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Dear Parents, Staff, and Students

As we welcome 2022, I would like to wish all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year filled with many successes and joyful moments. May your troubles all be small ones and your fortunes 10 times 10. I hope you had a chance to catch up with friends and family and enjoy some rest and relaxation during the winter break. I took some time off to reflect on 2021 and review plans for the New Year and am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead of us in 2022.

I am reminded of one of my favorite quotes by Dr. Martin Luther King, *“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”*

It is an absolute privilege to lead my team of champions – the SSIS team of staff and faculty and to know that I can count on each one of you to do the things that matter, which helps us, continue the high-quality service and learning that our children and community have gotten used to. Environmental Stewardship remains high on our agenda and we are committed towards Education for Sustainable Development keeping *Advocacy, Activism* and taking *Action* as the central theme of all our work at school. At SSIS we place immense value in seeking our students’ continued success and academic progress, as they move through their academic journey. I am looking forward to closing out the last school term with a bang and beginning a new schedule all over again, for the new term beginning April 2022.

At Shining Star International School, we are proactive in continuously creating new opportunities for ourselves. Our *Push to Excellence* campaign continues, as we challenge ourselves to achieve an ‘A’ rating in the next round of ADEK Irtiqa school inspections. As we ring in the New Year, we have found a wonderful opportunity to check in with the students and families to ensure that our students are on-track, prepared, and ready for the last term of the year. Covid 19 induced online learning has not been easy, but I am extremely proud of all our teachers on their perseverance and hard work, which ensured that all our learners were well taken care of.

Our strong belief in UN SDG 4: Quality Education and Goal 4.7: *‘No one to be left behind’* ensures that Shining Star continues to strive to become a school focused on educational equity. We hope to find unique and innovative ways to partner, support, and create opportunities that will make SSIS an institution, where children come together in peace and harmony to enjoy learning and develop strong relationships, while continuing to grow socially, emotionally, and academically. As always, I thank each one of you for your heartwarming suggestions and feedback.

I request our parent community to keep supporting us in all our endeavors. We are aware of current economic trends and their impact on the employment landscape and are focused on building and improving the life skills required by our children, to lead successful, independent and happy lives, when it becomes their time to inherit the earth. This is my commitment and promise to you and is at the core of everything we do.

Wishing all of you a very joyous and prosperous 2022 once again.

May the Lord Almighty bless us here and hereafter!

Best wishes

Sincerely Yours


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