya ang kanyang matalik na katoto datapwat ang nadarama ni Agnes ay panliliit sa kanyang sarili sapagkat nakita niya kung gaano katanyag ang kanyang dating kaibigan. Ayaw ni Agnes na makausap ang dating kaibigan datapwat pinilit ni Margo na makapag-usap silang dalawa upang maibalik ang kanilang pagsasamahan. Ipinaunawa ni Margo na kahit tanyag na siya ay si Agnes pa rin ang kanyang matalik na katoto at kahit na anong dagok nila sa buhay ay mananatili parin silang parang tunay na magkapatid ang turingan.

Sa nangyaring pag-uusap ng dalawa ay nagkasundo sila. Nag-umpisa ng maghanapbuhay si Agnes sa kompanya ni Margo bilang kalihim. Bumalik ang kanilang dating pagsasamahan na kapatid ang turingan sa isa't isa. Napagtanto ni Agnes na mas matimbang ang pagkakaibigan nilang dawala kahit na magkaiba ang kanilang estado sa buhay. Ang sabi ni Margo ay iisa lamang silang dalawa. Sa buhay natin mayaman ka man o mahirap pareho lamang tayo na may mga pangarap. Hindi dapat natin tignan ang estado ng tao kung magtatagumpay ba ang isang tao sa kanyang pangarap sapagkat lahat tayo ay may karapatan na magsikap upang maabot ang mga mithiin sa buhay.

**Translation:
You are Me**

The Aguinaldo family has a luxurious life in the town of Tawis. The only daughter of the Aguinaldo couple, Agnes, has a very close friend Margo. Margo's family does not live a luxurious life, but this is not an obstacle to strengthening their friendship. They are always together and inseparable. Most of the time, they talked about their dreams, and what they want to be when they got older, they want to fulfill their dreams together. Margo and Agnes, feel like they are sisters even if they have different parents. Every time they are together, they feel like nothing can separate of them. In life, it is not just happy moments but sometimes we faced difficulty.

Margo's family had to leave their hometown because the father of Margo found job in a distant town. Margo and Agnes feel so sad because they don't want to be separated from each other. They promised to one another that they will meet again. The two have been tested by fate. Margo's parents both died because they had an accident, so her aunt adopted her while the Aguinaldo family business collapsed so Agnes suffered. They both stood firm in the trials of life they faced. Agnes did not graduate from college because she did not have enough money while Margo graduated from college as an Engineer. Agnes' life has not been easy because she has to earn a living to provide for her needs while Margo strives to fulfil her dream. As the years passed, they meet again because Margo interviewed Agnes. Margo feels very happy when she sees her best friend, but Agnes feels small because she knew how famous her former friend was. Agnes doesn't want to talk to her old friend, but Margo insists that the two of them talk to restore their relationship. Margo understands that even though she is famous, Agnes is still her best friend and no matter what they experience in life, they will remain like real sisters.

During the conversation, the two agreed to continue their friendship. Agnes started earning a living in Margo's company as a secretary. Their former relationship of sisterhood returned as they were before. Agnes realizes that their friendship is more important even if their status in life is different. Margo also realizes that she and Agnes are one. In our lives, whether you are rich or poor, we both have dreams. We should not look at the status of a person if a person can succeed in his/her dreams because we all have the right to strive to reach those dreams.



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GRADE 2- HEPHAESTUS



GRADE 3- DEMETER
GRADE 4- ARTEMIS



GRADE 5- HESTIA



GRADE 6- POSEIDON



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GRADE 7-HERA



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PSG Artists



Precious Jennel Malinis
Grade 7- Hera



Zaira Beatrice Dio
Grade 7- Hera



Precious Phoebe Toquero
Grade 7- Hera



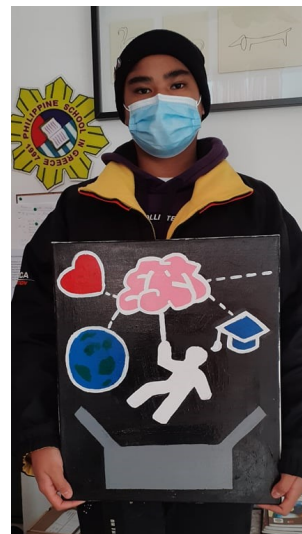
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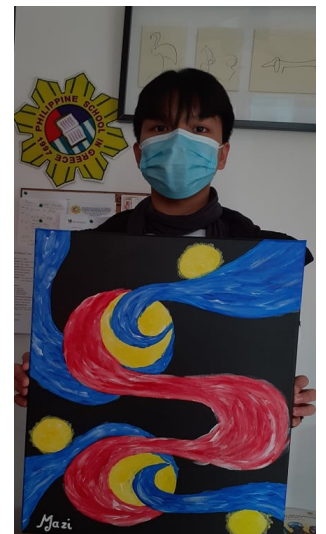
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Grade 9- Ares



Jeremie Toquero
Grade 9- Ares



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Grade 10- Athena



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Grade 10- Athena



Danica Grace Yadao
Grade 10- Athena



Carolina Gadia
Grade 10- Athena



Bessalyn Fernandez
Grade 11- Aphrodite