

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PREPARATORY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another year at ICPS, and for our new parents and students welcome aboard our 2017-2018 ICPS journey! The focus of the guidance program for the 2017-2018 academic year is “***Making Connections through Communication.***” The focus last year was on building relationships and one important function of relationships is communication. Since the foundation of relationships has been created, strengthening those relationships with communication will help each individual to understand and express their uniqueness.

Communication involves how we relate to each other. Within the school environment this includes student to student, student to teacher/staff, parent to teacher/staff, and teacher to teacher/staff. It is not helpful to criticize for inappropriate behaviour in children as criticism often leads to self-consciousness and resentment. Instead we can teach new skills which will result in immediate rewards for social success.

The school community which is inclusive of students, teachers/staff and parents should work in collaboration to model and encourage good communication skills. This year in collaboration with the Home School Association (HSA) I would like to implement a counsellor’s corner where I will communicate a variety of tips relating to children and their social, emotional and physical development, parenting, self-care, and of course communication. I am also interested in topics you would like more information about.

November is Parents Month; I encourage you to stay up-to-date through your class representatives for the event(s) that the school will host. I look forward to a year of communication.

Warm Regards,

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