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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has been my privilege to serve at Saint Mary's College Preparatory High School for the last 13 years as a teacher and administrator. As an alumnus of St. Mary's, I was aware of the school's mission and tradition, but having worked at the School with extraordinary administrators, faculty and staff, I have learned the vital place St. Mary's holds for Catholic education on Long Island. What St. Mary's offers its students is available at no other institution, and I am privileged to now serve as Principal to protect and enhance the school's indispensable mission and fine reputation.

For over 60 years, St. Mary's has been a leader in secondary Catholic education. In recent years, our extra help programs, academic detention program, and use of state-of-the-art technology have been models for other schools. Last year we implemented HomeLogic, requiring all teachers to have their assignments and grades online and available to students and parents. This year HomeLogic will be expanded, allowing us to notify you when forms of information such as progress reports and grades are updated.

We are constantly assessing and exploring new ways to improve the overall educational experience at St. Mary's. As a result, last year's graduating class received over ten million dollars in academic scholarships. We will strive to exceed that figure for this year with the Class of 2011. Together, faculty and students will achieve this goal and many others such as:

- continuing to provide a spiritual learning environment that is progressive in technology, academics, and athletics,
- providing a lifelong excitement for learning through our integrated curriculum Gospel Values program,
- instilling a sense of pride in being part of the St. Mary's family,
- strengthening the ability to share and grow with one another in dignity and respect,
- enforcing our zero tolerance policy on drugs and alcohol

But of course, we cannot do this alone. Your role as parent is vital to the success of your child's education. The Church says that, "The home is the first school, and parents are the first teachers." This is an extraordinary responsibility. We hope to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter embraces the benefits that St. Mary's has to offer. We need you to be actively involved in your child's education – aware of expectations, knowing each student's academic responsibilities, holding your child accountable, and communicating with us so that we can better help your child. Please read our School Calendar/Handbook. It serves as a contract of our policies and procedures that affect your child's daily routine throughout the academic year.

Please be assured that our faculty and administration will work diligently to fulfill and continue the mission of St. Mary's College Preparatory High School. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Principal of St. Mary's High School, and look forward to working together to provide nothing less the best for your child's education.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. Kramer