

Today we are once again reminded of the joy of new beginnings. Today is the start of the Chinese New Year. It is the year 4710 on the Chinese calendar making this the year of the water dragon.

The start of anything is exciting because with everything that lies before us there is no regret for what has not been done well. The possibilities of what lies ahead of us are boundless.

With the start of something new, the ability to allow ourselves to dream is key. Without a dream or vision the people perish. (Proverbs 29:18) This brings to mind the reality of old men dreaming dreams and young people seeing visions. (Joel 2:28) Within the context of that idea we have the assurance that God is blessing his people.

People who live with dreams and visions have an eye to the future. While we may recognize challenges as we look ahead, we need not be afraid as we move into the New Year.

When we dream we need to recognize that those hopes are not fulfilled or achieved in one day. Your child won't learn to read in one day. You don't become an accomplished snowboarder after one lesson. Our children don't become responsible adults overnight. (Thankfully, else they would be out of the house way too soon!)

God wants us to trust in him. He wants us to rely on him in realizing our dreams. For that to happen we must first dream it, then believe it, then live it.

God wants us to dream boldly. He wants our dreams for our children to be bold dreams. He wants our dreams for Immanuel to be bold. The bolder our dreams the greater the evidence of God's blessings.

Dream boldly for the Kindergarten Open House.
Dream boldly for the learning progress for your child.
Dream boldly for the school's solar project.
Dream boldly for the demonstration of community among our staff, parents and students.
Dream boldly that God's finger prints are evident in all that happens at Immanuel Christian School.

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