

Dear students, parents, staff and educational partners;

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United Scholastic Academy and our four campuses are only in the second month of existence, yet as a school:

- Staff are participating in collaborative learning with our Curriculum Coach, are in the process adopting an electronic attendance program, are making efforts to send out weekly classroom progress reports, and are in the process of migrating to an electronic marks program; [Home - Edsembli](#)
- Students are engaged in their learning through presentations, debates, deconstruction of societal sign posts through their examination of popular culture, and engaged in the deep thinking required for the acquisition of mathematical concepts;
- Coaches and trainers are focused on the development of each student's skill sets, physical abilities, and the development of their court sense by deepening their ability to analyse what's transpiring on the court during games and practices, all of which are required to afford each and every student-athlete at United Scholastic Academy the opportunity to maximize their potential both on and off the court.

The vision and passion are coming together, not without some bumps in the road, but clearly focused on the blending of academics, training and competition for the promising student-athletes, that are the essence of the mission that was discussed some twenty-five years ago.

As parents, educators, and mentors we all aspire to treat each student as we would want our own children treated. Throughout the year the student-athletes at United Scholastic, will continue to be provided with opportunities to grow intellectually, socially and emotionally through an emphasis on the acquisition of a positive self-concept. I have recently completed my second visit to each classroom, speaking to the students and staff around the importance of maintaining the stringent protocols required to prevent the spreading of covid-19, observing how students are gaining confidence in public speaking, developing a curiosity about learning for the sake of learning.

In the coming weeks we will be going through the school's first ever inspection by the Ministry of Education, arranging for our first ever virtual parent conferences, conducting our first mid-term report card distribution date on Wednesday Dec. 1st, and revving up the level of competition on the court for the inaugural season of basketball competition across each of our four campuses. Through all of these firsts, we will continue to work diligently to support our student-athletes to ensure that they are all well-equipped for their academic and athletic journeys, able to make wise decisions, behave responsibly, and respect one another.

Sincerely,

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