



August 29, 2008

Dear Parents:

Once again, I am looking forward to another successful year full of exciting events here at Ruamrudee, and I want to begin by thanking all the parents for their help and support in getting the year off to a wonderful start.

I attended the first meeting of the Parents Auxiliary general meeting for the new term on Wednesday and had the pleasure of meeting several new parents. I enjoyed the presentation by our High School Librarian, Dr. Kathy Revelle, on internet usage, specifically, on-line computer gaming and social networking sites which addressed some of the concerns that the technology world can present to our children. It was very brief, but informative, and I hope that we can continue to educate our parents in upcoming seminars that the Parent Auxiliary has been asked to organize. I want to thank the Parents Auxiliary Board for a great kick-off meeting!

Earlier in the week I had the distinct privilege to address nearly 200 seniors at our annual Senior Convocation in Godbout Hall. This is a time of both happiness and sadness as the ceremony sets the tone of the final year for all our seniors. They are embarking on the final leg of their high school journey, where they have gained knowledge, wisdom and many other virtues to prepare them for their role as real leaders of tomorrow. I am extremely proud of them as I know that you are too. I continue to remind them to dream BIG.

Last week we bid farewell to our dear faculty member, Mrs. Carmen Kampirada, who passed into eternal life on Sunday, August 17. During a solemn ceremony attended by the entire school community in Phoenix Hall, we remembered Carmen and listened to students and faculty members reflect on the wonderful person and patient educator that she was. We will miss her dearly.

I also have to mention our dear Father Tom Griffith, the Founder of our new campus at Minburi. We fondly remembered his anniversary and thanked him for the wonderful service he dedicated to our school during his life at our assembly on Monday. May God continue to bless Father Tom.

Finally, one of my goals for this year is to focus on our "Union of Hearts" theme by encouraging administrators, faculty and staff members to practice values of respect, hospitality, kindness and other important virtues. I encourage all of us to model these values throughout the day here at school and at home to help our children integrate these values into their daily lives.

I know that with the help of parents, we can make a difference.

Well, that's all for this week. Have a great weekend!

Peace,

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