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ASM Warriors' Weekly

8 Feb 2021

Mon 8 Feb	Tue 9 Feb	Wed 10 Feb	Thu 11 Feb	Fri 12 Feb
DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
9.55am-10.10am SPECIAL 'I Love Books' Week Upper School GMeet Assembly	11.35am - 12.25pm (lunch) Student Council Meeting	Shortened Day (50min lessons; pick-up 1.45pm)	9:30am Parents' Coffee Meeting	Book Character Costume Day! Valentine's orders distributed 11:45am
				ASM PTO Master Class

Welcome to I Love Books Week!

The following activities will be taking place during English classes this week: door decorations of favorite books, YouTube author readings, Choose Your Own Adventure narrative task, picture book creativity. Please prepare to come to school dressed as your favorite book character on Friday.... you could win a PRIZE! Looking for inspiration? Some ideas can be found here: https://www.simplifycreateinspire.com/book-week-costume-ideas/



Monday 8th Feb 9:55am - 10:05am Upper School Assembly led by ASM's Student Council

Google Meet link: https://meet.google.com/tsd-amom-nit DL students enter the Assembly at the designated time (not before) - microphone off, sound on. Teachers will project the assembly for F2F students in their classrooms.

Tuesday 9th Feb 11:35am - 12:25pm (lunchtime) Student Council Meeting
DL Student Council Representatives please join with the following link: Student Council GMeet

Thursday 11th Feb 9:30am Parents' Coffee Meeting

Topic: Re-enrollment 2021! GMeet link: meet.google.com/dgz-qjfx-zcq

Valentine's SPECIAL

Student Council is continuing to offer limited-time Valentine's Packages (for sale during lunchtimes near the PE office)... please place your order! **Items will be distributed on Friday**. The money raised will be used to support Atlas Kinder - an orphanage currently caring for 160 children in a village built specially for them...

- YouTube Film: Les Enfants de l'Atlas Village Dar Bouidar (Version française)
- YouTube Film: Atlas Kinder Village Dar Bouidar (English Version)

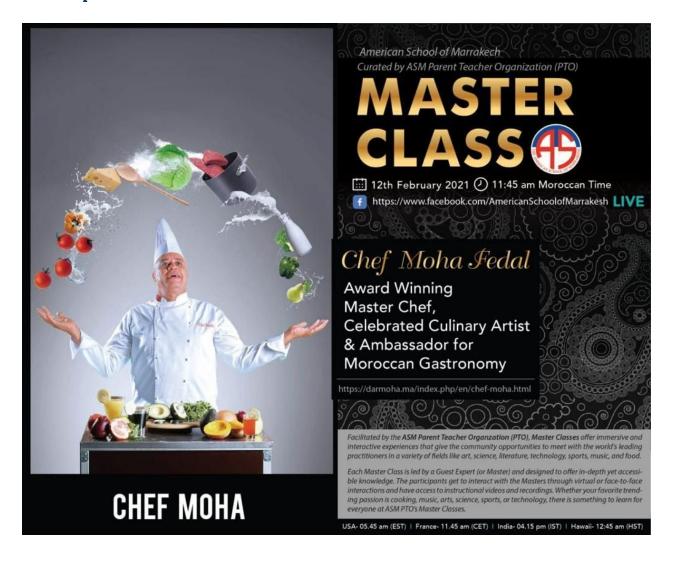
Rose = 10Dhs

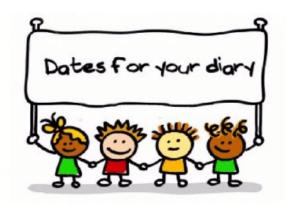
Rose + Card/Chocolate = 15Dhs

Rose + Card + Chocolate = 25Dhs

Friday 12th Feb 11:45am ASM PTO Master Class

Join Moroccan award-winning master chef and ambassador for Moroccan gastronomy Chef Moha Fedal via https://www.facebook.com/AmericanSchoolofMarrakesh





- Mon Feb 15 (9:55 10:05am) Upper School Assembly
- Wed Feb 17th (12:15 12:45pm) Career Connections Topic: Medicine with Dr Amal Fadaili (Anatomical Pathologist)
- Thurs Feb 18th 20:00 22:00pm NASA's Mission to Mars
- 22-26 Feb **Spring Break** (NO CLASSES)
- Mon 1st March (9:55 10:05am) Upper School Assembly
- Tues 16 March (Full Day NO CLASSES) & Wed 17 March (Afternoon NO CLASSES Upper School only) Parent Teacher Conferences
- Fri March 19th **Midterm Reports** distributed electronically
- March 22nd 30th AP Mock Exams further details and a specific schedule will be shared in February after the College Board have announced their plans for the real exams scheduled to take place in May
- March 24th **PSAT10 Exam** for all Grade 10 students

The Importance of Talking

Article by Jessica Abou Zbib (Grade 10)

Introduction

Have you ever felt down? Lonely? Hurt? It's a normal feeling that people go through from time to time throughout their life. The solution to this is to "TALK."

Why is talking helpful?

1. Release Stress

When you are facing a problem, talking to someone takes some of the weight of the problem off your shoulders. Talking to someone you have a good relationship with releases stress because it makes you feel better about yourself.

2. Strengthen relationships

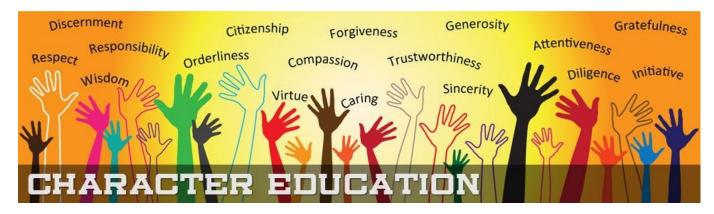
Talking to people allows you to make more relationships and make the relationship grow. People who satisfy relationships experience less health problems and become happier.

3. Allows different perspectives

When you are going through a problem, talking to someone allows you to view the problem from a different viewpoint. They can give you advice and show you their opinion about the topic.

★ Make sure to talk to someone you feel comfortable with and you trust.





Pillars of Character

Article by Aahd Arnous (Grade 10)

At ASM, our community works hard to teach the pillars of character throughout our whole time at school. We have advisory lessons in which we explore the different pillars and student-led assemblies to share our understanding. Our Head of School also enjoys interviewing students from different classes about how they feel about a certain pillar or what it means to them as an individual and you can see these videos on ASM's Facebook page.

The pillars of character are: Caring, Fairness, Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Citizenship and Perseverance.

<u>Trustworthiness:</u> When others trust us, they give us greater leeway because they feel we don't need monitoring to assure that we'll meet our obligations. They believe in us and hold us in higher esteem. That's satisfying. At the same time, we must constantly live up to the expectations of others and refrain from even small lies or self-serving behavior that can quickly destroy our relationships. Simply refraining from deception is not enough. Trustworthiness is the most complicated of the six core ethical values and concerns a variety of qualities like honesty, integrity, reliability and loyalty.

Respect: People are not things, and everyone has a right to be treated with dignity. We certainly have no ethical duty to hold all people in high esteem, but we should treat everyone with respect, regardless of who they are and what they have done. We have a responsibility to be the best we can be in all situations, even when dealing with unpleasant people. The Golden Rule — do unto others as you would have them do unto you — nicely illustrates the Pillar of respect. Respect prohibits violence, humiliation, manipulation and exploitation. It reflects notions such as civility, courtesy, decency, dignity, autonomy, tolerance and acceptance.

<u>Fairness:</u> What is fairness? The basic concept seems simple, even intuitive, yet applying it in daily life can be surprisingly difficult. Fairness is another tricky concept, probably more subject to legitimate debate and interpretation than any other ethical value. Disagreeing parties tend to maintain that there is only one fair position (their own, naturally). But essentially fairness implies adherence to a balanced standard of justice without relevance to one's own feelings or inclinations.

Caring: Caring is the heart of ethics, and ethical decision-making. It is scarcely possible to be truly ethical and yet unconcerned with the welfare of others. That is because ethics is ultimately about good relations with other people. Citizenship: Citizenship includes civic virtues and duties that prescribe how we ought to behave as part of a community. The good citizen knows the laws and obeys them, yes, but that's not all. She volunteers and stays informed on the issues of the day, the better to execute her duties and privileges as a member of a self-governing democratic society. She does more than her "fair" share to make society work, now and for future generations. Such a commitment to the public sphere can have many expressions, such as conserving resources, recycling, using public transportation and cleaning up litter. The good citizen gives more than she takes.

<u>Responsibility:</u> It means being accountable for what we do and who we are. It also means recognizing that our actions matter and we are morally on the hook for the consequences.

<u>Perseverance</u>: Perseverance is the ability to keep doing something in spite of obstacles. People who persevere show steadfastness in doing something despite how hard it is or how long it takes to reach the goal.





Valentine's day is celebrated annually on February 14, originating as the feast day honouring two Christian martyrs named Valentine of Rome and Valentine of Terni. St Valentine is the patron saint of lovers, beekeepers, and epileptics. It is a day symbolizing romance and love through vast cultures and religions.

Valentine of Rome was a priest in Rome who was martyred in 269 during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II. His relics were kept in the Church and Catacombs of San Valentino in Rome and later transferred to the church of Santa Prassede. Valentine of Terni was bishop of Intermanna and was buried in the Via Flaminia.

Valentine's Day customs such as sending greeting cards, offering sweets and presenting flowers developed in early modern England. In the early 19th century, Paper Valentines became so popular in England that they

were assembled in factories. Fancy Valentines were made with real lace and ribbons. A reduction in

postal rates following Sir Rowland Hill's postal reforms allowed an explosion of Valentines posted. In the United States, the Valentines of embossed paper lace were first produced by Esther Howland.

There are many legends about Valentine's day. A legend is that St. Valentine befriended and healed a jailer from blindness and signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his daughter. Another legend states that he secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war, confronting the emperor's orders.

The *Charter of the Court of Love*, issued by Charles VI of France, describes lavish festivities to be attended by several members of the royal court, such as a feast, amorous song and poetry competitions, jousting and dancing. The attending ladies would hear and rule on disputes from lovers.



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