



Principal's Newsletter

MAY 2008

Dear Parents,

Spring has finally arrived and we are now at the "bell lap" for our school year. At the present time we are getting ready for the upcoming AP Exams beginning on May 14th. Our own final exams are not too far behind. Third Marking Period Report Cards have been mailed and by now you have had an opportunity to evaluate 75% of the school year. I hope that your son's Report Card is showing you a sincere effort of hard work and success and that his efforts in the next few weeks will finalize claims to a great year.

May is usually the key month that determines the final outcome and the kind of summer your son will have. I have met with all of the teachers and you can be assured that we are encouraging your son to work hard for a great ending. The teachers are making themselves available for review classes after school and I hope your son takes advantage of their accessibility. It is important for him to show his teachers just how concerned he is about doing well in their classes. You should also be aware that some study periods are **mandatory**. Your son will have to pass the minimum of the 5 required New York State Regents Exams in order to qualify for a diploma. Salesian's passing grade for these Regents is 65. If your son fails a required Regent Course for the year he will have to take a 6-week summer school course, if he passes for the year but fails the Regents Exam he will have to take a two week "crash" course at Salesian High School from August 5 to August 14. I have asked all the teachers of Regents level courses to have Regent's review classes. Don't let him miss them.

The warm weather and longer days provides our boys with a natural distraction that can entice your son away from his studies. Insist that he remains focused on school. Exams are just around the corner (senior exams begin May 19). Underclass exams begin on June 16. Hard work and effort will insure success.

The enclosed calendar highlights some of the important activities of the month. Some of the activities this month may require your attendance. Please mark your personal calendar so that there are no surprises. Allow me to highlight a few of these dates for you:

- **ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY & CONCERT** – Join us on Thursday, April 24 at 7pm in the gym when we will be holding our Academic Awards Assembly and Concert. All students who have achieved First, Second, or Principal List Honors for the 3rd Marking Period will receive their Testimonials. The evening will feature our Salesian Band in concert.
- **PROGRESS REPORTS** – for the last Marking Period of the school year. Senior Progress Reports and the Graduation Letter will be mailed on Wednesday, April 30. All other Progress Reports (9th through 11th) will be mailed on Thursday, May 8. **Be on the lookout!**
- **MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS LEADERSHIP LITURGY & CEREMONY** – On Thursday May 22 at Holy Name of Jesus Church at 10:00am, our school community will be celebrating the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians and Leadership Day. At this Liturgy and ceremony we will pass the school's leadership role to our new senior class, and our new elected officials of the Student Council. Parents and guests are also invited to attend this special Liturgy. The junior class will be dismissed after the Liturgy. Underclassmen will continue with the school day.
- **ACTIVITIES AWARDS BANQUET** - make your reservations now! This is the day that we set aside to honor your son for participating in an extracurricular sport or activity at Salesian. The date is Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30pm at Beckwith Pointe in New Rochelle. Come and help us celebrate your son's accomplishments! The food is great, but it will be the goodwill and camaraderie that will make this a night to remember. Help us honor your son's efforts by accompanying him to this testimony in his honor. (see enclosed letter for details)
- **RE-registration for next year – Re-registration packets will be given to your son on Monday, April 28th. Be sure to ask him for it so that you can complete you re-registration by June 1st and save \$100.00!**

Years of love and sweat turn mothers gray prematurely, and for all that they do, we set aside just one day of the year that we honor them. This year we celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday May 11th. Let's use this day to show our deep appreciation to Mom for her many expressions of love towards us. You should know that all of you mothers and grandmothers will be kept in our thoughts and prayers during this month of May. Happy Mother's Day!

John Flaherty