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Dear Parents:

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. Because of the feasts in January which pertain to Christ's infancy and childhood, January has also become a month dedicated to the Holy Childhood of Jesus. This devotion is a matter of particular interest to a Catholic school dedicated to helping your sons and daughters grow in wisdom, age, and grace as Jesus did during his years in Nazareth.

We begin the New Year with our monthly family Holy Hour on Monday, January 4th in the Chapel at 7:30 P.M. I hope you can join us – prayer is essential for the success of our mission. Then on Wednesday, January 6th at 7:30 P.M. we will have an encore performance of our Christmas Concert *Joy to the World*. You may recall that the Saturday, December 19th performance was snowed out, depriving many families of the opportunity to see just how hard their sons and daughters have been working in Band and Chorus during the fall semester. We had to overcome some scheduling obstacles, but if you can make it on January 6th, you'll see it was worth it.

Midterm exams begin on January 21st and conclude on January 28th. These exams cover all the material learned in each course since September and count as much as a marking period. Freshmen often struggle with these exams since they are unaccustomed to tests that cover several months of material. If your son or daughter has not already begun to prepare for these exams, he/she should begin immediately.

Finally, our Board of Directors is crunching numbers at the moment, trying to determine a tuition rate for the 2010/2011 school year that will meet our needs without imposing undue burdens on our families. Everyone understands that the economy is weak and 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. For your convenience, second semester fees are listed below to allow you the opportunity to prepare.

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

Faithfully In Christ,

Fr. Michael Reilly
Principal