

# SNC NEWS- LETTER



## Message from the Director

Majed Fayad: We are overjoyed with the positivity in the air

This is a new platform where we can reach out to you, our dear students and teachers. It is my pleasure to introduce our new Monthly Newsletter where we update you with all the news and upcoming events taking place at SNC, the student life, mentors' roles, teaching experience, and alumni achievements.

The new academic year 2021/2022 has been launched with all of us eager to return to the campus, and meet with everyone after 2 years of lockdown due to COVID-19.

We are happy to see the positive vibes in the air helping all of us forget the challenges going on around.

In this first issue, we feature the Re-Branding of SNC. We now have a new logo that is not only loyal to the history and legacy of the school, but it also looks forward to the new generations of community leaders. Nujoum Yehya of Grade 9B is our first contributor where she talks about the challenges she has faced in her new decisive year. Genius Map is also coming up, and we are looking forward to see SNC winners in this competition as we are used to.

I wish you all good luck in this new year, and I look forward to seeing more issues of this newsletter so we can always keep you posted.



Majed Fayad; SNC Director

## We are REBRANDING!

*Shouf National College, writing history*

**A new logo complementing a new generation.**



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The long lasting wait is over. We are excited to present to you the new SNC Logo.

Shouf National College is a cultural and an educational hub that builds minds and offers a space to enrich students and make them ready to be leaders in their society and country.

Since 1957- the year SNC was established as a non-governmental organization- Said Bek Hmadeh, the founder, had it in his heart to help students get the best learning experience. The legacy of SNC continues till today and will keep on building throughout the new generations.

Our new logo embodies the values of the Founder and that of SNC as an NGO and a leader among educational institutes and promises the continuation of the mission and vision.

This new logo depicts two of our most valued Lebanese trees, the Cedar and the Olive tree colored in rich gold.

The beautiful calligraphic arabic logotype reveals the rich history of Shouf National College.

The Master logo now has the college's name in both English and French and maintains the founding year 1957 in Baakline, Lebanon.

You will start seeing the logo gradually implemented on all of SNC's communications.

It is an exciting new era for SNC. We are happy that all of you are witnessing the change and will be onboard this new journey.



An adaptation of the logo with the acronym.

## Contributors

**Nujoum Yehya**  
Grade 9B

### How's School?

It was the first day of school, as so it was the first ride on the car since the long isolation we had during the lockdown. While clutching the massive bag laying on my lap, I had one more thing that was adding much more weight onto me - nervousness. I was awfully worried about the thought of having to accept the return of school life back to its normal. How will it be like to meet my friends again? What about meeting the teachers? Will I be able to cope again? Unfortunately, the attempts I have done to calm down were uncountable. That was until I actually reached school.

The moment I set foot on the playground, a sense of serenity overwhelmed me. There was a substance in the air that made me calmer every time I inhaled. I ran into my friends where long conversations permeated the air, and the words "Hi" and "I miss you" echoed all over the place. I scrambled out of the elated crowd, in which they shrieked with delight. By and by, I looked around and fancied the appearance of the classes I longed to be in. Across the building, I took a look back at the library where I used to spend most of my time examining each and every book up until I found the one I desired. As my walk continued, I could hear the excitement of the little children who were cheering and scurrying towards their teachers and friends. My mind was radiant and blissful and I cherished every moment of getting back to school.

Meeting our teachers was another story. Although they were all wearing masks, we could actually see their radiant eyes and the happiness they reflected to see us again. It was like magic when they really moved around the desks, having actual communication, not from behind the screens. Cheerfully, I was relieved from my anxiousness that was earlier attacking me like bullets.

It's wonderful to come back again. Now, studying can be weary from time to time, but all the burden vanishes as we remember how lucky we are to be actually together. Now when anyone asks me **how's school**, I say **WE'RE BACK!**

## School is back!

*Students are glad, classes are in session.*



The morning of September 09, 2021 was full of excitement. Students, swarmed to the courtyards of SNC with happy faces and grand smiles. The new year began.

Teachers and supervisors came in early and gladly welcomed everyone, ushering them to their classes. Students were gathering together, catching up after being away for 2 years. Laughs and smiles filled the air as the bell rang signalling the start of classes.

As the day continued, the office of the Director was checking on each class, welcoming them to the new year and wishing everybody a prosperous and successful year.

Majed Fayad; the director, visited each class and checked on the students reminding them of the need to

work hard and take good care of their health due to the continuous spread of COVID-19 as well as asking the students to come to his office to voice out any concern they might face.

Prior to the first school day, a General Assembly was hosted by the Director, thanking the teachers for their great effort over the past 2 years and wishing them a successful new year.

Dr. Akram Hmadeh, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave a warm word reminding us all of the important mission and vision of SNC, and promised to work hard on helping and improving the situations of teachers and staff members, especially during these challenging times.

We wish you goodluck and good health for 2021/2022.

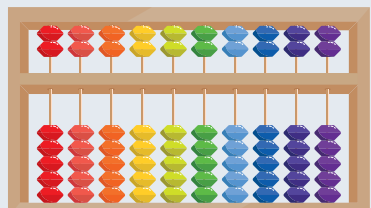
## Upcoming

### GENIUS MAP IS BACK!

With online classes about to begin, the school is urging students who are talented in mental calculation to participate in this year's challenge.

Hurry up GENIUSES from 4 till 11 years of age and register for a chance to win!

Register at: 25300390  
or via Whatsapp at 05300390



## What's up Graduates?



### Razan Tarabay & Natalie Ashkar reaching for the stars!

Shouf National College is proud of its two distinguished students, Razan Tarabay, for receiving a fully-funded university scholarship at the American University of Beirut,

**CONGRATS!**

and Natalie Ashkar, for receiving a fully-funded scholarship at the Lebanese American University (LAU). Congratulations to you for this outstanding distinction and success!

## Treasuring our Legacy

The Shouf National College - Baakline has a long history of photo archives that we wish to share with you.

Since its establishment in the year 1957, SNC has archived a beautiful gallery of photos that we hope you enjoy throughout each issue.

In this photograph taken in the year 1957, students and teachers gather in front of one of the earliest buildings during recess time.

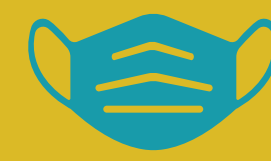


## Troubled times - COVID-19

We take care of our Students

Shouf National College values the health of all students and staff. With the start of this new year, SNC stresses the importance of social distancing and wearing facemasks throughout your stay at school.

We would urge you to take these precautions seriously in order to have a safe environment for us to lean and pass this year safely.



## Our social media message

We have introduced 2 hashtags on our social media platforms: **#shoufnationalcollege** & **#snc**

We would like to inform you that we are in the process of creating Twitter and LinkedIn pages for SNC. Once active, you can check our updates on those platforms as well.

To all students and parents, when you post on your social media accounts with pictures and videos from SNC, use those hashtags and tag us so we can repost your media on our accounts