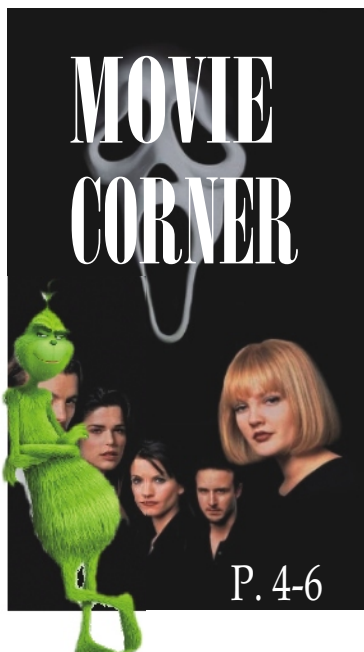


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# Interview with Mr Daskalakis and Mr Maneadis

*Our class decided one day to interview two of our most famous teachers and founders of our school "Politropi Armonia". Here is how it went down:*

## 1. What motivated you to choose teaching as a job?

**Mr Daskalakis:** It was a livelihood motive, I had many choices but I chose teaching for two reasons. Firstly I liked the education of young people very much, and secondly it is generally freelancing that defined my future.

**Mr Maneadis:** I love teaching and it always was the way I functioned socially.

## 2. What was the reason you chose to teach science?

**Mr Daskalakis:** They were my basic studies and I loved them a lot.

**Mr Maneadis:** During my childhood I had a very strict teacher who in every lesson he examined us in Greek and in math. Because I practiced math very much and I failed at a test and was only focusing only on maths, this is how I realized that I was good at maths.

## 3. How did you decide to collaborate professionally?

We knew each other for many years and we professors in the same coaching school and our personalities matched. As a result we had a good relationship,



we both loved what we did and we decided to join forces

## 4. How did you decide to open a school after the coaching school?

We always wanted to open a school but we couldn't financially and that's why we started with coaching schools. Also students from the coaching school claimed that they wasted their time at school. So we decided to create a school in which the students needn't go to a coaching school.

## 5. Are you satisfied with how the school has turned out?

We are very happy but we hope for better things to happen and we want it to improve even more.

## 6. How do you judge if a child is suitable for Politropi Armonia?

He must be a calm good and hard working student.

## 7. What are your plans for the future?

We hope that our school continues improving and the new school will follow the same path as the old one.

## 8. Did you come across many difficulties in this journey?

Of course we did but our co-workers and students helped us to surpass them

## 9. Does it benefit you as a business?

It is a good business but not as much as we want it to. We work so many hours and we should be rewarded accordingly, unfortunately that doesn't happen and it is something we would do anyway.

## 10. What do you think about the school's success generally?

The success is displayed from the student's success and if they fulfill their dreams. If they are happy our aim has been fulfilled.

*The students of Second Grade*

# The Grinch

## PLOT:

On a tiny snowflake floating through the air, exists the town of Who-ville, home of the Whos. The town is joyously preparing for the coming of Christmas.

However, of all the Whose, a little girl named Cindy Lou Who is feeling depressed, and not at all in the holiday spirit. When her brother and his friends return from climbing Mt Crumpit and claim they saw the Grinch, Cindy Lou grows curious as to the Grinch, who she learns does not like Christmas. While in the Post Office with her father, Cindy takes some mail to a backroom, and finds the Grinch trying to cause havoc in the mail room. The Grinch scares her, and causes Cindy to fall into the mail sorting machine. To her surprise, the Grinch rescues her.

Cindy then decides to investigate more into the Grinch's past, and interviews several people, including two elderly women who cared for the Grinch, as well as town socialite Margaret May-Who and the Mayor, both of whom were classmates with the Grinch.

From the information she collects, the Grinch as a child actually liked Christmas, and even had a crush on Margaret. However, the Mayor as a child, taunted the Grinch about this. The Grinch tries to create a hand-made present for Margaret and shave off his facial hair, but the bad shaving job causes the class to laugh at him, finally causing him to hate Christmas. After that, he ran away to Mt Crumpit.

As Christmas approaches, the mayor announces the upcoming Who-bilation, where the town nominates a Cheer Meister. While the Mayor looks forward to another unanimous vote for himself, Cindy requests that they nominate the Grinch, feeling he deserves it the most.

With enough votes, Cindy

gets the Grinch a nomination, and climbs up Mt Crumpit to deliver it to him. The Grinch does not believe her at first, but reconsiders when he finds out he'll be receiving an award, and that Margaret May-Who will be attending. The Grinch agonizes over the decision to attend (partly believing this is a trick), before appearing to the Who's.

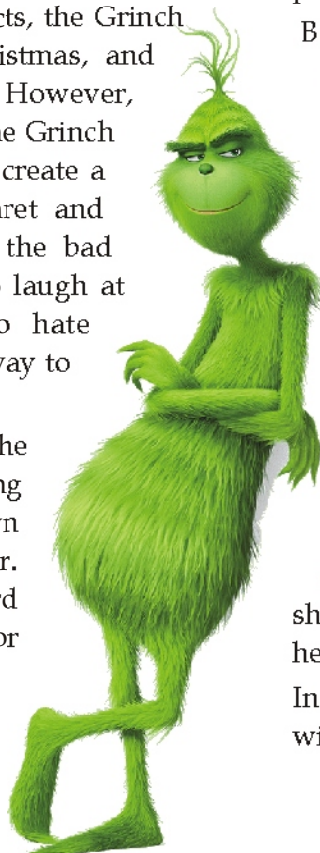
While at first apprehensive, the Grinch appears to be getting into the Christmas spirit, until the mayor proposes to Martha May-Who, and offers her a car. The ostentatious gift rouses the ire of the Grinch, and he then begins to wreck the celebration, causing mayhem and burning down the Christmas tree. Cindy feels terrible that her plan to make the Grinch feel better has been ruined, and the Grinch returns to Mt Crumpit.

The Grinch feeling worse than ever, decides that this year, he'll stop Christmas from coming, by dressing as Santa, and stealing it. Fashioning a sled, he and his dog Max return to Who-Ville, and make off with all the gifts and festive trimmings. Taking everything to the top of Mt Crumpit, he plans to drop it all over the edge.

Back in Who-ville, everyone is sad and distraught, with the mayor blaming the whole thing on Cindy for inviting the Grinch. Cindy's father proclaims that he actually is proud of his daughter, because he's seen that Christmas is not about presents and decorations, but about being together. Soon a number of Who's join in and begin singing.

This sound causes the Grinch to pause, wondering how they can be so cheerful. As he watches, the emotion gets to him, and his once shrivelled heart grows 3 sizes. The Grinch then returns the presents to Who-ville, and apologizes for his misdeed. At the same time, Margaret May-Who tells the mayor she is rejecting his marriage proposal, and that her heart belongs to the Grinch.

In the closing of the film, the town feast is held, with the Grinch carving the Roast Beast.



## Best Horror Film Ever!!!

### Scream (1996)

The scream franchise is one of my favorites, especially the first movie. This movie is an American horror movie written by Kevin Williamson and directed by Tyler Gillett, Wes Craven, Matt Bettinelli-Olpin.

The movie began with an unexpected phone-call which was continued by some murders. In news the reports kept on speaking about it and wondering about who the killer could be. However, a high-school girl, Sidney Prescott was the most depressed because the same thing had happened to her mother too. Then she fell asleep and a weird noise was heard by downstairs but when she woke up the phone was ringing. It was the killer! He told her that he was at the front door. She went to look if he was telling the truth and when she opened the door, she didn't find anyone. When she entered the house and locked the door, the killer had surprisingly entered the scene in her cupboard - the weird noise we heard before - but she was lucky and she managed to escape from the killer and the masked-murderer on the loose too from the police, which had just arrived. The next day the schools were closed because of the killer and the kids were having a party to celebrate that fact. As soon as they found out that a teacher was found dead at school some kids left the party immediately. Then the killer strikes back he kills Sidney's boyfriend, Billy Loomis and she runs away. Now she has in front of her two kids Stu, a little crazy kid of her school and Randy, a horror movie-freak. She closes immediately the door in case one of them not to hurt her. Then her boyfriend with

blood on his chest he takes the gun that Sidney found he opens the door and Randy entered the house. He said that Stu got crazy and then Bill answered him that we all get a little crazy sometimes and then he shot him. Then Stu entered the house and with a machine that changes our voices and they confessed that they were the killers. Bill's motive was that Sidney's mother was a slut that had sex with his father and she had been the reason that his parents divorced and Stu's one was that he was probably hanging out with Billy a lot because being peer-pressure as he said, doesn't sound like it was the real reason why he did all that or maybe his motive was that it is scarier not to have any motives. Then someone else entered the house and they defeated Billy and Stu.

## SCREAM



The reason why I loved this movie so much is because it is funny, keeps self-awareness and is also scary. Also, in a common scary movie the way of killing somebody would be just shooting him or stabbing him but the closing garage door or the Stu's shocking end was just

awesome. The movie combines as the killers the perfect result by mixing reason (Billy) and chaos (Stu). The actors were playing their roles with a realistic way that it was like they were born to play these roles. As much as you want it, as hard as you try, you can't foresee the end of that film or who the killer is, it is impossible. This movie has the ability to surprise the audience because they could not have thought that the masked-murderers on the loose were Billy and Stu. That, because these characters were involved in the film that they were looking like just some high school losers. The movie doesn't follow the 'rules' of the other horror films. The others are predictable, the killers where the kids that had psychological problems or the kids that they were facing lots of troubles, not the man who played the boyfriend of the main protagonist and a crazy friend of theirs.

The subject matter is not relevant at all to young people today. That because the kids are normal, not serial-killers.

For these reasons, I believe that it is a really enjoyable movie even though it had some script gaps. If you want to be scared by a horror movie and the other ones are not as scary as you expected them to be then you should see this movie it is what you are looking for, but you just don't know it yet. Personally, I loved all the movies of this movie-series and I am looking forward to the fifth one coming out in January.

*Constantinos Metaxas*





The Hunger Games is an action-packed science-fiction trilogy based on Suzanne Collins' novel published in 2008. It portrays an unspecified future where the protagonist, Katniss, voluntarily takes her younger sister's place in the Hunger Games: a televised competition in which two teenagers from each of the twelve Districts of Panem are chosen at random to fight to the death.

The film takes place in the post-apocalyptic nation of Panem, located in North America. The country consists of twelve (originally thirteen) poor districts ruled by a wealthy Capitol city. The Capitol is rich and technologically advanced, but the districts are in varying states of poverty. The protagonist and narrator, Katniss Everdeen, lives in District 12, the poorest region of Panem. As punishment for a past rebellion against the Capitol, a boy and a girl from each of the twelve remaining districts, are selected at random to compete in an annual pageant called the Hunger Games. The Games are a televised event in which the participants, are forced to fight

to the death in a dangerous arena. The winning tribute and his or her home district are then rewarded with food, supplies, and riches.

In my opinion, The Hunger Games can be considered relevant to teenage audiences, mostly because most of the characters are teenagers. Also, it shows how teens confront difficulties while slowly entering the grown-ups' world. There are some scenes that can be considered intensively violent, but I think it isn't as disturbing as other films.

Katniss, the protagonist and narrator of the trilogy, can be a powerful role model for young people, especially for young girls. She is portrayed as a brave, determined and intelligent person who took her sister's place in a deadly competition without hesitation and managed to survive twice.

To sum up, any teenager who enjoys an adventurous film with strong characters will definitely appreciate The Hunger Games, which presents realistically our society's financial and social differences.

*Georgia Zervou*

## The fault in our stars

In our English class we decided to do literature. The book we chose is "The fault in our stars". A young adult novel by John Green. The book is about Hazel Grace a 16-year-old with thyroid cancer. When her mother made her attend a cancer patient support group where Hazel meets a 17-year-old boy named Augustus Waters, whose osteosarcoma caused him to lose his right leg. The two of them strike a bond immediately. After reading each other's favorite book, Gus sent an email to the novel's author, Peter Van Houten. Peter agreed to meet Augustus and Hazel to answer Hazel's questions. But how will their trip continue? Will it have the end we all want?

## Hazel Grace

Hazel is a brave girl who has accepted the fact that she is going to die soon. However, she wants to follow her dreams. She is smart and she likes to read books. In addition, Hazel is thoughtful and considerate about her actions, and she is analytical. She fears getting close to anyone because she knows that her death, which isn't far off, will hurt anyone close to her.

*Hara Terzaki, Eleftheria  
Adamaki, Georgia Zervou,  
Anna Efraimidi*

# Review

## What can "the fault in our stars teach us"

At even its simplest, *The Fault In Our Stars* can be a wake-up call to some preteens and, of course, adults as well that you never quite know the struggles the people around you are going through. Don't be cruel. Maybe seeing a girl your age with a nasal cannula, a boy with a prosthetic leg, or a blind boy behind sunglasses after this book will cause people to look at them with empathy, instead of as "other." Maybe they'll choose to be kind, to befriend, rather than to push aside or worse, bully

Hazel spends so much of her life in a self-imposed bubble, pretending everything is fine to protect those around her. But this is the wrong idea, and she learns it. Your friends and family are put here to help you, so engage with them. Speak your fears, as Augustus does, and cry it out, egg cars, and break things, as Isaac does. You don't always have to put up a facade; let others in to help when you're going through something.

Words can't explain how much I wish I had this book when I was a preteen, coping with my own illness. For others who are struggling with the same diagnosis or congenital disease, it can truly teach us all to remember that, while an illness becomes a piece of who you are, it does not define you. And you know what? You can do this.

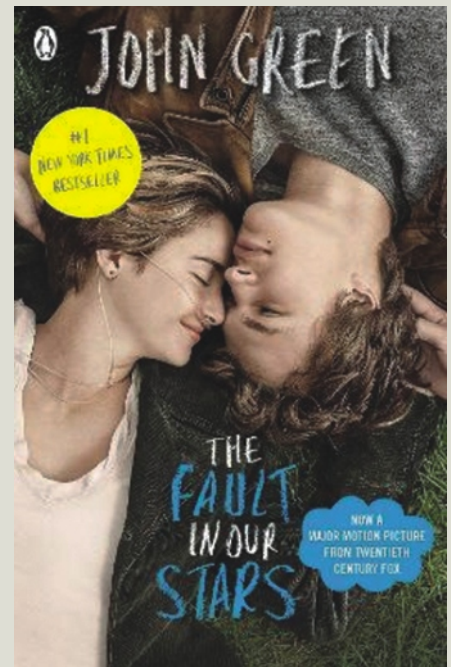
And for those who are lucky enough to have a healthy childhood, the novel can teach you to remember to never

pigeonhole people, to allow them to open up and show you their whole person, behind the disease.

How many times have you heard, "but it's not fair!" from someone in your life? *The Fault in our Stars* doesn't put it gently: Guess what, the world isn't fair. If you're playing along thinking it'll be fair, you have the wrong scorecard. But there's still hope and that's a crucial message, one that isn't all positive or all negative, of the story that really, we shouldn't let our middle schoolers miss. And if you think some of them aren't already learning this in the course of their own lives and you're helping them by shutting out the negativity, you're so, so wrong.

Every step of the way, Augustus and Hazel's plans were foiled. Their trip to Amsterdam to meet their favorite author; the rollercoasters of their illnesses; and even Isaac dealt with it with his breakup. But ultimately, this isn't always a bad thing, and it's a tough lesson to learn for everyone. No matter how much you plan ahead, the universe doesn't have a copy of your calendar.

What could be a better lesson than reminding the middle schoolers that their actions and words impact people's lives, for better or for worse. It's a not-so-gentle nudge to remind people to look outside themselves, to be kind to friends, to treat others as they'd want to be treated. As



Hazel said, and as Gus learned, you don't have to be world famous, the best kind of love is to be a good person and a good friend. And in the end, that's what will make the difference.

*The Fault in our Stars* is a huge reminder that, even when you're a teenager, you are not immortal. With that in mind, get out there in the world and experience it. Travel, feel, love. Appreciate the small moments. Don't get bogged down in the minutia, because it won't matter next year, or even tomorrow. Don't be afraid of heartbreak or struggle, because look, that's inevitable and a part of life. You never know what the world has coming for you, so go out and make things happen.

**Paris Garyfallou, Pantelis Koukoulis, Vasilis Lyberatos, Constantinos Metaxas, Panos Papakonstantinopoulos, Dimitris Papageorgiou**



# Holidays Section



## Greek Easter Traditions

For Greeks, Easter is the biggest religious holiday of the year. Today in Greece, Easter celebrations have a direct connection with the Orthodox faith. Preparation for Easter begins with Kathara Deutera (Clean Monday), which is the first day of lent. During lent, which lasts for forty days before Easter, one is not supposed to eat anything that comes from animals. Basically, that means no meat, fish, milk, cheese and egg. The big week, or as it is known in Greek 'Megali Evdomada,' is the week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. On Thursday Greek Easter bread called tsoureki is baked and the traditional red Easter eggs are dyed. On Friday you'll hear the church bells ring all day for the funeral of Christ. The Bible said that he died in the ninth hour, and at nine o'clock Greeks follow a symbolic funeral procession. Many people participate in the quiet procession while carrying candles. Saturday is the last day of lent and it is filled with preparations for the midnight meal, including a traditional soup called magiritsa. Just before midnight on Saturday everyone gathers at church with their Easter candles. And then the big moment! Just before midnight all the lights are switched off, and a moment later the priest announces 'Christos Anesti,' or Christ Has Risen. People start cheering,

greeting and kissing each other, and many fireworks go off. Everyone carries candles with them to be lit by the priest's candle which represents the 'holy flame.' The tradition is that representatives from the Greek Orthodox church have transported to Greece a candle lit by the eternal burning flame at the Church of the holy Grave in Jerusalem, and the flame is spread from candle to candle all over Greece. Each person carefully carries their lit candle home in order to bless their home by drawing a cross with the flame above the entrance for protection from all evil. Many Greek homes will keep the flame burning in a traditional 'kandili' until the following Easter. And then the feast begins! The 'tsougrisma' game begins where people break each other's red eggs by hitting them against each other. The one with the strongest egg is said to have good luck for the whole year! The first meal after lent is usually the traditional Easter soup called magiritsa, eaten after church on Saturday night. On Easter Sunday family and friends gather for a big Easter meal, which typically includes roasted lamb, and loads of different salads.

*Vivien Bertou, Dimitris Papageorgiou*



# Christmas

## SANTA CLAUS = SANTA NIKOLAS AND CREATED BY COCA COLA

Santa Claus in the past years was called saint Nicholas and it was a man that was helping the poor families and persons.



Also, it was one of the persons that made hospitals, orphanage and schools that was very helpful then. He spent all his life helping people without saying who he was. Sant Nikolas died at 31 December and Orthodox Christians thought that his dead bring good luck to the new year. In west countries Santa Nicholas was the same with Santa Claus and in Europe at 1950-1960 was also starting call him Santa Claus.

Santa's evolved through Coca-Cola advertising. In 1931, due to the decline he had as a company, he decided to invite artists to create a man full of joy, adult, and mood, one of them created a very old man with muse, a little fat and with red clothes, who enters his house and he was holding a coca cola bottle and offer joy to their relatives. Coca cola using Santa Claus showing Santa himself, not a man looks like as Santa. From 1931 to 1964, Coca-Cola advertising showed Santa delivering toys. He was pausing to read a letter and enjoy a



Coca cola, visiting with the children who stayed up to greet him.

In addition, Santa Claus never stops giving presents in children because every 31 December give small or big presents to good children which had sent him a letter of what they want. But making and giving presents to every child all over the world alone it is a big work Santa Claus has his elves and wife to help him with making the presents and also, he has his reindeers and sleigh to help him give it to the children.

*Asimomyti Rania and Lydia Binou*

## Christmas traditions around Europe ...

Christmas... a Christian holiday honoring the birth of Jesus Christ who according to the Christian religion is the son of God . Around the world there are many different traditions about the celebration of this religious festivity.

**France:** One of the most famous traditions in France is Advent calendars. French children open Advent Calendars during the month of December. Every day when they open it, they receive a small surprise until Christmas where they receive the biggest one. Also one other interesting tradition is the postcards from Père Noël. Kids send their letters to Father Christmas and they always get a respond. That makes thousands of children happy every year!

**Germany:** In almost every German house at Christmastime you'll find an abundance of Christmas angels. The angels are either put on the tree or placed on sideboards .Traditionally, the tree is only put up in Germany on 24th December. The rest of the house is decorated beforehand, but it's just the tree which is saved until last.

**Italy:** The Italians don't eat meat on Christmas period. Instead they eat a variety of fish dishes. This is typical on the day and night before any religious celebration as you are supposed to 'eat lean' and purify your body ahead of the holidays! As well as fish, they have pasta dishes. Also the Italians love sweet food. Two of the most famous sweets that are eaten a lot on Christmas are Panettone and pandoro, which are basically sweet breads. On a tour of Rome city you will probably spot someone eating spiced nut pastries known as mostaccioli.

*Hara Terzaki*

## Some Christmas stories

One day there were two poor children at Christmas, and they hoped for someone to help them but no one came. They were very hungry so they smelled some stuff such as pencils and books but nobody noticed them ...

Suddenly a teacher noticed the two kids and gave them for the first time some food, after that he would come every day with something new for them such as clothes. And one day he took them to his house to live with him! The children were so excited to finally have a place to live and most importantly a person to love and care about them.

*Aggeliki Vgenopoulou*

## "I Forget"

*Once upon a time it was a boy who was kind, sincerely and always shared his things with the others but had a problem, he always forgot what he should do and always said the same thing "I Forgot". His parents believed that this problem can affect his adult life so they decided to do anything to make him stop. "Christmas are coming in a few days" said the mother of the boy "and Santa might forget to bring him his gift". On the Christmas Day the boy was very excited to see the presents that Santa must have brought to him last night but for his surprise there was nothing. He was very upset and heartbroken, he couldn't believe that Santa forgot him. The next hour the boy visited his grandparents with the rest of his family and suddenly saw his gifts that he had wished from Santa to bring him. "Santa never forget" he screamed and with lot of happiness he opened his presents. He slowly then understood why it was so important to remember one's duties and responsibilities in life.*

...and a recipe for the end, yumiii!!

## CHRISTMAS COOKIES

3 ¾ cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup margarine, softened  
1½ cups white sugar  
2 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract



### STEP 1

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together, set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Gradually blend in the sifted ingredients until fully absorbed. Cover dough, and chill for 2 hours.

### STEP 2

Preheat oven to 200 degrees C. Grease cookie sheets. On a clean floured surface, roll out small portions of chilled dough to 0,5 cm thickness. Cut out shapes using cookie cutters.

### STEP 3

Bake 6 to 8 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are barely brown. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.

And your cookies are ready!

The best Christmas cookies ever!

Enjoy them with a hot cup of coffee or tea.

*Eleftheria Adamaki*





# SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

A Scrabble tournament was organized for the first time at our school by our English teacher, Mrs Labrini Tsakireli. The students put their vocabulary knowledge into practice, they competed and had fun, enjoying the first days of spring.

The winners were Aggelis Apollonatos and Gerasimos Papachristopoulos.

We set our dates for next year...





# RIDDLES

- 1) What makes 2 people out of 1?
- 2) You are seas without water, coasts without sand, towns without people and mountains without land. What are you?
- 3) I stay with you all day but not at night. What am I?
- 4) I start with S have you in the middle and ends with IG. What am I?
- 5) What eight letter word contains all of the 26 letters?
- 6) What disappears the instant you say its name?
- 7) I am tall when I am young and short when I am old. What am I?
- 8) I am light as a feather, yet the strongest man can't hold me more than 5 minutes. What am I?
- 9) You answer me although I never ask your questions. What am I?
- 10) Take off my skin and I won't cry, but you will. What am I?
- 11) I am born in the ocean, white as snow. When I fall back into water I disappear without a trace. What am I?
- 12) What belongs to you and the others use it more than you?
- 13) Imagine that you are in a room without doors or windows. How you can escape?
- 14) Which tire doesn't move when car turns right?
- 15) People buy me to eat, but never eat me. What am I?

## Answers

- 1) A mirror
- 2) A map
- 3) Your shadow
- 4) A suit
- 5) Alphabet
- 6) Silence
- 7) A candle
- 8) Breath
- 9) A telephone
- 10) An onion
- 11) Salt
- 12) Your name
- 13) Stop imagining
- 14) The spare tire
- 15) Plate

