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Editorial



Life – the greatest treasure

Well, here we are again, working to keep up with the life of the high school, with how things work around here. Summer came to an end, giving us many reasons to miss it: sunny mornings, no sleep and still ready to live every day, beloved people to spend our time with and so on. Lovely times, aren't they? We surely wish to go back for a while, in order to gain some energy for what's ahead.

Though, autumn has its magic also – it has poetry in it. Leaves fall over our sunny dreams and wishes, writing their own history, silently dying. But

there is enough time for new plans to be born, for new ideas to come outside and live through our own words and hands. Why let them fall asleep along with nature?

It's time to take a deep breath and forge ahead, enjoying every moment which was given to us, learning to appreciate them more. Because it seems we are forgetting what living is about. It's not always about money or any material success, nor about being so busy trying to change the world that we cannot remember who we are and what we are willing to change, actually. It's like when it rains and you choose to just get wet.

Maybe we should feel the rain, now that autumn cries just to make our hearts truly beat again. We should see the beauty in ugliness, so that we make our daily routine seem happier than it usually appears to be. There are a lot of stories which wait to be written and become even greater than those in books – our own. Let's try and make them worth telling!

Days pass and we grow braver, wiser, able to create the best character the world could ever have. Yes, I am talking about ourselves, as there is no such thing as a human being. So don't waste your time, forasmuch as it is all about the mark you leave in the world, not about the length of your chapters. And at the beginning of winter, taking delight in a cup of tea or coffee, you'll read the most beautiful novel ever.

Dear ones, I wish you a wonderful season! Offer at least a few minutes of your time to those you love, take a look around and keep learning, because time never stops for anyone and there are no older people than those who, in the end, have all their dreams replaced by regrets. Inside you there are extraordinary things hiding. Think about it! What kind of person do you want to be, arriving at the Finishing Line?

[Lorena Copil, 12D](#)

Our Olympics

A passionate Olympic

A few days ago, I had the opportunity to talk to a truly talented student in our school. Her name is Grigoras Ioana and she is in the IX D class.

Q: I am so glad that you have accepted to have a little chat with me! How is school going?

A: Even though starting this new chapter in my life was a bit difficult in the beginning, especially getting used to the new teachers and the new colleagues, I am really grateful for choosing the 'Ioan Slavici' National College where I have already made a lot of friends and where I feel like home. I really appreciate the encouragement from the teachers and the pieces of advice they have given me so far.

Q: I heard that you participated at the Romanian, French and Mathematic Olympiads and you had some nice results. Tell us more about your participation at these Olympiads.

A: At first I didn't know if I wanted to participate to more Olympiads, but I decided that the results don't really matter. What really matters is the experience and what you learn from participating to these Olympiads. I convinced myself to take the risk and I started to study hard whenever I had the opportunity. I am a really emotional person and my participation to the Olympiads has helped me to overcome my fears and emotions and to find out which my favorite school subjects are and Romanian is one of my favorites. Of course, my parents and my friends support me in any situation, including this one.

Q: Which is your favorite school subject?

A: Although I really, really like Math and French, Romanian is the closest to my heart.

Q: Do you have a certain passion for studying or is it just a thing every student has to do?

A: I enjoy studying very much and I am a lively person. Sometimes school keeps me away from other things that I would love to do, but I do not think that studying should be a thing you have the obligation to do even if you don't want to. Studying is a way of improving your knowledge in as many different domains as possible.

Q: Tell us more about your personality and your hobbies.

A: Because I am a very sociable person, I love spending my time with my family and my friends and some of my hobbies are reading and having long walks in the park or wherever I feel in harmony with the nature.

Q: It's been almost a year now since you started high school. Could you tell us something about the way you feel now and the way you used to feel in the first days of school?

A: In the first days of school I was very scared because I didn't know anyone, but gradually I started to accommodate and I really like it now.

Q: What are your thoughts towards our generation?

A: I consider that over time, generations tend to degrade and more and more young people stop showing any interest in culture, education, art, but despite this fact, there are still valuable and talented people that could change and help our generation to thrive.

Q: If you had the chance to become whatever you wanted, what would you choose?

A: I would like to become a teacher or a psychologist in order to spend as much time as possible helping other people and socializing with them.

Q: How do you see yourself in the, let's say, next 10 years?

A: I dream of founding my own family and having a job that I would enjoy having.

Q: Generations change and our generation is one of the most difficult ones. Even though the technology is very advanced, the problems in our society seem to be more and more than they used to be. What would you like to be different? What would you like to change about our generation?

A: I would like teenagers to read and study more and to value the teachers that put a lot of hard work in teaching them and preparing them for the future.

Q: The last question: what would you want to be remembered for?

A: I don't think that I could manage to make a huge change just with my contribution to this world, just with my wish of making the world a better place, but I'd really like to be a good role model to the others, fighting for justice, honesty and true values.

Q: Thank you so much for your time and I wish you good luck in everything you do!

A: Thank you too!

Denisa Coțan, 10D

All good things come to an end...

I was asked to write something, impressions and thoughts, about my participation at the National Literature Contest.

Let's see... I was expecting something... maybe better. The contestants were so proud and competitive. The „I'm better than you” thing was all over the place. As we arrived, and got our rooms, everything seemed to be perfect, but at the dinner, it turned out to be different from what we expected.

First day, first trial – the written one. I don't know if I was good or not, but when I went out, I felt relieved and happy, for no reason, I truly felt happy! In the afternoon, we took part at a debate about Literature and Poetry.

Second day...guess what!? Second trial. Now, the oral one. Personally, I think this one was way easier than the other. You could make a theory about a character,

or a description about your favorite author. Or you could simply talk, be open-minded and impress. And so did I... I opened my soul and my heart and I told everything flashed through my mind. It was awesome!!! In the same evening, we got our results. Well, it was not really what I wanted, but you know, I'm only in the 9 grade. I have time... It's not a tragedy!

And the interesting part just begun. In our third day at Pitesti, we went on a trip. It was fantastic. We visited The Memorial House of George Cosbuc, the „Golesti Museum Complex”. We also went to Mioveni and Campulung. On the route, I saw households with peasants, whose eyes just pop up when the bus passed by. They stopped and stare at us. It was nice to offer them at least a smile.

The other day we went back home. The road was long and tiring but the joy of reaching home was much more powerful!

Maybe you expected something different, maybe you wanted more details, maybe this is not really what this experience meant, but I tried to get the beauty and joy and transpose them here. I hope you enjoyed it. If so, I am proud. If not, I am very sorry.

[Iana-Frezia Elena Oprișă, 10E](#)

Experiencing parts of life

What are we without the experiences life gives to us? Aren't them the reason of our way of thinking, being, living? They surely must be, as long as we are what we live.

There is an experience I really enjoyed a few weeks ago. I am talking about the contest of Romanian language, communication and literature, the national stage, which took place at Pitești – the city of tulips, from 1st to 5th of April.

My first impression was: “Happy 1st of April!” because we arrived sooner than we were supposed to and we had to wait until someone came to “rescue” us and take us to the hotel we would call home for the next four days – the Muntenia Hotel. But then it all went better.

I never thought the road to a new friend was that short. We were a group of five people wishing for good things to happen, enjoying life and laughing, singing, dancing, without wondering who is watching. I think this is the very first reason why those days were handsome to me. And thanks to those four wonderful people, ties became stronger than distance and time. It felt like we knew each other for a long time. And so the moments spent there turned out to be fantastic.

The smell of competition was in the air almost all the time. Or maybe it was my idea and that's all. Anyway, if you could ignore that and just enjoy every moment,

every place, than definitely you would have won something far more important than a prize – a part of life. And that's what we did. We made those days seem endless.

And the places we had visited were spectacular. They really had a great story to tell, such as the Museum of Golești, full of history – there we had the pleasure to meet the best guide I've ever known (unfortunately, I don't know his name) – or the memorial house of the national poet George Topîrceanu.

To me, it was an experience I could easily call complete. And I want to say "Thank you!" to those who made it that way: our teacher Rodica Pop – and I call her "ours" because she was always there when we needed, even if we were not her students (I like to think that we became, in some way), Carmen Papuța-Duțu, Anca Moldovan and Iana Oprișa, who also studies here, in the 9th grade. Together, with all of our imperfections, we formed a perfect group. And that was huge.

Oh, I almost forgot! Our county came back home with two special prizes and one mention. So, congratulations, Satu Mare!

Lorena Copil, 12D

Literary works

Poetry

I'll stop loving you...
When diamonds never sparkle
And flowers cease to grow,
When thunder never echous
And rivers never flow ...

When hearts no longer wonder
And hands don't ever hold ,
When trees no longer blossom
And feelings never go .

Andrada Balog, 10E

Feel the rainbow! Taste the rainbow!

-it works as regards life, too-

1st of June. The day Happiness was born. And you can see it in the eyes of a child playing – the entire world is hidden there, actually. Have you ever seen that? If not, you never visited Wonderland.

Shame on you! You missed the greatest part of life. You don't know how to play anymore, because nowadays you are too busy trying to behave in society. We have a lot of work to do, and there is no time to enjoy the little things – it's like they are worthless now. But kids play with all of their heart. They build a thousand worlds, they find everything wonderful, exciting, interesting and do not care about anything more than being happy.

We lost it all. We are used to sit in a grey room, smelling the routine and finding all the reasons in world to be sad about. People don't take a look at the sky anymore. Walls seem more secure, easier to reach, but they may crumble one day. Then what?

Magic is something we make. We must find everything that makes us happy, otherwise we get lost. "Silly" is something we need; it's like the best color of our little lives and we shouldn't be ashamed of it.

Let's break free one day. Maybe fairy tales are the only ones who can save our tired souls. We only need to start believing. Life is the greatest trip one can ever take. Of course, if we appreciate what we have and what we are.

Growing up could be handsome if we would take time to enjoy every moment of our lives. Just like children do. Because we are never too old for happiness.

Lorena Copil, 12D

The diary of an insomniac

Because when the skies fall,
we only have ourselves
to run to.
No mirror to carry our hearts,
No arms to get lost into,
No pills.
Dreams
Are far worse than they used to be
For the kids
Who played in the darkness
That Sunday.

“cause there is no permanence, sweetheart”
You said.
“Spring dies here
Like every illusion we had.”

Oh, please, heart of mine,
Do not surrender!
Go back to your time –
July or September –
And find all those feelings
You lost along the way.
For once in your life
Make good things just stay.

I don't know that much about life,
I am just
Some random insomniac
Rotten and lost.

You don't need to listen,
You don't need to care –
But the skies only fall
When something was there.

Lorena Copil, 12D

Thoughts about summer

Summer... And I think to myself, what a wonderful word. It feels so good, I even think I could fall in love with the blue sky, the sun, the warmth, those evenings full of magic, the sunset... There are so many things to fall in love with! Let's be honest, we all miss those days. But fortunately, they are about to be here.

This could be a perfect synonym for happiness. In fact, we always think about how it looks like, how it smells like, how it really feels like. We never know, because we always look for something else, for something more, and we forget about what we have. We just keep chasing papers in hope for something even bigger. Poor we! But summer is coming, it runs through our veins and it couldn't feel better than this!

Dear sunshine, take us away from this grey city and show us all that's beautiful outside there. Give us cute dreams to make them come true, make our heart beat, put that smile you talked about the last year upon our faces and please, don't you dare to break our hearts! We still need it somehow...

Let's get coffee in the afternoon sometime. You really need to get out of my books. Smell the summer! It's like everything you wished for comes true because you grow braver, happier than you ever was, and you dare to make them come true. That's the secret. You don't have to use destiny as an excuse. Make it happen.

This time of the year is perfect to realise how wonderful life is. Because it is. We are just too blind to notice all the great stuff around us. Thank God we have these days to feel and do more with our small hearts. Hopefully, we will learn to live even outside those three magical months marked on the timetable. We should start by now so 3, 2, 1... GO FIGHT FOR IT!

Lorena Copil, 12D

What if...

Stop and stare. Think. About you. About your life. And suddenly, you start to wonder..."what if?". A lot of questions fly around, it's more like...gravity moves. When you think about it, suddenly it's not the earth holding you here. It does.

We might be just some... time travelers but we certainly leave a mark of our existence. Even if it's some artsy picture, or a realistic poetry, it has to be something that defines us. And now... think about your "artistic thing".

After all, imagine life... without it. It must be something horrible. Like, instead of all the colors and shades, notes and tones, only grey and black empty spaces. Without beauty or your quest for freedom. The world will soon become just a black hole. But... Do you know that place between dreams and awake? Where you can still remember your dreams? That's where paradise will always be. That's where you'll always love, that's where you can always wait. Your dreams told who we really

are.

But in the end, when you finish thinking about how bad things could be, you “wake up” and realize it’s just a dream. And the world you are living in, is not that bad. That’s the moment when you decide to give another shot. To offer more “you” and to appreciate the good and even the bad, at highest standards.

Iana-Frezia Elena Oprișă, 10E

Articles

Funny Stuff

Most of us don't have the option of waking up to eternal life or experiencing undying romance . .Our life's and loves are painfully finite . But maybe that's how it should be. Because the part of the human condition that we suffer from most is the very thing that makes us who we are.

We appreciate time because our lack of it ;

We're sensitive because we're vulnerable ,

And we are compassionate because our dependence .

And although we can all be monsters , we're always at our most monstrous when we ignore our humanity . Our teachers and parents like to say we're witnessing the decline of western civilization ... Sure , this are trying times ...

But ,... when we begin to loose ourself in fear , rutine or tragedy , I think we can always find our way back .

We just need to remember that our obligations to one another , relationships to one another, ... these things don't exist only to fill up our days ; They exist to save our lives .

These things are worth fighting forIt's a whole new world and the future begins here .

[Andrada Balog, XE](#)

The youth of the nation

Parallel lines have a lot in common, but they never meet. Ever. You might think that's sad. Every other pair of lines meets once and then they drift apart forever which is pretty sad to.

When we were little, most of us had no worries. Most of us didn't fear what tomorrow would bring and most of us didn't really care. All we cared about was to be in the centre of attention and to be spoiled. Our parents were the ones that had to worry because they weren't living in this world the way they used to when they were younger, they weren't watching what was happening every day with the same eyes they are now.

I remember being so careless and reckless, never thinking of the future and never knowing the ugly truth that lies beneath. I don't remember much of the person I once used to be and I'm not so familiar to the person that I am now. To be honest, I don't really know who I am supposed to be. I guess I'll just try to be a person that I'd like to meet.

It's hard enough growing up and figuring out what you want to be and it doesn't help when people constantly criticize you. You feel worthless and insecure and you don't seem to figure out what's best or worst. You feel trapped in your mind

and you don't know how to escape and see beyond the landscape of the lie that the society has built up.

Violence seems to be the answer to everything nowadays, and only few know how to control their own outbursts. We are the generation of tomorrow's world and frankly that scares me a bit seeing what people are like now. I sometimes think that I might have been born in the wrong era, but then I realize there's nothing I can do about it. We are still not old enough to decide what's best for us, but we are supposed to know what we want to do with our lives. Our family and our friends are the ones to give us advice and help us and sometimes the best persons to ask what's best are ourselves. We somehow find the courage to create our own path with nobody's guidance and sometimes we end up living someone else's life just because it's easier that way. Or maybe not.

We should never forget our past because we have to learn from our own mistakes and never repeat them again. People constantly change, they change friends, they change habits, they change ideas and they don't like the things they used to like when we knew them better. Know it seems like we've never met. We should not allow ourselves to stay on the same page of our life and we should never hold so tightly onto something that will never last.

Every second we get closer to our goal because it is our destiny to accomplish something that we don't understand now, but we will understand it then. We're not going to live our lives fearing ourselves, fearing the unknown, fearing this world. Our attitude towards life is not that encouraging. ' I don't care if you don't care. ' . Do you hear that a lot? When it comes to making changes so that everything would be better, we don't want to make changes on ourselves because we don't want to look pathetic to the others. We should not care what other people think about us and what we do because they are no one to judge and they're no better than we are. We should do what we want to do because we only live once and we should not live to please the others because that would be useless and worthless.

Nobody really cares about us and we are our own worst enemies. To change the world we have got to change ourselves first. We are the leaders of our life and nobody should tell us what to do with our life. We must have a dream, then believe in it, take risks, work hard, keep believing and finally make it happen. We have to do it ourselves because no one else is going to do it for us.

It will be a long road. We're going to make new friends, have different ideas than we have now, we're going to stumble and fall but we are the only ones to decide if we really want to stay on the ground or get up and fight for our dream. We're going to be just like our 'old friends' and we're never going to look back.

Denisa Coțan, 10D

Reviews

Anne Rice's „Vampire Chronicles“

I think that <<Interview with a Vampire>> is a book about life. It's about the unknown , the monster that lurks inside of each and everyone of us . It's about what we're capable of in order to obtain what we desire.

Anne Rice created a unique universe in which vampires have their own society , their own rules , their own boundaries .

The main character is Lestat de Lincoirt , a truly unusual vampire. He is ,in a manner of speak, alive , ecstatic , even lustful ... because , in his extravagant story he plunges into the lascivity of Paris in the XVIII century ... than , into the demonic Egypt of prehistory ; from a sophisticated New Orleans into the frenetic atmosphere of superstars nowadays .

Being hunted by humans as well as vampires , his sole purpose is to reveal his dark secret to the entire world , unleashing a war between mankind and vampires .

A sudden turn of events reveal the mistery , violence , love , passion that lurked , hidden somewhere in the depths of this amazing book .

Lestat is given the chance to become human ... a wish he never thought would become reality . But , the price to pay is far more greater than anything he ever expected .

A one-of-a-kind series ; Anne Rice has a great cultural experience , introducing even the Talamasca society and further more , she creates connections between a vampire-queen whose six thousand years old and the death of Jesus Christ .

I say this from the bottom of my heart , this is a series you don't want to miss .

[Andrada Balog, 10E](#)

The Avengers

After five movies from the Marvel Studios canon, here is one giant epic assemblage that combines the best superhero story elements and fills it with grandiose adventure. This time with writer/director Joss Whedon, a filmmaker perfectly suited for this kind of material, he manages to balance the exact amount of action, charm, humor, wit and character giving us a roller-coaster that will amaze you for its entire 143 minute runtime. Essentially, the cast can be summed up as 'The Dirty Dozen' or 'Guns Of Navarone' of superhero movies.

The story is that simple to follow. Loki from 'Thor' is out for revenge and plans to

rule the earth by teleporting other worldly aliens for death and destruction. Nick Fury, who was introduced earlier in Iron Man 1 and 2, head of S.H.I.E.L.D brings forth the ideas of the Avengers Initiative as a last resort to save all human life. The initiative includes a band of ragtag heroes pinned together to stop Loki's madness. But there's a catch, as stated by Bruce Banner in the movie "We're not a team, we're a time bomb", all heroes may or may not work well with each other. The genesis of this conflict traces itself back to the original comic storyline that first established the Avengers. Here's a team who have a hard time getting through each other let alone trying to save the world. The essence in watching all actors play out their characters in full effect is because Whedon has done a great job balancing their emotional arcs into one container. The writing is crisp with ever-fast dialogues from all the characters to the directing of fight and battle sequences of all characters, plus a great few nods to the original character arcs when they appeared in the story lines.

Robert Downey Jr . gets to steal most of the spotlight with his crackerjack Tony Stark. Chris Evans makes a wonderfully vulnerable Captain America. Chris Hemsworth swings back into action as Thor. Scarlet Johansson really shined in this one as Black Widow, getting enough space to extend her character. Mark Ruffalo was the one that stood out with his interpretation as Bruce Banner and Hulk. He really picked up the intensity well from Edward Norton and Eric Bana. Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury, Cobie Smulders as Agent Hill and Clark Gregg as Agent Phil Coulson all hold their own in supporting acts. And Loki as played exceptionally well by Tom Hiddleston in the final deserving catch of the movie.

On the technical art side, the visual effects are the major standout offering a great visual extension of the characters that inhabit the screen. The shots rendered of the Hulk, Iron Man and the creatures that destroy the city in the climatic battle will wow audiences unlike ever. Every other department from production design to cinematography or sound are at the top of their game filling in the experience as the movie progresses.

The only consideration you might want to do before watching The Avengers is watch the movies that built up to this one. It's not as important since even for a standalone film, you don't require that many explanations. The pace can be slow for some but it's justified for building up their arcs towards the end of the movie.

For the start of 2012, here is a great blockbuster epic, one that is smart and mindful of how to have fun at the movies. Your expectations won't be disappointed.

[Marcel Lup, 12D](#)

Events

Questionnaire – School Otherwise

School Otherwise week was a project-surprise for both teachers and students. It was something never done before, but it had a positive effect on everyone who got involved in this. Why? You will find out by reading forward.

TEACHERS

1. What do you think about this School Otherwise week?

“I think it has meant a challenging experience both for students as well as for teachers. We have been confronted with situations we’ve never been through before and, as much as the next person, we find the unknown both exciting and scary.”

(Maria Tite, English teacher)

“In my opinion, this School Otherwise week breaks the daily routine; it changes this universe of letters, numbers and information a little. It certainly has its usefulness, because it stimulates the students, it makes them be creative, taking into account the fact that it is based on non-formal education methods.”

(Ovidiu Mareş, Geography teacher)

“It is, for sure, an unconventional week, and it has its importance within the scholar planning. But, with regard to myself, I always tried to filter, as much as I could, pieces of School Otherwise, even within the everyday classes. And, fortunately, regarded to this literary field, you always have to break the surface, the routine of letters, the scientific aspect, to find real values, principles of life.”

(Alina Dragoş, Romanian language, communication and literature teacher)

2. What is your opinion regarded to the way the students got involved in this activity?

“My experience appears to be particular, because for the first time my students, whose form master I am from this year only, together with me, spent very beautiful and unique moments. This week was full of surprises: they proved me that they can mobilize themselves, that they can be united, that they know how to appreciate each other. Those days we discovered how much we care about each other. I have the pleasure to say that my students are great! And this experience was twice particular because of Lorena, another one of my students. The results she had at the national competition filled me with joy and happiness.”

(Alina Dragoş, Romanian language, communication and literature teacher)

“Their commitment to this week and all the activities proposed probably came from the fact that it was a win-win situation for them. They came to school all through

the week (as they had to) but they did what they like best: school without grades, tests and homework.”

(Maria Tite, English teacher)

3. Was this week a good method of strengthening the ties between students? What do you think?

“As far as my class is concerned, I can say without a doubt that it was. It has changed them - getting to know one another in a different light, and it has changed me as well – seeing them leaving behind all the differences that separated them. Especially the contest they took part in was an amazing opportunity to evolve and to experience, although, in a sadder note, it started as something they really didn’t want to be in.”

(Maria Tite, English teacher)

“I think so, because it was a great way of communicating and getting to know each other. I think it really helped the students discover themselves and see the good in each other.”

(Ovidiu Mareş, geography teacher)

Is non-formal education a very good method of getting to know the others and, also, getting to discover yourself?

“In my opinion, it is a way of growing or for me not growing... old. It should contribute to the understanding and building of what they really are or will be. We are all more than the school or job selves and this is worth being brought to the others’ attention.”

(Maria Tite, English teacher)

“For sure it is. And there is a proof of it: the cultural meeting organized by Romanian language, communication and literature teachers, whose guests were Gheorghe Glodeanu, an exceptional professor, and the poet Ioan Vădan – very important people when it comes to the culture of our county. A large number of students came to the meeting, despite the other activities that took place at the same time. I felt that they were interested in what was happening there, what was the discussion about – they were willing to ask so many questions! Every student there said that this experience was a great way of finding out useful things. And that’s what we all wanted: an informal meeting, but with visible and also positive results.

(Alina Dragoş, Romanian language, communication and literature teacher)

4. What did you enjoy most about this week?

“Everything; I was enchanted by my students.”

(Alina Dragoş, Romanian language, communication and literature teacher)

“What I enjoyed most about this week... Well, there are a lot of things I really loved and hated at the same time. I have mixed feelings about it but all in all I think I

enjoyed finding myself willing to commit and the ability of my students to value, understand and believe in things that I thought long forgotten.”

(Maria Tite, English teacher)

5. What other activities would you like to include within a School Otherwise week?

“I will probably do things differently next year, I thought of a partnership between schools with a school in Baia Mare.”

(Maria Tite, English teacher)

“I think I would like to include different sorts of applications, based on a variety of subjects, which could take place in protected areas, mountain regions and so on. In my opinion, this would make students understand more how things work outside there.”

(Ovidiu Mareş, geography teacher)

“I would like to support every student of mine who has a skill to turn to good account in extracurricular activities.”

(Alina Dragoş, Romanian language, communication and literature teacher)

STUDENTS

1. What do you think about this School Otherwise week?

“School Otherwise week was a great opportunity to get to know my classmates and also my teachers better. I managed to light up some parts I haven’t seen before and have a complete image of my class. It was a week full of new experiences which helped us form strong friendships. And I hope they’ll last forever.”

(Denisa Bărbuş, 9th grade)

“I saw this week as a great way of learning, because it was more special and captivating than usual and, in addition to this, we could spend so much time together as a group, we discovered new things about each other and about ourselves either, which means this week helped us develop our qualities, and brought to the strengthening of the relations between us as classmates.”

(Remus Lapteş, 11th grade)

“I think it was a very good idea, because this week helped us discover ourselves. Thanks to this week we found out new passions and hobbies we never thought we could have.”

(Crina Cin, 11th grade)

“School Otherwise week was a new start for what we call non-formal education. To me, this week was very interactive, full of extracurricular activities.”

(Ionuţ Pinteă, 11th grade)

“I enjoyed this experience because it was something different and spending this time with my classmates helped me know them better.”

(Bianca Gardoș, 11th grade)

2. Which was the most interesting activity within this week?

“To me, the trip we had at Valea Măriei was the most interesting part of the program, because I had the chance to interact with my classmates outside the school walls.”

(Bianca Gardoș, 11th grade)

“This week was an unconditional source of new, but what I liked the most was the trip we had at the thermal spa resort Felix. That moment I realized how handsome we are together.”

(Remus Lapteș, 11th grade)

“Well, definitely, the most enjoyable activity was the trip we had at Budapest. It was a way of learning by having fun, we found out a lot of great things and some secrets of that wonderful city.”

(Denisa Bărbuș, 9th grade)

“The activity I enjoyed the most was the training trip we had with my class. What drew my attention was the museum of Oaș Country, but I was also surprised to see us together organizing a picnic.”

(Ionuț Pinteă, 11th grade)

3. Would you like to take part in this kind of activities at least once again?

“This week was exactly what we needed, after so many time filled with concentration, tests, lessons and so on. It would be nice for projects like this to take place at least once again, but not too often, though.”

(Denisa Bărbuș, 9th grade)

“It would be very nice if this activity turned out to be a national tradition, so that we could have at least one School Otherwise week within the scholar year.”

(Ionuț Pinteă, 11th grade)

“I would be thrilled to take part in such an experience, because it is very interesting and it helps us know each other better.”

(Crina Cin, 11th grade)

“Definitely, because I love traveling with my classmates and visiting a lot of places. And, furthermore, this would be the perfect way to fortify the ties between us.”

(Bianca Gardoș, 11th grade)

4. If there was a 1-to-10 scale made for this experience, which mark would you give to it?

“I would give it a 10, because I had a really good time with my classmates, we had a lot of fun and we learned how to appreciate each other more.”

(Bianca Gardoș, 11th grade)

“Taking into account the fact that it was the debut of this sort of activity, I would give it a 9. Next year we will know how things work during a week like this and we will be better organized.”

(Ionuț Pinteă, 11th grade)

“I think it deserves a 9. Everything was well organized and we found out so many new things.”

(Crina Cin, 11th grade)

“I would personally give it a 10, because it was something unusual, something we had never done before. A little bit of relaxation, a little bit of freedom and a trip out the daily scholar routine: the perfect recipe for a beautiful consolidation of ourselves.”

(Remus Lapteș, 11th grade)

“In my opinion, this experience deserves a 9 with congratulations. Why 9? Because this project must go on, gaining the interest of every student.”

(Denisa Bărbuș, 9th grade)

5. What other things would you like to do within a School Otherwise week?

“I think that learning while having fun is handsome. The activities I opt for are projects, but funnier and more different than the usual ones, team work, theatre plays, learning-by-doing trips and so on. All this new experiences would open our mind.”

(Remus Lapteș, 11th grade)

“In my opinion, some workshops would be great! I would really like this week to teach us something more about the life, not just theories. This would definitely make me want more School Otherwise weeks.”

(Bianca Gardoș, 11th grade)

“I think it would be very interesting if some activities were organized at least at a regional level, such as sports or talents competitions.”

(Ionuț Pinteă, 11th grade)

“An exchange of experience between us and the students of other colleges in town or, why not, in the entire country, so that we get to know different methods of teaching and different people too, would be awesome.”

(Denisa Bărbuș, 9th grade)

While our teachers and students were experiencing this School Otherwise week by organizing different activities around here, our French teacher, Laura Pereș, together with a group of pupils were visiting France, thanks to all the prizes won by them in the well-known competitions Le Printemps de l'Écriture. And they were kind

enough to share their experience with us:

“For a week, the Romanian students experienced other ways of learning. We may say that we were very lucky to spend this School Otherwise week in France, as we were invited by our French friends to take part in the awarding ceremony of the literary prizes won by the students who wrote poems, stories, essays, reportages and criticism for the literary contest entitled *Le Printemps de l’Ecriture*.

We spent wonderful moments with our friends who helped us discover the beauties, treasures and values of the French culture and civilization.

We visited Charmettes, the house where Jean Jacques Rousseau spent five years of his life. We were very impressed as this year we celebrate 300 years from his birth and we read with emotion some fragments of his *Reveries du promeneur solitaire* in front of his house.

We dreamt with Ferdinand Cheval, the postman who built a palace in about 33 years, an example proving his ambition to fulfill an impossible dream.

The prizes awarding gathered the Town Hall’s counselors, the managers of Jules Algoud High School, the teachers, the members of the *Trait d’Union* Association, of the Drome-Ardeche Committee, journalists, students and their families.

The thrilling speeches certified the joy, the satisfaction of taking part in such a profitable project allowing the Romanian students to improve their French and to express their thoughts, feelings and judgments in Voltaire’s language and at the same time, the French students to get to know us.

We can say that we learnt in a week more than in a year about the French culture and civilization. It was a very pleasant way of learning. This experience was a very successful one and it should be repeated.”

So, School Otherwise week appears to have left a beautiful mark on our scholar lives and, hopefully, we will have the pleasure to meet again.

Lorena Copil, 12 D

Who has never thought how fun it would be to do what activities you want at school instead of the very known and ‘beloved’ math, history or chemistry classes? On this idea is based the program of one week during school when students are allowed to choose what they want to do instead of the usual classes.

All the schools throughout the country had this program and now we found out how it really is.

A long time before the week started the students from our school were asked to prepare for this week with ideas for extracurricular activities, and to prepare for a big contest between the 9th grade students. Some people may have been disappointed about this week and maybe had different ideas of spending it, but in the end it all turned well.

When the week started all the students were excited about it and went on trips or just had fun together with their classmates, doing what they thought, together with

their teacher, that it would make their time enjoyable.

On one hand, this idea of school is benefic to all students because like this they have a little break from the school study and maybe even learn something new. On the other hand, there were students who didn't enjoy this idea as much as the others and at the beginning they were reluctant at the idea of this program.

After the week passed and we spend our beloved holiday, we are back to school thinking: 'how fast the week passed and how good was the time spent with our classmates.'"

Carina Olah, 10D

Did you know?

51 Things ABOUT GUYS: agree? :)

1. Guys hate sluts.
2. "Hey, are you busy?" or "Are you doing something?" ~ two phrases guys open with to stop from stammering on the phone.
3. Guys may be flirting around all day but before they go to sleep, they always think about the girl they truly care about.
4. Before they call, guys try to plan out a little about what they're gonna say so there aren't awkward pauses, but once he's on the phone he forgets it all and makes it up as he goes.
5. Guys go crazy over a girl's smile.
6. Guys will do anything just to get you to notice him.
7. Guys hate it when you talk about your ex-boyfriend or ex love-interest. Unless they're going for the let-her-complain-to-you-and-then-have-her-realize-how-wonderful-and-nice-you-are method.
8. A guy who likes you wants to be the only guy you talk to.
9. Boyfriends need to be reassured often that they're still loved.
10. Don't talk about your guy friends to your boyfriend.
11. Guys get jealous easily.
12. Guys are more emotional than they'd like people to think.
13. Giving a guy a hanging message like "You know what?!...uh...nevermind.." would make him jump to a conclusion that is far from what you are thinking. And he'll assume he did something wrong and he'll obsess about it trying to figure it out.
14. Guys are good flatterers when courting but they usually stammer when they talk to a girl they really like.
15. Guys hate asking parents for money to buy girls presents. So they come up with ideas like saving their lunch money for a week. But it never works because guys are always hungry so they end up asking the parents for money anyway.
16. Girls are guys' weaknesses.
17. Guys are very open about themselves.
18. It's good to test a guy first before you trust him. But don't let him wait too long.
19. Your best friend, whom your boyfriend seeks help from about his problems with you may end up being admired by your boyfriend.
20. If a guy tells you about his problems, he just needs someone to listen to him. You don't need to give advice.
21. A usual act that proves that the guy likes you is when he teases you.
22. Guys love you more than you love them if they are serious in your relationships.
23. Guys will brag about anything.

24. Guys use words like hot or cute to describe girls. They rarely use beautiful. If a guy uses that, he likes you.
25. Guys think WAY too much. One small thing a girl does, even if she doesn't notice it can make the guy think about it for hours, trying to figure out what it meant.
26. Guys seek for advice from girls not other guys. Because most guys think alike, so if one guy's confused, then they are all confused.
27. Any guy could write out a rulebook or advice book for flirting, but no guy can write out a book about relationships.
28. Try to be as straightforward as possible.
29. A guy has to experience rejection, because if he's too-good-never-been-busted, never been in love and hurt, he won't be mature and grown up.
30. If the guy does something stupid in front of the girl, he will think about it for the next couple days or until the next time he spends time with the girl.
31. No matter how much guys talk about asses and boobs, personality is key.
32. Guys learn from experience not from the romance books that girls read and take as their basis of experience.
33. Guys worry about the thin line between being passionate and being whipped.
34. If a guy looks unusually calm and laid back, he's probably faking it and is spazzing inside.
35. When a guy says he is going crazy about the girl, he really is. Guys rarely say that.
36. When a guy asks you to leave him alone, he's just actually saying, "Please come and listen to me."
37. Guys don't really have final decisions.
38. If a guy starts to talk seriously, listen to him. It doesn't happen that often, so when it does, you know something's up.
39. If your best guy friend seems to avoid you or is never around when you're with your boyfriend, he's probably jealous and likes you.
40. When a guy looks at you for longer than a second, he's definitely thinking something.
41. Guys like femininity not feebleness.
42. Guys don't like girls who punch harder than they do.
43. A guy has more problems than you can see with your naked eyes.
44. Don't be a snob. Guys can be intimidated and give up easily.
45. Everything in moderation. Put on makeup, wear perfume. Just not too much.
46. Guys talk about girls more than girls talk about guys.
47. Guys hate rejection, but they hate being led on even more.
48. Guys really think that girls are strange and have unpredictable decisions and are MAD confusing but somehow are drawn even more to them.
49. A guy would give his left nut to be able to read a girl's mind for a day.
50. No guy can handle all his problems by his own. He's just too stubborn to admit it
51. Not all guys are assholes. Just because ONE is a jackass doesn't mean he represents ALL of them.

Jokes

1. There was a terrible bus accident. Unfortunately, no one survived the accident except a monkey which was on board and there were no witnesses. The police try to investigate further but they get no results. At last, they try to interrogate the monkey. The monkey seems to respond to their questions with gestures. Seeing that, they start asking the questions.

The police chief asks, "What were the people doing on the bus?"

The monkey shakes his head in a condemning manner and starts dancing around; meaning the people were dancing and having fun.

The chief asks, "Yeah, but what else were they doing?"

The monkey uses his hand and takes it to his mouth as if holding a bottle.

The chief says, "Oh! They were drinking, huh??!" The chief continues, "Okay, were they doing anything else?"

The monkey nods his head and moves his mouth back and forth, meaning they were talking.

The chief loses his patience, "If they were having such a great time, who was driving the stupid bus then?"

The monkey cheerfully swings his arms to the sides as if grabbing a wheel.

2. An Israeli soldier who just enlisted asked the Commanding Officer for a 3-day pass.

The CO says "Are you crazy? You just join the Israeli army, and you already want a 3-day pass? You must do something spectacular for that recognition!"

So the soldier comes back a day later in an Arab tank!

The CO was so impressed, he asked "How did you do it?"

"Well, I jumped in a tank, and went toward the border with the Arabs. I approached the border, and saw an Arab tank. I put my white flag up, the Arab tank put his white flag up. I said to the Arab soldier, "Do you want to get a three-day pass? So we exchanged tanks!"

3. The physical training instructor was drilling a platoon of soldiers.

"I want every man to lie on his back, put his legs in the air and move them as though he were riding a bicycle," he explained. "Now begin!"

After a few minutes, one of the men stopped.

"Why did you stop. Smith?" demanded the officer.

"If you please, sir," said Smith, "I'm freewheeling for a while."

4. A guy took his girlfriend to her first football game. Afterward he asked her how she liked the game.

"I liked it, but I couldn't understand why they were killing each other for 25 cents," she said.

"What do you mean?" he asked.

"Well, everyone kept yelling, 'Get the quarter back!'"

5. Two deaf men were in a coffee shop discussing their wives.

One signs to the other, "boy was my wife mad at me last night! She went on and on and wouldn't stop!"

The other buddy says "When my wife goes off on me I just don't listen".

"How do you do that"? Says the other.

"It's easy! I turn off the light!"

6. It's for my mother-in-law," explained the mourner at the funeral procession. Tightening the leash, he gestured down at the dog and said, "My Doberman here killed her."

"Gee...That's terrible," commiserated the spectator. "But... Hmmm... Is there any way you might lend me your dog for a day or so?"

The bereaved son-in-law pointed his thumb over his shoulder and answered, "Get in line."

7. Once there was a millionaire, who collected live alligators. He kept them in the pool in back of his mansion. The millionaire also had a beautiful daughter who was single. One day he decides to throw a huge party, and during the party he announces, "My dear guests . . . I have a proposition to every man here. I will give one million dollars or my daughter to the man who can swim across this pool full of alligators and emerge alive!"

As soon as he finished his last word, there was the sound of a large splash!! There was one guy in the pool swimming with all he could and screaming out of fear. The crowd cheered him on as he kept stroking as though he was running for his life. Finally, he made it to the other side with only a torn shirt and some minor injuries. The millionaire was impressed.

He said, "My boy that was incredible! Fantastic! I didn't think it could be done! Well I must keep my end of the bargain. Do you want my daughter or the one million dollars?"

The guy says, "Listen, I don't want your money, nor do I want your daughter! I want the person who pushed me in that water!"

8. Father gives advice to his son "Remember Dave, when you meet up with Alice, make her a compliment and don't be nervous. Try something like 'Time stands still when I look into your eyes', that should do the trick."

Finally at the meeting, Dave being a bit nervous, tells Alice "Alice my dear, you have a face that would stop a clock."

[Marcel Lup, 12D](#)

Quotes

"I hated every minute of training, but I said, "Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.""**-Muhammad Ali**

"After all, tomorrow is another day!" **-Scarlett O'Hara**

"Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." **-Forrest Gump**

"We rob banks." **-Clyde Barrow**

"Houston, we have a problem." **-Jim Lovell**

"Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer." **-Michael Corleone**

"Elementary, my dear Watson." **-Sherlock Holmes**

"Hasta la vista, baby." **-The Terminator**

"I have always depended on the kindness of strangers."- **Blanche DuBois**

Striker: "Surely you can't be serious."

Rumack: "I am serious...and don't call me Shirley." **-Ted Striker and Dr. Rumack**

"Listen to them. Children of the night. What music they make." **-Count Dracula**

"My precious." **-Gollum**

"Sawyer, you're going out a youngster, but you've got to come back a star!" - **Julian Marsh**

"I'll be back." **-The Terminator**

"Carpe diem. Seize the day, boys. Make your lives extraordinary." **-John Keating**

"Give me a stock clerk with a goal, and I will give you a man who will make history. Give me a man without a goal, and I will give you a stock clerk." **-J.C. Penny**

"The best way to predict the future is to create it." **-Dr. Forrest C. Shaklee**

"It's not about time, it's about choices. How are you spending your choices?" **-Beverly Adamo**

“Success...seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.”—**Conrad Hilton**

“The dreamers are the saviors of the world.”— **James Allen**

“Destiny is not a matter of chance; it's a matter of choice.”—**Anonymous**

“It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are.”—**E.E. Cummings**

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.”—**George Eliot**

“Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.”—**Henry Ford**

“Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value.”—**Albert Einstein**

“The consequences of today are determined by the actions of the past. To change your future, alter your decisions today.” - **Anonymous**

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.” – **Albert Einstein**

“And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.” – **Abraham Lincoln**

“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”
– **Alexander Graham Bell**

“Minority is about being an individual. It's like you have to sift through the darkness to find your place and be that individual you want to be your entire life.”-
Billie Joe Armstrong

“Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most importantly, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.” - **Steve Jobs**

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience” – **Pierre Teilhard de Chardin**

“There's no next time. It's now or never.” – **Celestine Chua**

"There's nothing wrong with being a loser, it just depends on how good you are at it."-**Billie Joe Armstrong**

"Don't put off living to next week, next month, next year or next decade. The only time you're ever living is in this moment." - **Celestine Chua**

"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first." – **Mark Twain**

"It's only funny till someone gets hurt, then it's hilarious"-**Tre Cool**

"My life is my message." – **Gandhi**

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." - **Anonymous**

"In the beginning you will fall into the gaps in between thoughts – after practicing for years, you become the gap." – **J.Kleykamp**

"Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live." -**Jim Rohn**

[Denisa Coțan, 10D](#)

By Homer Simpson

Homer: Bart, with \$10,000 we'd be millionaires! We could buy all kinds of useful things like...love!

Homer: Kids, you tried your best and you failed miserably. The lesson is: never try.

Homer: When will I learn? The answers to life's problems aren't at the bottom of a bottle, they're on TV!

Homer: Marge, it takes two to lie. One to lie and one to listen.

Homer: Donuts. Is there anything they can't do?

Homer: Oh, everything looks bad if you remember it.

Homer: I hope I didn't brain my damage.

Homer: Ladies and gentlemen, if I could have your attention for a moment... I would become a better public speaker.

Homer: If you really want something in life you have to work for it. Now quiet, they're about to announce the lottery numbers.

[Denisa Coțan, 10D](#)

Have a laugh

SpongeBob: "Patrick, you're a genius!"

Patrick: "Yeah I get called that a lot"

SpongeBob: "What, a genius?"

Patrick: "No, Patrick."

Man: At what time could I call you?

Woman: Anytime.

Man: But last time I called you in the morning, you didn't pick up.

Woman: I was sleeping.

Man: OK, when I tried to call you around 11 a.m., you didn't pick up.

Woman: I was shopping.

Man: So, when I tried to call you around 2 p.m., you didn't pick up.

Woman: I was relaxing.

Man: Then what about 5 p.m.?

Woman: I was watching a cartoon.

Man: Then why didn't you pick your phone in the night?

Woman: I was studying.

Man: Ok, then tell me when the most convenient time for you to talk would be?

Woman: Anytime.

Lisa Simpson: Managers manage and players play.

Ralph Wiggum: Do alligators alligate?

Denisa Coțan, 10D

Who knew that...

- A snail can sleep up to three years.
- Honey is the only food that doesn't go bad.
- A man can walk about 2,5 million steps in a year.
 - Ants never sleep.
 - Dolphins always sleep with one opened eye.
- A man usually forgets almost 70% of what he or she learnt one day.
 - An average person has 1460 dreams per year.
 - Only one person from 2 billion can live up to 116 years.
 - The snake is deaf.
 - A cat's body has more bones than a human body.
 - Throughout the life a person spends 6 years dreaming.
 - All the babies are born with blue eyes.
- The human eye can distinguish about 8 million shades of colours.

- The word “cemetery” comes from the greek word “koimiterion” which means bedroom.
 - The human brain stops growing about the age of 15.
 - The new born dalmatians have no black spots.
 - The bats always turn left when they get out of a cave.
 - The elephant is the only mammal that cannot jump.
 - Cats can make out almost 100 sounds.
 - The romans invented the postcard.
 - The shortest war in history had about 38 minutes.
 - There are sent about 35 billion emails around the world daily.
 - The sharks cannot stop swimming or else they would die.
- A human brain generates more electrical impulses in a day than all the telephones around the world.
 - You use about 200 muscles when you make a step.
 - Hawaii is getting closer to Japan with 10 cm each year.
 - The cards game was invented by Chinese in 1120.
 - About 6000 lightnings hit the earth every minute.

Carina Olah, 10D

Leaving high school

“When I entered high school I had a lot of dreams about my future, and one of those dreams was graduating successfully.

Although the road so far has been rough, I’ve managed my way out of here helped by my wonderful teachers and supporting classmates.

If there’s something that I’ve learned in high school that’s working hard for anything that’s worth having and this is what I appreciate the most”

(Gabriela Ardelean, XIID)

“Leaving high school will be a bit sad after 12 years. I have really gotten used to going to school. Fortunately I will go to college and I will have another three years of school. On the other hand, I am rather happy since I had lots of homework and annoying classmates. College will hopefully be a lot better especially because the high degree of internationality and because I will study what I want, not what I’m forced to.”

(Andrei Fuşle, XIIC)

“When I’m thinking of leaving high school, I become a little bit nervous. As weeks go on, my feelings are more intensely felt.

I cannot come to realize that I have to take life into my own hands, and I will have to face all problems by myself and everything will be up to me.

I will miss high school, the teachers (even the ones that I couldn’t stand someday), the students in this high school, all the moments when we left school earlier than we should have, when we were arguing with the teachers or didn’t allow them to have the lesson in silence.

I do not leave high school with regrets, every moment, from the fifth grade until now has been filled with emotions and thoroughly lived.

I hope the teachers will remember me because all this period was important to me and I will surely never forget any of them. Life goes on, the future lies ahead, high school doors are closing but new gates are opening in front of me”

(Laura Birtoc, XIID)

“High school was both a good and a bad period, mostly bad because I am not a big fan of school. The bad experiences were the classes because some were boring and I do not consider them useful. I also did not really get along with most of my classmates.

The good experiences refer to the friends I've made and hopefully they will continue to be there for me.

I cannot really say that I am glad to leave high school because I don't believe the future is any brighter. I will have a lot more to learn (hopefully it will be something useful) and I will have less time for myself. “

(Cosmin Chinde, XIIC)

”The end of high school life is drawing close and now I can't help but reflect on all the small and insignificant events that made it memorable. Each mishap, each test, each funny argument with my teachers and fellow students, each unique experience that shaped me in who I am today. I've learned a lot, and it is my hope that the knowledge I've gathered will help me in my future goals.

I can honestly say that I'll miss high school, despite the bumpy ride, it still was the best time of my life. My advice to you all is simple: 'enjoy it while it lasts because it only lasts so long' “

(Ady Grimberg XIID)

“High school is an important and beautiful stage in any child's life. High school must be lived very intensively by each of us and we must take advantage of the moment when it appears.

I have two contradictory feelings when it comes to leaving high school: I am sad but happy too. Sad because I have to separate from my classmates, but happy because a new stage of my life begins.

I have no regrets for what I have lived. Even if I had some bad fights with my classmates and my class teacher, I don't feel regretful as they were but transitory.

I hope to keep some of the beautiful relationships that I have built even if some of my classmates will go abroad to study. I have sincere feelings for them, as well as my teachers.”

(Georgiana Marina, XIID)

“I am really happy about leaving high school this year because I got bored of the atmosphere and people from here. However I feel sorry about leaving some of my classmates because I got on well with them. I regret that I will go to university in another city, different from the one all my friends go to but I am sure we will keep in touch.“

(Raluca Drăgoi, XIIC)

“Leaving high school makes me sad because I will miss my hometown, but at the same time glad, because I am getting tired of this school; my time here has become boring lately and I would really appreciate a new and more interesting

environment as I like challenges; although I can hardly wait to leave, I think I will miss some of my classmates, as well as some teachers.”

(Cristina Simionescu, XII C)

“Leaving high school is not necessarily a good thing, because it’s our last stop before life hits us with difficulties. But except for that, it has only bright parts. We get to live on our own, to study what we like and want. High school was a great experience, but it’s high time we moved on!”

(Norbert Suranyi, XIIC)

“When I think about leaving high school I am kind of sad because high school is the place where I had fun with my classmates, but also where I hated to go sometimes because of the teachers. I have a lot of great memories related to high school, that I will definitely remember for the rest of my life. I am also sad that during these four years of high school my class wasn’t so close.

Overall, I’ll miss high school years and I am sad they passed so quickly.”

(Oana Pinte, XIIC)

“Honestly, I feel really sorry that I have to leave high school so soon because I consider this part of my life to have been the greatest. I made lots of friends and we had awesome moments every day. Of course, there were also some misunderstandings between us but everything was solved in the end. I will really miss my classmates, I love them all and, of course, I will miss my teachers. I think that this experience of high school has had a great impact on my life, I’ve become more mature and my ideas and expectations from life have definitely changed. I am going to miss high school a lot !!!!!”

(Alexandra Bartos, XII C)

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