

November 2008

Dear Parents:

Once again, HGP students have garnered honors as AP Scholars. For the 2007-2008 year, we congratulate 62 AP scholars, including 3 National AP Scholars, 26 Scholars with Distinction and 17 Scholars with Honor. Congratulations to our students as well to their parents and teachers. A list of our AP Scholars is enclosed.

Middle States Objectives, A Day Off (for students), & Parent Education Series

The Visiting Team of Middle States Association evaluators has enthusiastically recommended our continuing re-accreditation as we await formal word from the Association. We now are in full swing in pursuing our twin objectives: increased performance in core academic areas of reading, writing, and math; and a significant enhancement of our service program to increase the Spiritan nature of the school.

To facilitate the achievement of our twin Middle States Objectives, we will be using **Friday, December 5, 2008**, as a faculty in-service day. **There will be no school for students on that day.** Please note this change to the calendar.

We resumed our Parent Education Series on Tuesday, September welcoming Psychologist Timothy Erb for talks designed to provoke communication to juniors and seniors and their parents. Thanks to those who attended. The next lecture in this series will be on **February 9**, coinciding with Spring Sports Registration Night. *Please note that attendance at any one of these lectures by at least one parent is required for current juniors and seniors to be able to attend the Prom in April.*

Special Events

As we enter the holiday season, we also enter the peak of our admissions season for the class of 2013. Our students, parents, and alumni are our top ambassadors in spreading the good news about Holy Ghost Prep. Sharing the news is especially important to students in public schools who may not always be aware of our admissions process. For the record, we have a “second-chance” entrance test on **Sunday, December 14 at 8:30 AM.** Please contact Mr. Abramson or Mrs. McDonald in our Admissions office for further details.

Other special events coming up on campus include the student morning of reflection and afternoon of 3 on 3 basketball to benefit the National Honor Society on **Wednesday, November 26**; the annual yearbook distribution party that same evening; and our fall drama, *The Boys Next Door*, **Friday, December 5 through Sunday, December 7** and the second senior retreat that same weekend, and The Christmas Concert on **December 15.** Please join us, as appropriate, for one or more of these events!

Thanks are also due to our Mothers Guild for its hard work in running the Craft Fair, a true welcome at last, to the fall season on the campus. We also look forward to the HGP Fathers Christmas Dinner and Gifts for Families in Need on **December 21**. Please check the website calendar for details on sign-ups.

We are blessed at HGP with fine students and fine families. We give thanks this time of year to our entire community.

In One Heart and One Mind,

Michael A. O'Toole
Principal