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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

Last week, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting a young man from a remote village in Kenya, Africa. He is charming, handsome and full of gratitude. Henry Wanyoike is a Paralympics Gold Medalist and a world record holder. Apart from being a Gold Medalist, the difference between him and me is that Henry is blind. He lost his sight when he was a young boy. I mentioned in my letter last week how he spent a day with us sharing his lifetime experiences with our students.

“I lost my sight, but not my vision,” was his message to us. How true it is. Ever since I took the post as Head of School, I have been working with the School Board and the administration to build a collective educational vision that is clear, simple and connected to our philosophy of teaching and learning.



Having this clear vision of nurturing intellectual development, fostering compassion and focusing on student learning is central to our leadership. Everyday, this vision provides me with a source of motivation and energy. Father Travis and I work hard to make sure our vision shapes the practice within our school community. From what I witnessed from my dear friend, Henry, his vision provided him with a source of inspiration, a sense of value and dignity. I was reminded of this important fact from this young man, and I am thankful to Henry.

Speaking of thankfulness, this week Americans celebrated Thanksgiving Day and I wish all of our American staff and families a holiday that is filled with heartfelt gratitude. Physically and spiritually we are submerged in the sea of God’s favor. Physically, He has provided our foods, drink and other requirements, for which we are truly grateful. The sustenances provided for man are blessings. Sight, hearing and all his faculties are wonderful gifts. Spiritual blessings are also endless, such as spirit, consciousness, thought, memory and other endowments. We appreciate the chance to be reminded on this American holiday all the important reasons for which we are truly and eternally grateful to all of God’s blessings.

On that note, I wish you all a pleasant weekend!

Peace,

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