

IMSA Holiday Speech - December 17, 1987

Good Evening,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the administration, the faculty, and staff, I want to welcome you to our Annual Winter Concert.

It is always a special occasion when the Academy's family and friends come together, but tonight has the additional excitement and anticipation of the holiday season.

When you come back to the Academy after the holidays, it will be 1988. 1987 was a milestone year in our history--we have accomplished a great deal--we have gained the respect of the legislature, and now we look ahead to the future, which you are all beginning to chart. I hope you all take a moment when the New Year turns to reflect on all that we have achieved in 14 months.

Last year when we had our holiday music assembly, we had a very small choir and orchestra, and no band. Tonight we have over 70 students in our program. That's a real testimony to our students' talent and our new music director.

I know you are going to be impressed, as I am, by what they have accomplished in a very short period of time working together.

It is now a pleasure for me to introduce Mr. Court.