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Dear Ignite Middle School Families,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year here at Ignite! This year brings a lot of anticipation as we continue to grow our Middle School through Grade 8. We have been preparing classrooms, organizing curriculum materials for our scholars, and introducing new teachers this month to Dubai and Ignite School. For those of you who were able to make it to the Meet and Greet on Thursday, there was passion, energy and enthusiasm shared among all our new and returning teachers as they put the finishing touches for launch on Sunday with all our scholars. While there will be some beginning of year challenges to work through as we kick off the school year, please know that our focus in these upcoming weeks will be on building community, and holding high expectations through teaching and practicing school rules for our learning community, which has grown significantly. I am confident that by keeping the communication lines open, together we can approach challenges meaningfully and we will celebrate our wins in style with our scholars!

This year, we will have a team of Grades 5 and 6 content specialist teachers and a team of Grades 7 and 8 content specialist teachers to serve our Middle School. The reason for this is to build a smaller, stronger learning community in which more teachers get to know the individual needs of their scholars, allowing for increased collaboration, communication and opportunities for success. We know that during this time period, our scholars are developing their identities, getting curious, questioning the world around them and exploring their interests, strengths and motivations. They are also experiencing new challenges as they become more independent, and by having more adult role models to guide them, our Middle School scholars benefit.

In closing, I offer a message to our Middle School Scholars who are new. Moving to Secondary School is a big deal! We are now learning more about our identities, our world around us, and how we fit into that big world around us. As your Principal, this is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, try new things and build even more relationships with a larger number of teachers in Middle School who will nurture and support you. I will be looking for leaders to be made, and those who want to have fun together! Led by the Class of 2026, together you are in good hands. I always ask our scholars, 'What do you want YOUR Ignite Middle School experience to be?' Dream big, pioneers! We are #1Ignite!

Faithfully yours,

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