

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE FOR SESSION 2019-20

A woman is the full circle.

Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform.

The theme for International Women's Day 2019, which took place on 8 March, was "Think equal, build smart, and innovate for change". What pains me is that after so much wakefulness and recognition of a woman's contribution to life, society, family and work; and after saluting her strength, spirit, sacrifice she still has to face discrimination. Are men to blame? That may not be true in entirety.

Let me narrate a story to emphasize what I want to articulate. There was a farmer who found an egg in an eagle's nest. He took it and put it among his hen's eggs for hatching. Soon the eggs hatched and the little chicks came out and followed the mother, imitated her and tried to be like her. The baby eagle also believed that she was a chick and behaved like one. The mother hen saw and knew that one of her chicks was different, but was frightened to admit it. The baby eagle, all her life, believed she was a hen and behaved like one. Then one day she saw a gorgeous, great eagle soaring high up into the sky with her powerful wings. The 'hen eagle' looked up and longingly said, "I wish I could fly into the sky so high like the eagle. In my next birth I would like to be born an eagle"; not realizing her own, strength, supremacy and capability as an eagle.

Many women also believe they are hens, when in reality they are eagles. It has been embedded in their minds since generations that they are incapable of many things. But the fact is women have promising abilities and endowments which need to be acknowledged.

I request all my girl students to honour themselves, this way others too would respect you. Believe in yourself. The improvement of a nation depends on girl's learning. Boys too have important roles to play. Empowering women starts right in your families, at school and neighbourhood. Tell your own sisters and mothers how much you value them. Treat your school mates with deference and respect. Mind your language, and attitude. We are all made in the image of God; so we are all equal.

Once again, it is time to welcome everyone to the start of another new academic year. I greet students to a compassionate and motivating environment in which they can realize their potential.

Lord Jesus awakens in man the virtuous powers inherent in him and motivates him towards the right path. This is exactly what a teacher does for his disciples. Your teachers try to emulate the ideal of education and sublimate your personality. Remember education emphasizes real knowledge, right character and right behaviour. We are committed to our role in transforming your lives, the future professionals and entrepreneurs whose knowledge and skills will make tomorrow better. I encourage each and every one of you to make a special effort to get involved with the activities of the school and make the most of the enriching and rewarding opportunities that await you. I exhort more students to avail the various sports coaching made available for you, of course it means getting out of your bed little early but the results are definitely worth the efforts.

In all our endeavours for academic and curricular advancement upholding of discipline will be our priority.

Rev. Fr. Vincent D'souza
Principal.