



# ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL

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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 1, the Feast of St. Teresa, we will gather in the Gym for First Friday Mass. Prior to mass, the students will have an opportunity to go to Confession.

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).

The month of October brings our Open House for eighth graders. Open House is scheduled for Sunday October 17 (Girls) and Sunday October 24 (Boys) and is by appointment only. While this arrangement was launched during the pandemic, we found that it worked so well (people do not need to wait around, etc.) that we will use it this year as well. If you would like to help, please leave your name with Mrs. Rossiello in the main office.

Finally, the month of October is dedicated to respect for human life in all its stages from conception to natural death. 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 happy October, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr. Michael P. Reilly  
Principal