



MESSAGE FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

As we move into the 2009 new year, we at the High School continue to look for new ways to bring added value to our primary audience – the parents and students of RIS. What are the latest and perhaps greatest changes?

- Working collaboratively with the Middle School together we have brought in a new Orchestra opportunity, offered after-school. The last time that I peeked in we had some 21 students, both MS and HS, participating.
- One of our HS teachers, Barbara Bilgre, has taken the lead to organize and develop a Global Citizenship program. Not only have we had students attend a region-wide Global Issues conference, but the HS students and Ms. Bilgre put together a Global Issues Summit delivered here at the HS (and open to outside schools) earlier this year.
- We are in the process of bringing in a new orientation for our grade 9 Values course, which will focus on the issues of Peace Studies. I think that we all could agree that we need more peace and less conflict in our sometimes chaotic world.
- We are reaching closure with our new HS schedule structure for 2009-2010, one feature of which will allow certain students to take a second science class (like Chemistry or Physics) or second social studies class (perhaps Psychology or Economics) in grade 10. We hope that parents and students will be enthusiastic about this new opportunity. Thai students will have a Thai course for the full year, now in full compliance with the Thai law.

As always, we try to stay open for new ideas of interest from our parents and/or our students. We welcome you to bring any of these ideas to us in the HS at your convenience. We can't guarantee a change, but we will try to listen sensitively. Come by for coffee or tea! Thanks.

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