

January 23, 2009

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:



“Xin Nian Fa Chai!” I join the students, faculty and the staff in wishing a Happy Chinese New Year of the Ox to all our parents and their families. It is another new year, a time of new beginnings, a time for celebration. Chinese New Year or Spring Festival is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays and falls this year on January 26. Please note that there will be no school for students on Monday. We look forward to working with the parents and staff in providing a happy, productive and safe environment for all the students and staff in the coming Year of the Ox.



What a colorful site! This morning our campus was full of activities - ribbon dance, lion dance and plenty of good food to enjoy. Our Chinese Parent Association helped organize the events of the day to welcome the New Year and to wish our students and family members a healthy and prosperous year. Thank you, parents, for sharing the wonderful traditions of the Chinese culture!

Just recently, I had the pleasure of meeting one of our alumni, Chin-Hao Huang from the Class of 2003, who is now working in Sweden as a Research Associate at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Chin-Hao took time off his busy schedule to address our High School students and to share some of his experiences of his international career (see pictures at www.rism.ac.th). I was very proud to see our RIS alumnus in a position to shape the vision of our future world.



As you know, there are many activities from all sections taking place at school on a daily basis. Just this week the High School Performing Arts Department staged four performances of “More Light” in the PAC. Events such as these involve a tremendous amount of time and active participation from our students and faculty. Please visit our website to learn more about the upcoming events that you don’t want to miss!



Have a terrific weekend!

Peace,

Fr. Pattarapong Srivorakul, C.Ss.R.

