

SAINT PETER'S PREP

NEW JERSEY'S JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL SINCE 1872

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

March 24, 2009

Dear Prep Parents and Guardians,

Hello from Prep! Enclosed is a copy of your son's report card for the third marking period. The numbers and teacher comments represent the results of a cooperative project between your son and his teachers that began in September. With the fourth marking period just underway, there is still much to be done as many classes begin work on capstone projects that bring together all that your son has been learning this year. Please continue to encourage your son to continue to give his best efforts—and to reach out to his teachers and counselor when needed—to bring each of his courses to a successful conclusion over the next several weeks.

As always, there are plenty of things going on here at Prep to keep our 900 students (as well as their teachers, coaches and moderators) busy well past the official end of the school day. Our spring sports teams have been practicing for a couple of weeks now, preparing for season-opening events; the yearbook staff continues to show great dedication putting the final touches on another edition of the *Petrean*; rehearsals have also begun for the spring musical. Dozens of other clubs and activities will finish out the year with various events, competitions and celebrations.

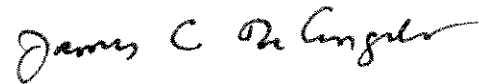
In addition to our established roster of co-curricular clubs and teams, I'd like to call your attention to a couple of other special events. The Arrupe Lecture Series, a yearly event dedicated to issues of social justice, has begun. This year's focus is on genocide and ethnic violence, acts of evil which unfortunately continue to plague our world in the 21st century. On Monday, the Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service, Fr. Ken Gavin, S.J., celebrated a special Mass which opened the series for us. Other events in the Arrupe Lecture Series include special screenings of films, a panel of Holocaust survivors as well as a presentation by two refugees from the war-torn country of Sudan at the end of the week.

On Thursday, April 2, the Guidance Department will host the third and final parent information session at 7:30pm in the Prep Library: *Empowering Our Boys: What Parents, Mentors and Educators can do to shape Adolescent Boys into Exceptional Men*, a multimedia and interactive presentation by Ava Schlesinger, LCSW, based upon the ground-breaking work of Michael Gurian. We are lucky to have been able to schedule Ms. Schlesinger and hope that you will consider joining us next Thursday. The research that the Gurian Institute has done on how boys learn differently from boys is particularly relevant to Prep as an all-boys school. (More information about the Gurian institute at: www.gurianinstitute.com)

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Thank you again for all you do to support your son as he continues his education here at Prep. Best wishes as we look forward to the joy that the Easter season promises.

Sincerely,

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

James C. DeAngelo
Principal

Special note for parents of sophomores

On March 5 we mailed sophomore parents a letter announcing the opening of PowerSchool for Parents. Sophomore parents are part of our pilot program of implementing this program. In the March 5 letter we provided directions to the website, a confidential ID and a password. If you haven't already returned your User Agreement and obtained access to PowerSchool for Parents, I urge you to do so immediately. PowerSchool for Parents provides online access to your son's current grades and attendance. You can view your son's Marking Period 3 grades as well as grades that have been entered for Marking Period 4. In the future, we hope to use PowerSchool for Parents as a way to report student grades instead of mailing each report card and progress report. Sophomore progress reports will not be mailed this year, but parents who have obtained access will be able to view them on PowerSchool. Please direct any questions about sophomore parents' PowerSchool access to Ms. Mary Durante, Vice Principal at durantem@spprep.org.