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EDITION

# WISDOM OF THE EDITION

BY: CARRIE TARVER



## SUPERIOR TO STONE

"Oh, Susan! Look! Look at the lion!, I expect you've seen someone put a lighted match to a bit of newspaper...and for a second nothing seems to have happened; and then you notice a tiny streak of flame creeping along the edge of the newspaper. It was like that now. For a second after Aslan had breathed upon him the stone lion looked just the same. Then a tiny streak of gold began to run along his white marble back then it spread-then the color seemed to lick all over him as the flame licks all over a bit of paper...Everywhere the statues were coming to life."<sup>1</sup> In C.S. Lewis' Narnia series, the life-giving Aslan transforms dead statues of stone into animals who are very much alive. Once the act is done, Aslan does not view one animal as superior to another, he gives each one a special assignment using each animal's gifts and abilities. The animals did not become superior to each other. However, they did become infinitely superior to their former stone selves.

Ernest Hemingway once said, "There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self". Humans have spent countless amounts of blood, sweat, and tears attempting to prove themselves better than those around them. However, such a goal is not only a sad self-centered waste of time, it is also impossible. The reason it is impossible is because it simply will never be true. The same God who made one person, "knitting them together"<sup>2</sup> in their mother's womb is the same God who created everyone else for a purpose that is equally unique and important.

While proving "superior to your fellow man" is futile, becoming "superior to your former self" is, as the quote says, a "truly noble" aspiration. While this process of transformation and growth is something only God can do within a person, it also requires submission and obedience. Christians believe that becoming "superior to your former self" involves becoming a "new creature", as the famous verse says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away...the new has come."<sup>3</sup> In any case, what a nobler place the world would be if the focus was not to beat everyone but to value everyone, not to prove better than everyone but to prove better than the former self.

1. The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis  
 2. Psalm 139  
 3. II Corinthians 5:17

## CSM FAMILY

BY: GORDON OBOUR



**NAME: BASHER ADIL**

CSM Erbil recognizes Ms. Bashair Adel Estephan as the CSM Family of the Month for her exceptional qualities that greatly contribute to the CSM community. With a Master's degree in Inorganic Chemistry, she brings a high level of intellect and precision to her work. Known for being highly organized, detail oriented, and passionate, Ms. Bashair consistently goes above and beyond in everything she does. Her kind and helpful nature make her a beloved figure among colleagues and students alike. Not only is she dedicated to her professional role but is also firmly committed to her family. As a wife and mother of two, she exemplifies the values of love, care, and excellence that define the CSM community.



**NAME: RIDHAA HUSSIEN**

CSM Duhok acknowledges Ms. Ridhaa Hussein Mohammed as Family of the Month for her unwavering dedication and outstanding contributions to the Duhok team. Since joining in 2018, Ms. Ridhaa has consistently demonstrated exceptional commitment, first as an Admin Assistant from 2018-2020 and now as an Admin Employee from 2021-2025. Known for her reliability, Ms. Ridhaa is someone the team can always depend on, especially during critical situations. Her accuracy in completing tasks and her dependable nature make her an invaluable member of the team. Her strong work ethic and dedication ensure that she consistently delivers high-quality results, and we are truly proud to have her as part of our team.



**NAME: ZNA MOHAMMED**

CSM Suli honors Ms. Zna Mohammed Ahmed as Family of the Month for her outstanding dedication and contributions to the school. With a Bachelor's degree in Biology, Ms. Zna serves in various roles, including CCA for Science grades 1-12 as well as CCA for the three Science Electives of AP Biology, AP Chemistry, and Psychology. Additionally, she also serves as CCA of Music for grades 1-7, showcasing her versatility and commitment to student development. Ms. Zna also plays a crucial role as the International Exams Coordinator, managing AP, SAT, and IOWA exams, while supervising both the Nurse and Lab sections. Her administrative duties include overseeing the Graduate Database, Missing Credits, and Elective Database, ensuring the smooth functioning of essential systems. Since joining CSM in 2022, Ms. Zna has proven a vital part of the team, demonstrating a remarkable balance of leadership and passion for her work.

# CSM HEROS OF THE MONTH

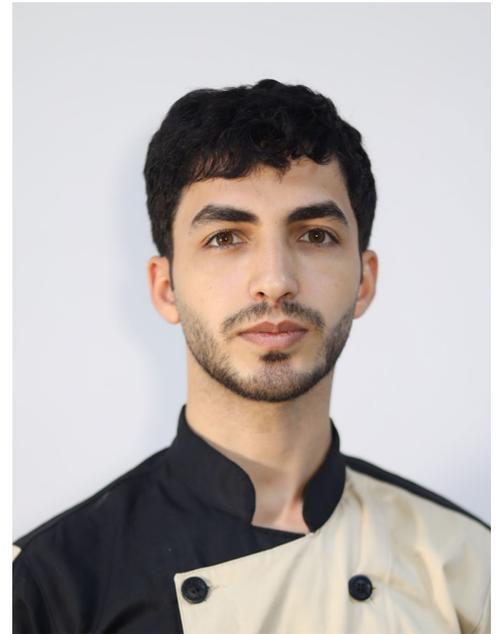
## RESTAURANT DEPARTMENT HEROS



NAME: MOHAMAD NAKOUR



NAME: SAWSAN GHANEM



NAME: MOHAMMED SALM

## CLEANING DEPARTMENT HEROS



NAME: HOGAR OMAR

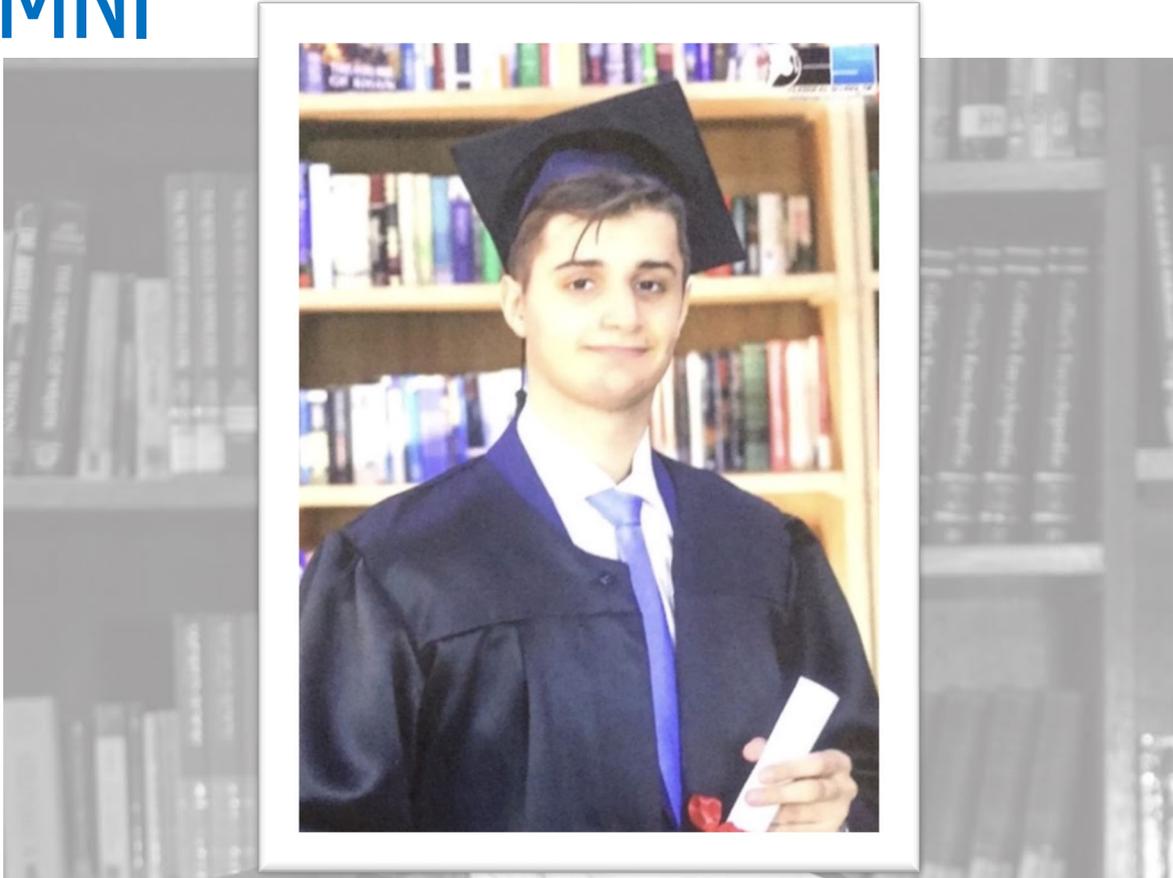


NAME: ZNAR FOUZI



NAME: HESHW SARDAR

# ALUMNI

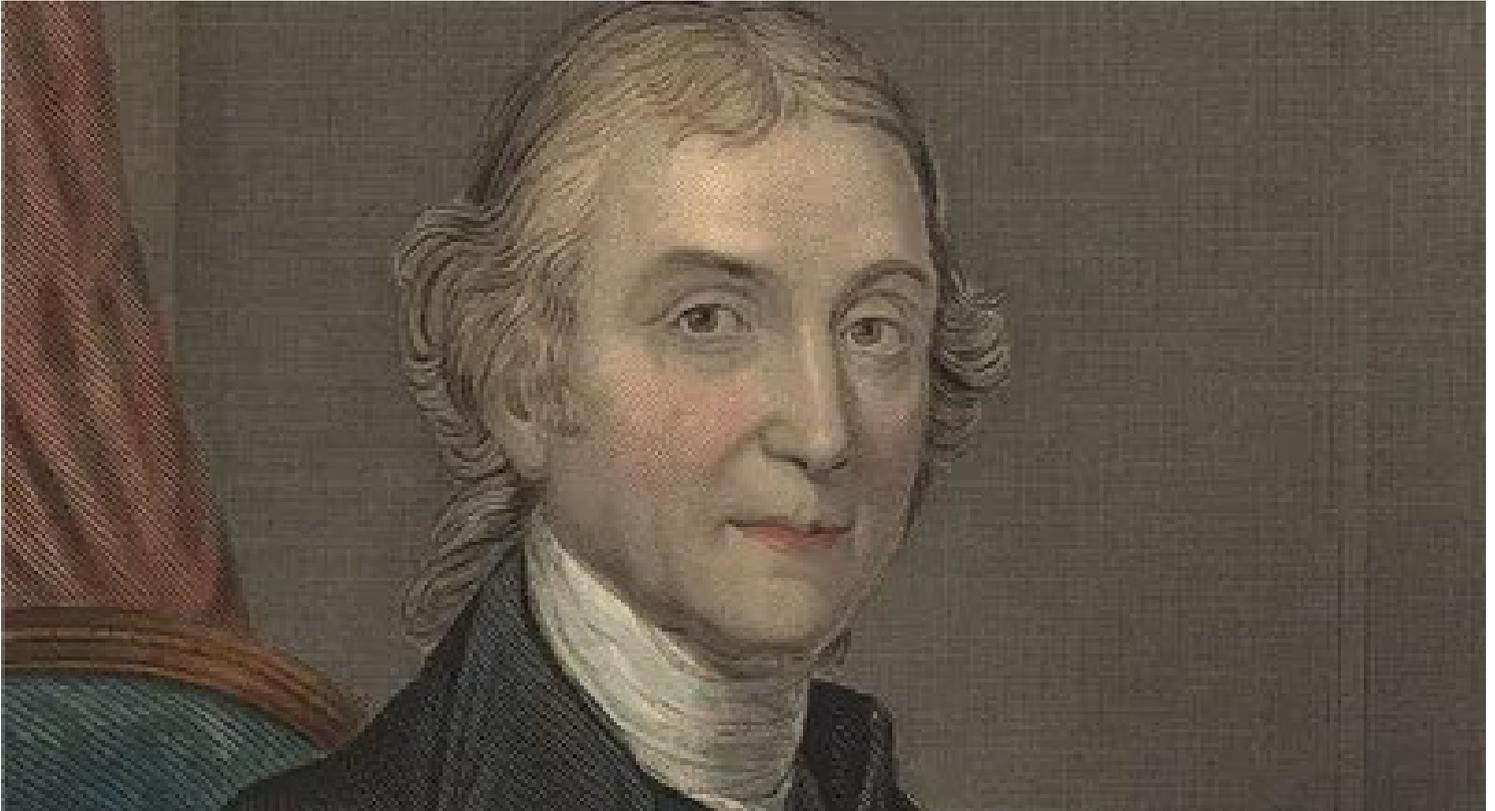


**NAME: PETER SROOD**

My name is Peter Srood, and I first joined the Classical School of the Medes, Hawler in 3rd grade back in 2012. I graduated in 2022 and decided to pursue a degree in Software Engineering at the University of Kurdistan Hawler. There are many aspects of what makes a school a great community, and CSM does not lack in any department. Not only are the education and skills provided to its students of remarkable value, but the teachers and mentors at CSM are constantly motivating and encouraging their students to progress towards their goals. In addition to its academic value, CSM has provided me a great community full of fantastic people that I was able to meet and form life-long bonds and share special memories with. If I could go back and choose a different school to attend, I would pick CSM every time.

## BIRTHDAY OF THE MONTH: JOSEPH PRIESTLEY: THE AIR WE BREATHE

BY: JACOB TERRELL



One of the pioneers of modern ideology associated with the relationship between electricity and gasses came from humble beginnings and was part of a revolutionary group. Joseph Priestley was inspired by Benjamin Franklin to write and begin one of his first works. Coming from a background of rejecting common reformation Christian beliefs, he aligned this practical mindset to his pursuit of scientific exploration. It was through his experiments on the state of nature that he found a belief in the created world only able to be formed from a benevolent God. It was with this new foundation that he saw science only pointed towards the existence of God. He later joined a group of scientists and started work trying to find medical relief for common illnesses. It is because of this pursuit that we now have the carbonated water that is used in modern soda. However, his next experiment was more revolutionary.

He developed an experiment conducted by many scientists and came to describe the active element in combustion and respiration. In 1780, Joseph Priestley discovered the element Oxygen. This launched the scientific world into a new understanding of the air around them and the nature of basic earthly things, such as fire. Priestley continued to keep his ideological expressions and question his new findings to find more evidence and explanation to further prove this new element. This was not the only revolutionary concept he was part of. Priestley was also involved in a group that promoted freedom of speech, worship, and education, as these are requirements for correct and faultless scientific results. His ideas were met with hostility in England as he fled to the Americas to be among others who were mindful of freedom and revolutionary ideas. He was later revered by the third president of the United States upon his death and mourned by many as a great scientist and influential leader in the freedom of ideas.

# THEME OF THE MONTH: IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP AND ANGER MANAGEMENT

BY: JACOB TERRELL



Here at CSM, one of the goals to help the students stay healthy and educated is to guide them into better sleep management. By having a good routine in their sleeping habits, students will be more aware and have an easier time retaining information taught during classes. Healthy sleep habits lead to an increase in mental capacity, as well as a better ability to regulate emotions. CSM staff strive to guide students not only to increase their knowledge, but also into a deeper understanding of their own mind and a mastery over their emotions. One of the many ways to achieve this is by having a regulated sleep pattern. The effects of poor sleep management lead to lethargy and a more unstable control of emotions. One of the most common emotions to be affected is anger.

One of the most notable responses people have is their reaction to intense anger. This is not just referring to the effects of outward expressions of anger but also to the isolating effects of anger. The unseen "bottling" of anger is even more detrimental to a person's mental development over time. However, a healthy control over anger is needed to avoid escalating a situation to where irreversible effects occur. Finding a group of reliable and honest friends to confide in are signs of a restrained reaction to anger. It is like a wild horse; you do not tame it by outright confrontation or hide it away and expect it to be tamed on its own. By learning a healthy way to control anger, other emotions will become easier to manage. Through the continued development of these habits, starting with a regulated sleep pattern, mental and emotional control will be easier to notice.

# SOCIAL WORKER DEPARTMENT: FIRM & KIND

BY: ANTOINETTE FARROW

“A person who evokes passion and empathy in order to create significant positive change in the lives of others” is the textbook definition of a “Social Worker”, and that is exactly what the Social Workers at Classical School of the Medes do. A combination of firmness and kindness, from KG to grade 12, the Social Workers team is ready to assist and support.

Social Workers at CSM attend a full day of school and are assigned duties both inside and outside the office. During breaks, as well as before and after school, the Social Workers are responsible for students outside the classroom, often advising them about communication, respect, and safe play. Inside the office, Social Workers deal with students who have behavioral, discipline, emotional, or psychological difficulties, as well as challenges they face at home or among peers. The Social Workers team will have a one-on-one session with students to try and identify the cause of the difficulty and bring forth solutions on how to deal with it.

Each section of the school's Social Workers team is also responsible for hosting a monthly theme to spread awareness on topics such as respect, trust, bullying, and basic behavioral issues. At CSM, the Social Workers team serve as pillars of the school, working hand-in-hand with teachers, parents, and administration staff to ensure that each student receives the best educational experience.



# IOWA ASSESSMENTS: FOCUSING FOR THE FUTURE

BY: CARRIE TARVER

On the morning of March 6th, the day for which many admin, staff, teachers, and students prepared for had arrived: IOWA Assessments. At approximately 8:15 in the morning, 232 students from 6th grade and 163 students from 8th grade sat in their seats across the Duhok, Erbil, and Suly campuses, ready for their exam.

In addition to demonstrating their skills in subjects such as Reading, Vocabulary, Grammar, Spelling, Math, and Computation, students also learned the new skill of filling in “bubbles”. In preparation for AP Exams later in life, students learned how to record their answers by using a separate answer sheet and coloring in the “bubble” representing the correct multiple-choice answer.

Perhaps more challenging than the content of the exam was the limited amount of time to complete each question. Part of the test was to determine how quickly students could produce the correct answer with confidence and move on to the next question. Proctors announced the time limit for each separate section, alerting students as to how much time was remaining throughout the exam.

In order to keep students energized, snacks and a hearty lunch were served by the cafeteria staff. Thanks to the diligent direction of the staff, students exited exam halls, finished their food, and were back in their seats ready for the afternoon sections in a record amount of time. CSM is hopeful that this experience will help prepare students for AP Exams of the future and that the results will provide helpful guidance for teachers as well as students to know which areas of study may require more focus.



## NEWROZ:

BY: ANTOINETTE FARROW

# THE CELEBRATION OF NEW BEGINNINGS

Newroz or Nuwroz (as pronounced by the ancient Persians) is a celebration of the Kurdish new year. This celebration takes place on March 21st, but the festivities begin with people gathering on March 20th where a bonfire is lit to signify the cleansing of bad luck and to celebrate the freedom of the Kurds. Kurdish people celebrate Newroz on the first day of spring which represents new beginnings. Therefore, families visit one another, and everyone seeks to resolve any conflicts or misunderstandings that may be carried from the year before.

On this day, special foods are prepared, people wear traditional Kurdish clothes, and there are fireworks, dancing, singing, and poetry recitations. Pottery is also sometimes smashed for good luck. From the youngest to the oldest, citizens look forward each year to this celebration. Newroz is not only observed in Kurdistan, Iraq but in many other countries such as Syria, Turkey, Iran, and Kazakhstan.



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY; WOMEN RISE COMMUNITY RISES

BY: GORDON OBOUR



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day, celebrated each year on March 8th, stands as a global acknowledgment of the significant roles women have played throughout history. The roots of this day trace back to the early 20th century, when women began organizing for equal rights, better working conditions, and the right to vote. The first National Women's Day was celebrated in the United States in 1909, initiated by the Socialist Party of America. However, it was in 1910 at the International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen that the idea of an International Women's Day was proposed by Clara Zetkin, a prominent German activist. The day was officially recognized by the United Nations in 1977, evolving into a global celebration of women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements.

Throughout history, women have shaped the world in profound ways, often defying societal limitations to make lasting impacts. From pioneering figures like Marie Curie, who revolutionized science with her discoveries in radioactivity, to political icons like Indira Gandhi, the first woman to lead a democratic nation, women have broken barriers in fields ranging from the sciences and politics to the arts and social movements.

As we reflect on the milestones reached, it is essential to also recognize the ongoing struggles women face worldwide. International Women's Day serves as a reminder of the work that remains to achieve full equality, particularly in areas such as wage imbalances and access to education. This day calls for unity, empowerment, and continued action to ensure that future generations of women can live in a world of equality, respect, and opportunity. By celebrating the history and achievements of women, we also inspire the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and change makers, reinforcing the concept that when women rise, society rises with them.

# MOTHER'S DAY: CELEBRATING OUR INCREDIBLE MOTHERS

 BY: GORDON OBOUR

Why do mothers always seem to have all the answers? As we celebrate Mother's Day, we are reminded of the incredible wisdom, love, and support that mothers offer to their families and communities. Their ability to nurture, guide, and care for their families often seems limitless. Mothers play such a crucial role in shaping our lives, instilling values, and teaching us life lessons that stay with us long for our entire life. This special day provides an opportunity to recognize the selflessness and strength that mothers demonstrate daily, often without expecting anything in return.

At CSM, we acknowledge the many ways mothers contribute to the success and wellbeing of our school community. Whether it's through volunteering, offering emotional support, or simply being present, mothers make a great impact in shaping the environment we all enjoy. This day serves as a reminder to honor their tireless efforts and unwavering love, support, and care. We also recognize the other mother figures in our community such as grandmothers, aunts, and mentors who play an equally important role in shaping our students' lives.

This Mother's Day, let us take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary women who support us every day. Whether near or far, a kind word or small gesture can go a long way in showing our appreciation for all they do. From all of us at CSM, we wish a joyful and heartfelt Mother's Day to the wonderful mothers in our community. Thank you for your boundless love and dedication!

# AKRE: THE JEWEL OF KURDISTAN

BY: ARI RAMZI



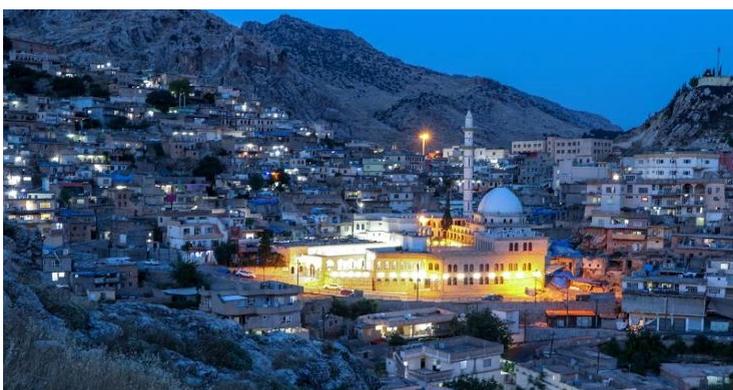
Have you ever dreamed of visiting a place where stunning nature, rich history, and unique traditions come together? Akre, a charming town in Kurdistan, is that place. Known as the "Bride of Kurdistan," Akre is famous for its beauty, warm hospitality, and vibrant celebrations.

Akre is surrounded by breathtaking mountains that create a peaceful and picturesque view. The town sits in a valley, making it a perfect destination for nature lovers. During spring, the hills are covered with wildflowers, and the air is fresh and clean. Visitors can enjoy hiking in the mountains or exploring the nearby caves, such as the famous Zawita Cave. These natural wonders make Akre a favorite spot for adventure seekers.

The history of Akre is just as fascinating as its landscape. The town has been home to many cultures and civilizations over thousands of years. Ancient ruins and old buildings tell the story of its rich past. Akre's famous minaret, built centuries ago, is a symbol of the town's Islamic heritage and attracts visitors from all over Kurdistan. Walking through the old streets of Akre feels like stepping into a different time.

One of the most special things about Akre is its traditions. The town is famous for its unique celebrations during Newroz, the Kurdish New Year. Every March, the people of Akre light torches and climb the mountains, creating a beautiful scene that lights up the night. This tradition has made Akre a symbol of Kurdish culture and pride. Visitors from across the region come to join the festivities and experience the town's lively atmosphere.

In conclusion, Akre is a town that combines natural beauty, rich history, and cultural traditions. Whether you want to explore the mountains, learn about ancient civilizations, or celebrate Kurdish heritage, Akre has something to offer. It is truly a jewel of Kurdistan and a place worth visiting.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR - APRIL

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- 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 5<sup>TH</sup> EFTAR HOLIDAY .
- 1<sup>ST</sup> AKETO DAY.
- 3<sup>RD</sup> ,4<sup>TH</sup> ORAL CANCER AWARENESS EVENT (ERBIL).
- 7<sup>TH</sup> KURDISH WIZARI TEST G5, G8.
- 9<sup>TH</sup> BAGHDAD LIBERATION.
- 10<sup>TH</sup> SCIENCE FAIR 1-6 / KG ART AND SCIENCE FAIR.
- 14<sup>TH</sup> SCIENCE FAIR AWARD CEREMONY (KG -6) .
- 15<sup>TH</sup> HALWER DRAM ACTIVITY.
- 16<sup>TH</sup> YAZIDI NEW YEAR.
- 20<sup>TH</sup> ,21<sup>ST</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> EASTER HOLIDAY.
- 22<sup>ND</sup> EARTH DAY .
- 29<sup>TH</sup> \* PRELIMINARY EXAM 1 .
- \* BEGIN KG STUDENT INTERVIEWS.



# FUN FACTS FOR YOU TO KNOW

## Neanderthals Mass Produced Tools in a "Flintstone Factory" 60,000 Years Ago

Fred and Wilma may not have worked there in reality, but it turns out that there was, in fact, a "flintstone factory" 60,000 years ago.

Recently, archaeologists in Poland discovered a massive workshop that they believe was used by Neanderthals to make thousands of flint tools. Those working on the site found more than 17,000 stone items, making it the first large Neanderthal work area discovered in Central Europe that isn't in a cave.



## A Shrimp's Heart Is in Its Head

A shrimp exoskeleton is divided into two distinct parts: one that contains its head, and one that includes the tail. The shrimp's heart is located in the former section, behind its face and stomach.

## The Earth Weighs About 13,170,000,000,000,000,000,000 Pounds

Earth may be too big to pop on a scale, but, according to NASA and the California Institute of Technology's Cool Cosmos, scientists have used their knowledge of the laws of gravity and applied that to some fancy-schmancy mathematical equations to figure out that our planet weighs about 13,170,000,000,000,000,000,000 pounds.



## The World's Oldest Tortoise is Twice as Old as Queen Elizabeth

Jonathan, a Seychelles giant tortoise living on Saint Helena in the South Atlantic, is thought to be 187 years old. That makes him more than twice as old as Queen Elizabeth!

## PUZZLE OF THE MONTH: WORD SEARCH

### SCHOOL DAYS WORD SEARCH

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MATH  
ART  
RECESS

LUNCH  
TEACHER  
PRINCIPAL  
STUDENT

RULER  
ENGLISH  
LIBRARY

BUS  
CROSSWALK



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS




### بەرزەن

#### قوتابیان و بێپسراوانی ئازیز،

لەئێستادا کۆمەڵگەکانی میدیا لەهەرسێن شارێ (دهۆک، هەولێر، سلێمانی) قوتابیان نوێ وەردەگرتیت بۆ سالی داها توو! داواکار دەتوانیت ئارەزوومەندانه پرسباری وەردەگاریەکان بکات.

بۆ ئەو قوتابیانە داواي ناو تۆمارکردن دەکەن، تاقیکردنەوەی سەرەتایی لەم رێکەوتانە خوارویدا بەرپۆهەچیت:

- 29/4/2025
- 29/5/2025
- 29/6/2025
- 29/7/2025

بۆ دەستکۆتنی زانیاری زیاتر، دوودل مەبەو پەپوهندی بە ئیمووه بکە

کارگێری کۆمەڵگە

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### قوتابیان و سەمیانین هیژا،

د نوکە دا کۆمەڵگەها میدیا ل هەر سەن باژێران قوتابیان بۆ سالا نوێ یا خواندین قوتابیان تومارکەت! داخاکەرین تومارکەن دشین پرسبارا هیرکاریان بکەن.

بۆ قوتابیان داخارا تومارکەن دکەن، تاقیکەرنین تومارکەن ل ئەشان ریکەفتین خوارێ دئ هینە ئەنجامدان:

- 29 ی نیسان
- 29 ی گولانی
- 29 ی خزیران
- 29 ی تیرمەهین

بۆ بەستەمەئینانا زانیاریین زیدەتر پەپوهەدین ب مە بکەن.

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### Dear Students and Parents,

CSM Schools are now accepting new students for the upcoming school year! Interested applicants are encouraged to inquire for more details.

For students seeking admission, Preliminary Exams will be conducted on the following dates:

- April 29<sup>th</sup>
- May 29<sup>th</sup>
- June 29<sup>th</sup>
- July 29<sup>th</sup>

For more information, please feel free to contact us.

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### عزیزێ الطلاب وأولياء الأمور،

تعلن مدارس CSM عن فتح باب القبول للطلاب الجدد للعام الدراسي القادم! ندعو جميع الراغبين في التقديم إلى الاستفسار لمزيد من التفاصيل.

للطلاب الراغبين في الالتحاق، ستعقد الاختبارات التمهيديّة في التواريخ التالية:

- 29 نيسان
- 29 ايار
- 29 حزيران
- 29 تموز

لمزيد من المعلومات، لا تترددوا في التواصل معنا.

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# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## سه میانین هیژا،

فانیلین هچک کورت و هر وهسا فانیلین وهرزشی یین هچک کورت دی بورد هست بن ژ ریکهفتی **24/3** ل پشکا فروتنا جلکا ل کومهلگههن.



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## دایکان و باوکانی تازیز،

فانیلهی کورت و نیوقولس مارکهی پولو و فانیلهی وهرزشی بورد هست ده بیت له ریکهوتی **24/3** لهناو کومهلگه له ژووری فروشتنی جلوبهرگی یونیفورم.



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## Dear CSM Parent,

Short sleeve polo shirts and sport shirts starting **March 24** are available at uniform sales.



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## أعزائنا أولیاء أمور CSM،

تتوفر قمصان البولو ذات الأكمام القصيرة والقمصان الرياضية في مبيعات الزي المدرسي ابتداءً من **24/3**.



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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### سه میانی قوتابین

قوناغین (پینجی، ههشتی) بنه رته تی،

ل بیرا هه وه دئینین کو تا قیکرنا  
نشتمانن یا زمانن کوردی دئ ل  
ریکهفتی 7/4 ژ ده مژمیر 9:00 هه تا  
11:00 بریقه چیت.

- ناماده بوون فه ره و چ موله ت ب قوتابیان  
ناهینه دان.
- وانه ئیکسه ره پشتنن تا قیکرنن دئ  
ده سته پیکه هه تا ده مژمیر 2:30 ل دو یف  
خشتن وانیهان.
- هیقیه جزدانک (پینفیس، ژبرک) دگهل  
قوتابی هه بیت.



سپاس بو هاریکاریا هه وه

### به خیکه رانی تازی

قوناغی (پینجه م، هه شته م) ی بنه رته تی،

به بیرری ئیوه ی به ریزی ده خهینه وه که  
تا قیکردنه وه ی نیشتمانن زمانن کوردی  
له ریکه وتی 7/4 له کاتژمیر 9:00 تا کو  
کاتژمیر 11:00 به ریه ئه چیت.

- ناماده بوون پئویستییه و هیه موله تیک به  
قوتابی نادریت.
- وانه کان راسته وه خو له دوی تا قیکردنه وه  
ده سته پیکه هه تا کاتژمیر 2:30 به گویره ی  
خسته ی وانه کان.
- تکایه دلنیا به ره وه منداله که ت مه حفزه (پینووس،  
لاستیک) له لاییت.



سپاس بو هاوکاریتان

### DEAR CSM

GRADE 5 AND GRADE 8 PARENTS,

This is a reminder that Kurdish  
Nishtimani Exam will take place on April  
7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

- Attendance is mandatory and no  
permissions will be granted for  
absence.
- Regular classes will resume after the  
exam and continue until 2:30 PM, as  
stated in the parent letter.
- Please ensure your child brings the  
necessary stationery, including a pencil  
and an eraser.

Thank you for your cooperation



### أعزائنا اولياء أمور

طلبة CSM للمرحلة الخامسة و الثامنة،

هذا تذكير بأن إمتحان درس اللغة الكردية  
الوزاري سيعقد في 7 نيسان من الساعة  
9:00 إلى 11:00 صباحاً.

- الحضور إلزامي، ولن يتم منح أي إذن بالغياب.
- ستستمر الحصص الدراسية بعد الإمتحان  
حتى الساعة 2:30، وفقاً لجدول الدروس  
اليومي.
- يُرجى التأكد من أن طفلكم لديه أدواته  
المدرسية (قلم رصاص وممحاة).

شكراً لتعاونكم



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Eid Al-fitr

**HOLIDAY**

March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**CSM ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE YOUR CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND ENJOY THEIR SUCCESS AT OUR ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR!

DATE: APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | TIME: 11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM  
GRADES: KG TO GRADE 6

Come and explore the innovative projects created by our young scientists. It's a wonderful opportunity to support their curiosity and creativity!

Logos: ELIZAPHAN SCHOOL OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES, HAWLEH MEDICAL UNIVERSITY



**ORAL CANCER AWARENESS EVENT**  
رۆژی هۆشدارکردنه وه له زه خوۆشی  
شیرپه نجهی ده م و ددان

**ORAL CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2025**

**PARK SAMI ABDULRAHMAN**

**03 - 04 April 2025**

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Logos: HAWLEH MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, ELIZAPHAN ESTABLISHMENT FOR EDUCATION, Erbil Branch

# KURDISH CLOTHES CEREMONY: AN ARRAY OF APPAREL AND ARRIVAL OF SPRING

BY: CARRIE TARVER

Whether it was wearing jlikurdis, Kurdish dancing, a torch-lit bonfire, free lessons, or the two-week holiday to come, it is hard to say what students were most excited about. One thing was certain: the atmosphere at CSM's Kurdish Clothes Ceremonies in Duhok, Erbil, and Suly was electric. This day began with classes "as usual" for the first few lessons. However, studying is somehow a bit different when one is wearing a jlikurdi. After these first lessons were complete, students filed outdoors where a beautiful sunny sky and crisp cool air awaited them.

Once all students from KG to grade 12 as well as staff, teachers, and admin were gathered, the ceremonies began. The programs included a Kurdish flag rise with national anthem, lighting of the Newroz fire with the traditional torch, poem recitations, distribution of awards and certificates, speeches, an impressive gymnastics routine, and of course, dancing. Students clapped and cheered throughout the program and enjoyed photos as well as dancing with their classmates and teachers. In the end, it was a colorful day filled with the excitement of spring and the fun of friends. Newroz Piroz to all the CSM family across Kurdistan!



# IFTAR GATHERING - ERBIL





# IFTAR GATHERING - DUHOK





# IFTAR GATHERING - SULI



# THE CHAMPION OF THE GTI TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP IN ERBIL



CSM Erbil is proud to announce that Kian Mostafa Bahoz from grade 3 has won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Erbil tennis tournament for kids age ten and under. Last year, Keon placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the same tournament. After much practice and support from his family and coach, he is now the champion of all young players in Erbil. Congratulations, Kian!



# CSM KG DUHOK IN PHOTOS:



# CSM SCHOOL DUHOK IN PHOTOS:



# CSM KG SULAIMANI IN PHOTOS:



# CSM SCHOOL SULAIMANI IN PHOTOS:



# CSM KG HAWLER IN PHOTOS:



# CSM SCHOOL HAWLER IN PHOTOS:



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# Newsletter

2024-2025

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