

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the **After School Program**.

The After School Program runs on trimester: FALL / WINTER / SPRING seasons

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND DEVELOPMENT



We regularly expand, change and revise the after school array of activities in an effort to provide a well-balanced program that promotes life skills and enhances the cognitive social and emotional development of the students. Our goal is to offer an engaging choice-oriented programming that is aligned with the school's mission in inspiring its students to become an active force in shaping a better world. The after school program also provides the students an opportunity to explore activities of particular interest outside of the regular school program.

For JS we continue the successful series of Leadership, Debate & Public Speaking and Soft Skills courses. These courses give the students the skills they need to maximize their potential. The program also includes a series of courses that promote the foundation of Healthy Financial Habits, Critical Thinking, Entrepreneurship, Young Diplomats, as well as a series of Writing Workshops, Chess instruction and Clay Design. For the upcoming winter program, we are adding Knitting Crafts, Lego Masters, as well as an initiation to Shakespeare.

For MS we continue with Bioethics & DNA, Model Congress and Model UN, as well as Parliamentary Debate and Public Speaking. We are adding Coding, Photography, Journalism, and Interviewing for Connecting. This class is offered by Ms. Gina Voskov, UNIS MS Faculty. It will give the students the opportunity to participate in the study conducted by researchers at NYU's Advancement of our Common Humanity (PACH). We are also adding Philosophy a course that will guide the students to analyze ethical dilemmas through civil debate. This course will cover Libertarianism, Utilitarianism, Kantian Ethics, and the idea of Justice as presented by John Rawls. This course aims to teach students how to discuss ethical quandaries from the different philosophical perspectives. The MS students registered in "Competitive Debate and Public Speaking" may participate in the English Speaking Union Middle School Debate Program, an educational initiative in partnership with Claremont McKenna University and the

support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program is to help the students develop critical thinking and language arts skills through public speaking.

The HS students participating in “Competitive Debate and Public Speaking” may join the “National High School Ethics Bowl” tournament. This program promotes respectful, supportive, and in-depth discussion of ethics among high school students nationwide. The National High School Ethics Bowl was founded in 2012 as the product of a partnership with the Parr Center for Ethics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This program engages high school students in intensive ethical inquiry. It fosters constructive dialogue and furthers the next generation’s ability to make sound ethical decisions.



The registration **in the AFTER SCHOOL & CARE Programs is at your disposal**. We invite you to register:

- **[AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM](#)**
- **[CARE PROGRAM](#)**

The After School Program Activities are held on virtual platforms starting 4:30PM so that all the students are able to join. The Zoom links to activities are directly forwarded to you by the instructors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming the students in the After School Program.

With all good wishes,
Kind regards,
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