



ACSOBA
Founder's Day Message 2020

Good morning, ACSians!

Greetings from the OBA, on behalf of our family of alumni from all ACS Schools in Singapore and Jakarta!

At the outset, the OBA wishes to express its gratitude to your principal, for presenting OBA with the privilege of delivering this Founder's Day message to you.

A recent conversation among ACS board members evolved into a discussion on what is the root of the ACS Spirit, which is often the object of envy to alumni from other schools. The discussion continued for some time until a board member offered his perspective: **the secret lay in the centrality of God in everything that is ever thought or done in our ACS schools and the extended ACS family.**

When you as an ACSian survey the ACS landscape, you will notice something (which ACSians frequently take for granted) which is highly unusual in our secular society:

1. God is central during the meetings and discussions of board members of our ACS schools, when they gather to plan, discuss and make decisions on matters affecting students, staff and parents.
2. God is central in the Christian values and principles which undergird all programmes and teaching presented in every ACS school.
3. God is central in the manner in which an ACSian pursues excellence in his or her studies and CCAs.

Our ACS is an extension of the Methodist Church. Every ACSian is presented an opportunity to consider the faith of our founder. We know that but for the faith of giants such as Bishop Oldham and the faithfulness of God in honoring Bishop Oldham's faith, our ACS would not be here today celebrating 134 years of blessings from God.



In this season of fear, affliction and adversity, all ACSians have **A Reason** to be joyous. Amidst the current doom and gloom of Covid-19 and its impact on our lives, we ACSians look up and say “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” [Romans 8:31]

As the guardian of the ACS Spirit, the OBA say to all ACSians that our ACS Spirit will remain strong for as long as we remain faithful to God. The amazing God that we have with us desires our fellowship: He is one who did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up for us all. Such a Master that we serve - how will He not also graciously give us all things we need in furtherance of His will?

And so, as this message draws to a close, I leave you the following thoughts to take away:

As an ACSian, you are already ahead in so many ways:

First and foremost, you are in the best school and the object of God’s blessings.

Second, you have been richly blessed with the best principals and teachers in our land.

Third, when you complete your ACS education, you will join the family of ACSians who will embrace and support you throughout your journey in life.

On Sunday, 1 March, members of the OBA committee, board members and your principal will gather to celebrate God’s faithfulness throughout our 134 years of history.

At 7.10 pm on Sunday, we will sing the school anthem. **Please note the time (7.10 pm) and wherever you are, stand up, unite and join us in raising our collective voices to praise and honour God - the One who saves our land and bless our ACS forever!**

The OBA wishes you a joyous Founder’s Day!

To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

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