

Student Affairs

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NOS Official Newsletter

A Students Affairs Newsletter

What Is Student Affairs?

The Student Affairs newsletter is a newsletter designed by the NOS students to keep parents, teachers, and students informed of what is happening in the school



Topics covered in this issue

- A discussion with our principal
- MUN
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- Bazaar
- Career Day
- Admissions
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December marks the launch of the winter campaign. All the goods are being distributed to the needy families before the end of the year.

A Message from Ms. May

Dear parents,

This is our second issue for this year. It was really a great pleasure to hear the feedback from the students, parents and teachers.

We are aiming at having this newsletter issued monthly all the time to keep our beloved parents informed of what is being going on.

Best wishes,

May Goussous

MODEL UNITED NATION (MUN)



JoMUN'15- JoMUN was absolutely dominated by NOS students with 2 Presidents, 1 chair, 5 best delegates, 4 runner ups and countless number of delegates in only four committees. ICAO's best delegates were Sanad Zaqtan and Qais Mouasher, where as Essam Ammari and Kareem Sabanekh got runner-ups, all under Kamil Asali as president. Meanwhile, HRC's president Natalie Barakat awarded Kareem Goussous as the best delegate, while Majd Muna and Zaid Hazboun got runner-ups. George Qarmash and Mohammad Sheboul also earned best delegates in FIFA and Security Council, respectively.

Conferences which already occurred during this school year:

GJUMUN'15- A conference in which our delegates established and implemented their talent amongst mainly college students. From 5 committees, 5 out of our total 12 delegates participating were given best delegates. Sanad Zaqtan and Kamil Aasali got both awards in United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as Germany and USA delegates. Ramz Fattaleh, representing Russia, earned the award in Security Council discussing the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The youngest of his committee, Alex Abu Zeid, shock Human Rights Commission with his abilities and well-earned his award. And lastly, Mohammad Sheboul got his in General



IMUN'15- From a delegate's perspective: "IMUN 2015 was one of the most eye-opening MUN experiences I have had the pleasure of attending. With delegates from schools all over Jordan, it is quite safe to say that it was a diverse conference. I had the pleasure of being in ECOSOC, which is one of the best committees in all of IMUN. Each delegate was able to teach me something new. With fifty delegates in my forum, I was able to learn several new skills. Needless to say, IMUN 2015 was a success. " We must mention that Omar Fakhoury was awarded the best delegate award in General Assembly Arabic.

Inside The Principal's Mind

Rafaella Karadsheh

This past Wednesday, my fellow student, Sanad Zaqtan, and I had the pleasure of interviewing our school principal, Mr. Musa Shaban. After being graciously welcomed by Mr. Shaban and Ms. May Goussous, we sat down and thus the interview began.

We kicked off the interview by asking him about the upcoming plans and events in our school. I could see Mr. Shaban's eyes twinkle with excitement as he launched into a detailed explanation of this year's schedule. "This year, we're planning to utilize the new building for sports activities," Mr. Shaban began. The building is set to open next month, and will host a series of events, from basketball games to the annual Christmas bazaar. Mr. Shaban also mentioned focusing and developing arts, such as drama and music classes. In fact, students and teachers are working together relentlessly on a play they are hoping to perform this scholastic year. "It is an activity we are looking forward to," the principal commented.

In terms of academic plans, students have many plans to look forward to. "We're entertaining the idea to start a robotics club," Mr. Shaban said, "It may become a course that students can take." Of course, they are going to continue to help the teachers improve, as well as working on programs to enhance the curriculum students are going to receive.

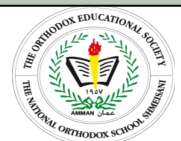
When asked about the students' performance last year, Mr. Shaban didn't bother containing a proud smile, "I am very proud of the results from both the IG and Tawjihi programs." The IG results were absolutely phenomenal, with a total of 21 awards. The students are to be recognized by the Queen Rania and the British Council in December.

Running a school definitely isn't the easiest job a person can have, considering the stress it comes with. "I wouldn't call it stressful. It is hard work and demanding, but the reward is greater," Mr. Shaban replied when asked, "Our reward is when we all see excellent results; when we see our students graduating and joining good universities." Mr. Shaban concludes, "We all work as a team here."

"It gives me, first if all a sense of accomplishment," Mr. Musa commented on his feelings when he sees the positive outcome from his hard work. "When you do your best in life, you satisfy your ambition in serving people. You earn the respect of parents, teachers, and colleagues," he concluded with a satisfied grin.

The interview was concluded by some advice Mr. Shaban wants to offer to the students of NOS. "Respect others, and deal with each other in a civilized manner. Be open to other opinions and do not be rigid," he began, "Give an excellent impression of our school. Have good discipline and cooperate with teachers." Of course the most important piece of advice cannot be forgotten, "Enjoy life, be happy, and do your best." I knew then I wouldn't be forgetting those words any time soon.

As we bid Miss May and Mr. Musa farewell and thanked them for their time, it was then when I realized how blessed we are to have such an amazing principal running our school.



Health Accreditation

Under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdallah, the Honorary President of the Royal Society for Health Education, a ceremony was held to honor the schools that participated in the health accreditation for all levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold).

The ceremony was held in Zara Expo Hall in which Her Majesty Queen Rania handed over the certificates to the participants in the program. The school's principal, Musa Sha'ban received the certificate from her majesty.

It is worth mentioning that the school got Bronze level for the year 2014/2015.



Little League

*In order to succeed,
your desire for success
must be greater than
your fear of losing!*

Sponsored by the principal, Musa Najji Shaban, the Little League was organized at the school with the presence of the parents and the representatives of sponsoring companies who presented gifts to our students.

The school's principal also presented honorary gifts and a medal for each participating student in the league. The football teams were coached by Azmi Abdul Rahman, Akram Satari, Ahmed Khalil, Mohammed Tawfiq, Ala Alsaraf, Maan Mazahreh and Mohammed Shaalan. The basketball teams were coached by Nayef Asfour, Munir Khalaf, Juliana Haddad, Tala Oweis, Lana Sunna' and Andoni Dabbas. The league was organized by PE coordinator, Ayoub Batarseh.

Sport Section



Basketball

The school's students were awarded the first place of the Amman Directorate Championship. The team was crowned after winning the final game over the Sisters of Nazareth School. The team's players included: Tamara Hammad (captain), Celina Atallah, Seem Awad, Natalie Murad Barakat, Nadine Sami Khoury, Christina Telegraf, Farah Najdawi, Tala Shahatit and Clara Janho.

Congratulations to National Orthodox School and more great achievements to come. Our thanks to NOS coaches: Nayef Asfour and congratulations to the esteemed parents on this triumph.



Some of the parents helped create a tournament for the little leagues, football and basketball. Some children also participated in the matches, as it was organized by PE coordinator, Ayoub Batarsch.



High-Achievers in External Examinations

Queen Rania Outstanding UK Learner Awards 2015 – List of High-Achievers

The school is extremely proud of what the students achieved during last year's Cambridge International Examinations and Pearson Edexcel exams. The NOS students received numerous awards by her majesty Queen Rania, and were among the highest-achievers around the globe. Some students earned the privilege of getting the highest mark in Jordan in different subjects. Others were among seven of the top ten in the world in Mathematics. On the other hand, a few other students achieved 4As. This is truly a remarkable achievement for the school and country. It's also another case in proving our potential.

Amman National Orthodox

Cambridge International Examinations 'CIE' Awards

Top in Subject Awards for Jordan

Top In Country		
IGCSE	Fares Jbarah	Biology
IGCSE	Tala Kawar	English as a Second Language (Speaking Endorsement)

Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards 'Pearson Edexcel'

Advanced Level - 4A Winner

Name
Ola Haj-hasan
Rand Haddad
Maria Farkouh

IAL Top 10 in World



Rank	Name	Subject	Level
Joint 1	Saba Fakhoury	Mathematics	AS
Joint 1	Laith Musharbash	Mathematics	AS
Joint 1	Danial Emseeh	Mathematics	AS
Joint 1	Dina Haddad	Mathematics	AS
Joint 1	Anton Naber	Mathematics	AS
Joint 1	Leen Haddad	Mathematics	AS
Joint 1	Farah Ashqar	Mathematics	AS

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Dina Haddad	Mathematics	AS
Anton Naber	Mathematics	AS
Leen Haddad	Mathematics	AS
Farah Ashqar	Mathematics	AS

GCE Top 10 in World

Rank	Name	Subject	Level
Joint 4	Dina Wakileh	Arabic	AL
Joint 1	Katia Saba	Design And Technology: Food Technology	AS

GCE Top in Country

Name	Subject	Level
Katia Saba	Design And Technology: Food Technology	AS

International GCSE Top 10 in the World

Rank	Name	Subject
Joint 2	Katy Naoum	Arabic (first Language)
Joint 7	Jude Najjar	Human Biology

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Katy Naoum	Arabic (first Language)
Jude Najjar	Human Biology

Drawing Competition:

The Abd Al-Hameed Sharaf Drawing Competition:

Various students participated in an event organized by the Abd Al-Hameed Sharaf school on Monday, the 9th of November, and were accompanied by teacher Reema Ba'ra. After a week, the results came out which included three lucky students from our school.

First category: Maria Ghokasian / Grade 2 CP (C) / Second place.

Second category: Fadi Khoury / Grade 5 (D) / Third place.

Third category: Tina Tafenian / Grade 6 (C) / Third place

The teachers of each category were Dima Qaqish, Nisreen Kandah, and Fadi Haddadin.



Bazaar:

Under the patronage of Dr. Ihsan Hamarneh, the annual Christmas bazaar took place last Wednesday, the 16th of December. The bazaar took place from 10 AM till 6 PM in the newly opened building. Along with the bazaar came handmade items, drinks and much more. Plus, our students entertained the audience with Christmas carols.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Career Day

In order to enhance the students' general knowledge and skills concerning various topics, the 6-8 department held a career day for the students. The career day was distributed to four separate days (24th, 25th, 26th, 30th). The first day's topic was centered around aviation, the second day focused on hospitality, the third on animation, and the fourth on ambition. Each day had a different lecturer, as representatives from academies, organizations and companies came to better the students' career paths and motivate them to take a certain path, along with their positives.



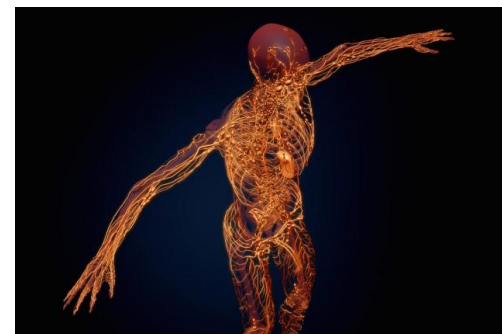
Around The World:

Obviously, significant details happen each month around each city, country, and the world. We can't write about all, yet we can inform you about numerous interesting subjects.

Wasps are known to the public due to their painful stingers. However, their time in the spotlight might be just around the corner. Research showed that the Brazilian Wasp's venom attacks cancer cells while leaving healthy cells alone. Apparently, the venom exploits the cancer cell's lipids arrangement in the membrane. This venom interacts with the membrane and begins to damage it.

Many people suffered horrific injuries which led to them having artificial legs. Technology is at its peak and is showing great things, as a newly developed prosthetic leg gave feelings and sensations which are felt by a normal foot. "It feels like I have a foot again. I no longer slip on ice and I can tell whether I walk on gravel, concrete, grass or sand. I can even feel small stones.

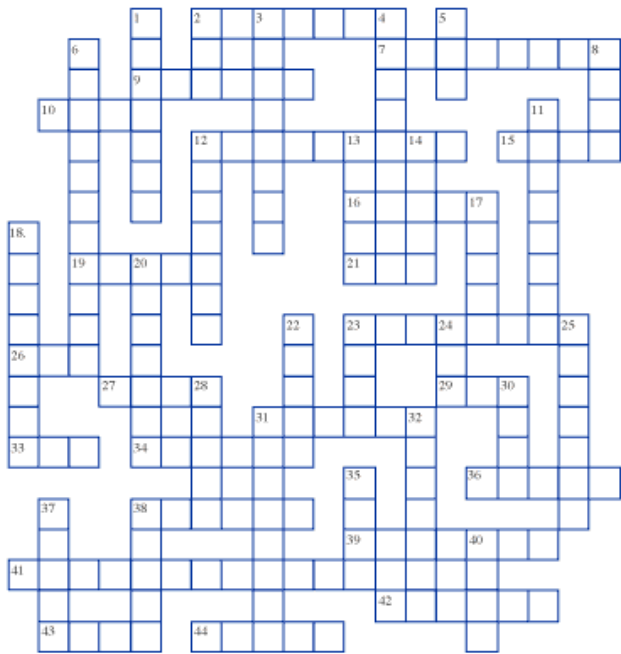
The human body always seems to impress it. It seems that we know everything about our body, but it turns out that we don't. A group of astonishing scientists recently found blood vessels which connect the immune system and the human brain together.



Crosswords, Word Searches and Riddles!

Below are some crossword puzzles and riddles, which aim to challenge you and see if you can overcome the upcoming obstacles. Enjoy!

Squigly's Halloween Crossword



- Across**
- 2. Disguise
 - 7. Nights
 - 9. Female parent
 - 10. Halting motion when walking
 - 12. October 31
 - 15. Face covering
 - 16. Trick or _____
 - 19. Opposite of day
 - 21. Worn on head
 - 23. Large orange fruits
 - 26. Hair piece
 - 27. Worn on finger
 - 29. Short for 7 A
 - 31. Grins
 - 33. Enjoyable
 - 34. Eerie
 - 36. Halloween colour
 - 38. Spin the _____
 - 39. Halloween month
 - 41. Carved pumpkin
 - 42. Halloween colour
 - 43. Stalk of a plant
 - 44. Halloween treat
- Down**
- 1. Blood sucker?
 - 2. Witches pet
 - 3. "_____ the witches are out"
 - 4. Spooky
 - 5. An even number
 - 6. Very terrifying
 - 8. Not well
 - 11. Witches pot
 - 12. _____ house
 - 13. Travels on broom?
 - 14. Occasion
 - 17. _____ or treat
 - 20. Evil dwarfs
 - 22. Opposite of friend
 - 23. Remove skin from
 - 24. Pumpkin _____
 - 25. Shriek cry
 - 28. Invisible spirit
 - 30. Wicked
 - 31. Framework of bones
 - 32. Beginner
 - 35. King of the jungle
 - 37. _____ & stripes
 - 38. Witches vehicle?
 - 40. Dog treat

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WORD SEARCH!

WINTER FUN

FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS ON THE LIST... WORDS MAY BE FOUND ACROSS, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY
--FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, AND SOMETIMES OVERLAPPING. HAVE FUN!

WORD LIST

- BOBSLED
- DOGSLED
- HOCKEY
- HUNTING
- ICE FISHING
- ICE SKATE
- SHOVEL
- SKI
- SKIJORING
- SLED
- SLEIGH RIDE
- SNOW
- SNOW ANGEL
- SNOWBALL
- SNOWBLOWER
- SNOWBOARD
- SNOWMAN
- SNOWMOBILE
- SNOWSHOES
- TOBOGGAN

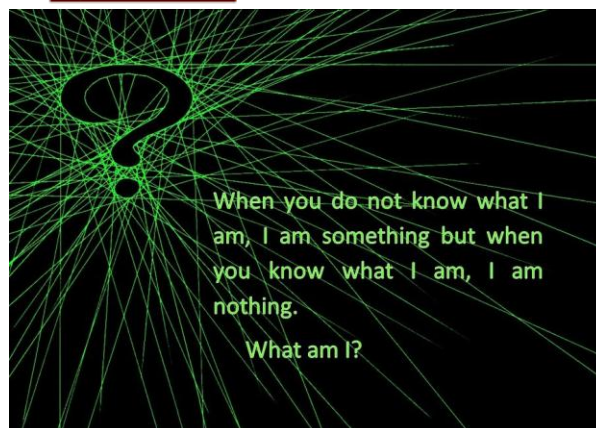
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Z K I D O G S L E D C E A
L S N O W B O A R D O V G
E N L O D E L S B O B E E
V O E E D I R H G I E L S
O W T R D G M D E L S B N
H A A G E S U L I N N I O
S N K R P W N B T R A B W
N G S K I J O R I N G W B
O E E E T M C L M W G O A
W L C F W B L A B A O N L
M M I O S W E N L W B S L
A C N X G U Y E K C O H S
N S N O W S H O E S T N T
I C E F I S H I N G O O S



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Admissions Process:

As part of the process to expand the newsletter team, we decided to design flyers and hang them around departments, as well as informing students of each class in the 8th, 9th and 10th grades. The team held a meeting in one of the 12th grades, and received a grand total of nearly 50 students who are eager to join the newsletter and enhance our vision for the future.

We've successfully launched this mission of ours to add a new taste to the school and what we work on. We simply can't do this without your support!

Here's the team for the individual second issue:

Majd Muna

Rafaella Karadsheh

Ramez Naser

Sanad Zaqtan

**Also with the help of Mirna Kour Fanous.*

Our team is set to increase into double digit numbers and more, and into an interesting system once we launch the third issue. Until then, adios!

For more information, send us an email at editor.newsletter@nos.edu.jo .