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Dear Parents:

June is traditionally the month of the Sacred Heart, since the Feast of the Sacred Heart typically falls during the month of June and is actually on June 8th. This devotion inspires us to focus on Christ, human and divine, and imitate the dispositions and intentions of His Heart so that we may become more Christ-like. Our Corpus Christi Procession is scheduled for Thursday June 7th at 2:45 PM - hopefully a large number of students will stay after school to participate.

This year we are excited to highlight the accomplishments of the Class of 2018 at their Commencement Exercises on June 2nd.

- 100% have earned an Advanced Regents diploma.
- 16% completed a full year or more of college during their junior and senior years at Sea.
- 53% completed a semester or more of college.
- 84% are graduating with some college credit.

Furthermore, with all 303 graduates reporting, 261/303 (86%) earned academic scholarships to college totaling \$86,200,856 over the next four years. That amounts to an average of nearly \$285,000 per graduate or enough to pay more than 37 years of St. Joseph by-the-Sea tuition. So much for those who argue that money is better saved for college than spent on Catholic high school education.

As you may know, New York City is funding security guards for private schools and after much thought and deliberation, we decided last year to participate. We have three full-time guards who wear green with the school logo. Their primary function is to keep the students safe from intruders; their interaction with students or faculty will be minimal. This program has allowed us to tighten security on the campus for the safety of our students. We have also completed active shooter training for our entire faculty and staff.

Construction on the Baseball and Softball fields has been completed. We are anxiously awaiting the erection of the lights for nighttime sporting events. Likewise, construction on the Viking Student Center is moving forward. We anticipate that the building will be closed in with glass and brick by the end of June and that interior finishing will consume the summer. We hope to open in the fall, so that your children will be able to enjoy the new center for a good portion of the upcoming school year.

Please make certain that your sons and daughters prepare well for their Regents and final exams. A little extra effort in June can spare them and you the inconvenience of summer school.

May God grant you and your family a happy, holy, and healthy summer and I look forward to seeing all of you in September!

Faithfully In Christ,

Fr. Michael Reilly
Principal