



**ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents:

February is the month of the Holy Family because the Feast of the Presentation is celebrated on February 2. This devotion is a matter of particular interest to Catholic families who are struggling to pass on our faith and values in a culture that is often opposed to our ideals.

Ash Wednesday falls on March 5 this year. As always, we are offering many opportunities for spiritual growth to our students during Lent. Homerooms, teams, and clubs are scheduled to attend the 7:30 A.M. daily mass – the schedule will be posted on the school calendar. We are also doing Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 2:45 PM in the Chapel. We will view *The Passion of the Christ* in the final week prior to Holy Week.

The Spring Musical is well underway – Spotlight Theater is producing *Shrek* and we know that it will be an excellent show in Gaffney Hall.

Our fixed costs, including salaries, benefits, and utilities increase every year and therefore our Board of Trustees has approved a \$300 tuition increase for next year. That means that next year's tuition will be \$9,780 tuition which will **include** the iPad rental. Parents of students on full scholarship will pay the \$300 iPad rental fee on the FACTs bill.

As you know, we have been streamlining the fees and including them on the FACTs tuition bill so that you can keep track of everything in one convenient place and time is not wasted collecting fees. Therefore the Second Semester fees will be posted on the February tuition bill. They include the Yearbook Fee of \$125/family and Maintenance Fee of \$125/family. Only the oldest child pays; younger siblings do not pay the fee.

Everyone understands that families are struggling to make ends meet. We are working hard to run as efficiently as possible. Please be diligent in paying tuition and fees in a timely manner – it's so much easier to maintain an affordable tuition when everyone does his/her part. As is always the case, we are not budgeting for uncollected tuition, which means that we will not be able to meet our expenses unless everyone pays on time and in full.

May God grant you and your family a happy, holy, and healthy New Year!

Faithfully In Christ,

Fr. Michael Reilly  
Principal