



# MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

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March, 2011

Dear Parents,

March is a welcome month for us this year, and not only because of the start of spring. This month we remember St. Joseph, the patron of families and fathers. (He's also the patron of husbands because, while he is a key figure in the New Testament, he never gets to say a single word!) During this month we hope and pray that our young men one day will be good fathers and family men according to the model of St. Joseph. We also celebrate the patron of immigrants - and therefore of New York - St. Patrick. Farrell is blessed both in the fact that we have students from a wide variety of backgrounds, and in that our students genuinely appreciate this diversity which reflects the true universality that makes us a Catholic school.

March will be busy here. As this mailing relates, the *Fashion Show*, *Superdance*, *Project Home Front*, *Ash Wednesday*, *Family Communion Breakfast*, *Spring Musical* and *National Honor Society Induction* all take place this month. Together these events combine to demonstrate the well rounded education your son receives here at Farrell. It is faith, family, and fun - all coming together as a real education. The quality of a Farrell education has been recognized by the fine students who will register this month for next year's freshman class.

We should all thank the members of the Farrell Family Association who have worked tirelessly to make the Fashion Show a success again this year. For months now - often late into the night - the dedicated Fashion Show Committee has been working to make this year a great night and an invaluable assistance as we seek to make ends meet. To all who are working so selflessly and to all who are supporting the Fashion Show:  
**Thank you!**

*Ash Wednesday* is March 9<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will begin Lent with Mass and the distribution of ashes. Each morning, Mass is celebrated at 7:45 a.m. in the Chapel. Please join us. It is a great way to grow closer to God and one another by sharing in the gift of the Eucharist. You will be inspired by the prayerfulness of the young men of Farrell - I know I am.

As we begin Lent, know that you and your loved ones will continue to be in my prayers each day as I thank God for your goodness,

Gratefully,

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

Dear Parents,

SI Project HomeFront is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization who supports the troops every six weeks with care packages. Their perimeter of support is those from Staten Island and from the State of New York. They also pay for the postage of any family or friend living here in Staten Island who is sending a care package to a loved one.

SI Project HomeFront has contacted Monsignor Farrell High School and asked that we do a drive for their organization. We have had and currently have many alumni who have been deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait who have been supported by this organization. No matter how far they are, they are still part of the Farrell Family.

Monsignor Farrell High School will be conducting a drive from March 14 to March 18. If you can find it in your heart to send in items from the list below, it would truly be appreciated by SI Project HomeFront and more importantly, our troops. They are so low on supplies at this time; they will not be able to fulfill their next shipment.

If you know of anyone deployed please register them on the website or would like more information about SI Project HomeFront's visit their website at [www.siprojecthomefront.org](http://www.siprojecthomefront.org).

#### **FOOD ITEMS**

Pop top cans of Ravioli

Slim Jims or Beef Jerky

Trail Mix

Pop Tarts

Instant Oatmeal

Individual Cookies/Crackers Packages

Individual Applesauce Cups

Tuna or Chicken Packets or cans

Small boxes of cereal , Oatmeal packs

Snack Bags( Potato chips, Pretzels, Doritos )

Pudding, Jello, Mixed Fruit Cups

Fruit Snacks, Raisins

Candy, Gum, Lozenges (No Chocolate)

#### **DRINKS**

Coffee Packets

Creamer Packets

Hot Cocoa

Mixed drink packets (Gatorade, Crystal Light)

#### **TOILETRIES/FIRST AID**

Eye Wash

Men's & Women's Razors

Band aids

First Aid items such as Cortisone Cream, Foot Cream, Ice Packs, etc.

SMALL Mouth Wash

Pain Relievers (Tylenol, Motrin)

Patches for Back Pain, Knee pain, etc.

#### **MISC. ITEMS**

Any Size Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)

Playing Cards, Crossword/Word Search Puzzle Books

Hand Held Games, Nerf Footballs

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Edmund J. Whalen, S.T.D.

Principal

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Junior Retreat</b> Jostens Graduation Gown measurement 8:45pm MDA Execs only 6:30pm-Café	2 Registration Class of 2015—3pm Library	3 <i>Fashion Show</i> Hilton—7pm	4 MDA Dress Down MDA—Gym Set UP	5 <i>MDA SUPER DANCE</i>  Placement Exams Band Reunion-Lake Club Band-MF/Track 10-1pm Forensics—Syosset Saturday Academy #1
6 <i>SI St. Patrick's Parade</i>  Drama-1-5pm-Café	7 Farrell Family-Café-8pm  Baseball-Gym-2:30-7:30pm Drama-6:30-Lobby	8  Baseball-Gym Drama-6:30-Café Cheerleading 6:30-7:30pm— Link	9 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> "L" Schedule  Baseball-Gym Drama-6:30-Cafe	10  Baseball-Gym Drama-6:30-Café Band Auditions—Incoming Frosh 7:30pm	11  Wrestling-Autism 6-11pm—Gym	12 SAT  Forensics-Stuyvesant Band—Gym 10-1:30pm Saturday Academy #2
13 <i>Farrell Family</i> <i>Communion Breakfast-</i> <i>10am-Gym</i>  Drama-1-5pm-Cafe	14  Baseball-Gym-2:30-7:30pm Drama-6pm-Café FB Cheerleaders tryouts- Link—6-8pm	15  Baseball-Gym Drama-6pm-Cafe	16  Blood Drive—Gym— All Day Baseball-Gym Drama-6pm-Café	17 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade—Band  Baseball-Gym Drama-6pm-Café	18  Drama-Stage Set Up	19  Drama-Stage Set Up  Forensics-Iona Prep Saturday Academy #3
20  Drama-Set Up	21  Drama-Gym 2:30pm (Rm. 003 closed)	22  Drama-Gym 2:30pm (Rm. 003 closed)	23  <i>SPRING MUSICAL</i> 7pm—Gym  (Rm. 003 closed)	24  <i>SPRING MUSICAL</i> 7pm—Gym  (Rm. 003 closed)	25  <i>SPRING MUSICAL</i> 8pm—Gym  (Rm. 003 closed)	26  <i>SPRING MUSICAL</i> 8pm—Gym  Saturday Academy #4
27	28	29  <i>NHS Induction</i> Gym-7:30pm  Lacrosse JV vs. Xaverian— 4:30pm	30  Religion Chair Meeting	31  3rd Marking Period Ends  Euro Trip Meets-7:30-Café Lacrosse JV vs. Iona-4:30pm		

## ***Monsignor Farrell Family Association***

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February 17, 2011

Dear Farrell Family Members,

I hope everyone is looking forward to our upcoming Fashion Show "*A Stroll down Memory Lane*" which will be held Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. I would like to thank everyone in advance for dedicating endless hours of their time in order to make this event a huge success.

Our next Farrell Family meeting will be held Monday, March 7th at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. There are available openings on our Farrell Family Executive Board for the 2011-2012 school year, if anyone is interested please give me a call at (917) 699-2356 prior to the next meeting or you can email me at [karens35@aol.com](mailto:karens35@aol.com).

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is the annual MDA Super dance we wish good luck to all of the students for another record breaking year!! Anyone wishing to chaperone please contact me or come to the cafeteria the day of the dance. Everyone is welcome to help out!!

The following events are also on the Calendar for March:

- Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 10am Communion Breakfast – this is a fair share event please send in your fair share coupons as soon as possible. It is \$15.00 per person.
- Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 8pm National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

I look forward to seeing you at the Fashion Show and the March 7<sup>th</sup> Farrell Family meeting.

Sincerely,



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

## **SOPHOMORE GUIDANCE - SAT II (Subject Test) Information**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The following is an excerpt from the handout distributed to your son in our most recent Guidance class.

As we discussed earlier this year during our first Guidance classes, many colleges now require you to take SAT II Subject Tests in order to be considered for admission. As sophomores, you have the option of taking the Chemistry and/or World History (Global Studies/AP Euro) exams. You may also choose to take Biology, if you did well in that class last year and have adequately retained the information. At the end of your Junior year, you will be able to choose from U.S. History, Math, Foreign Language, Literature and Science (Earth Science/Physics).

It's hard to believe, but we are already more than half-way through the school year. If you haven't already done so, you should start thinking about whether you plan to take any of this year's SAT II exams. You should especially consider taking one or more of these exams if you are doing well in either Chemistry or History – typically, if your average is close to 90 or higher. Remember, these tests are difficult and competitive. Still, don't let that discourage you from taking a Subject Test for a class in which you excel, as they are a requirement for many colleges. You are able to look at whether specific schools require these tests by accessing their profiles on COIN and looking under the "Testing Information" section of the profile. **You should also be directly asking each school in which you are interested.**

As always, you can find test dates, registration deadlines, sample questions and other information by logging on to **[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**. If you wish to purchase a review book as well, 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 year, The SAT Subject Tests are being offered on Saturday, June 4, 2011.** The regular registration deadline is May 5, 2011; (the late registration deadline, requiring a late fee, is May 20, 2011). The on-time registration fee is \$21 (+ \$10 fee). Additional fees may apply to various services. See the College Board site for more details.

These tests are just a few weeks before Regents Exams, so in preparing for them you will also be readying yourself for your Regents.

You should all be **strongly considering** taking an SAT II this year; otherwise, certainly next year. You do not want to get stuck in Senior year being interested in applying to colleges that require these tests and having not taken them. Even if schools do not require these exams, there are other reasons to still take them anyway.

### **Should you take an SAT Subject Test?**

The SAT Subject Tests offer you an additional opportunity to show colleges what you know and what you know you can do.

Many colleges use the SAT Subject Tests for admission, for course placement, and to advise students about course selection. Some colleges specify the SAT Subject Tests that they require for admission or placement; others allow applicants to choose which tests to take.

It's all up to you. SAT Subject Tests are the **only** national admissions tests where **you** choose the tests that best showcase your achievements and interests. This provides you with an opportunity to focus on what makes you uniquely qualified and to put your best foot forward. You can even change your mind about which test to take on the actual test day, if you want (except for listening tests).

Here are some ways SAT Subject Tests can add to your admission credentials:

- Fulfill admission requirements; some colleges require or recommend that you take SAT Subject Tests
- Focus on subjects that you know well to call attention to strengths on your college application
- Send colleges a strong message about programs or majors that you're interested in
- If English is not your best language, highlight your academic achievement in subjects that rely less on English language mastery (e.g., science, foreign languages)
- Potentially satisfy basic course requirements to be eligible for admission
- Potentially place out of introductory college classes

### **May be required or recommended**

Some colleges require or recommend one or more SAT Subject Tests as part of the application. This may be especially true if you're interested in a specific major or program of study. Each year, nearly one million SAT Subject Tests are taken by students around the world for admission to some of the leading colleges and universities in the U.S. **Find out if the colleges or universities that you're interested in require or recommend SAT Subject Tests.**

### **Stand out to colleges**

Many colleges that don't require or recommend Subject Tests will still consider them when reviewing your application. By taking one or more SAT Subject Tests, you have an opportunity to differentiate yourself and provide a more complete picture about your academic abilities and interests. Also, if you're interested in particular subjects or programs of study, subject tests allow you to highlight your strengths.

### **Leverage existing knowledge and further exhibit your strengths**

Because the SAT Subject Tests are based on material learned in high school classrooms, the best way to prepare for them is by learning the topics in the courses that you're already taking. If you're doing well in these courses *or* taking advanced level courses (e.g., honors, Advanced Placement), Subject Tests are an excellent opportunity for you to show your understanding of the subject area.

### **Get a head start in college**

Some colleges and universities use SAT Subject Test scores to place students into the right courses. This can potentially include:

- Placing out of introductory college classes; some colleges may even grant credit for good performance on the SAT Subject Tests
- Satisfying basic requirements for certain majors or programs of study
- Helping students select the course levels that are most appropriate for them

Selecting the right courses at the start of your college experience is extremely important to helping you build confidence and transition to the expectations of college. Subject Tests provide an opportunity for you to start managing this early so you can increase your chances for college success.

Regards,



Justin Kiernan

Sophomore Guidance Counselor  
(jkiernan@msg Farrellhs.org)

*Msgr. Farrell High School  
Guidance Department*

*Attention Junior Class Parents*

MARCH 2011

The Monsignor Farrell High School  
College Night

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011 AT - 7:00PM**

Invitations have gone out to colleges and universities to attend the Monsignor Farrell College Night. This annual event for our junior class is an important step in the college selection process.

Every year over one hundred colleges send representatives to Msgr. Farrell. Your sons will be able to ask questions, collect material and sign up to receive information regarding academic programs, tuition, athletic programs, etc.

In the current competitive environment students find themselves at an advantage when they start their college search early. Your sons will receive information before the event regarding important questions to ask the college representatives.

**Please mark your calendars now for Wednesday, April 13.  
Attendance for juniors is mandatory.**

**Note:** It is very important to arrive on time – **7:00PM**. As in the past, we have invited students from the other catholic high schools and the gym gets crowded. Further instructions will follow.

# ***SPECIAL COLLEGE INFORMATION***

## ***PARENTS AND STUDENTS - CLASS OF 2011***

1. Mid-Year reports are mailed out to colleges some time after parent/teacher conferences which are scheduled February 9, 2011. Mid-Year Reports can only be mailed to colleges when regents and mid-year examinations are completed and marked, when teachers submit second quarter marks, when marks are reviewed and checked by students and teachers, and when parents have had the opportunity to discuss the marks with teachers at the February parent/teacher conference. **A report will only go out if there is a COMPLETED MID YEAR REQUEST FORM SUBMITTED - (available in the College Office)**
2. Notifications from colleges are mailed to the students according to various schedules. Different colleges follow different mailing schedules. Generally college notifications are sent to students after the middle of March until the end of April. There are exceptions. Colleges that accept applications on a rolling basis mail out notifications on a rolling basis. SUNY responses are mailed in several stages depending upon the college and the program and if additional information is needed. CUNY responses usually come after the middle of March. Students who applied *early decision* or *early action* receive notifications by a specific date determined by the college for each type of program. Students with excellent scholastic records often hear from colleges early because they are usually offered a scholarship. If you or your son did not hear from a school **DO NOT PANIC AND DO NOT ASSUME THAT THE APPLICATION IS LOST!**

First: Ask your son to check the "return receipt" Post Cards which are included in **every application** we send, and which are signed by someone in the admissions office of the college or university. These post cards are located in the Senior Guidance Office and serve as proof that the college or university received the application

Second: If a "return receipt" post card is on file in our office, the next step is to check the college response date. Your son can do this by looking up the date colleges begin to notify students using the reference material in the Senior Guidance Office.

Third: If you still think you should have heard from the college, then you or your son can call the college or university directly to ask about the status of the application. Make sure you have the social security number of the applicant available. Most college admissions offices are very cooperative if you keep your "cool". As always, if you need help, just ask.

**CHECK ONLINE FOR THE APPLICATION STATUS – THIS IS YOUR SON'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

3. Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with some students regarding mid-semester grades. School policy mandates that each student must attain a ***final passing average in every subject*** in order to graduate from Monsignor Farrell High School. Fifty percent of your son's grade is yet to be determined. There is still time for him to improve his grades so that he can attain a final passing average. He must focus on this goal and begin to take steps to improve his grades NOW. He should speak to his teachers about tutorial help and use his time more wisely for class preparation. If you have a question about this matter or any other, please contact me at school.

Sincerely,



Lazzaro DiPietro  
Senior Guidance Counselor/  
College Advisor

**REMINDER:** If you have not done so, you must submit SAT scores to colleges through the College Board.

**MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL**

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(718) 987-2900  
Fax (718) 987-4241**

**February 2011**

**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**

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**GRADUATION FEE**

**STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HR \_\_\_\_\_**

**CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ /CASH \_\_\_\_\_**

# **ATTENTION "SUPERDANCE" CHAPERONES!**

**Saturday, March 5, 2011 – 3:00pm to 1:00am**

Dear Parents:

You play a very big part in the success of our annual "**Superdance**" for **Muscular Dystrophy**. We need a minimum of 20 chaperones for a three-hour interval to help keep the environment safe and help in our Café for our students during the day and evening hours.

If you are able to help us, I would appreciate your notifying me by filling out this sheet stating the times that you are available. Please have your son return this form to me in the Main Office or you can e-mail it back to me.

Thank you,

Mrs. Nancy Curtin  
*SUPERDANCE COMMITTEE*

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**TIME AVAILABLE**

**NAME**

**TELEPHONE**

3:00pm - 6:00pm

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6:00pm - 9:00pm

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9:00pm – 1:00am

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Dear Parents,

The Farrell Family Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March, 13, 2011. This event will begin with the Celebration of Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the school gymnasium followed by a sumptuous breakfast feast.

There are no tickets for this event. When you arrive at the gymnasium, you will be asked to provide your name and your table number will be given to you at that time. If you have any question, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Judith Khalayleh (646) 301-0458  
Lori Menendez (917) 744-2021

Complete the reservation form below and return it to the school office with your Fair Share coupons no later than Monday, March 7, 2011

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**Farrell Family Annual Communion Breakfast**  
(No more than 12 people per one table)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

# FARRELL 50 AND FABULOUS



## Monsignor Farrell Adult Spring Dance

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011**

**8:00 PM In Gymnasium  
\$30.00 per person  
(FAIR SHARE EVENT)  
Chairperson: Sally Malfi  
917-603-6646  
Co Chair: Amani Tawfik  
917-589-0268**

Please join our Farrell family for an unforgettable evening filled with good food, good friends, good music, and good fun!

We are asking for donations to help make baskets for this event. Please send in a \$2.00 donation to the office clearly labeled Spring Dance with your son's name and grade.

We are asking for donations to help make baskets for this event such as:

- New Items
- Gift Certificates
- Empty Baskets

*As always, thank you for your continued help and support!*

**Please detach and return with payment no later than Monday, April 22, 2011**

### Monsignor Farrell Adult Spring Dance

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) grade 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_

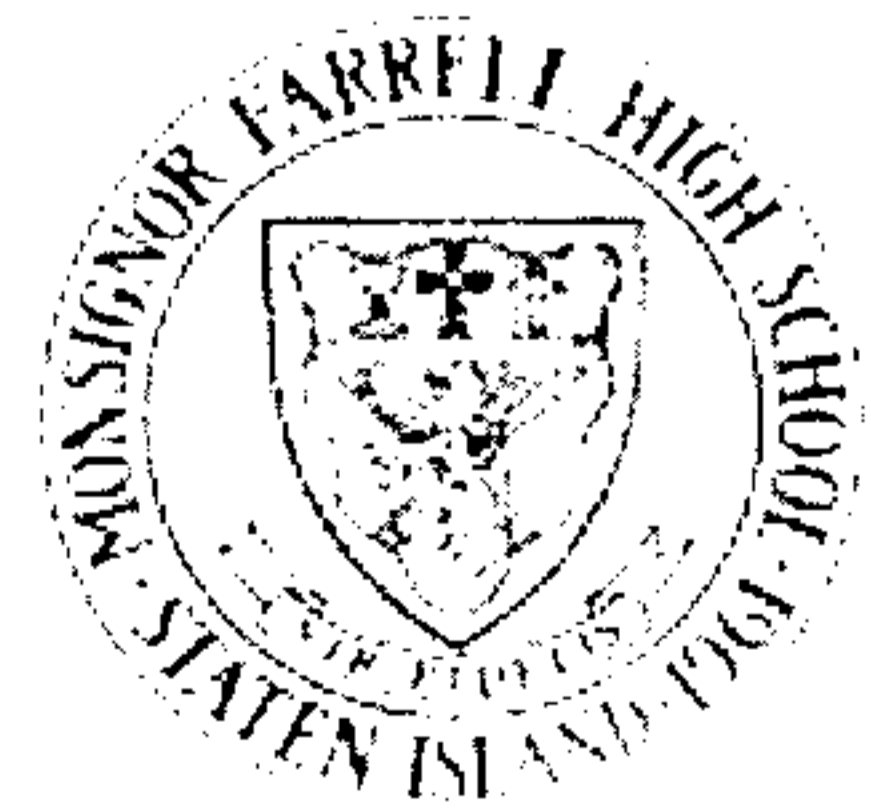
Number of people at your table \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of Table Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Table Captains please return ALL fair share coupons or checks made payable to Monsignor Farrell High School for all people sitting at your table in ONE envelope, to make it easier to accommodate seating requests. Please send in your reservations on or before April 22, 2011. Also, please list the names of all the people at your table on the back of this response. Seating requests received after this date are not guaranteed. Maximum 10 people per table.



**MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL**

**and THE FARRELL PLAYERS**

**PRESENT**



Book by  
Jeffrey Lane

Music and  
Lyrics  
David Yazbek

Choreography  
Mrs. Anne McAlexander

Direction  
Andrew Monteleone

Tickets \$16

Fair Share Event

# **DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS**

March 23 7PM

March 25 8PM

March 24 7PM

March 26 8PM

Discounted ticket price of \$12 for seniors and students (K-12), Wednesday and Thursday performances only

**Please send in the following order form**  
**ATTENTION: PEGGY FARLEY- Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Tickets**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2011 7:00 PM**

Senior Citizen & Student K-12 discount \$12.00

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**Thursday, March 24, 2011 7:00 PM**

Senior Citizen & Student K-12 discount \$12.00

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**Friday, March 25, 2011 8:00 PM**

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**Saturday, March 26, 2011 8:00 PM**

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**Total student/senior tickets requested @ \$12 per ticket** \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total full admission tickets requested @ \$16 per ticket** \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**You may send:**

- cash

- a check written out to Msgr. Farrell H.S. with your phone # on the check

- Fair Share (please fill out) *Any unused fair share may be donated to support Farrell Players*

**Please check one:**

Send my tickets home with my son   
(You will receive them the week before the show)

Leave tickets at the box office