

MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY



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Dear Girls and Parents:

I usually write "Parents and Girls": just a respect kind of thing. This time I put the girls first because it is really for them about preparing for their exams and persevering through them. Preparation and perseverance with a bit of patience bring us to the end of exams and a change of routine for the Christmas celebration and to bring in the New Year.

At Mass on Sunday I was already praying for our school family and the readings just spoke to me of exams and what we need to do. I quote it for you.

For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:4 - 9

I thought about our girls preparing for their exams and what we need now is to ask the God of endurance and encouragement to be with them as they prepare for their exams. Part of our education at Mount Carmel Academy is to prepare the girls for their future. The educational pursuits post high school will involve success in taking examinations. Qualifications for work in so many fields require a certain score on exams. I believe that exams are preparations for life experiences. May they think in harmony with what the teachers have taught.

Girls, I asked you to try to focus on preparation for exams. We have bodies, the physical part of us, so we must be well fed, rested and ready. We have minds which must be alert, focused, and clear so we can use them to the maximum. We have emotions which can influence our minds and create a lack of peace and we need peace if we are to think clearly. Finally, our spiritual life gives us the grace of the God of encouragement and endurance. If we keep all these in order, then all will be well.

Someone once told me that the saying should not be all is well that ends well, but with exams all is well that ends because there is such relief when they are over. We certainly hope and pray that the exams will end well for our girls and teachers. Shopping can wait until the exams end.

Work on the welcome for Jesus in your hearts and homes and enjoy Jesus' birthday. Thank you for the wonderful cooperation with our Contribution to Carmel Annual Drive. History was made because 100% of our parents returned the cards. I have raised \$50,000.00 in addition to our annual drive and am working on the other \$50,000.00 to reach the \$100,000.00. I believe I will succeed and accept all help. God bless you. Let us continue to pray for each other.

Love,

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