MESSAGE ON THE INAUGURAL DAY OF THE NEW ACADEMIC 09-03-2024

A very warm welcome to each and every one of you. Respected principal Dr. Padmanabha Rath, esteemed staff, parents and my dear students welcome for the inaugural ceremony of the new academic year 2024-25. A special welcome to our new staff and to the newly enrolled students who celebrate their first day in the school.

At last, this beautiful day has dawned. I am sure you all have been eagerly waiting for this day. I call upon everyone to welcome this new academic year with challenges and thankfully new opportunities. Excelling to the heights of achievements requires re-dedication to our ideals as an institution of "Academic excellence & integrity". We want to let everyone know, especially our parents that Arnold school is a place where every student is valued and respected, and we strive to create a safe and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive. We believe that every student has unique talents and abilities, and we work hard to provide opportunities for them to develop their full potential.

I want the students to remember that "your limitation-it is only your imagination. Your imagination is the key to myriad worlds when you grow up as children. And it has been proven that children with very active imaginations are more likely to dream as adults and strive for more things. Don't be disheartened by anyone who says to you, "stop dreaming" or "don't live in an imaginary world". Do not ever suppress your imagination. To achieve your goal, learn to use your imagination, and raise your thinking to a higher level. Your imagination is going to motivate you to move in the direction of your dreams,

Dear Children, you will be excited to see the faces of your old and new teachers. We have the well-experienced and qualified teachers to journey with you and will set up learning activities that will allow you to explore your creativity, in relevant, interesting and valuable ways. At the staff orientation program it is told that teaching students how to think is more important than teaching students what to think.

My last words to our esteemed parents. Dear parents, you are blessed with children with high abilities, skills and intelligence. Encourage and motivate them for self-study that caters for their personalized learning under the guidance of their teachers and you. This self-study will not only help them to perform better in their academic but also help them in lifetime by developing a skilful mind-set. I discourage sending your child to the tuition center because that kills the spirit of their ability for self-learning. From many parents I have learnt that today tutoring is very expensive, sometimes the fees is more than the fees of school and for many children these tuition centers are a place of fun and distractions than learning.

Thank you Lord for the gift of this new academic year. We seek your blessings for the year ahead on the management, teachers and staff, students and families. Bless us with wisdom and knowledge, bless our endeavours that the school days are filled with fun and great memories. Especially bless our children, give them minds that are eager to learn, keep them safe in & out of the school, may they enjoy healthy relationship with one another. Lord bless Saint Arnold's School and bless all of us. Have a pleasant day.

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