

November 19, 2007

Dear Prep Parent,

Hello from Prep!

I am pleased to enclose a certificate for **FIRST HONORS** that was earned by your son during the first marking period of school year 2007-2008 which ended on November 2. He earned this recognition with grades at 90 or above in all of his courses. All too often in the daily life of school we fail to take notice of the hard work and dedication of the students who balance their time in myriad academic and social activities to achieve such distinction. Congratulations!

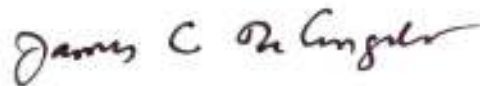
At the Honors Convocation on Wednesday, we will take time to publicly congratulate all those students who achieved honors during the first marking period. In addition, we will also present a number of Prep Spirit Awards to students who model for our entire community the qualities and values that define a Prep student—the characteristics outlined in our mission statement and the Grad at Grad which speak about Prep's desire to form men who are open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice.

In early December, we will take another step forward in our reaccreditation process when a visiting team of teachers and administrators from area high schools will visit us. During that time, the members of the visiting team will speak with various stakeholders in our school community and visit classes. At the end of their four-day visit with us they will give an honest assessment of how well we are fulfilling the educational mission of our school.

Over the last year and a half, members of the faculty have been involved in a lengthy reflective process during which we have identified areas of growth for our school and developed action plans to guide us in achieving our goals over the next seven years. Our two overarching goals include improving the critical thinking skills of our students as well as improving our students' commitment to the five characteristics outlined in the Grad at Grad.

As we head toward Thanksgiving, a word of thanks to you for the support and encouragement you have given your son to help him achieve success this past marking period both inside and outside of the classroom. All of us here at Prep are grateful for this and recognize that it is in partnership that we can live out Prep's mission to the fullest. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. DeAngelo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "J" and "D".

James C. DeAngelo
Principal