

22nd Swimming Gala (2011.10.12)

Opening Address by Our Principal, Ms Tang Wai Chun, Agnes

Good morning teachers, parents and students. Today, we gather at the Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool for our school annual swimming gala. This year, I am very proud and delighted to see that S. C. Gawers once again show enthusiastic participation in swimming events. We have more than 200 participants taking part in over 50 events this morning. This can really reflect our motivation to seize opportunities to learn and the eagerness to reach new heights through accepting challenges.

Spirit of Tung Wah & S. C. Gaw is to strive for the best. Today swimmers who have gone through rigorous training are going to fully utilize their potential and endeavour to excellence. I sincerely hope that you can break your own best records and create new standards. You are also here to demonstrate what sportsmanship really means, that is, to have a fair play with a striving spirit and be courteous as well. With your determined mind and our support, you will certainly be able to overcome all the difficulties and achieve your ultimate goals.

To our student officials, your whole-hearted involvement and concerted effort are fundamentals to the success of the Swimming Gala. With our teacher's careful and scrupulous guidance, you will surely demonstrate to us your efficiency and ability to fulfill the responsibility of being a competent student official. Let us be united and prompt to do our jobs well to ensure the Swimming Gala will run smoothly.

To all house captains, cheering team members and all spectators at the stand, let us show the greatest support and appreciation to the swimmers. Our thunderous applause is the athletes' motivation to swim even harder. Let our roars and cheers fill the whole Swimming Gala with spirit and life. Most important of all, let us express our appreciation to one's hard work, effort and sportsmanship.

Allow me to quote Vincent Thomas Lombardi's words, "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will." Dear students, the key to success is not only your physical potential, but most importantly, it is your will and determination to win. So if you are not afraid of losing, you will not fail. To conclude, I would like to use the famous words of Steve Jobs, "Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish." (求知若飢，虛心若愚) Let us all persevere unremittingly and try to do our very best in the activities we engage in and make today's Swimming Gala a remarkable and extraordinary one. Thank you.