

## Principal's Update – February 2010

Dear Parents,

Friday, February 5, 2010

Below you will find pertinent information relative to the upcoming month. Please take a moment to review the information, and certainly contact us with any questions. As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership as we collectively work to prepare your son for current and future success.

Sincerely,

Jacob A. Conca PhD  
Principal

**School Cancellation/Delays/Early dismissal:** With winter weather upon us, it is important to remind everyone of our ***School Cancellation, Delayed Opening and Early Dismissal Procedures.***

Announcements for school cancellation, delayed opening or early dismissal will be made via the following media outlets:

<u>TV</u>	<u>Radio</u>	
Channel 4	WBZ 1030	FM 104.5
Channel 5	WRKO 680	FM 100.1
Channel 7	WTAG AM 580 and FM 94.9	FM 98.9
Channel Fox 25	WGFP 1310	

We will also utilize the Saint John's website, [www.stjohnshigh.org](http://www.stjohnshigh.org), our automated phone call out system and/or our automated email system to notify our school community in the event of a change in school hours. More information can be found on page 22 of the Student and Parent Handbook.

**From the Studies Office:** On Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2010, our current freshmen, sophomores and juniors attended an assembly regarding the course scheduling process for the 2010-2011 school year. At that assembly, students received the following handouts: General instruction Guidelines, a course Registration Form and a Course Description Booklet. Please be sure to take a moment and review these documents with your son. Those students wishing to pursue Advanced Placement (AP) Courses can obtain AP applications forms from The Studies Office, the School Counseling Office and Department Chairpersons. Please note that all forms require a parent signature and were to be returned to your son's homeroom teacher by Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Also, all current freshmen are required to take the Computer Placement Exam, administered during the day on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Questions regarding the scheduling process can be directed to your son's Academic Dean or Guidance Counselor. Dr. Morse is the Academic Dean for students in grade 9; Mrs. Depasse for students in grades 10-12.

**Quarter 2 Report Cards:** Grades for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter closed on Friday, January 22, 2010. 2nd quarter report cards will be mailed home by Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, if not before. Please be sure to sit with your son and review his academic progress during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. If necessary, be sure to reach out to his teachers, Guidance Counselor or Academic Dean with questions. Again, Dr. Morse is the Academic Dean for students in grade 9; Mrs. Depasse for students in grades 10-12.

**Freshmen Parent-Teacher Night:** On Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, we will hold a freshmen parent-teacher night. The evening will begin at 6PM and all freshmen parents are encouraged to attend. Be advised that this evening will be very similar to the November parent-teacher night, where conversations were purposefully kept to approximately 3-4 minutes. This is done to ensure that all parents have an opportunity to meet with each of their son's teachers. Parents who desire a longer discussion with a teacher, should contact that teacher directly to set-up a mutually agreeable time to meet.

**Class of 2014 Pizza and Basketball - Friday, February 12:** On Friday February 12, 2010, the Saint John's Admission's Office and the Student Activity Council, will host our second annual Pizza and Basketball night. Come watch the Saint John's basketball team compete against Worcester's North High School Polar Bears. Saint John's will serve buffalo wings and pizza beginning at 5:30PM in the Salem Student Commons to prospective and newly admitted students. The varsity basketball game starts at 7PM and more information can be obtained through the Saint John's Admissions Office.

**Winter Break:** Our February vacation begins at 2:18PM on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Classes will resume on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

**Interims for Quarter 3:** Grades for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Interim Report will close on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. As a reminder, Interim Reports are designed to inform students and parents of a student's academic standing at the mid-point of each quarter. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter interim reports will be emailed home by Friday March, 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, if not before.

**Dance:** On Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2010, Saint John's will sponsor a school-wide dance for all grades. The dance will begin at 7PM and conclude at 10PM. Questions about the dances should be directed to the Dean of Students Office.

**From The Dean's Office:** A reminder: if your son is absent or tardy, parents must call the Dean of Students Office before 10AM on the day of the absence/tardy to inform the school. Furthermore, on the day of return, the student must present a signed parental note to the Dean's Office, explaining the absence/tardy. The Dean's Office can be reached at 508-842-8934 ext 221.

