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A Look Ahead

Over the years, I have had the good fortune to preside over many school Graduation ceremonies. It was always a great honour to deliver a congratulatory speech to the graduates. At every ceremony attended, parents and teachers were rightfully proud of the graduates and their many accomplishments. But these accomplishments were never achieved in only the last few years of High School. Instead, the seeds of learning and character development were often planted in the first few years of school - in an Early Years program.



Our task as Pre School educators is to pay attention to the here and now and to support a child with age appropriate developmental activities. But, we also need to gaze into the crystal ball and be forward thinking in terms of long term goals. Good schools everywhere develop what they refer to as Graduate Expectations - the end goals they want their students to achieve upon graduation. At MHIS, we too have an exit strategy that will, in time, position or align our students in a manner equal with those who graduate from long established top tier international schools.

Therefore, for the children currently enrolled in the Pre School at MHIS, we expect, as they grow with the school they will hold knowledge in high esteem and will value the pursuit of excellence. We expect that our students will learn to solve complex problems in a creative manner. We anticipate that our graduates will believe in reason and logic. They will show grace, demonstrate tolerance and recognise beauty. Further, they will be principled individuals and caregivers who are generous with their time and talents. Finally, they will become self-actualised and, upon graduation, will have acquired a sense of perspective and confidence.

As I write this now in my office at school I can hear a tearful child being consoled by an adult. I take comfort in knowing that he is doing exactly what comes naturally for him at this stage in his life. But I am also comforted and excited to know that all of the qualities I have described above will indeed one day form his identity and give value and worth to his life and the noble occupation he pursues.

John Jalsevac

Open House and Information Sessions

With the first of three scheduled Open House and Information Sessions held on Saturday November 14, Mission Hills International School began their 2016/17 student recruitment drive. We were pleased with the excellent turnout of over 100 parents and prospective students and are delighted that the majority of families have already registered their children for an Assessment on December 5.

Our second Open House and Information Session will be held at the school on Saturday January 9 beginning at 9:00 am. The third Information Session will be held on Saturday March 12. Further Assessments will be scheduled on Saturday February 28 and on Saturday March 26.

School uniform

Thanks are extended to all parents for supporting our school uniform policy. We are pleased to report that all students are now wearing the winter uniform as prescribed.

Christmas Season

As we prepare for the Christmas season and look forward to the holiday break we would ask you to kindly note the following:



1. All parents are invited to our Christmas Pageant on Wednesday December 16 beginning at 9:00 am in the Atrium.
2. Each class will have a Christmas Party on Friday December 18 beginning at 9:00 am. We would like our Class Parent Reps to communicate with the Homeroom Teachers about how parents can contribute to the party in terms of food and games. Parents are welcome to attend the class Party.
3. Parents are free to take their children home after the party on December 18. For parents who want their children to stay please note that dismissal for all students on December 18 will be no later than 12:00 noon. Buses will depart at that time.
4. The Christmas Holiday break runs from December 19 to January 3 inclusive. Students are expected back at school on Monday January 4.

Coffee Morning Thursday December 10

Parents as Partners in the Classroom

1. What does it mean to be a Class Helper?
2. Skills and Attributes of a Class Helper
3. Which grades benefit most?
4. Timeline and Commitments

Note: a series of training sessions will be provided in January for those interested. Our aim is to begin in class support from Term 2)