

November 6, 2009

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:



You should have seen the love and warmth expressed to Father Travis by the entire RIS/RIST community this morning. My heart was joyous with the thoughtful words and songs, clearly demonstrating our *Union of Hearts* to Father Travis who arrived back on campus this week with a spirit full of love for the RIS/RIST community.



Students from the elementary section began the special assembly by chanting a poem and another group singing "Welcome Fr. Travis." The middle school section wrote and recited a beautiful poem of the special attributes given to Fr. Travis by God. The high school students displayed a large banner with beautiful thoughts and prayers welcoming him back. Our Jeremiah Singers came in full force, dedicating a beautiful song for Father Travis. Our sister school RIST choir sang Father's favorite song, *Heal the World*, by the late pop star, Michael Jackson, which included two very talented ballet dancers. And lastly, a special colorful painting of butterflies and tulips was presented to him by a student in our middle school section.



Father Travis was very emotional when asked to say a few words after this wonderful display of affection for his return, clearly indicating his admiration for all of us. I want to thank all the students and staff who worked to put this morning's assembly together, and to the parents who were able to attend.

We had a High School Pep Rally on Wednesday morning to cheer our SEASAC sports teams the best of luck in the SEASAC tournaments this weekend. Details of all the matches are posted on our website, www.rism.ac.th. I hope many of you will find the time to go and watch the games that will be played here in Bangkok and support our student athletes who work so hard to train for these events.

A musical experience you won't want to miss is the RIS Chamber Orchestra's debut concert on Tuesday, November 10 at 4 pm in the PAC. Please mark your calendars!

That's all for this week. Have a great weekend and welcome back, Fr. Travis! We really missed you!

Peace,

Fr. Pattarapong Srivorakul, C.Ss.R.
Head of School