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Welcome Back!

Each new school year, I reminisce about my own school days and the words: “Happy school days are here again;” often flood my mind. These are the words my older sibling sang, in an annoying tune, to my sister and I every first day of school from mid-primary through to secondary. Back then of course, the words happy and school did not seem to go together, especially at five-thirty in the morning when we had to get ready to leave the house at or just before seven, in order for each member of our household to get to school and work on time. We had one vehicle which made three different stops when we were in primary school and five different stops when we attended high school. On our way, my father would always be sure to pick up a local newspaper. If he saw anyone going to the same school or in the direction we were headed, he would stop and offer them a ride. There was certainly lots of excitement in our commute to school.

“Happy school days are here again.” I suppose if I sang this same tune to my students, many would look at me with bewilderment and not just because I am off key. They may wonder the same thing I did many years ago: do the words happy and school actually go together? The answer is, “yes, of course they do.” A new school year is filled with opportunities to learn new things, meet new friends, play, compete and interact with each other and our teachers. We may wake up early and be in a daze, but by the end of the day, a great deal of what we experience will give us a reason to smile if we just take a moment to think about it.

Happy school days are here again, St. Francis de Sales! May this school year truly be one of great joy as we continue to learn and grow together as a community of faith, knowledge and service.

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