

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!

Another successful semester is coming to a close at Casa College. December is the last month of the year and comes with joy and festivals like Christmas day and New Year's Eve.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everyone!

Let's get ready for the new year ahead!

UPCOMING EVENTS		DECEMBER 2022	
22 THU	Last Day of Classes Casa College Campus A & B	23-6 DEC-JAN	Christmas Holidays
25 SUN	Christmas Day Public Holiday	31 SAT	New Year's Eve Public Holiday




DID YOU KNOW THAT...

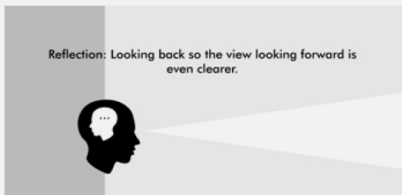
- Christmas trees were first decorated with fruits (mainly apples) and then later on people started using candles and the electric lights (1895) to decorate these trees.
- In the world, there are two islands that are named "Christmas", one in the Pacific Ocean and the other in the Indian Ocean.
- Santa has a real postal zip code - HOH OH0. Every year millions of letters are addressed to Santa from kids all over the world. The postal workers at the Canadian Post Office also started answering some of these letters.



WHY CHRISTMAS IS TIME FOR REFLECTION?

Christmas signifies the end of the year for western cultures. It is a time of joy, sharing, healing and forgiveness. It brings the reassurance of peace on earth and goodwill towards men. This season also provides the opportunity for self-reflection over the past year which ought to provide guidance for the coming year. Reflecting, evaluating and analysing your own experience of what you did and how you did it over the past twelve months develops your insight into what we need to do in the twelve months approaching. The great philosopher Socrates said: "an unexamined life is not worth living". Three key questions can bring you down a path of self - reflection:

- What did you learn?
- How did it challenge you?
- What are you thankful for?



Without self - reflection, we can't grow. We can't enjoy what's happened; and celebrate what's to come. Personal growth is one of the greatest things which impacts on every aspect of someone's life. Examining what worked and what failed, provides new possibilities towards future personal triumphs. This Christmas season spend time - even ten minutes - engaging in self - reflection. Don't be selective, but honest, broadminded and detailed. When there is true personal growth one develops humility, compassion, integrity and responsibility.

"JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO THE CYPRUS CHRISTMAS VILLAGES"

Cyprus - Deputy Ministry of Tourism invites you to discover 7 beautiful traditional villages of Cyprus which in turn will wow you with an array of authentic Christmas experiences to participate in. Traditional villages in Cyprus put on their finest festive attire to spread the Christmas spirit, impressing locals, foreigners, young and old alike. Cultural events, stands with local products and handicrafts, gastronomy and crafting workshops, organized activities in nature, guided village tours, local restaurants and hotels with delicious holiday menus and many other surprises await to be discovered for a unique Cypriot Christmas experience. They are waiting for you to celebrate this magical holiday period.



26 NOV - 15 JAN | CHRISTMAS VILLAGES:

- Agros (+35725521333)
- Derinia (+35723811000)
- Fikardou (+35722023330)
- Kalavassos (+35724333164/+35724332220)
- Kalopanagiotis (+35722952297)
- Kyperounda | +357 99 352 547
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HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
December 10th

Every year, the 10th of December is celebrated as Human Rights Day in order to promote the rights of human and make people aware of them. Many governmental and non - governmental organizations all over the world organize events in the celebration of this day. The Universal declaration of Human Rights sets out a broad range of fundamental rights and freedoms to which all of us are entitled. It ensures the rights of every individual everywhere without distinction based on nationality, place of residence, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, language or any other status.

human rights are not optional

DECEMBER 10
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022 - 2023 | Meet your representatives

On November 27th, Casa College students elected their representatives for the academic year 2022 - 2023. The newly appointed members of Casa Student Council are:

- **President:** Aravind Allakonda
- **Vice President:** Sandesh Dhungana
- **Secretary:** Maribel Gonzaga Ramirez

HOSPITALITY CORNER

Traditional Christmas Sweets in Cyprus



Kourabiedes are delicious almond - made shortbread made with brandy, vanilla and sometimes with rose water. Kourabiedes are shaped either into balls or oval - shaped biscuits and they are baked until the point at which they are turning golden brown. While they are still warm are dipped in icing sugar which caramelises into a rich buttery layer.



Melomakarona are cookies with honey and are stuffed with dates and nuts and further enhanced with orange zest, cognac, cinnamon and olive oil. After they have been baked they are soaked in a syrup of hot honey and sugar and rolled in ground walnuts and almonds.

HOLIDAY SEASON! DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 6

CLASSES START /// JANUARY 9