

September 4, 2009

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff,

I want to start off by thanking everyone for their well wishes and prayers for the speedy recovery of Fr. Travis. Just this week he was strong enough to move to St. Clement Health Care Center in Liguori, Missouri, which is run by the Redemptorist Foundation. Fr. Travis is receiving the care he deserves in this health care center staffed with nurses, nutritionists, physical therapists, and an exceptional team of dedicated volunteers. His phone number is (636) 464-3666 for those who wish –to speak with him directly. I'm sure he'd love to hear from you!



Yesterday afternoon I attended the welcome reception for our new teachers hosted by the Parent Auxiliary in the Godbout Hall Coffee Shop. I want to thank our Parent Auxiliary for arranging the wonderful food and drinks and providing such a warm welcome to our new teachers this year.

I was just informed that one of Thailand's famous writers, Chart Korbjitti will be coming to our Ruamrudee campus on September 25 to discuss his book, *The Judgment*. As you are aware, he is Thailand's most popular living writers and twice the winner of the prestigious South East Asia (S.E.A.) Write Award. I am just thrilled to note that his visit will provide an opportunity for our high school students to meet and listen to this great author.

Speaking of providing opportunities for our students to complement and extend their academic curriculum here at RIS, we continue to offer a range of student support services after school. Our Educational Development Program (EDP) is an activity-based program open to all students at RIS from 3 - 4 pm. Our first quarter EDP sessions are in progress, targeting the physical and social needs of our students while at the same time offering a broad range of activities to stimulate a variety of interests.

I'm sure you noticed the banners hanging at the entrance gates to our school this morning announcing International Ozone Day. We are proud to be collaborating with the United Nations Environment Programme to celebrate and raise awareness of this important environmental issue among our community. We have many activities planned for the entire school on Wednesday, September 16, including a PHASE-OUT CONCERT AT ONE from 1 – 3:30 pm. More information can be found on our website, www.rism.ac.th. Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us on this day!

That's all for this week. Have a very enjoyable weekend!

Peace,

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