



Dear students, parents, staff and educational partners;

I would like to echo the words of my predecessor, “It isn’t very often that a vision and a passion are able to come together so smoothly and effectively”, as I was part of the initial conversations around what a student-athlete focussed blending of academics, training and competition, could look like for promising students twenty-five years ago.

This school structure is differentiated from typical high school sport in: the scope of the training and support being offered to students and their families; the depth of experiences staff come to United Scholastic Academy with; and the level of commitment to academic and athletic rigour expected of the student-athletes at each of our campuses. Throughout the year the student-athletes at United Scholastic your child will be provided with many opportunities to grow intellectually, socially and emotionally within a framework emphasizing a positive self-concept. We are committed to creating and fostering a warm, caring and supportive educational environment for all of our students.

Nizam Alkins, Academic Advisor, and I visited all of the students, teaching staff and coaches at all four campuses, over the first two days that marked the opening of United Scholastic Academy. I shared with those whom we spoke, some of the tacit knowledge I bring to the position of Principal from my myriad of experiences in athletics and academia. Nizam continually pointed out, that United Scholastic Academy is unlike any other school, encompassing both academics and a basketball specific focus to athletics.

I look forward to speaking with all the families over the course of the school year about the ethos we hope to establish at United Scholastic. A family atmosphere where every student feels cared for, feels welcome, is respected and treated as we would want our own children to be treated. I want to assure you as the school’s Principal, we will work diligently to support our student-athletes to ensure that they are all well-equipped for the academic and athletic journey they have chosen to undertake. To that end, learning is differentiated and includes a focus on critical thinking and the ability to make wise decisions, behave responsibly, and respect others.

The Course Calendar and School Year Calendar will be on the school website shortly so as to share “expectations regarding uniforms, behaviour, attendance and the courses that will be available throughout our school year.” My contact information is:

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Sincerely,

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