



MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

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April, 2011

Dear Parents,

With April comes the hope of spring and the joy of Easter. As we continue the days of Lent through most of this month, remember that you are invited to participate at **Mass each morning** in our chapel at 7:45 a.m.

The late Easter this year made it imperative to get back to work during Easter week. Advanced placement exams and finals on the horizon are the reasons we do not have vacation for the entirety of Easter Week. This may cause problems for some families with pre-arranged plans, but being in school that week will benefit your son in the long run as he prepares for exams.



Speaking of being in school...I must be honest and admit that I was disappointed to review the attendance list on St. Patrick's Day. I was even more disappointed when I reviewed the absence notes signed by parents. While I am sure that some absences were due to real illness, and I appreciate those parents who were honest and admitted they chose to allow their son to go to the parade, all too many were obviously false claims of illness for a day off in the spring. Now, - I'm the Irish guy here - so I appreciate the fact that in this largely non-Irish school so many people wanted to honor St. Patrick. But – sad and ashamed as I am to say this – most of what passes as St. Patrick's celebrations is really a rowdy and dangerous disgrace. What bothers me more is that some of our parents may not have been exactly forthright in the excuses written in absence notes. I leave off with only one question: *If this is what we do, then what example are we giving our sons?*

As always, there are many great things going on this month – from Ring Night to various awards nights, to College Night to Alumni Reunion. Two events are of note. The Class of 2015 will be here for Orientation on 6th April. Thankfully, we will have a larger freshman class this year, with fine students joining the ranks of Farrell Men. And the Men of Farrell will live our motto – *Vir Fidelis* – when they come together on Saturday, 9th April, for the **Notre Dame University Bread of Life Food Drive** here in the lobby. This effort, spearheaded by the young people in schools throughout the Island, serves those in need right here in our own Island community. This is Farrell at our best – bringing our faith to life by serving others!

Gratefully,

(Rev. Msgr.) Edmund J. Whalen, S.T.D.
Principal

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Band/CG Auditions— Gym—10-1pm Farrell Track Inv.- 9-5pm Track Alumni Rec.-6:30-9pm
3	4 GRADES DUE Farrell Family Meeting — Café—8pm Soccer-Silver Lake U16- 7-9pm—Main Field	5 Junior Ring Ceremony 7:30pm—Gym	6 REPORT CARDS Incoming Frosh (2015) Orientation Gym 6pm Swim Dinner— 7pm - Island Chateau	7 Parent/Teachers Meet. 1:00pm-2:50pm (Modified "A" Schedule) Basketball Dinner— Old Bermuda Inn—7pm	8 Bread of Life Set Up— Lobby—2:30-5pm	9 ADNY Youth Congress Lacrosse-JV-MSM-12noon Forensics-Chaminade NYS Champs BREAD OF LIFE—Lobby— 6am—2pm
10	11 Senior Mass at St. Pat's Pastors' Meeting— Library— 1-3:30pm Soccer-Silver Lake U16 - 7-9pm Spring Dance Com- 7:30pm-Cafe ACIM—7-10pm-Library	12 Schoolwide Confessions in Religion classes Hockey Dinner-6:30- Island Chateau	13 COLLEGE NIGHT 7:30pm—Gym Seniors Voter Registration	14 Drama Awards Dinner—Lobby 6pm	15	16 Alumni Reunion for Classes ending in 01/06 Gym/Wrest.Rm/Link/ Chapel/Lobby
17 Palm Sunday  School trip leaves for Ireland/London	18 <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u> Soccer-Silver Lake U16 7-9pm Main Field	19 <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u> Lacrosse-Var-Xav.7pm	20 <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u> <u>OFFICE OPEN 9-1PM</u> Lacrosse-JV-Sea 4:30pm	21 <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>	22 Good Friday <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>	23
24 Easter Sunday 	25 <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u> School trip returns Spring Dance-Lib.7:30pm Soccer-Silver Lake U16 7-9pm Main Field	26 <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>	27 <u>School Resumes</u>	28	29 Gym Set Up for Dance	30 Dedication of Veterans' Plaque—Lob. 10am Lacrosse-V-Card.Hayes-1pm Alumni Game to follow- 3:30pm Parents' Spring Dance— 8pm—Gym

March 2011

Dear Farrell Family Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone for all of their hard work and dedication to our 2011 "A Stroll Down Memory Lane" Fashion Show. Special thank you to all of our Fashion show committee chairladies and their volunteers for making our biggest fundraiser a tremendous success.

The MDA Super Dance was a "SUPER" success again. Thanks to the tireless efforts and hard work of all who participated. Great Job!!!!

On Sunday, March 13st we held our annual Communion Breakfast in the Gym. Thanks to Lori Menendez, Judith Khalayleh our chairladies and their volunteers the gym looked beautiful and the breakfast was fantastic!

On Tuesday March 29th the National Honor Society held its Induction Ceremony. Congratulations to all. Thank you to Dorothy Birkhead, Hilda Sanicola and their committee for hosting the reception.

Monday, April 4th at 8pm in the cafeteria we will be holding our final Farrell Family meeting of the year to be followed by a Spring Dance committee meeting.

On April 30th we will be hosting our annual Spring Dance at 8:00 p.m. in the Gym. This is another fair share event and we encourage all to attend. Please invite friends and family for wonderful evening of great food and dancing!

Our Volunteers' Dinner and Installation of the 2011-2012 Executive Board will take place on Thursday May 5th at 7:30 p.m. in our lobby. Everyone who volunteered in any way during the year is invited to join us. This is not limited to mothers only but fathers who volunteered are encouraged to attend as well. If you will be attending, please complete the form below and return to Mrs. Nancy Curtin in our main office.

On behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to wish everyone a blessed and joyous Easter.

Sincerely,

Karen Sanicola, President
Farrell Family Association
(917) 699-2356

VOLUNTEERS' DINNER AND EXECUTIVE BOARD INSTALLATION
THURSDAY, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. IN THE LOBBY

NAME _____ SONS' YEAR _____

MONSIGNOR FARRELL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Dear Sophomore Parents:

As I mentioned to you in an earlier monthly mailing, and have been reminding your son in class regularly, many colleges now require SAT II "Subject Tests" in order to be considered for admission. At this point, your son should be considering taking at least one of these exams on June 4th. Your son is responsible for registering for the SAT II at www.collegeboard.com. He must first set up an account with the site before registering. Again, as a sophomore, he has the option of taking the Chemistry (which is quite difficult, so he should be sure to review and talk to his Chem teacher before taking it) and/or World History (Global Studies/AP Euro) exams. He may also choose to take Biology, if he did well in that class last year and has adequately retained the information. If he is presently taking advanced Math (i.e. Math 10H or Trigonometry) he may also register for the Math Subject Test this year. Otherwise Math should wait until after he has finished Trig. at the end of Junior year. As a Junior, he will be able to take exams in US History, Literature, Physics (if he takes it) and/or Foreign Language.

The regular registration deadline is May 5, 2011, while late registration ends online on May 20th. You should register as soon as possible to reserve your seat and have the option of a convenient location.

If you wish to purchase a review book, it is recommended that you choose *The Official Study Guide for All SAT Subject Tests*, as it is published by the College Board, which administers these exams. This book is available for purchase on the College Board website. These tests are difficult and competitive, so if your son decides to take any of them it is **imperative** that he prepares adequately!

The following is some information on the Subject Tests from collegeboard.com:

- Students can take one, two, or three tests on a single test date (3 is not advised).
- Each test takes one hour.
- All Subject Tests consist of multiple-choice questions, but some have unique features or formats.

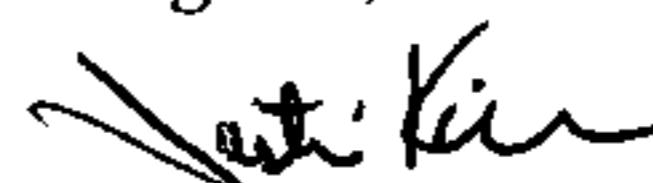
Nearly 200 institutions require or recommend SAT Subject Test scores for admission and placement of incoming students. The tests are a trusted and reliable assessment of students' knowledge and college readiness. Students can review college catalogs, college search engines, or college handbooks to find out if the institutions require scores for admission and, if so, how many tests and in which subjects.

Even if they are not required, many colleges still consider Subject Test scores in the admissions process and deciding course placement for incoming students. By taking the tests, students can show their:

- Thorough knowledge of a certain subject
- Academic interest
- Determination to succeed

If you have any questions, I can be reached at jkiernan@msgrfarrellhs.org.

Regards,



Justin Kiernan

Sophomore Counselor

Monsignor Farrell High School

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Staten Island, N Y 10306
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GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

TO: JUNIORS AND THEIR PARENTS
FROM: MR. LILOIA, JUNIOR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
RE: **COLLEGE NIGHT – Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

You are well into the second half of your Junior year, and by this time next year, you will have applied to the colleges of your choice. To help you in making your decision, we are sponsoring a **COLLEGE NIGHT**.

COLLEGE NIGHT for all of our Juniors and their parents will be held **on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM. PLEASE MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR.**

Representatives from over 100 colleges have been invited to provide information. The New York State and New York City Colleges and Universities will also be represented.

Our Junior students **must attend** this event to gather important college information. **Attendance will be taken.** Our Junior parents, sophomore students, and their parents are cordially invited to join us as well.

ATTENDANCE CARDS – Doors will be open for **Farrell students** at **7:00PM.** You are to enter the gymnasium with your parents **USING THE DOORS ON THE FIELD SIDE OF THE GYM,** and submit a **SIGNED Attendance Card** which will be distributed in your homeroom class. This card will act as your “sign in”, so please make certain you bring it to our College Night.

SENIORS

To: Seniors
From: Sister Grazyna 
Re: State Text Book
Date: April 2011

According to New York State law, each student receives textbooks which must be returned to the school at the end of the academic year. Anyone who does not return the New York State textbook he was issued, for whatever reason, must pay for that book. Fines will be levied for books returned in an abused condition.

Since the entire New York State textbook operation has been computerized, we have the ability to screen textbooks carefully. Students must return the textbook which they were originally given.

Graduation gowns and tickets will not be distributed; diplomas, transcripts and copies of school records will be withheld from any student who does not return his books or pay his fines.

Please refer to your student handbook for any clarification. This has been school policy and each student and family has signed and submitted the parental acknowledgment of this bulletin.

Please be aware that checks will not be accepted-
you must pay in cash only!

If you wish to return your books prior **May 18**, the shop will be open every Monday and Thursday morning from 7:15 to 8:15 AM.

Be sure to remove any bookcover and empty the text of any personal papers.

If you have a missing book and it turns up after you have graduated, you will be reimbursed for that book the amount you paid minus a \$3 service charge.

cc: Monsignor Paddack
Mr. Musanti

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

PLEASE REMIT \$100.00 GRADUATION FEE TO MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

ATTN: MRS. MUSANTI, NO LATER THAN April 11, 2011

**PLEASE RETURN THE TEAR OFF AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE WITH
PAYMENT.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

MSGR. EDMUND J. WHALEN
PRINCIPAL

GRADUATION FEE

STUDENT NAME _____ **HR** _____

CHECK # _____ **/CASH** _____

PLEASE BE OUR GUESTS AT OUR
SENIOR BACCALAUREATE MASS &
SENIOR PARENTS' COCKTAIL PARTY
SUNDAY, MAY 15TH



SENIOR BACCALAUREATE MASS

_____ We will be present at the Baccalaureate Mass –
10:00am - and Continental Breakfast on Sunday, May 15th

_____ Number attending

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SENIOR PARENTS' COCKTAIL PARTY

_____ We will be present at the Senior Parents Cocktail
Party on Sunday, May 15th – 5:00pm – 7:00pm

_____ Number attending (Parents'/Guardians Only)

_____ We will be unable to attend the Cocktail Party

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Please respond to the Main Office by May 6th.

Parent Signature

Son's Name and Grade

TO: ALL PARENTS

RE: UNIFORM SCHOOL SHOES

FROM: MR. R. BESIGNANO, DEAN

Flynn & O'Hara is the official supplier of the required uniform shoe. Flynn & O'Hara offers a full range of ordering options which include a full service web site where you can order shoes specifically for your school from the comfort and convenience of your own home and also their retail store to serve your shoe and uniform needs.

Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms is conveniently located at:

**2645 Forest Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10303
718-227-5499**

www.flynnohara.com

Please see website for directions and hours

For back to school delivery please visit the Flynn & O'Hara store between June 1, 2011 and August 15, 2011. Any orders placed after this date are not guaranteed for back to school delivery.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SHOE MEASUREMENT WHEN YOU COME IN FOR THE UNIFORM MEASUREMENT.

Your son will have a choice of Black Lace Oxfords (\$60.00) or Black Slip-on Loafer (\$70.00).



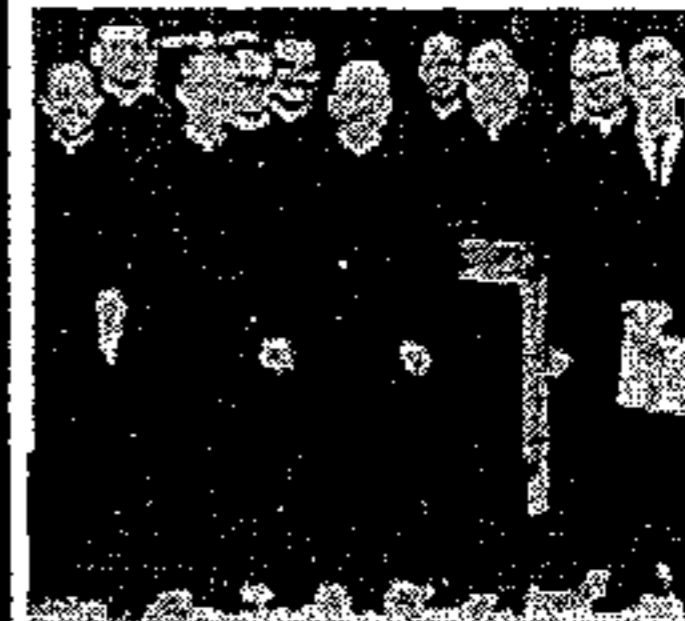
SAVE THE DATE!



FARRELL

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AND FABULOUS



The Farrell Family Association is proud to announce our annual Spring Dance, "Farrell 50 and Fabulous", commemorating 50 years of Tradition, Education and Community, to be held at the Monsignor Farrell High School gym on

Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 8:00 pm

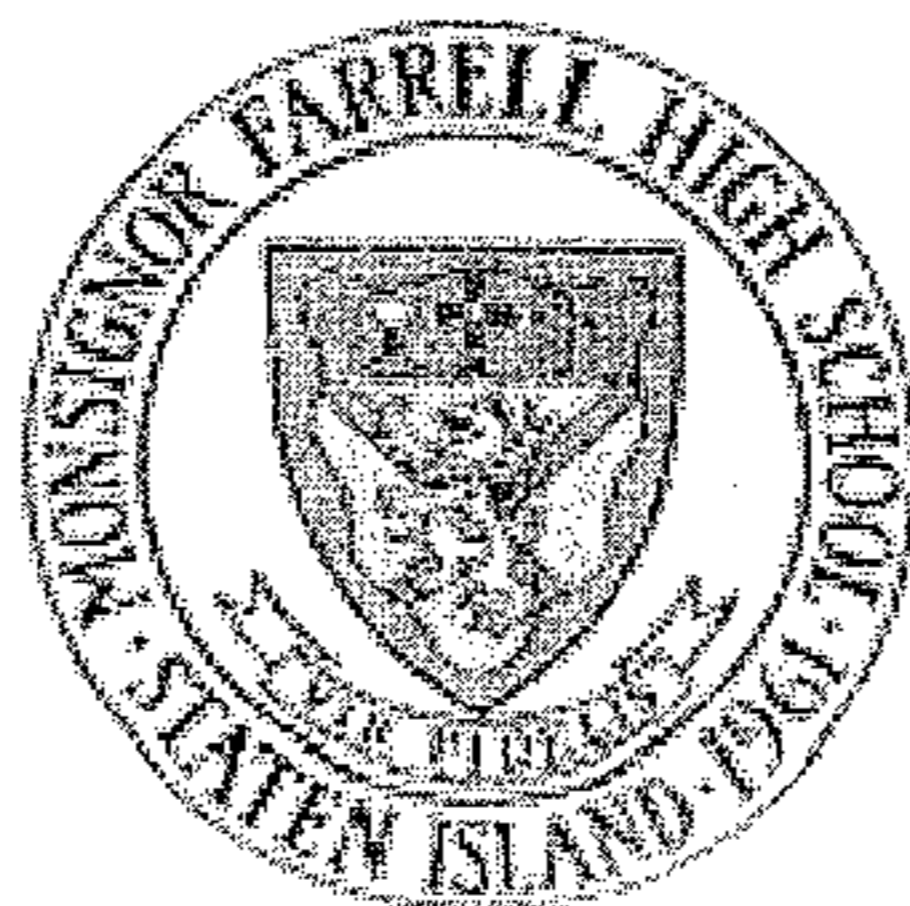
Please send in a \$2.00 donation to the office clearly labeled Spring Dance with your son's name and grade. All proceeds go to Monsignor Farrell to help support the education of our boys. On behalf of Monsignor Farrell High School, we would like to thank you for your continued support in advance.

Please feel free to contact one of the chairpersons listed below, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chairperson: Sally Malfi (917) 603-6646

Co-Chair: Amani Tawfik (917) 589-0268





Just a reminder to parents and students

**Raffle Tickets to benefit the
Dana Taranto Scholarship Fund for
Msgr. Farrell High School**

Are due back in the Main Office by May 6th

The drawing will take place at the
Memorial Golf Outing on June 9th
Silver Lake Golf Course.

First Prize – 32 Inch Flat Screen T.V.

Second Prize – Flip Video Camera

Third Prize – Tom Tom GPS Navigation System

Tickets are \$5 each
Six Tickets for \$25
Additional books available
in the Guidance Office

All proceeds will go towards the Dana Taranto Scholarship fund which will offer a scholarship to a deserving student to attend Msgr. Farrell High School. Many thanks for your assistance and generosity.

The Taranto Family