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Dear Parents:

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, because the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on October 7. On Friday, October 2, the Feast of the Guardian Angels, the sophomores and seniors of the silver team will come together as a school community for our First Friday Mass. With the current restrictions in place, we will have mass and confessions for each of our groups of students over the semester.

All too often, we take it for granted that a Catholic school will provide a traditional Catholic education and help parents instill our values and beliefs in the next generation. Meanwhile, we can sometimes fail to appreciate the tremendous influence that our modern culture has on our young people and that the values absorbed are sometimes not the ones we are trying to instill.

Here at Sea we are doing our very best to pass the faith along to the children you have entrusted to our care, but I do not believe for one minute that we could do it without God's help and the only way to get that help is through prayer. So, during the month of October, students will have the opportunity to join in the recitation of the Rosary every Thursday at 2:45 PM in the courtyard (or the Chapel if it rains). We have placed a statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the Chapel for the month of October.

Our students are really enjoying the new Viking Student Center and we are gradually working on opening it. Monday, October 5 marks the opening of Sports Science Lab and we are working on guidelines for opening the American Lounge. The concern with the Lounge is that the students will be able to remove their masks to eat.

The month of October brings our Open House for eighth graders. Open House is scheduled for Sunday October 18 (Girls) and Sunday October 25 (Boys) and is by appointment only. If you would like to help, please leave your name with Mrs. Moog in the main office.

Finally, as you may have heard, our students have dedicated the month of October to raising money for Good Counsel Home. Good Counsel is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader and innovator in creating supportive residential care and community-based services for homeless, expectant, and new mothers and their children in the context of the Catholic social tradition. The students will be organizing some small fundraisers (dress down, spirit day, bake sale, etc.) for that purpose throughout this month and the proceeds will be donated to Good Counsel Home.

Wishing you a healthy and safe October, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. P. Reilly".

Fr. Michael P. Reilly  
Principal