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Dear Parents,

I am proud to announce that thirteen students have been honored in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Corporation Scholarship Program. Vincent Casmirri, son of Vincent and Anne Casmirri of Bristol, PA, and James Phillips, III, son of James and Anna Phillips of Levittown, PA, have been named National Merit Semi-Finalists, placing them among the top 1% out of 1.5 million students who entered the competition.

Eleven students have been named Commended Students in the 2009 NMSC Competition: Theodore Z. Bordelon, son of Jerome and Donna Bordelon of Philadelphia; Matthew R. Chylak, son of Robert and Nancy Chylak of Newtown, PA; Thomas M. Cleary, son of Thomas and Traci Cleary of Langhorne, PA; Christopher W. Dunn, son of Robert and Lisa Dunn of Philadelphia; Christopher L. Higgins, son of Timothy and Kathleen Higgins of Yardley; Joseph P. Knowles, son of Joseph and Elesa Knowles of Bensalem, PA; Shane M. O'Connor, son of Timothy and Theresa O'Connor of Richboro, PA; Michael W. Pierce, son of Melissa Pierce also of Richboro, PA; Brian A. Sparber, son of Bruce and Donna Sparber of Langhorne, PA; Taylor D. Standiford, son of David and Teresa Dill-Standiford of Langhorne, PA; and Christopher J. Weiseman, son of John and Kathy Weiseman of Abington, PA.

Good luck to our league champion soccer and cross-country (#8 PA) teams as they enter district play. Congratulations for the good showing in District 1 for our golf team and especially to Joe Gunerman '10 as he competes at the state level.

Parent Education and Communication Series

November 11, we will begin the second year of our Parent Education and Communication Series. Mr. Timothy Erb, a psychologist in private practice and professor at La Salle University will be speaking on "Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives." The program begins at **7:30 PM** in the Chapel. **Parents of juniors and seniors, please note as a reminder that attendance at one of the three lectures in our series by at least one parent is mandatory for a student to be able to attend the HGP prom in April.**

Updates & Web Tip

This letter also includes a number of important updates. Among other events, the **Class of 2010** will receive their rings in the **Chapel on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM**. Please remember to check holyghostprep.org for updates to our annual published calendar. On the HGP Web Calendar page, you can request that calendar updates be sent to you via email by clicking on the "📧" alert reminder next to specific events.

Second Annual Father and Son Service & Retreat Day

Thanks to the Fathers of the Class of 2011, who joined their sons for our second annual Service and Retreat Day. Once again, we had nearly half of the fathers join sons for service to 13 sites across Philadelphia, Montgomery and Bucks Counties. All told, the fathers and sons completed more than 700 hours of service that day. It is hard to underestimate the budgetary boost that such service gives to these agencies. It is harder to underestimate the life-long commitment that such service can inspire in our young men. You may see pictures of the day at [holyghostprep.org/News and Events](http://holyghostprep.org/News%20and%20Events).

Safety Updates

Thanks to all for the adaptations to this year's new campus security features. We will also be exercising greater variety in the drills and situations that we practice with students for campus emergencies. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Finally, please remember that, for safety reasons, the Faculty Lot near the Pump House is **not** an area in which to drop off or pick-up your sons. Please use the Fieldhouse Parking Lot or the Cornwells Courtyard. Thank you for your attention to this important safety matter.

With thanks for all that you do to support our efforts for your sons,

Michael A. O'Toole
Principal

Enclosures