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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear UCA Parents and Guardians,

I trust this message finds you in good health and spirits.

As we conclude the first quarter of the academic year, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership. It has been a period of growth, learning, and resilience for our students, and your involvement has significantly contributed to their success.

Our faculty and staff have been working tirelessly to create a nurturing and engaging learning environment. Despite the challenges, our students have demonstrated strong dedication to their studies and extracurricular activities. Their achievements, both big and small, are a testament to their hard work and determination.

We value open communication, and I encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Your feedback is essential in helping us provide the best possible education for your children.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans for the upcoming quarters. Our commitment to excellence remains strong, and we are devoted to fostering a supportive community where every student can thrive.

Sincerely,

Rola Malaeb
Director



IMPORTANT DATES



November 10
End of Quarter 1

November 15
Report Card Distribution (Quarter 1)

November 22
Independence Day (No School)

MUN & MAL

Our students from 8th, 9ADP, 10th, 11th, and 12ADP grades at UCA are actively engaged in training sessions on Saturdays as they prepare for participation in Model United Nations (MUN) and Model Arab League (MAL).

BEIRUT MARATHON

A total of thirty-seven participants and chaperones from UCA took part in the **Run for Cause**, a 5 KM Marathon held on Sunday, November 12, 2023.

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

UCA celebrated **World Kindness Day** on Monday, November 13, 2023. As every year, teachers organized small activities during homeroom, bringing students together to acknowledge the small acts of kindness that contribute to creating a warm and inclusive community for everyone in our school! [See Images HERE](#)



UCA SPIRIT DAYS

On Thursday, September 28, 2023, we celebrated our first Spirit Day under the theme **"Wacky Socks and Cool Hat Day"**. The school came alive with a riot of colors and creativity as students showcased their unique combinations. It was a day dedicated to self-expression, and we were delighted to witness the entire school community enthusiastically participating. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the students, parents, and staff whose contributions made this day both memorable and successful. Keep an eye out for more thrilling upcoming Spirit Days at UCA! [See Images HERE](#)

EXPLORE AND ENJOY AFTER-SCHOOL FUN!

At UCA, we endorse a holistic education that surpasses conventional learning. Our after-school initiatives strive to offer a wide array of opportunities, nurturing creativity, teamwork, and personal development. Our after-school activities commenced, offering students more than just study sessions. It's a time to explore, develop, and enjoy a variety of enriching experiences.



SENIORS BAKE SALE / BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

During Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, our students consistently aid in raising awareness for this significant cause. On October 20th, amidst lunch breaks, the seniors of UCA's class of 2024 orchestrated a bake sale, directing all earnings towards St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The selection of St. Jude held profound significance for our seniors, as it resonated deeply with them. This bake sale was a heartfelt dedication to the memory of their classmate, Bahaa Nasereddine, who courageously battled Synovial Sarcoma and received treatment at St. Jude. [See Images HERE](#)



HALLOWEEN DAY

October bid us farewell with a wave of laughter, creativity, and sheer enjoyment as UCA embraced Halloween on October 31st. Throughout our halls and classrooms, a vibrant array of costumes breathed life into characters from fairy tales, superheroes, and the most fantastical creatures imaginable. A heartfelt thank you extends to all the students, parents, and teachers whose involvement contributed to making our Halloween Day an unforgettable and joyous celebration! [See Images HERE](#)



Climate Change Rally at AUB

Our 12LS students participated in the Climate Change Rally at AUB. Organized by the Environmental Health Department, the contest turned out to be a fun day. Our students not only enjoyed the event but also won prizes and participation awards. Congratulations to Aline Abu Zeki, Dalia Shehayeb, Maya Shehayeb, Dana Andary, Razan Fayssal, Kayan Mahmoud, Luna Kubaitari, Jad Hamzeh, Lea Al Halabi, and Sirine Malaeb, we are always so proud of you! [See Images HERE](#)



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

This year, Independence Day celebrations at UCA will span two consecutive days. Preschool and Cycle I will mark the occasion on Thursday, November 23, 2023, while Cycle II, Middle, and High school will join the festivities on Friday, November 24, 2023. Planned assemblies are set to occur in the Auditorium across all Cycles on both days.



HONOR ROLL RESULTS



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