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Dear Parents:

November is traditionally recognized as the month of All Souls because we celebrate All Souls Day on November 2. It is part of the Church's teaching on the communion of saints, which is a sharing of spiritual goods between the Church Triumphant (the Saints, celebrated on November 1), the Church Suffering (in Purgatory), and the Church Militant (us). This year we will be in school and will have mass for the entire student body on Friday, November 1 to fulfill all of our obligations for All Saints Day.

Report Cards will be distributed on Tuesday, November 12th and Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, November 14 (1:30 – 3 PM and 7 – 9 PM). Please remember that in order to receive a report card all financial obligations must be satisfied.

Our College Placement Department has scheduled two Instant Decision Days for our seniors on Wednesday, November 6th (DeSales University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Seton Hall University, St. Francis University, and St. Joseph University) and Thursday, November 7th (St. John's University, Mount Saint Mary College, Monmouth University, Wagner College, and St. Thomas Aquinas College). This affords students an opportunity to meet with a representative who will review their application and provide them with an admissions decision and academic scholarship money on the spot.

Our freshmen will have a retreat in school on Wednesday, November 20. They will report at the usual time in uniform and be dismissed at around 12:30 PM. All other students will be off. Our Thanksgiving Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, November 27th.

I am happy to announce that our Fall Drama production will be *A Christmas Carol* and many students are already involved. The shows are scheduled for Thursday, 12/5 at 7:30 PM, Friday, 12/6 at 7:30 PM, and Saturday, 12/7 at 7:30 PM. You can purchase reserved and preferred seating tickets on our website, general admission tickets will be on sale at the door.

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 and I hope to see you during the month of November.

Faithfully In Christ,

Fr. Michael Reilly
Principal

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