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RAIS NEWS

...a caring community

"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work at hand.

The sun's rays do not burn until brought to focus."

-Alexander Graham Bell

*10th
Anniversary
Excellence in Education*

Dates to Remember:

January 17

- Pathfinder Swimming Honor (G7)

January 18-21

- Cheerleading Rehearsals (after school)

January 19-21

- Parent-Teacher Conference

January 20

- CP Student Recognition Awards

- Cheerleading Audition (after school)

January 23

- G7 Outreach Ministry Program

January 25-27

- Cheerleading Rehearsal

- Marching Band Practice

January 28

- SPORTS DAY

- Pathfinder Marching & Drilling Presentation

January 29



HAPPY NEW YEAR

2009 has just sped by.

Now, we need to face 2010.

There may be risks involved.

We may need to face the roadblocks,

so stay alert.

Share time with friends;

Jump over the obstacles with care

and caution.

Face challenges.

Remember to laugh,

cooperate and discover.

Make new friends.

Always...be ready for adventure.

Stick together,

and you will be able to go far,

very far, not quite too far...

Always take time to smell the flowers.

Don't forget to relax and enjoy.

And never forget to love those dearest

to you.

Happy new year and God bless you!

(author unknown)

Hamza Khalil, 10A

New Year's Resolution

I could start this essay like any other resolution essay. I could've started with the words "I want to..." or "I will..." but no. I'm not going to ask, or aim towards the usual aspirations of wealth, good grades, losing weight, or success. I aim for two things, and two things only, excellence and to create a lasting impression.

I don't want to be any other student with a 3.5. I want to be different. I don't want to be the nameless "good student". I want to be Zee, the student that did something. I want people to remember me, not my grades. I want to leave a footprint on people's hearts, not in the school's database. I hope to enter a person's life, and help them in a way in which they'll remember me, not for what I did for them, but for the person I am. Now, I know I may be biting off more than I can chew, but I'll get my teeth redone and chew harder. I may have to go out of my way, I may lose a few points, but so be it.

Secondly, I aiming for excellence. I always wondered why people aim for, aspire, and desire success. Yes, I know along with success comes a big check, but then you're not aiming for success, you're aiming for wealth. As stated above success leads to money, but what leads to success? Excellence, one word, but a million actions. When you aim for excellence, in what ever field you're in, success follows like a little brother, because that's what success really is, the little brother of excellence, and it'll follow excellence, 100% of the time. I know it sounds like I am being greedy, but think about my resolutions and they really are humble. I'm asking to be able to help others, and to be good in whatever I follow, not because of money, but because I want to be good...excellent!

"A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make temper flare."

-Proverbs 15:1

PE Department

Announcements !!

Monday, January 18 after school

Redemption Tournament begins

Check the PE bulletin board for the

details