Dear Teachers and Students,

Good morning! Welcome back to school! I hope you have enjoyed yourselves well in the summer holiday, and prepared yourselves well for the study in this new academic year. Especially for our new family members, all Secondary One students, let me welcome you once more on behalf of our school!

Today is the first time for me to address you in a formal school ceremony and I would like to begin with a brief self-introduction. My name is Wan Ho Yin and my English name is Hairo. To me, being able to make contribution to life education is a very noble mission. I had started dreaming to be a teacher as early as when I was just a Primary One student. Of course I was deeply influenced by my school teachers who were my role models. So, I started my teaching career shortly after graduating from the University of Hong Kong. Although I have been teaching for more than twenty years, I still have strong passion and dreams for education. I believe that our children are our future and our future must be bright because of the quality education that we can provide. It is my honor to be a principal in Yuen Long Lutheran Secondary School as it is truly a school glorifying our god and beneficial to the community. Thanks God!

I would like to share with you great news in the academic performance of our school: our graduates got very remarkable results in the HKDSE and they performed much better than that of the previous year. The overall percentage of getting Level 2 or above in all subjects is 97%. And the overall percentage of getting Level 4 or above and Level 5 or above in all subjects are 57% and 19% respectively. The credit rate of 94.4% subjects(18 subjects) are much higher than that of all schools in HK. The rate of L5 or above of 74%(14 subjects) subjects is much higher than that of all schools in HK.

What is more, it is amazing that 31 students got credits in all subjects they studied. 5 students got Level 5** in at least two subjects, they are: Liu Man Tim of 6D (2 L5**, 3 L5* and 3 L5), Chong Hon Chun of 6D (2 L5** and 5 L5*), Mak Tsz Kin of 6A (2 L5** and 2 L5*) and Tang Tsz Ching of 6A (2 L5**, 1 L5* and 3 L5). The best individual result this year goes to Yau Wai Leung of 6D. He got 5 level 5**s, 2 level 5*s and 1 level 5, which is a new record of our school.

The results are amazing, right? I must first take this chance to give big thanks to our teachers for their devotion and contribution. I also highly appreciate our graduates who had paid huge efforts and acted as role models for you. What can you learn from your senior schoolmates so you can get good results in the future?

Dear Lutheranians, the Future is Now. It means that your future depends on what you are going to do today. You are all Band one students and you all have great potential from God. So trust yourselves, dare to dream and fly towards your dreams!

Besides, we all know that empty slogans resulted only in empty life. So please start with effective studying habits. Our teachers will share with you many general studying skills including the SQ3R Methods in reading, study time management, note-taking and effective memorization. I advise you to take them seriously and put them into practice. The earlier you make use of these skills, the easier you can master your study and the better academic results you can achieve.

What is more, please read more. I suggest you read both extensively and intensively. In extensive reading, you can learn a lot of knowledge which can supplement what you have learnt in
classrooms. When I was a secondary student, I read about 150 books covering different subjects per year. My horizon was therefore widened. It is really a beautiful experience for me and I think you can also do it! In intensive reading, you can of course enjoy the content, but please also pay attention to the writing styles and the language used. If you find some good language structures or writing styles you appreciate, please try to take a leaf out of their books and apply them in daily writing exercises.

Many students told me that they wanted to learn English better but they had difficulties indeed. I understood very well but if we just learn a foreign language inside classroom we will have just few chances to practice and make improvement. This year we will further strengthen our English learning environment. We have three English native speaking teachers and we will organize a variety of English learning activities outside classroom and even outside our school. Our teachers will approach you and talk to you in English on campus so as to make you get used to English and more confident in using English outside classroom. We will try our best to build up an English-rich environment, then what should you do? I hope that we Lutheranians will treasure the efforts the teachers pay and make good use of these supporting measures to strengthen your ability and confidence in learning English, and so in turn facilitate your study in other subjects. Dear students, be brave and try more!

We all know that study is very important but it is not the only field you are going to experience in your school life. Dear Lutheranians, please keep in your mind that our School Mission is to provide all-round education so you can explore your talents in different areas and develop your multi-intelligence. I am glad to share with you that in this summer, Yau Chin Fung of 3D got championship in the Hong Kong Chinese Chess Club Competition, Lee Tsz Ying of 3B got second-runner up in HK Chinese Reading Award Scheme. Moreover, our Handbell Team was invited to perform in the closing ceremony of a Musical organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Education. I appreciate their active participation in the extra-curricular activities and contribution to the community. You should also take them as your role models.

Meanwhile, please also remember our School Motto “Rectify Mind Cultivate Person”, as stated in the Great Learning, with rectified mind and becoming cultivated, people could then harmonize their families, govern a state in the right way and even bring peace throughout the earth. In other words, we could not be regarded as truly successful and could not truly benefit the mankind if we have no love and respect in our mind and heart. I stress very much on “Excellence with Love, Justice with Care”. Dear Lutheranians, please be self-disciplined and polite to the staff, your classmates and also your schoolmates, say hello to people you meet everyday, show your smiles and concern to the others. We can strive for excellence, and at the same time, we can live with love and concern. Dear students, I believe we can do it!

Thanks for all my colleagues and I think with their devotion and support, you will have a very enjoyable and fruitful school life. Today is the first day we meet and it is my pleasure to share with you my experience and thought. Once again, be excellent Lutheranians with love! May God bless you all. Thank you!

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Principal