



ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

Welcome back to what I hope will be a great year for you and your family here at Sea!

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. In September, it is Our Lady of Sorrows. The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows takes place on September 15, the day after the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. We remember the suffering of Mary as she stood at the foot of the Cross and witnessed the suffering and death of her Son.

Faculty and students will gather together as a school family on Wednesday, September 13th 8:15 A.M. for the Mass of the Holy Spirit with Bishop Peter J. Byrne to open the school year. Students will have an opportunity to go to confession prior to the mass.

This year our students will return to a newly renovated Sisters of Charity Hall behind the stage in the Main Gym. This will feature two new classrooms and a state of the art Girls' Locker Room. As many of you have seen, we were able to add 90 new parking spots so that our seniors will have ample parking as well as our families for school events. Our Dining Hall expansion will be completed by the end of this month and will create seating for 115 additional students. We added two exterior restrooms outside the Student Center for sporting events. We are also laying the foundation for our indoor sports facility which we anticipate completing during the month of October. We are most grateful to the Family Association for making these improvements possible for the benefit of our students.

We are happy to welcome Mr. Sean Kuechenmeister as our Director of Student Health and Wellness. He will supervise our Sick Bay, manage student illness and injuries, and run a new Institute for Sports Medicine. Sports Science Lab will continue to operate our Fitness Center, with the goal of making it accessible to all of our students, athletes and non-athletes alike. All athletic training will be done under their supervision to allow students on teams to involve themselves in other teams or activities when they are out of season.

We were able to take all these steps without significantly increasing tuition because of the efforts of our Family Association and our internal efforts to avoid wasteful spending. We also continue to offer a sibling discount to families paying tuition for more than one student. Please be assured that we will make every effort to keep Sea affordable for families of moderate income who seek a Catholic education for their children.

As I may have indicated, we are able to lower our total budget by not budgeting for uncollected tuition. This enables us to pass the savings along to families in the form of a lower tuition, but it does force us to collect all of the tuition in a timely manner. Please understand that if everyone pays tuition on time, we can pay our bills on time. Your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated.

As always, I am available and eager to address your concerns about these or any other matters. Please be assured that you and your family are in my daily prayers.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael Reilly
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