



MESSAGE FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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*We are what we are think
All that we are
Arise with our thoughts,
With our thoughts we make the world.
Speak or act with a pure mind
And happiness will follow you
As your shadow,
Unshakable.*

The Dhammapada

It seems like it was only yesterday we started a new academic year. It was clearly an excellent start and has continued to be an excellent semester.

There have been very many activities we proudly participated in. As I write this message I know that the middle school teachers are intensely involved in the production of the Middle School Follies 2008. It always proves to be an exceptional treat for our students. Although everything is happening with the tone of 'hush...hush' we are waiting with bated breath.

In our pursuit for excellence, we are rethinking the ways we report student progress. At the core of this thinking is the redesigning of the standard-based report cards. Yet another response to the fast changing world is a new course, "The UNEP Environmental Programme," which examines ways of dealing with issues that threaten the environmental equilibrium. We have been extremely fortunate to have received US\$10,000 sponsorship for resources, teacher-training, and for local and regional out-reach.

While the academic year is filled with exhilarating experiences, there seem to be a lot of disharmony in the world that surrounds us. It is my prayer that the New Year brings us all greater and better opportunities, and the challenges are only temporary and transient.

I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a wonderful holiday season filled with a great amount of inner peace and harmony.