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A Message from the Principal

Vahan Tekeyan School is a place where exceptional teaching and learning is the norm. Our members and students think with love and logic. We connect with sentiments. We keep learning at the forefront academically, socially, and emotionally. We treat students as individuals by valuing uniqueness while creating unity. We want our students to arrive to school wearing smiles and an eagerness to progress.

We have earned a reputation of academic excellence through the hard work of our students, parents, teachers, and staff. We are proud to support many academic courses to encourage students to experience the Armenian as well as the Lebanese culture, preparing them to discover their identity.

I believe that every student can be successful if given the right opportunity and aid. We are all committed to providing them the utmost educational experience in a respectful environment that fosters learning and growth.

When we forge positive relationships, strive for achievements, and continue to build on our successful foundation, we can foster a learning environment where our entire Tekeyan community thrives.

Always with love,
Mrs. Sevana Semerdjian Darakjian



Message of the School Board

The Tekeyan Intermediate School completed its academic year 2021-22 with great success!

The new Principal, Mrs. Sevana Semerdjian-Darakjian, was appointed in October 2021. She and her team of teachers and staff achieved targets beyond expectations! The year was full of challenges, one of them being the back to in-person teaching after almost two years of on and off online teaching-learning. The commitment of the Principal and her team was exemplary, as they were unrelenting in their efforts to give their very best to our students.

More than any other year, the school managed to navigate through very difficult financial hurdles. The School Board made timely recommendations to alleviate the financial concerns of teachers and staff who were struggling to survive daily subsistence in the midst of the most terrible inflation the country was witnessing in recent history. For the second year in a row, we tried to alleviate the financial burden on parents too by waiving the tuition fees. We are delighted to announce that the tuitions fees will be waived for the next academic year 2022-23 too!

On behalf of the School Board members, I extend our deep gratitude for the continuous support of the distinguished Chair, Mr. Hagop Kassardjian, and members of the Tekeyan Cultural Association Founding Board of Trustees and the generous financial support of our principal Benefactors Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Silva Simonian, as well as all other contributors, enabling us to sustain the operation of the school and to provide worthwhile education to our deserving students.

Looking forward to another prosperous academic year!

Annie Lachinian-Magarian
Chairperson of the School Board
Tekeyan Intermediate School

Highlights of our School programs and Activities in 2021-2022 (Spring-Summer)

Our Kindergarten was endowed with educational and storybooks from a kind-hearted donor. Our Kindergarten students extend their heartfelt gratitude for bringing joy to their everyday life.



Our Kindergarten students spent quality time in the kitchen baking Armenian bread: "Lavash", with Ms. Patil Balabanian.



Character Education Program



Honesty and Respect



Tolerance



Sharing



From our Educational and Cultural excursions

Musical Performance by Artsakh Teenagers

On April 4, 2022 a group of students from Grade 4 till Grade 9 headed to Der Melkonian Theatre in Bourj Hammoud to watch a remarkable musical performance "Ghoghanch Verabroum" by the visiting teenagers from Artsakh.



Here are some impressions from our students who attended the performance by the Artsakh teenagers

On April 4, we went to the theater "Der Melkonian". The teenagers performing the musical performance, were very talented. They came all the way from Artsakh to Lebanon, to sing Armenian songs and play Armenian instruments.

*Berge Kombejian
Grade 4*



When I arrived to the theater and saw the performers, I knew it was going to be amazing. They were very confident, they showed us that life goes on against all odds. No matter how difficult days our sisters and brothers in Artsakh faced, they stood firm and did not give up. They are our heroes!

*Mary Ghazarian
Grade 5*

My sincere gratitude to our Principal who gave us the golden opportunity to go and watch the performance on April 4, 2022, performed by Artsakh teenagers. I felt proud of being Armenian. It was a splendid performance that left us speechless.

*Vanessa Abou Nader
Grade 6*

Yesterday's event at "Der Melkonian" was one of the most heroic events ever seen. The voice of the performers was effortlessly delicate and I found myself in love with the amazing performance. My heart was full of joy and happiness. To sum it up, I think it was the most touching and brilliant event I have ever seen!

*Patil Papazian
Grade 7*

A Visit to the Cilicia Museum

On April 7, 2022 students from Grade 4 till Grade 9 paid a visit to Cilicia Museum in Antelias.



Students' Impressions



On 7th of April, we went to Cilicia museum of the Armenian Catholicossate. We saw lots of archives from the Armenian genocide, which were displayed under protective glass. Our teacher said that the Cilicia museum is known of its cultural heritage.

*Rita Vartivarian
Grade 4*

Visiting the Cilicia Museum was quite interesting. I had heard about it before but never seen the valuable materials myself. I realized how rich were the Armenians in their religious beliefs. I no longer wonder why Armenians all around the world still fight for their rights and lands, and ask for the recognition of the genocide.

*Aghassy Papazian
Grade 5*

We extend our sincere gratitude to the members of our school's Board of Education and the Principal who let us have an unforgettable educational trip to the Cilicia Museum.

*Patil Papazian
Grade 7*

On April 7, 2022, we had the golden chance to visit the Armenian Cathedral in Antelias and the Cilicia Museum. It was an educational and exciting experience, which provided me with the opportunity to learn and witness more about my culture!

*Alex Kodjayan
Grade 8*

Joyful Easter Mood

On April 11, 2022 students from Kindergarten till Grade 3 went to “Master Mall” to enjoy the Easter spirit.



On April 13, our students enjoyed a joyful Easter mood at school.

Our sincere gratitude to all the donors who were the reason for our students' happiness.



Armenian Carpet Workshop

On April 12, 2022, we welcomed the deputy director of Yerevan's Hovhannes Sharambeyan Museum of Folk Arts Gayane Aslanyan, and carpet weaver Anna Manoukyan, by the invitation of Haigazian University's Student Life Office.



Students' Impressions

On April 12, 2022 we participated in an interesting workshop. Two visitors from Armenia told us about Armenian traditional carpets and rug weaving. The carpets were very beautiful, and the rugs have a special meaning for the Armenians; it is the symbol of victory. It was a very nice experience.

*Lory Arakelian
Grade 4*

I was amazed, impressed and mesmerized while painting the carpet. I wasn't aware that such beautiful carpets can be made by simple tools. Now, I have one more reason to be proud of being an Armenian: for having such beautiful pieces of art!

*Berge Kombejian
Grade 6*

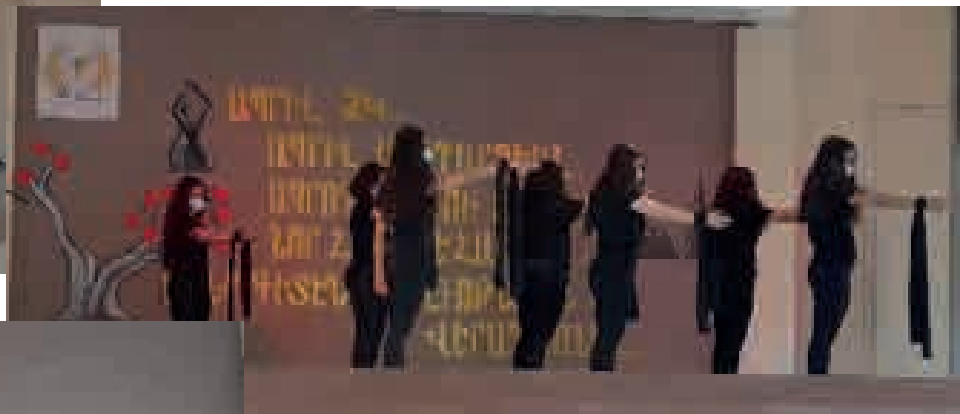


I was very excited to be introduced to such a beautiful art which is related to my culture. Armenians are artistic, our culture is very rich and the carpet workshop was a big example! Finally, I thank our dear Principal for giving us this great opportunity to explore our culture more!

*Mary Ghazarian
Grade 5*

Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

On April 12, 2022 we commemorated the 107th year of Armenian Genocide, with the presence of our School Board's Vice-Chair Mr. Berge Arabian and guest speaker Mr. Hampig Mardirossian.



General Knowledge Contest

On May 6, 2022 our students from grade 6 till grade 9 had a general knowledge contest. "Ararad" group was the winner. They received "Certificate of Achievement".



Spelling Bee Contest

On May 27, 2022 we had a Spelling Bee Contest. Our students from Grade 4 till Grade 8 participated in this contest. The winners received certificates.



Last Bell

On May 30, 2022 we celebrated "Last Bell"



Sports Day

Before the final exams, we had an amazing Sports Day on June 3, 2022. Our alumni also brought their active participation in the games.





"Mer Shougan"

On Sunday May 8, 2022, the Municipality of Bourj Hammoud organized an event named "Vernis-sage" at Master Mall. Two of our students Galia Norshahian (Grade 6) and Celine Dertadian (Grade 9) participated in the cultural program with an Armenian traditional dance, choreographed by Ms. Patil Balabanian.



Twin Schools

June 1, 2022, was a unique day at Vahan Tekeyan School: Our students watched a video sent from Artshakh's Maghavuz School. It is noteworthy to mention that Maghavuz School and Vahan Tekeyan School have become twin schools. Mr. Avedis Diban gave a thorough explanation about the video to our students.



Competitions

A group of our students participated in a drawing contest organized by Hamazkayin "Toros Roslin" school. Celena Keusseyan from Grade 7 won the 2nd place for the drawing subject "A Journey to the Planet"



On June 4, 2022 Patil Papazian from Grade 7 and Alex Kojayan from Grade 8 participated in Mher Choulhajian Essay Writing Contest organized by the Armenian Prelacy of Lebanon.



Teacher Development

On June 10 and 11 our teacher Mrs. Jeand'arc participated in a workshop for MASSADER application organized by LAH (Lebanese Association for History).

From our game-based learning activities



End of Year Graduation Ceremony

On Sunday July 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., we had our end of year graduation ceremony at “Hagop Barsamian” Hall. The event was dedicated to our benefactors Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Silva Simonian. After our graduates presented a creative and vibrant program, they were given their diplomas. At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Sam Simonian’s message was read to the graduates.







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