

# NEWSLETTER



## HAPPY VALENTINE'S!

Valentine's today is far from what it used to be many centuries ago. Did you know that this holiday originated as a religious celebration honoring catholic martyrs (people who die for a religion) by the name of Valentine or Valentinus? Legend has it that a Roman Empire, Claudius II, forced one of these St. Valentines to convert to paganism (non-Christianity). After an unwavering refusal, St. Valentine was executed. Now, one may ask, how does this correlate with the romantic holiday we know today?

St. Valentine was also a priest who performed wedding ceremonies, advocated for marriage in the army when it was outlawed by a Roman Emperor, and handed out paper hearts to remind Christians of their love for God and God's love for them. From these acts, he became known as the patron saint of love.

## SCHOOL TRIPS



Gr8: Washington DC - 26th Feb

Gr9: Kamarata in Canaima - 22nd-29th Feb







Gr10: Merida Trip - 26th Feb

Gr11: It's all about universities - London and New York/Boston

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 2nd - NHS Induction Ceremony
- Feb. 12th-13th - Carnival/No school!
- Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day/STUCO activities
- Last week of Feb - Students leave for school trips

## DON'T FORGET! DRESS CODE FOR FEB. 14TH

	<b>RED</b> - TAKEN
	<b>PINK</b> - THINKING ABOUT SOMEONE
	<b>WHITE</b> - SINGLE
	<b>GREEN</b> - ITS COMPLICATED
	<b>BLUE</b> - TALKING STAGE
	<b>YELLOW</b> - FRIENDZONED

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

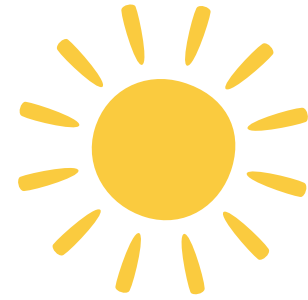
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HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S?

"This year I'm planning to spend it with my friends, who I'll gift some Valentine's baskets to."

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO FOR CARNIVAL BREAK?

"For Carnival, I am going to my apartment in Puerto Azul, where my family and I will have a few relaxing days at the beach."



## CARNIVAL!

Characterized by its colors, music, and various parades, Carnival is one of the most festive and vibrant holidays to be celebrated. Once the clock strikes, the streets fill with infectious rhythms of local music, extravagant costumes, and joyous laughter. People of all ages join the fun, and in most parts of South America and Europe, immerse themselves in the various street parties, bringing the spirit of unity and revelry.

While we too have the parades, here in Venezuela the tradition is for people to get together with their family and friends to throw water balloons at each other while having the best time possible. Normally big buckets are filled to the brim with these rubber decorations and everyone gets their share as they hide in search of others to see who can last the longest without getting water all over themselves.

Still, for those who are not here for the action, there's the more relaxing alternative which is going to beaches such as Tucacas, Camurí, Margarita, Los Roques, etc. where you can forget about any worries and have a good time with loved ones!



## A RIDDLE OR 2

-What type of flower is kissable?

-A doctor and a truck driver are in love with the same woman. The truck driver had to go on a week-long trip and gave the woman seven apples before he left. Why?