

## *General Assembly*

*Good morning. I hope that everyone is excited about the first day of school!*

*To our dear parents and guardians,*

*It is my honor to welcome you and your family to the Dominican International School. I am truly blessed that God has led me to DIS and know I will be blessed each day by the presence of your children.*

*On this first day, I wish to thank you for the faith you have in trusting us as partners in the raising of your sons and daughters. Sharing your children with a school is a bold decision; we aim to recognize and live up to that trust, especially during these critical years of your child's formative development.*

*You have chosen the right institution in the education of your children. You must remember though that as parents, you are their prime educators. We are only your partners. Let us together strive for this noble purpose.*

*As our student population and community demographic become more diverse, we are committed to an environment that values diversity, fosters respect and understanding, and offers a safe, supportive environment for teaching and learning.*

*The pursuit of Truth has been the motto of the Dominican Order for almost 800 years. Our program of academic excellence is the venue for faculty and students' pursuit of Truth.*

*This year, it is already a self-imposed mandate for us to take seriously the work for the accreditation of our school. Over the course of the year, we will be open to modifying our strategy to meet the mandate in the best interest of staff and students.*

*As a reminder, you should check our website regularly, ([www.dishs.tp.edu.tw](http://www.dishs.tp.edu.tw)). We look more and more to the site as an important communication vehicle. Please take note of all the important reminders during this orientation. I apologize for the inconvenience of the venue as we don't have the gym yet. Have a nice day.*

## *Middle School Parents*

*Welcome. I hope your summer has been a good one.*

*This time of pre- and early adolescence are periods of profound physical, cognitive, social, emotional, ethical, even existential change and growth. We feel honored that you have chosen us for what is likely one of the most important educational decisions of your child's life.*

*As educators with faith in God, we believe in the wholesome formation of children. This 54 years old institution has all the wisdom and experience to provide our students the education that will bring them to be fruitful citizens of this world. Let us work together to achieve this goal. Thank you.*

## *High School Parents*

*High school is a life of growing towards maturity. We will continue to work toward a balance of allowing students increasing level of autonomy while also insuring that students are appropriately challenged and scheduled during the school day. We hold high academic standards, and we continue our efforts to develop and sustain a humane, sensitive, attractive, and comfortable atmosphere for our faculty, staff, and students despite the ongoing construction of the school campus.*

*Finally, I wish to thank you for your trust in our school to provide your children the best preparation that they can have towards college and the university. We shall never tire of improving ourselves and meeting global standards. Thank you and good day.*

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

*Proverbs 22:6*