



# SAINT PETER'S PREP

NEW JERSEY'S JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL SINCE 1872

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Dear Prep Parents/Guardians:

Hello from Prep! With this mailing I would like to share with you three different—yet important—pieces of information: a consent form for allowing your son to be vaccinated with the H1N1 vaccine at Prep; a copy of the annual student directory; and a flyer about our Ignatian Speaker Series this year.

Over the past several months you have received information from Prep about the **2009 H1N1 influenza virus and our response to it**. A vaccine against the 2009 H1N1 virus has been developed and is currently being distributed in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has recommended that children and young adults aged 6 months through 24 years be vaccinated against 2009 H1N1. It is **the judgment of the CDC that vaccination is the best way to protect young people** from this potentially serious disease.

Saint Peter's Prep is working in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Health and the Jersey City Department of Health and Human Services to offer the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine to Prep's students and will hold a **vaccination clinic at Prep in the upcoming weeks**. Enclosed is the Consent Form that you must complete in its entirety if you would like your son to receive the H1N1 shot at no cost to you. Your son should return the completed consent form to homeroom next Monday or Tuesday, November 23-24, and our school nurse, Ms. Maureen Sheppard, R.N., will catalog and store these forms. She is working with public health agencies to arrange a date for the vaccine administration at Prep; we will be in contact with you by an automated phone call to let you know the specific date once it is determined.

Your son is not mandated to receive this vaccination. If you decline to complete the consent form, the vaccination will not be given to your child.

If you have any questions about the vaccination clinic at Prep, please call Ms. Sheppard at (201) 547-6406. Also feel free to contact the Mayor's Action Bureau at 201-547-4900 which will serve as the call center for the Jersey City H1N1 Vaccination Initiative. Also, please visit the CDC's 2009 H1N1 influenza website at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> and <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents> and Prep's H1N1 website at [www.spprep.org/h1n1](http://www.spprep.org/h1n1) for more information.

Included with this letter is a copy of the **2009-2010 Student Directory**, which includes the names, addresses and phone numbers of practically all members of the student body. (At the request of the parents, some entries contain either partial information or no information at all.) While helpful to students as a backup when email or instant messaging won't do, the Student Directory can be particularly useful for you to **contact the parents of your son's friends or classmates**. For example, if

your son is attending a party or other social event at the home of another Prep student, you are encouraged to call the host parents to ensure that the party will be properly supervised and that no alcohol will be available. Please use this directory in the spirit in which it is published and provided, and **do not share this information with anyone outside of the Prep community**. Improper use of the Student Directory, including harassing or improper calls, will subject a student to suspension and/or expulsion. Every effort was made to include the most accurate information; please notify the Principal's Office with any updates or corrections.

Finally, you will also notice a flyer announcing the speakers in our **Ignatian Speaker Series**: Mr. Chris Lowney on December 9 (Alumni Chaplain Lecture), Fr. Jim Martin, S.J., on February 28 (Family Communion Brunch), and Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. (Arrupe Lecture Series), on March 26. Each of these speakers has been involved in very different ways with the apostolic work of the Society of Jesus for decades and will be here to share their insights with the Prep community. As New Jersey's only Jesuit high school, Prep holds a special place in the realm of Jesuit education that has reached all corners of the globe over the past 450 years. Each of our speakers will give his own unique perspective on how we can continue and further strengthen the great tradition of Jesuit education that began here at the corner of Grand and Warren in 1872.

**Chris Lowney, author of the bestseller book *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices From A 450-year-old Company That Changed the World***, kicks off our series with an evening talk on Wednesday, December 9, beginning at 6:30pm. This program is being coordinated by Fr. Tony Azzarto, S.J., Alumni Chaplain and member of the Guidance department, along with Mr. Ryan Heffernan, Director of Campus Ministry and Ms. Jane Bleasdale, Director of Faculty Formation. More information about the Ignatian Speaker Series and our speakers is available at [www.spprep.org/iss](http://www.spprep.org/iss). Please consider joining us for any of these informative and inspiring talks.

This has been an especially busy time for all of us involved in your son's education. Amidst the busyness are no doubt many signs of God's presence and grace among us. Please know that you and everyone in your family will be remembered at our prayer service next Wednesday, when we give thanks to God for his abundant gifts, especially this time of year. Our president, Fr. Robert Reiser, S.J., joins me in wishing you a peaceful and joyous Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,



James C. DeAngelo, '85  
Principal

Enclosures