



## Newsletter



### European School Welcomes New School Year

The European School celebrated its 10th Anniversary and the opening of a new and exciting school year on Monday, September 18, 2017. Assembled within the front courtyard, 800 plus students and 100 plus faculty and staff with parents partook of Ms. Sopho Bazadze, Academic Director's enthusiastic approach to excel academically and personally for all. She extorted "Be the best each of you can be and reach for the stars."

Blue skies afforded those assembled on a beautiful and memorable day that enriched and highlighted the dreams and hopes for the school community's future. The event was capped with a student flag performance celebrating the school's vision "A new road to Europe based on Georgian national values." and the launch of numerous balloons into the air. Excited cheers and clapping encapsulated the event as all proceeded to their respective classrooms and the dawn of a new and incredible year.

*Head of American High School, Mr. Joseph Murphy Blake*

### American High School Students Enjoy Rafting

On Saturday, September 23, many American High School students enjoyed rafting on the Aragvi River. It was a great bonding and fun experience for all students, specifically those who recently joined our school. We went rafting one week after school started so we knew all. We could now get a better chance to have fun outside of school in a friendly environment. Not only was this field trip fun and exciting for everyone but it also was a great learning experience of Georgian culture. We had the opportunity to visit Chargali village, and to enjoy a meal at a traditional Georgian restaurant. Overall this was a great and educational field trip that gave students an opportunity to become closer while having fun in nature.

*American High School grade 10B student, Elizabeth Arveladze*

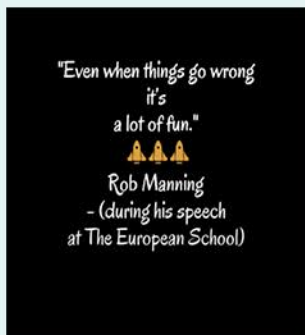




## STAR STUFF

Prominent Spanish artist, Salvador Dali once stated, “Intelligence without ambition is like a bird without wings.” With that in mind, the United States Embassy, the European School, and the NOVA Foundation for Promoting Science and Education joined together to have two of the greatest NASA engineers, Mr. John Casani and Mr. Rob Manning visit on September 29, 2017 to address the school community regarding the glories of space travel and future of space exploration.

Mr. John Casani, leader of the legendary “Voyager” mission, and Mr. Rob Manning, chief engineer of the Mars Rover Program, transported the school’s community on a journey to outer space. This incredible opportunity offered them a glimpse into the lives of great personalities coupled with the hard work, ambition, and courage it took them to get there.



Mr. Casani and Mr. Manning emphasized that Georgians should become part of developing different projects and voyages for answering the basic questions asked by all of mankind, “Is there some sort of intelligence in this gigantic universe? Are we alone? Who or what’s out there?”

The aim of their address was also to motivate students to become part of the global movement towards a future in space research, while considering the time it will take, a path to fund such initiatives, projects and, eventually voyages. They assured them that exploring the outer reaches of the universe is not an unattainable dream but one that is possible and realistic.

“The event was really an eye opener to me regarding the amount of work, time, and effort that goes unnoticed behind each voyage and the contributions that I as a student may make to contribute to its success. The engineers also allowed me the opportunity to glimpse a career in the heavens; one which I could achieve if I ever decided to work at NASA.

A career involving more than mathematics and Physics. They assured me, and all others present, that even subjects like Biology, English and Chemistry, have a place. That everyone who is ready to use their minds for the greater good, along with a plan to finance it, is always welcome at NASA or JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory).”



“Mr. Casani and Mr. Manning’s visit was a revelation as to what I may achieve even as a student. It opened a new world of possibilities in which I may assist and impact society. They assisted me with the motivation to think differently, to aim for the stars.” C.S. Lewis once stated, “You’re never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”

NASA is a wonderful organization that has achieved the most exemplary work in space research and exploration. It has unraveled many mysteries and shared them with the world. This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the launch into space of the Georgian polyphonic piece “Chakrulo”. Recorded on a golden disc along with 26 other global musical pieces and aboard the Voyager spacecraft, the guests, students, and faculty celebrated their visit and shared not only their achievements within NASA, but that of all MANKIND!

*IB DP grade 11 student, Diya Mathew*

## Excursion-An Opportunity to Grow and Learn

“Learning should not be boring. It should not turn into a hobby. It must have some purpose and meaning for those who are studying.” These words were true to our recent MYP 10A/C Excursion. The fun and cognitive excursion was organized by the Georgian students of the MYP 10 A / C Class with the Georgian Language and Literature teacher Ms. Ia Ghadua.

On October 14-15, 2017 they visited the village Chkvishi, Galaktioni’s and TitsianTabidze’s House Museums, and Vani’s Archaeological Museum. In the Sachkhere District they toured the Skhvitori and Savane – Akaki Tsereteli’s House-Museum. While in Argveti they toured the Paolo Iashvili’s and Mukhran Machavariani’s Museums.

The excursion’s route was determined and enhanced by the school’s curriculum. In the framework of the first unit topic “Georgian-Byzantine Hagiography”, students studied Giorgi Merchule’s “Life of Grigol from Khantsta”. That allowed them the opportunity to visit the Ubisa Monastery and recall the episodes from the text in which the monastery was mentioned.

In the unit topic “Literature Processes of the 1910-30’s of the Twentieth Century, “Tamed and Indomitable Prose“ („მოთვინიერებული და მოუთვინიერებელი მწერლობა“), students learned of the literary processes which were created during the 1920-30s of the 20th Century. With that in mind, they visited Galaktioni’s, TitsianTabidze’s and Paolo Iashvili’s Museums and completed lessons there.

It was very impressive to visit the Chkvishi, Galaktion and Titsiani’s Museums. Ms. Ferida Mataradze, Museum Director and Ms. Elene Mamporia, Director of the Museum Foundation hosted the students allowing them to become better acquainted with each exhibit, its respective details, and associated stories.

It was also interesting and informative to visit Vani Ethnographic Museum, Skhvitori, Savane and Argveti.

There is a distinct and special charm when students learn about a poet’s life or works in the artist’s own room. When they saw for themselves the famous lilac from the window of the Galaktion Tabidze’s house, the desk of Titsian Tabidze, and or the bed where Akaki Tsereteli was born and passed away they gained greater insight and an enhanced foundation for their learning and understanding.

This excursion was a huge success due to collaboration with the students and of the school’s curriculum in planning and execution. An INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY for all TO GROW and LEARN.

*Georgian Language and Literature teacher, Ia Ghadua*