

April 11, 2008

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:



Well, Songkran Festival is here – the traditional Thai New Year. It is a valuable custom for the Thai community, society and religions whereby family members will gather in order to express their respects to their elders by pouring scented water onto the hands of their parents and grandparents. Our school will be closed next week for this most celebrated holiday, and the students will return Monday April 21.

This week our team has been busy reviewing the findings of the WASC (Western Association of School and

Colleges) visiting team for the accreditation of our school. While celebrating the areas of strength of the school, we have also set up a task force to address the key areas of focus. We will closely monitor this process, and am confident that our School will be successful in making the necessary improvements.

Also, a special team of staff, including lawyers, are now working with us to introduce a new health plan for our teachers, staff and custodians. We will announce the results as soon as we finalize the plan.

This morning, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Songkran ceremony during the morning assembly. I was very impressed and I thank our Thai Department for organizing the program. Again, today is an exciting day with lots of events at the School. We are going to have the “ES Talent Show, Star Kids Discovery 2008” at Godbout Hall around noon. This will be followed by an exhibition in the afternoon of the IB Art HL Senior students at Godbout Hall from 4 – 7 p.m. We have some very talented students, so please stop by and see their work.



I hope all of you have a very Happy New Year. May the waters of Songkran bring in a flow of joy and spiritual happiness to all of you and your family.

Peace,

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Head of School