

March 5, 2010

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

It is written that music is the spiritual food of the hearts and souls.

My heart and soul were full after yesterday's performance by the Classical Music and Ballet Concert for Charity by YAMAHA Japan performing artists and our own RIS Stage Wind Ensemble. Sitting there listening to the beautiful music produced by the various sounds of the clarinets, flutes, percussions and more, it reminded me that as it is in music, where many different notes blend together in the making of a perfect chord, we strive to create that same harmony among the diverse members of our family here at RIS. Simply delightful! I want to thank Ms. Miho, RIST Student Advisor, who brings this wonderful group of performers to our PAC stage each year who share their gift of music and dance with all of us.



I'm looking forward to filling my soul once again this afternoon as our elementary students take to the stage in Godbout Hall to perform in their yearly Talent Show. They may be smaller in size than our Japanese performing guests, but their talents are huge! Hope you get a chance to stop by and join us in this wonderful feast for the heart and soul – it begins at 12:30 pm.

Speaking of music, did you know that it is through the power and charm of music the spirit is uplifted? It has wonderful sway and effect in the hearts of children, for their hearts are pure, and melodies have great influence in them. It is for this very reason that we are committed in all sections of our school to have a performing arts curriculum that provides our students with opportunities that help them become proficient and teach them to sing with excellence and effect. We feel it is important for each child to know something of music, for without knowledge of this art, the melodies of instrument and voice cannot be truly enjoyed.



I hope you all have a chance to add more music to your day in order for your lives to be brightened with enjoyment. Have a super weekend!

Peace,

Fr. Pattarapong Srivorakul, C.Ss.R.

Head of School