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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

As always, our RIS students were very active this week in a variety of functions and it was no exception this morning when our campus was filled with parents from the Elementary Section attending the Elementary School Curriculum Coffee. They had an opportunity to meet their children's teachers and discuss the curriculum and classroom routines with the ES Administrators.



Our staff of professional educators in the ES Section continually evaluate and improve the curriculum to ensure we are meeting the needs and standards of our ever-changing academic world. Together with our Director for Curriculum, they research techniques and new methods to develop procedures that involve strong student participation, giving our young developing minds a solid foundation for their future.

As for the High School Section, I am so excited to report the the results of the IB and AP exams. I'm sure many of you have heard that the Class of 2009 was one of the best ever. The world average for the IB Diploma is 30 points out of a possible score of 45, and our 2009 RIS average was 35 points! 38 out of 44 students scored a 30 or above with the highest total diploma score a perfect 45! Most notably, 42 out of 44 full IB Diploma candidates earned their diplomas in 2009.

As you know, the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a challenging two-year comprehensive curriculum, primarily aimed at students aged 16 to 19. It emphasizes critical thinking, intercultural understanding, citizenry and extracurricular activities. We help our students through the IB Diploma Program become more articulate, adaptable, confident young adults with expertise in at least two languages and a global understanding of issues. The IB results are getting better each year and my congratulations to all the IB graduates and our educators in the HS Section.

Our 2009 average scores in the AP exams this year were higher than the national averages in 8 out of 10 courses. 88 percent of the scores earned by our students were a 3 or higher, and 6 out of the 10 courses offered had an average score higher than 4.15! These are just outstanding results and I praise the hard work and dedication of the students, their teachers and most importantly, the support of their parents.

As I look ahead to what the rest of the term holds, it is my goal to continue to focus on excellence - excellence in academic achievement in all three sections, excellence in communication and partnership with parents, excellence in character development and excellence in providing a safe and healthy environment for our students. With the help of our world-class faculty and staff, we can make it happen. Have a great weekend.

Peace,

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