

## Message from the Head of School...

In just a few weeks time the joys of the Christmas break will be upon us again. The first “half” of the school year sees much important work achieved and accomplished in our school. I am glad to say that our students at Awty have very much deserved their holiday and have worked very hard during this extended period since last August.

In the Pre-School and Lower School, the children and teachers have made their teaching and learning environment as enchanting and festive a place as one could wish to see at this time of year. I am sure that students in the Middle and Upper School also are secretly enthused by the approach of the holiday season and its promises of tinsel, turkey and trinkets for all. I have to say that I have enjoyed our return at Awty to door decorating this year, a pleasant memory and fondly-regarded practice from some time ago. Thanks to all the teachers, staff, students and parents who helped us all get nicely into the holiday spirit.



On the athletic stadium, we anticipate a completion date at the end of February. Very close indeed, now. Should you or your company be interested in naming opportunities for the various facilities at the stadium, please contact Ronald Jackson, Acting Director of Advancement, at the school. The next couple of months are clearly going to be an exciting time to be at Awty.

If you saw the exciting MLS Cup Final last month, you will know that the Houston Dynamo are now back to back national soccer champions! This is especially of interest to the Awty Community as our alumnus from the Class of 2003, Stuart Holden, was a member of the winning squad. Well done Stuart and congratulations to the Houston Dynamo.

I wish to offer my best wishes to all seniors who are beginning to receive offers of places at universities and colleges around the world. This is a special time for their parents and teachers too, who are now reaping the rewards for all those hours spent over the application process itself. Never an easy or straightforward task!

To those of you who celebrate Christmas, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year. On behalf of all the faculty, staff and students at The Awty International School, Houston I am delighted to wish all of us in the Awty Community a most pleasant and well-deserved vacation and enjoyable “Happy Holidays”.

School resumes again at the usual time on Monday morning, January 7, 2008.

**Please Note: On Friday, February 1, 2008, school will be closed to all Primary School students in both sections from PK3 to Grade 5 due to a one-day professional development seminar for Primary School faculty.**

The compliments of the season to you all.

Dr. David Watson  
Head of School