

Morning Talk – 15 June 2026

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Good morning, dear children and dear teachers.

Dear children, welcome! I wish each one of you a joyful and meaningful learning experience in this new academic year.

As we begin this year, I would like to share with you a short story from history, from the year 1823.

In Italy, in the region of Piedmont, there lived a little boy named Johnny. He went to school like you, and he had a close friend. They spent their days together—studying, playing, and even sharing their lunch.

Every day, Johnny brought from home fresh, soft, well-baked white bread. But he noticed that his friend always brought bread that was dark, hard, and not very tasty.

One day, Johnny asked his friend, “Can I taste your bread? I am tired of my own.”

His friend hesitated. He felt shy and uncomfortable because his bread was not good. But Johnny insisted, and finally, the friend agreed.

Johnny tasted it and said, “I like it. Shall we exchange our lunch every day?”

In reality, Johnny knew very well that his friend’s bread was not as good as his own. But he wanted his friend to enjoy the better bread. Even at a young age, Johnny chose to do good for his friend.

Dear students, this little boy grew up to become a great friend of the young—St. John Bosco.

This morning, I would like to leave you with a beautiful thought from the Salesian spirit—three simple things we can begin practicing from a young age:

First: Think well of all.

We become what we think. So always think good thoughts about others.

Second: Speak well of all.

Let your words be kind and encouraging. Speak good about everyone around you.

Third: Do good to all.

Always try to help, to share, and to bring happiness to others.

When we grow up with this mindset, we create a home that welcomes, a school that inspires, and a world filled with positivity and joy.

So today, let us take this as our life motto:

Think well of all. Speak well of all. Do good to all.

May this year be filled with goodness, kindness, and joy for each one of you.

Thank you.

Good morning once again.