



# The Nazareth Baptist School ( NBS)

## 2008 Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Peace and grace to you from Nazareth. Christmas and the start of a New Year are milestones that encourage us to remember God's goodness and faithfulness as He works through us to continue our journey at NBS - a journey that knows many hardships and challenges. It is the grace of God, however, that makes any spiritual, academic, and psychological impact possible. With that in mind, we would like to share with you some highlights of the different aspects of our ministry in 2008.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With every blessing,  
Botrus Mansour  
General Director

*"He who began a good work in you will carry it to the day of completion in Christ Jesus." Phil. 1:6*

### Christian Witness

#### Spiritual Emphasis Week and Chapel

In March, NBS held a "Spiritual Emphasis" week with renowned Christian Lebanese singer, Lydia Shaded. Several pastors and preachers from the area attended and shared along with Ms. Shaded.

In addition to this, several visiting pastors shared the message of the love of Christ to students in Chapel services during the year, including Rev. Dr. Danny Sinqefield, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Bartlett, Tennessee. A 10th grade student shared with teachers later that, "Hearing the word of God in school helps me know His will for me and how we should behave so that we can be like God who created us in His image."

#### Sharing Across the Miles

For the third consecutive year now, students from the Christian school, Pacific Academy, in Canada visited our school in March. This ongoing relationship has continued so well that for the first time this December, ten students and two teachers from NBS will be returning the visit. Our students will also be visiting King's Schools in Seattle, Washington.



Students in chapel during Spiritual Emphasis Week

### Academics

#### NBS Participates in Prestigious Nobel Prize Holders Gathering



NBS sent a delegation consisting of Principal and Physics Teacher, Dr. Ousama Moalem, and two 12th graders to the 58th Annual Gathering of Holders of the Nobel Prize in Physics which was held in Lindau, Germany. They were the only 2 high school students in this important gathering. NBS got this invitation as a token of appreciation for its outstanding achievements in scientific research in Physics, and especially in the international contest "The First Step to the Nobel Prize in Physics" in which students from NBS have won 9 prizes in the last 12 years - the largest number among schools and countries which participate in the contest.

#### Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry Visits NBS

This February, Israeli Professor Aaron Ciechanover, the 2004 Nobel Prize winner for Chemistry who won because of his research into the decomposition of proteins and its importance in developing a cure for cancer, visited NBS. Professor Ciechanover shared with students a touching encounter he had had after he won the Nobel Prize. A cancer victim approached him at a reception and told him that he had been dying from the disease just a few weeks before, but thanks to the medicine that was developed as a result of his discovery, he overcame the disease and recovered. This was a very inspirational testimony to the students of NBS, and is just one example of the types of programs and methods the school uses to mold its future scientists and doctors.



Professor Ciechanover speaks to a student assembly.

#### "Young Innovators"

Students in the 9th grade won first place for the Galilee region in a contest entitled "Young Innovators" for their design and implementation of a new type of hanger made entirely of iron that can be hooked to a table top and from which very heavy bags (i.e. backpacks, etc.) can be hung.



NBS Students stand around their invention.

#### Continued Recognition for NBS

Maariv, the second largest Hebrew nationwide Israeli newspaper, ran a 2-page article this October about the best schools in Israel. Under the title "Being a Student - Schools That Have Amassed the Best Reputation" Maariv wrote the following in the subtitle: "Eight Israeli high schools enjoy a high standing in Israeli education. The formula for success is not clear - but with their sparkling lists of graduates, it's hard to argue." Among the schools that were listed, three Arab Christian schools were mentioned, NBS being one of them. For more on this article, please see the website: [www.comeandsee.com](http://www.comeandsee.com).

#### Middle Eastern Culture and Folklore Week

In mid-April, NBS students celebrated a week full of Middle Eastern culture and folklore activities. The activities included a cultural exhibition, seminars and lectures on customs and old traditions, folk dancing, an exhibition of rare old photos from Nazareth's history, a costume show of traditional women's clothing by 11th and 12th graders, as well as a traditional wedding reenacted by a "bride" and "groom" from the 11th grade.

Several middle-eastern satellite stations covered the traditional costume show portion of the week and broadcasted it on their stations.



The groom awaits his bride during Middle Eastern Culture and Folklore Week

### Sports



#### Basketball Champs

The primary school girls' basketball team won the Nazareth area championship against Yaffa of Nazareth with a score of 8-3. This same team won the championship of schools in Galilee for their age last year too.

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