

## **Founder's Day Celebrations 2026**

October 21, 2026

Dear Parents,

On the occasion of the Founder's Day of Saint Joseph School, commemorating our founder, the late Bishop Elias Farah, on Friday, October 23, 2026, a series of educational and spiritual activities will be held throughout the week.

During school assemblies and dedicated class periods, students will learn about Bishop Elias Farah's life, vision, and contributions to Catholic education in Lebanon. He pioneered a trilingual education system incorporating Arabic, English, and French while remaining rooted in Catholic values and the mission of spreading the Word of God.

Through these activities, we aim to ensure that our students understand the principles and values upon which our school was founded. In addition, Holy Masses and prayers will be offered throughout the week in memory of Bishop Elias Farah, expressing our gratitude for his lasting contribution to our school community.

Furthermore, on Friday, October 23, as part of our Founder's Day celebration, apples will be distributed to our students. This initiative aims to establish a meaningful school tradition that brings together the celebration of our founder's legacy and the appreciation of our country's agricultural heritage. It also reflects our commitment to supporting Lebanese apple farmers and instilling in our students a sense of solidarity with the local community.

Through these activities, we hope to honor Bishop Elias Farah's legacy, strengthen our students' sense of belonging to their school's history and mission, and foster a spirit of community for our Lebanese heritage.

The Administration