



**ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL**  
5150 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10312-5827  
Telephone (718) 984-6500 Fax: (718) 984-6503

September, 2019

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. That scene is now memorialized on our front lawn with the statues from Camp St. Edward thanks to the Grasso family.

Faculty and students will gather together as a school family on Wednesday, September 11th 8:15 A.M. for the Mass of the Holy Spirit to open the school year. Students will have an opportunity to go to confession prior to the mass. For that purpose we have created new, more private confessionals in the teacher's cafeteria.

At the time of this writing, we have completed construction on our new Science Wing which will house the Institute for Scientific Research, the Institute for Robotics and Engineering, and the Institute for Pre-Veterinary Studies. We also created an Institute for Business Studies in conjunction with Pace University. We are most grateful to the Family Association for making these improvements possible for the benefit of our students.

Over the summer, we sent you some information about Sports Science Lab operating our new Fitness Center. The key goal is to make the Fitness Center 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. Likewise, they will offer fitness classes (aerobics, strength and conditioning, speed and agility, etc.) for all students.

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. If tuition is late, it jeopardizes our ability to meet our financial obligations to personnel and vendors. 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,

**F**  
Principal  
frmreilly@josephsea.org