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.

To begin with, I would like to share with you great news that our graduates got very remarkable results in the HKDSE and in some perspectives they performed much better than that of the previous year. The overall percentage of getting Level 2 or above in all subjects is 98%. The pass rate of English Language is 100% and that of Chinese Language is 99.4%. The overall percentage of getting Level 4 or above and Level 5 or above in all subjects are 57% and 21% respectively. The rate of credit of 13 subjects is much higher than that of all schools in HK. The rate of L5 or above of 13 subjects is much higher than that of all schools in HK.

97% of our graduates meet the entrance requirements of the sub-degree programs, and 85% of them meet the entrance requirements of the degree programs. In the clearing round of the JUPAS, 74.5% of our graduates enter local universities for degree and sub-degree programs, and 113 graduates enter local universities degree programs via JUPAS. This is a new record of our school! Thanks God!

What is more, it is amazing that 34 students got credits in all subjects they studied. Lam Wing Yin of 6C got 41 HKDSE scores in all subjects she studied. 5 students got Level 5* or above in at least three subjects, they are: Lee Siu Kin of 6D (2 L5**, 2 L5* and 2 L5), Cheung Kam Ming of 6D (1 L5**, 3 L5* and 2 L5), Chan Cheuk Wing of 6D (1 L5**, 2 L5* and 4 L5) and Lee Po Yin of 6D (1 L5**, 2 L5* and 4 L5). The best individual result this year goes to Kwok Wai Ching of 6A. She got 2 level 5**s, 3 level 5*s and 1 level 5.

The results are amazing, right? I must first take this opportunity to give big thanks to our teachers for their devotion and contribution. I also highly appreciate our graduates who 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?

May be you can get some insights from Sean Covey’s famous book “7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers”. Sean Covey first lists out seven bad habits for ineffective teenagers, they are:
1. take absolutely no responsibility for your own life.
2. Do not have a plan and never think about tomorrow.
3. Never put first things first, but always put first things last.
4. Think win-lose only, and very selfish in learning process.
5. Seek first to talk but pretend to listen, and therefore never get the points with true meanings.
6. Never cooperative with a strange idea that “teamwork is for the dogs”.
7. Wear yourself Out: Never take time to renew or improve yourself.

According to Covey, if you have these bad habits, you are going to destroy yourselves! On the contrary, he suggests seven good habits for effective teenagers:
1. take responsibility for your life, you decide your own destiny
2. Have a good plan of your life, define your mission and goals in life.
3. Put first things first and I think in these six years study should be your first priority.
4. Think win-win, and to have an everyone can win attitude in studying and sharing.
5. Listen to your parents and teachers sincerely so to get the golden points.
6. Willing to Work together to achieve more.
7. Sharpen your Saw, to renew yourself regularly.

Dear Lutheranians, I believe most of our graduates possess the above good habits. How about you? The future is NOW. Your future depends on what you are going to do today. Take responsibility of your own life and have good planning! Please set clear, concrete and achievable goals for yourselves. For example, if you want to be admitted to the degree program of local universities, you must first understand that you should get at least 20 marks in the HKDSE. Bearing this in mind you can then set the target marks of the subjects you studied, followed by concrete strategies such as setting up target marks of subjects in tests or examinations, seeking help from your teachers, forming study circle with your classmates and drafting your own study timetable to achieve your dream. If you have a good planning with good cooperation with your buddies, you are already on the road to success.

A healthy mindset is surely essential. No matter how well you have planned, you should have the courage to accept failure. Maybe one day you fail in a test and then become frustrated, do never give up. Seek advice from your teachers and resharpen your saw! Do not forget your dream and the fact that you still can have a smart choice—that is to learn from failure, to find out the key problem and then to overcome it again.

Dear students, the HKDSE is a bitter battle to fight but you are not alone. We always stand by you. We have reformulated the strategies to equip you for the HKDSE, we will provide extra lessons and drilling tasks, and also the University-dream Factory and Alumni Mentorship Program will help Form 5 and 6 students make a better preparation work and smarter choices in entering the next studying stage. Moreover, our English learning environment will be further strengthened. We will keep the morning bird reading programs and will kick off the “English Friday” program at lunchtime. Your teachers will devote themselves for you, how about you? I hope that we Lutheranians will treasure the efforts the teachers paid and make good use of these school supporting measures to explore your talents in study for getting remarkable results in the HKDSE and utilizing your dreams. Let us work hand in hand in this big family!

Meanwhile, please also remember our School Motto “Rectify Mind Cultivate Person”. 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. The school theme of the coming three years is “Excellence with Love” and we promote “Success with values”. This year we will devote ourselves in nurturing six important values of Lutheranians; these values are self-discipline, humility, care, diligence, faith and gratefulness. I hope you can have good understanding of the essence of these values and show them in your daily life. Dear Lutheranians, please also be polite to the janitors, 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!

In closing I would like to extend my gratitude and best wishes to everyone associated with our school. With our colleagues’ devotion and support, you will have a very enjoyable and fruitful school life. Once again, be excellent Lutheranians with love! Be successful Lutheranians with values! May God bless you all. Thank you!

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