

First Bimester 2025 - 8th Issue

THE COATI REPORT





School IB Program

All International Baccalaureate (IB) programs include a final learning experience:



PYP

In the PYP (Primary Years Program), fifth-grade students complete the Exhibition Project, a group project that demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and attributes they have acquired, symbolically marking their transition to secondary school.



MYP

In the MYP (Middle Years Program), students develop the Personal Project in tenth grade, based on their interests. This project begins planning in ninth grade and culminates in a written report that reflects their learning process.



DP

In the DP (Diploma Program), students complete the Extended Essay, an independent academic investigation on a topic related to their subjects. Its objective is to foster critical thinking, independent inquiry, and analysis.



CAS

In addition, the DP includes the CAS (Creativity, Activity & Service) program, where students pursue experiences in these three areas, promoting personal development beyond the academic sphere.

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GREASE IS THE TIME, IT'S THE PLACE, IT'S THE MOTION!

This year's school play, Grease: School Edition, will be performed on May 25 and 26 at the Pacific Center. Tickets can be purchased from any participating students or the Junta de Madres y Padres.

We're thrilled to welcome back Benjamin Cohen as our director, Irma Ortiz as producer, Fula, our beloved choreographer, Ana Belen for vocals, and the amazing Manuel Paz as assistant director.

This year's cast includes both returning and new faces, such as Marigie Pol, Abraham Benzadon, Antonio Buron, Natalia Vera, Batsheva Chevez, Andrea Abadi, and many more. In the weeks leading up to the show, the students are putting in hard work with singing lessons, scene practice, and acting training. Don't miss it!



Interviews



Abraham Benzadon's passion for Musical Theater

From a young age he knew what he wanted to be. He couldn't listen to a song without freezing in my tracks. The melodies called to him, and he fell more and more in love with theater until he reached the point where he is today, knowing that theater is practically his life and it wouldn't be the same without the great energy it transmits to him. "The stage is simply a safe place for me. Nothing fulfills me more than the magic of theater." So far his favorite role has been "Billy" in "School of Rock" and Emilio Estefan's son in "On Your Feet." He soon will be playing Danny Zuko in the school play, and he is almost certain that this role will be his favorite, since it's the first time he has played the main character.

His mantra is "Persist, insist, but never give up." He states that he has often failed to get cast in various musicals, "yes it hurts at first, but then you realize that each fall makes you stronger and prepares you for a future where you'll be told "no" many times, and you must remain mentally strong"

Right now Cynthia Erivo is his inspiration because of her great talent, discipline and authenticity. She really represents the power of storytelling through performance in music. He is inspired by artists like Beto, from the band Rawayana, whose humility and perseverance have taken him from a small town in Venezuela to becoming one of the most-streamed artists on Spotify. His journey is a powerful reminder that talent combined with dedication can break through any barrier.

Interviews

Alejandro Leiro and his Journey in Cayuco

When he was 16, Leiro was searching for a sport that would keep him active while still allowing him to socialize. Through a few of his classmates, he discovered Cayuco, a team paddling sport involving canoes with 2 to 4 people. He quickly fell in love with it: the adventure, the camaraderie, and the ability to explore places he'd only dreamed of, for example the Chagres River and the Panama Canal. It gave him a sense of freedom.

Leiro continued practicing the sport for a few years, even participating in some competitions. After taking a break, he returned to Cayuco at 29, inspired by a friend who wanted to try it for the first time. Just like before, he fell in love with it all over again.

For the past two years, he's competed in numerous races, most recently this April in the iconic Ocean to Ocean, a 65-kilometer, three-day race that crosses Panama from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Leiro says Cayuco challenges him both physically and emotionally:

"No tienes de otra más que terminar, o te quedas perdido en medio del océano o del lago. No hay otra opción que superar tus límites."

("You have no choice but to finish—or you'll be left stranded in the middle of the ocean or the lake. There's no other option but to push past your limits.")



Debate

CirDebate is growing and thriving! After attracting a large number of students at the end of last year and with a new junta, our debate club has expanded significantly. We say goodbye to our graduating students Ainhoa Di Luzio and Guillermo Samudio, our former president and vice president, and welcome a new team: Lucia Sempris as President, Belina Levi as Vice President, Camila Martínez as our lovely Secretary, Adriana Obispo as Treasurer, María Molino as Press Secretary, and our incredible vocal team, José Rojo and Ana Marmolejo.

The club meets during school hours on Wednesdays from 12:40 to 1:20 in the Diploma Room. On March 12, they held their first class, and since then, they've been exploring debate through mock trials, games, and introductions.



Earth Day



FOR EARTH WEEK IN PRIMARY
BOOKMARKS WERE MADE,
SECOND-GRADE STUDENTS
REORGANIZED CONTAINERS,
CORRECTLY PLACING
CARDBOARD, CANS, AND TETRA
PAKS.



AND A MURAL WAS CREATED WITH MESSAGES
ALLUDING TO THE CARE OF OUR PLANET.
ADDITIONALLY, DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ABOUT
POLLUTION AND THE ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE TO CARE
FOR THE EARTH.



Labor Social



The 10th-grade PAI students engaged in a meaningful social service project by volunteering at Las Lajas, a project organized in partnership with the Patronato de Nutrición. During their service, students erected tents and began work to prepare the land not only tilling the soil and planting plantain trees but also collecting coriander and creating new yam beds that will be harvested in the coming months.



Through this hands-on agricultural experience, the students learned the value of sustainable farming practices and the importance of community collaboration to fight food insecurity.





SPORTS



The sports roster may be shorter, but it's more concentrated! For 2025, Colegio Isaac Rabin is offering Tennis and Football as extracurricular sports.

This year, football isn't the only one in the spotlight—rumor has it that our tennis players will have the opportunity to participate in friendly matches!



Students participating in both Tennis and Football will train from 3:00 to 4:00 pm every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Each set of two sessions costs B/65.

BAND

We're excited to introduce our new Band Captain: Antonio Burón — a passionate leader who truly deserves the role. Supporting him are his incredible right-hand team: Andrea Abadi as Captain of Cajas, and Juan Manuel Nuñez leading the Tritones.

Next up, but no less important, we have our other section captains: Joaquín Cohen for Tenor, Mia Téllez for Liras, and Heckier for Bombo.

Let's not forget the Batuteras, led by Captain Batsheva Chevez. This year, we're also thrilled to welcome a brand-new addition: Delegación Femenina, a dynamic group of dancers led by Adriana Obispo, who swap batons for fans in a creative twist.



With these exciting new roles, fresh beats, and unique energy, we can't wait for what's coming this November!





Our school proudly hosts two orchestras, one for primary students and one for secondary, made up entirely of students who learn their instruments through our extracurricular programs. Orchestra rehearsals take place every Thursday during the last hour of the school day. Individual instrument lessons are scheduled either during the student's regular music class or after school, depending on what works best for them. Students are free to choose any instrument they'd like to learn; if the school has it available, it can be lent to them. If not, students are responsible for bringing their own.

On the other hand, the choir is exclusively for primary students, from 1st to 5th grade. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays during the last hour of the school day.



FUNDRAISER



The students attended an event hosted at Parque Omar in collaboration with culinary students from universities across Panama. The objective of the event was to raise funds for the Patronato de Nutrición, the organization responsible for the planning and execution of the activity.



Isaac Rabin students actively participated by distributing informational flyers about the Patronato, menus detailing the available food options at each station, and collecting donations from attendees. Through their efforts, they not only raised awareness of the Patronato's mission but also contributed directly to supporting its work in the community.



Water day

For water day the whole school made a march around the Ciudad del Saber campus. The Water Walk was organized to symbolize the struggles faced by communities that experience a lack of access to clean water. The event was hosted by the Patronato de Nutrición and involved the participation of the entire Isaac Rabin School student body. Each student contributed a \$2 donation towards the cause. Through this activity, students not only contributed financially but also raised awareness within their community about this important global issue.



MATERNAL, PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

Pre-K is currently exploring the "Who We Are" unit. We were thrilled to welcome parents who shared stories, traditions, foods, and clothing from their cultures. This enriched our students' understanding of identity and diversity, fostering respect and appreciation for each other.

Kindergarten students enjoyed a fun-filled field trip to Parque Omar, linking to our "Who We Are" unit. With bikes, scooters, and protective gear, they explored movement, safety, and healthy living. A healthy picnic followed, reinforcing the value of nutritious food choices.

Maternal students had a joyful day of games, music, and art at El Lunario, part of our unit "How Do We Express Ourselves?" Through play and creative activities, they expressed their individuality and learned new ways to share feelings and ideas.





Impact
Through
Education

Visited us!



On March 7th, we had a visit from the personnel from the World ORT, a global education network driven by Jewish values. Many of the students here at Colegio Isaac Rabin interacted with them, questioning them about their jobs and the values they promoted, as well as showing them around the school, giving them a closer look at what we learn and how we grow as people.



Purim

Here at Colegio Isaac Rabin we love purim!! We celebrated the latter along with all of the school, at our annual Purim fair!! Along with our 12th grade students and our own teacher Monique we celebrated with fun games at our fair! And the students got to model their very own costumes!! And even some scary partnerships between students for some group costumes!! We hope you all loved purim and we can't wait to see what we will do next year!!



Pesaj

For pesaj, we celebrated by having 3 pesaj dinners! Along with our 12th graders and Jewish studies teachers, we celebrated with the little ones, and our primary and secondary students! We also gave out matzah with some chocolate, jam and cream cheese! We hope you all enjoyed and thank you to our Jewish studies teacher committee and the 12th grade students for helping plate matzah and for directing the celebrations!!





Festival de la Francophonie

Francophone Week: A Celebration of Food, Culture, and, Most Importantly, the French Language!

Francophone refers to the global community of countries, regions, and towns that share the French language. Here at Isaac Rabin, we celebrate this vibrant week with presentations, music, and art. Typically, we host a grand ceremony on the 4th floor, but this year, we switched things up a bit. Each grade presented in their own classrooms or the diploma classroom, al-

lowing for a more intimate and engaging experience.

We explored countries like Switzerland, Togo, Canada, and Madagascar, and enjoyed beautiful poems and songs from our students. In an exciting first, our senior students visited the French Embassy, where they had the chance to interact with the staff and learn about the important work being done there.



School Visit

Ilya Marrota



On the **27th of February**, the students of Colegio Isaac Rabin received a special visit from Ilya Marotta, **Deputy Administrator of the Panama Canal**. She gave us a special speech in which she explained to us the importance of the Panama Canal, not only to the economy of the country, but also how it grants it political power and makes it one of the most important countries in today's political situation. After such a talk, we were allowed to inquire about related topics she could inform us about, such as facts about the Canal.



Yom HaShoah

Yom HaShoah is a very important day in our school. Also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, it is a solemn occasion to honor the memory of the six million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust. It is also a time to remember the heroes—the Righteous Among the Nations (non-Jewish individuals who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust), as well as the brave soldiers who fought and risked their lives.

This year, to commemorate them, we held our annual ceremony organized by the 12th-grade students. Each student contributed and played a role in making the event meaningful.





DAY OF LANGUAGE, BOOKS AND AUTHOR COPYRIGHTS

For the day of language, books, and author copyrights, the students of secondary school all came together in order to have a viewing of "Where's Anne Frank." An animated film that tells the story of Kitty, the imaginary friend of Anne Frank, finding herself in the real world and having to deal with the fact that the name of her friend was only used as a way to remember the past, and not actually learn from it. The movie was a pleasant surprise for all of us, and a great way to spread the morals that Anne Frank believed in, that being, the acceptance of everyone.

Meanwhile the primary students created and illustrated a collective story that is displayed in the first-floor hallway. Showing off their youthful creativity for all to see.

PARENT BOARD

On the 27th of February, The new members of the board of mothers and fathers were chosen. They have elected Desiree Hoffman as president; Vanessa Cheng as vice president; Katya Patterson as treasurer and Stephanie Amaris as vice treasurer; Gloria Wiselman as secretary; Raquel Pol, Dalia Meir, Veronica Sanchez, Ana Griselda Vallarino and Cristina Cheng as vocals. Congratulations to the new directive.

As their first activity of the year they started with the annual sale and making of jaroset before the jewish holiday of pesaj.

It was a great success! We're excited to see what other great activities happen throughout the year.



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