The Palestinian Wedding
Irem Ufuk (Turkey)

On the 29th of March, a GHIS tradition, The Palestinian Wedding, was renewed. The event exemplifies one of GHIS’ main values: living in a shared society.

Annually, a wedding event takes place on the beautiful GHIS campus with the aim of giving the students and the faculty members insight into the Palestinian culture and traditions. This year the event was organized by two of our very students Jana and Sara. The wedding started with the bride, groom and the guests gathering together and dancing, then taking the bride to the actual wedding place with the guests following down the car taking the bride. The wedding consisted of new guests from outside who enjoined the demonstration of Palestinian traditions, which caught their attention. Our diverse student body gathered together and got the chance to dance the dabke, learn the etiquette of a Palestinian wedding and taste some delicious traditional Palestinian food.

GHIS is admitted to fostering a bond among its students and beyond by sharing interesting tales and traditions with them from both the local and international communities, and will not hesitate to do so in a variety of creative methods.

At the end of the day, among many activities on the GHIS campus, the wedding fulfilled its task of bringing us together!

A note from Mr. Yuval
Mr. Yuval Dvir, head of GHIS

The last several weeks were full of super exciting events at GHIS. The decline of the fifth COVID wave in the country enabled the return to outdoor activities, hosting groups from other schools on campus, and interesting student-led projects.

For me, the burst of activities represents tremendous youth energy. In a short time, students organized community-wide activities, demonstrating various management skills and, most importantly, great spirit. This is a trademark of our community and an opportunity for students to engage in meaningful activities as participants and as leaders. I hope you read through the newsletter and sense some of this beautiful development.
A well-attended and much appreciated Mosaic event was held on March 24, 2022. It was an unforgettable day at GHIS, with outstanding and exceptional performances by students from Mevo'ot, Sindiana, G'vanim, and GHIS. Traditional African dance and Palestinian ‘debka’ dance brought out the harmony of culture, music, and performance into a full display. On top of that, lively entertainment, incredible speeches, and enlightening presentations were part of this momentous event. Fun games and sports activities were also featured at the occasion.

The purpose of this event is, among others, to create a networking opportunity, build bridges between different schools that are in the same area as GHIS, and build connections between students. We all were able to have brunch together, which provided us time to mingle, engage in different activities and get to know each other as we were divided into smaller groups.

Additionally, this event served as a platform for students to project and reflect on their schools’ traditions, learn about each other, as well as represent their school. Special guest musician Robbie Schaefer came all the way from the US and performed his amazing songs and delivered a short message appreciating the gathering and the cultural diversity. Hadas DPI (Israel) said in her message “It was so exciting to meet so many talented and nice students that are the same as our age and I have made good friends out of this event.”

Based on the overall engagement and satisfaction of the attendees, the first-ever Mosaic event at GHIS can be considered successful in planning and execution.
School Trip

Sose Markosyan (Armenia)

On March 16-17, we went on a school trip. During the trip, we went to different places and got to know many cultures that we weren't familiar with. The annual trip gave us many memories and feelings we will remember for the rest of our lives.

The first place we went to was the Holy city of Jerusalem. We wandered in the 4 quarters of the Old City; Armenian, Jewish, Arab, and Christian. Our amazing tour guide told us about the unique stories of each quarter. The first part of the day was special for another reason as well. We enjoyed very-very tasty falafel, which, for some of us, was the very first time tasting it. We enjoyed the beautiful view of the Western Wall, wrote our deepest wishes, and put them on the wall hoping that someday they'll come true. At the end of our journey in the city, we went to the Church of Holy Sepulchre.

For the second part of the day, we traveled the Negev desert. We were guests of the Bedouin community and fully enjoyed their hospitality. Sheikh Ibrahim told us about many-many Bedouin traditions and habits and presented how Bedouins live and keep up with the development of the outside world. We spent that evening partying, going for a pleasant night's walk, and spending a peaceful night in the Bedouin tent.

The next day we woke up really early for a very exciting hike in Ein Ovat, tiring but every one of us enjoyed it. For the last part of the trip, we went to the Dead Sea. The warm water, nice weather, and relaxing mud were waiting for us. After playing and dancing at the beach we had a barbeque, which was amazing. We ended the day by singing on the bus and in the evening we already were on our campus or home.

Everyone enjoyed the vacation very much and we are thankful to the school administration and faculty for organizing such an amazing trip for us.

Reunion from a DP2 perspective

Roger S. Abim-Karmon (Liberia)

On March 25th, the current GHIS students and the graduate students gathered together in Givat Haviva.

This event was extraordinary - the first reunion in the history of GHIS! 5 different cohorts of different ages that each one made or will make a mark in the school, all gathered together to celebrate each other. The event included a great performance of our school band, yummy food, meetings between the different cohorts, reunions of friendship, and the creation of new connections.

As a DP2, at the reunion, it felt overwhelming to have all the cohorts of the school in one place. The reunion is a way to bring all the cohorts together and the faculty to have intertwined conversations about life outside of GHIS and what are the new additions to the community.

There were different stories, experiences, and life lessons to hear. Throughout the reunion, there was only one phrase that stuck with me and it was “make the best of your time here because the connections you make today might help you in the future.” GHIS continues to expand its family and as we move forward in life our connections here are for life.