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A Year of Resilience, Achievement, and Hope

"As we close the 2025–2026 Academic Year at the Leila C. Saad SABIS® School El-Metn, we do so with heartfelt pride in a community that chose strength, perseverance, and hope in the face of challenges.

Our students and staff have shown extraordinary resilience, fueled by a genuine passion for teaching and learning that never faltered. Together, we ensured the full delivery of our curriculum while creating a nurturing environment where every child could grow, achieve, and feel at peace.

Our sincere gratitude goes to the SABIS® Student Life Organization (SLO) for their unwavering dedication to supporting academics and fostering a spirit of belonging that truly allows our students to thrive.

This year, we proudly celebrate 11 outstanding graduates; many already accepted into universities, some with scholarships, and several who began their journey with us in kindergarten, now stepping forward as confident, capable individuals ready to shape the future. To our graduates: Carry with you the values, strength, and dreams nurtured here, and let them guide you toward making a meaningful difference in the world.

We are equally proud to have introduced SABIS® AI, enriching learning by helping students deepen their understanding and engage more meaningfully with their studies. In parallel, our Robotics program witnessed remarkable growth, particularly among Grades 6 to 8 students, who demonstrated significant improvement in their skills, creativity, and problem-solving abilities, reflecting their enthusiasm for innovation and hands-on learning.

Above all, ours is a school with a soul, one that carries the name of our co-founder, Mrs. Leila C. Saad, whose life was devoted to education and whose vision continues to inspire us to build not only strong learners, but better human beings for a better world."

Zakieh Naimy, Ph.D.
Acting Director



ACADEMICS

Arabic Department

نَحْوُ آفَاقٍ أَوْسَعٍ فِي الْقِرَاءَةِ...
أَنْبِلَاقًا مِنْ إِيْمَانٍ مَدْرَسَتِنَا بِأَهْمِيَّةِ الْمُطَالَعَةِ وَدَوْرَهَا فِي بِنَاءِ جِيلٍ وَّاعٍ وَمُثَقَّفٍ،
تَخَرَّصَ فِي كُلِّ سَنَةٍ دَرَسِيَّةٍ عَلَى إِطْلَاقِ حَمَلَةِ الْقِرَاءَةِ (Reading Campaign)
وَتَنْظِيمِهَا. تَهْدَفُ الْحَمَلَةُ إِلَى تَشْجِيعِ الْمُتَعَلِّمِينَ عَلَى جَعْلِ الْمُطَالَعَةِ عَادَةً
يَوْمِيَّةً مُمْتَعَةً وَمُثْمِرَةً. وَتُشَكِّلُ هَذِهِ الْمَبَادِرَةَ فُرْصَةً مُمَيَّزَةً لِكِتْشَافِ عَوَالِمِ
جَدِيدَةٍ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكُتُبِ، وَتَنْمِيَّةِ حُبِّ الْقِرَاءَةِ لَدَيْهِمْ بَعِيدًا عَنْ مَفْهُومِ الْوَاجِبِ
الْمَدْرَسِيِّ التَّقْلِيدِيِّ.

تُتِيحُ هَذِهِ الْحَمَلَةُ لِلْمُتَعَلِّمِينَ التَّخَرُّفَ إِلَى كُتُبٍ وَقِصَصٍ مُتَنَوِّعَةٍ تُنَاسِبُ
أَهْتِمَامَاتِهِمْ وَأَعْمَارَهُمْ، كَمَا تَشْجِعُهُمْ عَلَى تَبَادُلِ الْخُبَرَاتِ الْقِرَائِيَّةِ وَمُشَارَكَةِ
آرَائِهِمْ حَوْلَ مَا قَرَأُوهُ. وَمِنْ خِلَالِ الْأَنْشِطَةِ الْمُرَافِقَةِ لِلْحَمَلَةِ يَكْتَشِفُ الْمُتَعَلِّمُونَ
أَنَّ الْمُطَالَعَةَ لَيْسَتْ مُجَرَّدَ وَسِيلَةٍ لِكِتْشَابِ الْمَعْلُومَاتِ، بَلْ هِيَ رَحْلَةٌ تَنْمِي
الْخِيَالَ، وَتُنْهِي اللُّغَةَ، وَتَعَزِّزُ مَهَارَاتِ التَّفْكِيرِ وَالتَّحْلِيلِ، كَمَا تَعَزِّزُ ثِقَتَهُمْ
بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَقُدْرَتَهُمْ عَلَى التَّخْيِيلِ عَنْ أَفْكَارِهِمْ.

إِنَّ حَمَلَةَ الْقِرَاءَةِ هَذِهِ لَيْسَتْ نَشَاطًا عَابِرًا، بَلْ هِيَ خُطْوَةٌ فِي مَسِيرَةِ طَوِيلَةٍ
تَهْدَفُ إِلَى بِنَاءِ جِيلٍ قَارِيٍّ، وَّاعٍ وَمُحِبٍّ لِلْمَعْرِفَةِ؛ فَالْكِتَابُ يَبْقَى خَيْرَ رَفِيقٍ،
وَالْمُطَالَعَةُ تَبْقَى الْجِسْرَ الَّذِي يَعْْبُرُ بِنَا نَحْوَ مُسْتَقْبَلٍ أَكْثَرَ إِشْرَاقًا وَإِبْدَاعًا.

Rouba Mazloun – Arabic Regional Coordinator (KG – Grade 5)

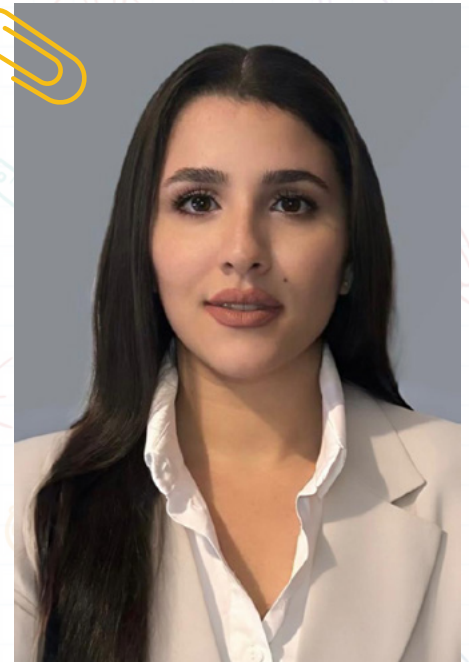
APPLIED MATHEMATICS & CODING

The Future is Clicking: Our Tech Journey

At SABIS®, Mathematics is far more than numbers, theories, and problem-solving. It is a way of understanding and interpreting the world around us. Throughout this year, we focused on answering one of the most common questions students ask: "Where do we use math in real life?"

Through engaging projects and meaningful discussions, students explored real-life applications of key concepts such as reflections, rotational symmetry, translations, the Pythagorean Theorem, sequences, and three-dimensional space. Learning extended beyond the classroom as we integrated interdisciplinary approaches, combining mathematics with coding to create interactive games that reinforced numerical thinking and conceptual understanding. By connecting Mathematics to practical experiences, we aimed to make learning more relevant, dynamic, and inspiring for every student.

Michella Saliba – Mathematics and Computer Teacher



SPORTS, MUSIC, ARTS

Sports

Being a teacher at Leila C. Saad SABIS® School El-Metn for the past 15 years is an incredible privilege. My heart is full of gratitude and pride.

I've come to realize that Physical Education is the only classroom where the curriculum is written directly into the hearts and habits of students. Today, my goal is to equip students with the resilience, empathy, and lifelong wellness strategies they need to navigate the real world.

A decade and a half of teaching has taught me that the true objective isn't just to make students physically active, but to build their confidence, character, and mental well-being.

Elissar Moujaes – Physical Education Teacher



Art

Behind the Canvas

Ever wonder what happens when you give a student a paintbrush and a little bit of inspiration? Pure magic! We've gathered some of the most striking works from our art studios to share with you. You'll see everything from vibrant colors to deep, thoughtful sketches. Each piece offers a glimpse into how our students see the world.



STUDENT LIFE ORGANIZATION

A Message from the Head of the Academic Department

As Head of the Academic Department, I am incredibly proud of the remarkable progress our school has achieved this year, particularly in the completion of the GRID program. Through the dedication, perseverance, and teamwork of both students and tutors, GRID completion rates increased significantly, reflecting our shared commitment to academic excellence and personal growth.

The GRID program has become an essential part of our educational journey, helping students strengthen their skills and develop discipline. Watching students overcome challenges and celebrate their achievements has been truly inspiring.

Our tutoring initiatives have further reinforced this success by creating a supportive learning environment where students feel confident asking questions and seeking help. Together, these accomplishments represent not only academic progress but also the determination, resilience, and spirit of our school community.

Majd Hatoum – Head of Academic Department

Academic Department

Drop Everything and Read Day

Our school came to a complete stop this week for DEAR Day (Drop Everything and Read). From students and teachers to administrators, the entire campus hit the «pause» button to explore the world of books. This shared moment of quiet shows our love for stories and reminds us of the joy of getting lost in a good book. By taking a break from our tasks to read, we've established a school-wide habit that shows literacy is central to everything we do. Together, we're not just reading chapters; we're building a culture of lifelong learners.



Expert Guidance for Future Success

Choosing a career path is a journey, and our students do not have to walk it alone. The session aimed to explain the complex process of choosing a future major. It provided students with the tools to identify their unique strengths, passions, and long-term goals. By looking at the link between today's interests and tomorrow's jobs, our students are now better equipped to make informed decisions that align with their true potential.



Debate Battle

Students from Grades 10 to 12 faced off, sharing their thoughts on some challenging topics. It was impressive to see them think on the spot, really listen to one another, and speak up with such confidence. Some agreed, some didn't, but every student treated each other's opinions with real respect. Well done to all our speakers for showing us that when we talk things out, we can all learn something new.



Voices of Change

Our Grade 9 students recently took the stage, and let's just say they did not hold back. It was amazing to watch them step up, grab the microphone, and share their thoughts with the whole school. The energy in the room was electrifying!



Read brief highlights from some of the powerful voices that captivated the audience:

"Imagine being judged before you even speak just because of how you look. Racism can affect a person's confidence, mental health, and sense of belonging. Understanding it is important because it helps us recognize unfairness and take responsibility for change. We can't rewrite the past, but we certainly can shape a better future!"

Mia Rizk

"Bullying thrives on silence and the mistaken idea that being cruel makes someone powerful. In reality, true strength is found in the courage to be kind and the willingness to stand up for someone else. By choosing respect over intimidation, we create a space where everyone feels safe. It only takes one voice to break the bullying cycle; let that voice be yours."

Myriam Sebaaly

"Intelligence is much more than grades. Some students are athletic, others are creative, and many are excellent problem solvers who can think outside the box. True intelligence involves critical thinking, curiosity, and the ability to ask questions through inquiry. So, instead of asking about grades, we should ask: what did we learn? And how can we use it to solve real-life problems?"

Maya El Kontar

"In the past six years, our country, Lebanon, has gone through really hard times. Yet despite the wounds, hope remains unshakable. This hope is embodied in our youth, the generation that stands ready to give itself for the protection of Lebanon and its people. As long as such selfless courage still exists within our people, Lebanon will never bow, and its light will never be extinguished."

Nancy Taleb



"If I get a pen and start insulting it or complimenting it, would the pen change? No, it wouldn't. And that should be your reaction whenever someone says something mean or nice to you. You will still be the same person. Bullying is just a projection of the bully's insecurities. Love yourself before anyone else. The only person who will feel triggered or annoyed by confidence is someone who has none of it."

Mazen El Awar

"Can you think of a time you failed and it ended up teaching you more than any success ever did? Failure isn't the end of the road; it's often the very thing that pushes us forward. When things go right, we celebrate. But when things go wrong, we reflect, we adapt, and we grow. So rise, rebuild, and prove that your story is bigger than any failure."

Jenny Mazloum



Mastering the GRID

Big shoutout to our Academic Department, led by Majd Hatoum, for truly rocking it lately! They've been working tirelessly behind the scenes to clear GRIDs and finalize the PrepLists for every single student. That extra level of support and organization is what makes all the difference. Thank you, Majd, and the whole team, for setting our students up for success.



Teacher Training

Our latest in-service training was a fantastic blend of professional growth and high energy! We took a deep dive into the essentials of effective classroom management and explored how to utilize SABIS® AI to support our students' learning. To keep the atmosphere light and collaborative, we balanced these important professional discussions with some fun, competitive games. It was a great reminder that our best work happens when we're learning, laughing, and growing as a team. Here's to a stronger, more supported teaching experience for everyone.



LAU Orientation

We had some special visitors on campus from the Lebanese American University (LAU). It was incredible to watch our students engage with the team, asking insightful questions and showing off exactly what they are capable of. Visitors were truly blown away by the ambition and potential of our students. Keep dreaming big! You are on the right track!



Activities Department

Talent Show

What a day! Our stage was buzzing with energy as students showed off their amazing skills in our latest Talent Show. We saw it all: beautiful singing, musical performances, funny skits, awesome dance moves, and meaningful poetry. It was so much fun to see our students step into the spotlight and share what they love to do. Huge congratulations to everyone who performed; you made us all so proud!



Formal Day

The atmosphere on campus shifted gears as our students and staff traded their everyday wear for a sophisticated day of formal attire. It was truly impressive to see everyone embrace the dress code with such style, turning the hallways into a polished display of professionalism and grace. Beyond the sharp suits and elegant dresses, the day brought a heightened sense of occasion to our daily interactions, fostering a refined environment that allowed our community to step outside the routine and celebrate our collective presence. It was a memorable reminder that sometimes, putting our best foot forward can change the entire energy of the school day.





Activities Around Campus

The school grounds transformed into a massive playground where the energy was truly nonstop! Whether it was the thrill of the competitive matches, the joy of cheering from the sidelines, or simply unwinding with friends over a shared lunch, the atmosphere was a perfect blend of excitement and community. It was one of those very good reminders that the best lessons are not necessarily taught in a classroom.



Jersey Day

Nothing brings us together quite like some friendly team spirit! Our students brought their A-game to campus for Jersey Day. They turned the halls into a sports arena with a wide variety of colors, making it a day to remember.



Management Department

Grade 11 at the Open House

A huge thank you goes out to our incredible Grade 11 students for their hard work and artistic touch in getting the school ready for our Open House! They've been working tirelessly to decorate the campus, turning our hallways into a welcoming and vibrant space for all our visitors. From thoughtful displays to eye-catching decorations, their effort has truly transformed the school and set the perfect tone for the event. We are so proud of their school spirit and the way they've stepped up to make our campus look its absolute best.



SLO at the Open House

From setting up displays to welcoming the guests, our SLO played a starring role in making this year's Open House a huge success.



SLO Celebrating Teachers' Day

To mark Teacher's Day, our dedicated SLO team took the time to distribute special gifts to all our hard-working educators. We are so proud of our students for taking the initiative to honor the people who inspire them every day.



Sports Department

Football Tournament

Our Football Tournament brought everyone together for an action-packed day of teamwork, fast goals, and cheering crowds. It was great to see our students playing hard, showing off their skills, and supporting their teammates on the field. Huge congratulations to the winners, and a big high-five to every single player who stepped up to play. It was a fantastic display of sportsmanship and school spirit!



Basketball Tournament

Our Basketball Tournament was buzzing with excitement. Every team brought serious energy, slick crossovers, sharp shooting, and nonstop hustle. You could feel how much our students wanted it, whether they were draining a last-second shot or locking down on defense. Big thanks to all the players for showing up and giving everything, and a huge thank you to the fans who kept the gym loud. Turns out, we've got a whole bunch of future MVPs right here among us.



Lower School Department

KG 2 Egg Hunt

The school grounds turned into a treasure hunter's paradise as our KG 2 students set off on their grand egg hunt! It was a morning filled with pure magic and wide-eyed excitement, with little explorers racing across the grass on the lookout for every hidden prize. It was a wonderful day of play and exploration that truly captured the joy and innocence of their early school years.



KG 2 Gardening

KG 2 students got their hands dirty and learned what it really means to grow a garden. Planting seeds is just the start. The kids actually lit up when they realized they could help something come alive. They figured out why water and sunshine matter, sure, but what really got them excited was digging in and seeing life sprout right in front of them. The garden isn't just soil and plants now; it's a whole place for curiosity and wonder. Watching them look after their little green buddies showed everyone what patience and care are all about.



Grade 1 at the Library

From choosing their favorite stories to finding the perfect cozy spot, our Grade 1 students were fully immersed in their stories. It was a joy to see such a love for reading blossoming in our young learners.



Social Responsibility Department

Cultivating Change

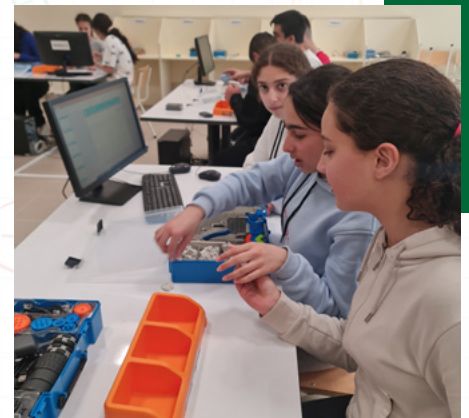
School isn't only about textbooks and tests. Lately, a group of Grade 10 students have traded their pens for shovels and started sorting bins. You'll spot them out in the garden beds or managing the recycling stations, really getting their hands dirty to keep our school looking good.

It's great watching them take real ownership of the place. They're not just pitching in; they're showing everyone that real change comes from those small, steady efforts. That's how you build a school community that actually cares for its environment.



ROBOTICS

The robotics lab has transformed into a high-energy workshop where, everywhere you look, students are hunched over workbenches, busy turning lines of code into real-world motion. It hasn't just been about getting the robots to move; it's been about the rewarding journey of trial and error, from troubleshooting connection issues to fine-tuning sensor responsiveness, as our students learn that true innovation happens when you stick with a challenge until it clicks. The machines are officially alive, and seeing these custom creations maneuver and perform tasks is a huge win.



CODING

Our students are diving deep into the world of AI and coding, and it's incredible to see them bring their ideas to life! By exploring the mechanics behind artificial intelligence and sharpening their programming skills, they are doing so much more than just learning software. Whether they are writing complex lines of code or testing out our new SABIS® AI-driven application, the energy in the classroom is unmatched. Students are turning their curiosity into real projects, and seeing them grow their tech skills line by line makes us proud.



CREATIVE CORNER

Student Poems

Explore some of the standout work created by our talented young students.

طريق النجاح

فِي كِتَابِي نُورٌ يَسْرِي بِهَدْوٍ جَمِيلٍ
وَفِي صَفَحَاتِهِ حُلْمٌ يَكْبُرُ جِيلًا بَعْدَ جِيلٍ

أَقْرَأُ فَتَزْقُصُ الْأَفْكَارُ كَنَجْمٍ أَصِيلٍ
وَأَكْتُبُ فَيَلْمَعُ طَرِيقِي بِنُورٍ طَوِيلٍ

بِالْعِلْمِ أَرْتَقِي فَوْقَ كُلِّ غَائِقٍ ثَقِيلٍ
وَأَجْعَلُ أَحْلَامِي تَكْبُرُ بِقَلْبٍ جَرِيءٍ تَبِيلٍ

فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ أَخْطُو خُطْوَةً نَحْوَ مُسْتَقْبَلٍ جَمِيلٍ
قَالَ الْعِلْمُ مِفْتَاحُ النَّجَاحِ... وَسِرٌّ مُضِيءٌ جَلِيلٍ

ماريتا عبد السّاتر

الصف السابع الأساسي



Eleven Years

Eleven years of echoes live under my skin.
The girl I once was, and the one I've been.
I entered these gates with a hand held tight,
And found my own soul in the soft morning light.
Every hallway knows my secrets and fears,
The sound of my laughter, the weight of my tears.
You've held me together as I fell apart,
The blueprint of home is the shape of your heart.
I'm standing in Grade 9's hallway near the end,
Grieving the childhood I've started to spend.
Three years are left, but I'm already torn,
Leaving the place where my whole life was born.

Myriam Sebaaly

Grade 9



Some people don't just arrive; they quietly change the atmosphere of life. Nothing about them is loud or demanding, yet their presence makes everything bearable and everlasting. Even after they're gone, something stays behind: a calm that lingers where there used to be pain, like warmth that learned to stay even after the sun had faded away. Life has a way of remembering them, not as a moment that slips away, but as a feeling that taught it how to be gentler and quietly stay.

Larissa Hatoum

Grade 11





As I Walk Down the Halls

Thirteen years of my childhood flashing before my eyes.
Everything that I have ever lived is now being passed down.
The memories I've shared, the love I've given.
I always wished to grow up, rushing my childhood.
I used to watch adults and hope to someday be like them.
I now look at children and wish to go back.
Some memories are taken for granted;
Some are lived within you forever;
Some barely ever cross your mind.
I've never said it enough, I never knew how.
Maybe because I've never felt it much.
Maybe because now I am all grown.
I love this place, and the people that stayed.
I love the people who shaped me.
and those who taught me to be brave.
This is not about four walls.
This is about a home.
About a childhood that was shaped.
About a love that has been shared.
About students who barely cared.
About responsibilities that will always be sacred.

Elsa Halaby
Grade 12

UNIVERSITIES

NDU Open House

Our students recently headed off-campus for the Notre Dame University (NDU) Open House, and it was an eye-opening experience. Getting a real-world look at campus life is a huge milestone, and our students made the most of every moment. From navigating different faculty booths to getting a firsthand feel for the university atmosphere, they walked away with a clearer picture of their own academic paths. It's always exciting to see our students looking toward the future with such curiosity and confidence. They are definitely ready for whatever comes next!



OPEN HOUSE

SABIS® Open House

What a day! Our school came alive, buzzing with creativity and new ideas at the annual Open House. Everywhere you looked, you could feel the energy. Students showed off everything from mind-bending science experiments, powerful plays, impressive robotics, and coding projects. The work on display wasn't just impressive; it showed real passion and hard work in every subject. Big thanks to everyone who helped pull off such a memorable event!



SENIORS

Senior Walk

Our Seniors took their final walk, turning the familiar path to class into a bittersweet stroll down memory lane. With cheers from teachers and high-fives from younger students lining the corridors, it was the perfect send-off for the Class of 2026. It's hard to believe how much they've grown since their first days here. Seeing those big smiles as they headed out just confirmed that they're ready for whatever's next. Good luck, Seniors, the world is waiting for you!



Graduation Ceremony

The big day is finally here, and you can feel the excitement all over campus. We celebrated our Class of 2025 as they wrapped up their journey with us. It was a day filled with pure excitement, heartfelt laughter, and the kind of spirit that only a graduating class can bring. Seeing them cross this milestone filled all of us with pride, and we can't wait to watch them head for their next big adventure. Congratulations to the Class of 2025, go out there and make us proud!



GRADUATION

KG 3 Celebration

There was a buzz of pride and happiness in the air at the KG 3 celebration. Seeing those little ones step onto the stage in their caps and gowns was really sweet. It's a big milestone for them, saying goodbye to kindergarten and getting ready for the adventures waiting in primary school. Hats off to our little ones for everything they achieved this year, and a big thank you to the teachers and families who cheered them on. Can't wait to see all the great things they'll accomplish next!



Seniors 2026

They made it. Our 2026 Seniors have wrapped up one chapter, and now they're about to start their own next stories. All those late nights cramming, the laughs in the hallways, and the friendships all went by so fast. Don't stop dreaming big. We're so proud to call you our graduates, and honestly, this is just the start.



PHOTOS

Class Photos

Look at these bright faces, full of wonder and ready for their next big adventure. We've had a year to remember, and these memories are just the beginning.

KG 1



KG 2



Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



Grade 6



Grade 7



Grade 8



Grade 9



Grade 10



Grade 11



Grade 12



Staff Photos

More than just colleagues, we're a community united by our shared goal of supporting students' growth.





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