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RAIS NEWS

...a caring community

*"The aim of education should be rather to teach us
how to think, than what to think."*

- James Beattie

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Excellence in Education

HAPPY COURTESY WEEK!

*"The small courtesies sweeten life, the
greater ennoble it."*

- Christian Nevell Bovee

Dates to remember:

September 7	- Field Trip: K - G5
	- Futsal Inter House Tournament Begins
September 8	- Field Trip: G6 - L2, EFL
September 9	- Chapel Period: Career Day Expo
September 13	- Pathfinder Officer's Training
September 16	- Chapel Period: International Day
September 24 - 30	- Activity Exam Week
September 25	- Pathfinder Induction and Dedication Ceremony
September 26	- GLL Outreach Ministry Program
September 27	- Pathfinder Swimming Honor (Grade 6)

Zee 10A

Grade 10 Commercial Video Champs

"It's show time" the MC's announced, and my heart started to beat faster, and it got harder to breathe. I took a deep breath "it'll be ok," I told myself. I grabbed the hood of my jacket, draped it over my head; slouched in my chair, and closed my eyes. "Dear God, I asked for your help through-out the pre-production, production, and post-production phases of the video. Now, I ask for your help in the presentation phase. Please make the video 'accepted' by the audience and judges. I put my trust in you." I prayed silently to myself. The grade 9 video was almost done. I kept my eyes closed until it was my grade's video. It was finally time for the grade 10 video, so I opened my eyes and watched the video that my friends and I had made. It seemed that no one understood. No one laughed at the funny parts and no one gasped at the surprising parts. Then, as quick as it began, it was over, and I let out a breath I didn't know I was holding. My heart was still pounding inside my chest and I realized I had started sweating. I watched the other videos, and then acted out my part as the thief in the Morality Play. As soon as the play got over, it was the moment of truth. I had a gut feeling we would get 3rd place, but it turned out to be another grade. 2nd place, I'm 100% sure we would get 2nd place, but it still turned out to be another grade. It took me a minute to process what just happened. Did we win? Really? We, grade 10, had won? When it dawned on me, I burst out "WOO-HOO, WE WON!" I couldn't believe it, we won. After all the hard work and all the time spent making the video, we won. In the end, it was all worth it.

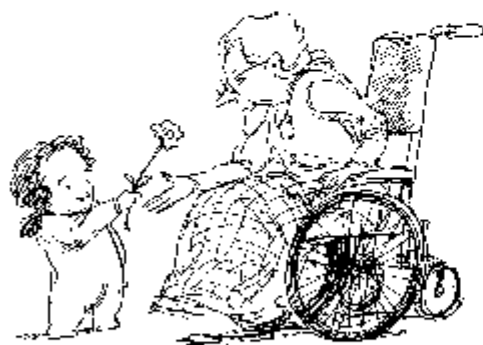
P.S. Hats off to all the other grades that participated, and thank you Mr. Parrel and Mrs. Karen for all the support.

Nayoon 10A

As everyone knows, this week was Courtesy Week in RAIS. On Wednesday, we had some programs with a video competition. I was one of the grade 10 participants. Our grade 10's topic was patience. My friends and I took the video about how patience and impatience work in our daily life. And, we got the first place (champion) in the competition!

I liked the Courtesy Week program this year. I was busy with all the work and the video. It was quite an experience. It is not only because I got the first place, but as I was taking the video and practicing for the morality play, it gave me time to think about Courtesy Week. I was a bit ashamed of myself for trying to be courteous just because it was Courtesy Week. So, I decided to be courteous all the time. Like every student and teacher says, we must be courteous no matter what.

I hope you guys enjoyed the program we had, especially the morality play!!



Jeannie 10A

Most of us know how it is to be courteous, and we at RAIS realize the importance of this. However, to remind ourselves even more, we celebrate Courtesy Week!

This year, each grade had to present videos that relate to courtesy. Besides, we had to perform a morality play. As one of the participants of the morality play, I saw most of the audience enjoy the performance. Likewise, I assume that it was a great opportunity for all of us to remember to be courteous.

I hope next school year, we will have more fun during Courtesy Week.

On a final note, we should remember to be courteous at all times, not only during Courtesy Week!

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Grade 12B

On August 29, 2009, the RAIS seniors went on an outreach ministry to Wat Prabat Nampu, Lopburi. Wat Prabat Nampu is an AIDS hospice where victims of AIDS/HIV are welcomed to stay. They are provided with free accommodations and medical attention.

As we were walking into the room where we first made our stop, the laughter and the carefree mood stopped abruptly and everyone grew quiet. In front of us, were the bodies of those who died from AIDS. There were bodies of males and females, young and old. Some died 50 years ago; some died a couple of years ago; some died at the age of 78; some died when were just 4 months old.

We learned a lot from this trip. There are many misconceptions about AIDS. For example, AIDS is not transferable through saliva or physical contact. There are basically 3 ways you can get AIDS: by sexual intercourse, by the sharing of needles, and from a mother to her child. Symptoms of AIDS manifest itself within 3-8 years after infection. So most people don't even know they have AIDS until years later. Though there is medication a person inflicted with AIDS can live for another 50 years; AIDS cannot be healed. Sadly there is no cure for AIDS right now.

I believe that everyone has learned a lot from the trip and it is always a good thing to help others. We might not be able to cure those inflicted, but we can do little things like these – visiting them and donating to the temple, to show that we care. We should neither be ignorant nor should we be discriminating of these unfortunate people because it is our obligation as human beings to help those who are in need.

Skon 10A

Last week Wednesday, during chapel period, the new group of student council members that was elected faced the RAIS community. Hearing them speak, I believe there can be changes in our school.

The student council did a great job of attracting other students' attention with their meaningful and hilarious video presentation. I believe that they have sent the message through that video; that we are able to rely on them and they can rely on us, students, to support them. "One Voice!" they screamed out.

With support from the students and the initiative from the student council, we can make a change. So I would like to ask all RAIS students to please support the student council.

