

Principal's Update – May 2010

Dear Parents,

Friday, May 14, 2010

For your convenience, please see a listing of important items below, including important information regarding our upcoming used book sales event. Thanks for reading and certainly reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jacob A. Conca, PhD
Principal

Thank You! A sincere “Thank You” to all who participated in our recent Service Day initiative, held on May 8th, 2010. Many parents contributed to the success of the event in ways too numerous to mention. From all of us here at Saint John’s, we thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Quarter 4 interim Report Cards: 4th quarter interims were emailed home during the first week of May. As a reminder, the interim identifies a student’s grade in each course, at the mid-point of a given quarter. Please be sure to sit with your son and review his academic progress. If necessary, reach out to his teachers, counselor or academic dean (Dr. Morse is the Academic Dean for students in grade 9; Mrs. Depasse for students in grades 10-12) with any questions. To access these individuals you can utilize the school’s main phone number, 508-842-8934.

Please note that seniors do not receive 4th quarter interims due to the fact that their 4th quarter is significantly shorter than that of the underclassmen.

Graduation: Class of 2010: A reminder that our graduation ceremony for this year’s seniors, the class of 2010, will begin at 9:30AM on Sunday, May 23rd, 2010 at The College of the Holy Cross’s Hart Center. Admittance to graduation is by ticket only. Senior families should have received a graduation mailing in mid April that detailed all aspects of graduation. Senior families will also receive an email during the week of May 17th, further detailing the upcoming graduation activities. Questions regarding graduation should be directed to the principal’s secretary, Mrs. Carni, at (508) 842-8934, ext 227.

Student Directed Play: The annual student directed play will be held Thursday, May 27th, through Saturday, May 29th. Showtime is 7:30PM in the Blackbox Theater. All are encouraged to come and support our students in this wonderful event.

End of the 4th Quarter and Finals: Grades for the 4th quarter will close on Friday, June 4th, 2010. Final exams for the freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be held on June 7th, 9th and 10th. Students seeking advice regarding final exam preparation should seek out their guidance counselor and/or teachers. An exam schedule will be posted shortly.

Final report cards, containing all grades for the year, are scheduled to be mailed home during the week of June 21st, 2010.

Used Book Sales: The annual Saint John’s used book-sale event is scheduled for Friday evening, June 11th, 2010. At this event, students and their parents have an opportunity to purchase used books for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. The schedule for the evening is:

- Incoming Freshmen Purchase Used Books: 4pm- 5pm (current freshmen sell)
- Rising Sophomores Purchase Used Books: 5pm to 5:45pm (current sophomores sell)
- Rising Juniors Purchase Used Books: 5:45pm to 6:30pm (current juniors sell)
- Rising Seniors Purchase Used Books: 6:30pm to 7:15pm (current seniors sell)

Students selling books will be allowed to display their used books on tables in the Coache's Pavilion and Salem Commons during the above selling times. The 2010-2011 booklists will be available on June 4th 2010, and books that are not on the list will not be permitted to be sold. Families wishing to donate their used books to St. John's will be able to do so at the used book sale event. Questions about the used book sales event should be directed to Mr. Benestad, the bookstore manager, cbenestad@stjohnshigh.org

Thank you for reading, and certainly feel free to contact any of us with questions regarding the above items. As a reminder, the main phone number for Saint John's is 508-842-8934.

Respectfully,

Jacob. A. Conca, PhD
Principal