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St. Hugh's Preparatory School

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff:

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer and are ready for the new school year. This is the 50th anniversary year for St Hugh's Preparatory School. In 1959, the Preparatory Division of the School relocated to its current location at 1 Tom Redcam Drive. We hope to celebrate St Hugh's Prep's 50th birthday throughout the year.

The 2009 – 2010 academic year is already proving to be a special year. The class teachers have all received laptops to enhance their teaching and to assist communication with parents and staff. Teachers have wireless internet access, enabling them to use internet resources to supplement their lessons. They will also be emailing their lesson plans to the Office, so that we can develop a database of lesson plans for each grade. Additionally, the teachers have set up email accounts; each teacher can be contacted by using his/her last name followed by shps@gmail.com (for example, wyntershps@gmail.com).

Our fundraising efforts for this year will be focussed on raising funds to further 'tech-up' the School. The IT lab needs new computers and the Resource and Library programmes would benefit tremendously if computers and appropriate software were added. Mrs Baker and Mrs Gooden, our PTA President and Vice-President respectively, have enthusiastically taken up the charge of fundraising for St Hugh's. We look forward to your generous support of the PTA's efforts.

My focus for the year will be to familiarise myself with the teachers, students and parents with a view to strengthening teaching and learning in the School. I will spend the first term evaluating the class and special subject teachers in an effort to capitalise on our strengths and offer in-house professional development. I anticipate spending a lot of time in the classrooms to observe firsthand the teaching and learning at St Hugh's. I would also appreciate your feedback via email, phone calls or even meetings if you have the time.

I look forward to working with all of you in this 50th anniversary year.

Yours sincerely,

Abby Wynter, MA, MEd,
Principal