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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

Christmas is a season of hope, peace and goodwill. It is an ideal time to express love and good wishes. And the spirit of Christmas is everywhere on our RIS campus. During the week, our campus has been filled with activities, concerts and plays to reflect the true spirit. I am truly blessed to see and feel it. We pray for freedom, justice, and peace on earth!



True Christmas spirit has many meanings. It means different things to different people. To some, it is a very spiritual and religious experience and to others, it is more about sharing and memories.

To catch the true Christmas spirit is manifested in all us by the self-giving spirit of generosity and kindness of our Lord. Jesus calls us to help others, and acts of kindness and love toward those around us in our community fulfill the spirit of the Christmas season. We pray that this Christmas season touches way deep down inside our hearts and make us more loving and caring to one another.

At RIS, the administration, faculty, staff and students strive daily to practice the spirit of caring, respect and kindness to one another. They give of their time to helping the less fortunate people on this earth in various ways. I am extremely proud of our RIS family. These virtues will remain with them beyond this life.

And for the New Year, which is a time for family reunion, a time to reflect on some of the great achievements, we can proudly say that 2008 was a good year, but 2009 will be even better. New Year can be a year of achievement and great success for all of us at RIS.

Finally, I wish to express my very best wishes for the Season of Peace. It is my hope that the New Year brings us all continued good health, great academic results and joy.

Enjoy the holidays with your friends and family.

Peace,

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