



ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, because the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As we begin the month of the Rosary in the life of the Church, I want to call your attention to an important opportunity to volunteer here at the school: praying for our school at the Family Holy Hour.

All too often, we take it for granted that a Catholic school will provide a traditional Catholic education and help parents instill our values and beliefs in the next generation. Meanwhile, we can sometimes fail to appreciate the tremendous influence that our modern culture has on our young people and that the values absorbed are sometimes not the ones we are trying to instill.

Here at Sea we are doing our very best to pass the faith along to the children you have entrusted to our care, but I do not believe for one minute that we could do it without God's help. So over the past few years, we have established the Family Holy Hour for parents on the first Monday of the month to pray together as a school family in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist.

So often so many good and generous parents will offer to volunteer for anything we need. We need prayers. Please come to the first Family Holy Hour on Monday October 6 at 7:30 PM in the chapel. Students will also have the opportunity to join in the recitation of the rosary every Friday in October at 2:45 PM in the courtyard (or the Chapel if it rains).

Our College Placement team is eager to help students and parents through the college admissions process and are offering parent meetings for each grade level. These meetings are designed to help parents know and understand the process and to take important steps each year to ensure the best college placement possible for your student. In order to facilitate this process, we have enrolled each Sea student in an online College Advisement course and in Naviance, a college placement program.

The month of October brings our Open House for eighth graders. Open House is scheduled for Sunday October 19 Noon – 3 PM (Girls) and Sunday October 26 Noon - 3 PM (Boys). If you would like to help, please leave your name with Mrs. Moog in the main office.

Finally, as you may have heard, our students have dedicated the month of October to raising money for Good Counsel Home. Good Counsel is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader and innovator in creating supportive residential care and community-based services for homeless, expectant, and new mothers and their children in the context of the Catholic social tradition. The students will be organizing some small fundraisers (dress down, spirit day, bake sale, etc.) for that purpose throughout this month and the proceeds will be donated to Good Counsel Home.

Wishing you a healthy and safe October, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.P.R." followed by a period.

Fr. Michael P. Reilly
Principal