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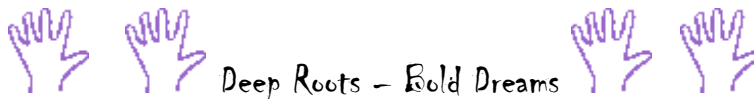
Dear Family of a Freshman Student,

This letter contains important information about two upcoming events that require a signed parent form. Forms are attached.

Please **return the permission forms to Mr Paul Iwanski, your daughter's theology teacher, on or before Thursday, October 6—due to the long Columbus Day weekend it is essential we have all the forms by this date. All students must have a completed permission form for both activities.**

I hope you are discovering that Rosary High School is a wonderful place to nurture the faith life of young women: at the beginning of second hour the whole school prays together, each class includes time to turn our thoughts and hearts to God, and our staff is committed to modeling what it looks like to be women and men of faith.

FRESHMAN RETREAT Each year Rosary students participate in a retreat experience. These days are valuable because they encourage our girls to step away from their typical routine and to focus on their relationship with God and with each other. Our Senior Retreat Team will facilitate this year's freshman retreat. This group of seniors meets regularly to prepare to lead the Rosary community in excellent retreat experiences. You can learn more about this extraordinary group of young women on EdLine and on the Rosary website on the Campus Ministry page.


Deep Roots – Bold Dreams
Welcome to the Family!
FRESHMAN CLASS RETREAT
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
7:55 – 11:45 am

This is a noon dismissal day for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. Seniors have a college visit day—except for our Senior Retreat Team who graciously gives up the day off to be with your daughter. Freshmen will report to school as usual and gather in the auditorium. Following attendance and class officer elections we will walk next door to the Advent Christian Center for our retreat activities. Attendance is required, but uniforms are not! It is a “Jeans Day” for freshmen—you’ll find the jeans day dress code description in the student handbook. **Backpacks should be left at home or in lockers—they may not be carried to the retreat.** At 11:00 am we’ll walk back to Rosary and the freshmen will share pizza with their junior “Big Sisters.” Everyone will be dismissed by 11:45.

HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION As Pope John Paul II reminded us in *On the Family (Familiaris Consortio)* the church “Recognizes the duty of pastors and catechetical leaders to support and encourage parents as they carry out their role as educators of their children in human sexuality as well as to provide additional instructions regarding Catholic teaching and values that complement and complete the formation provided by parents” (par. 37).

On October 26 & 28 [afternoon classes] and October 24 & 25 [morning classes], freshmen Theology students will take part in an annual two-day workshop offered by the Pregnancy Information Center. The center is “committed to supporting the value of each

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and every human life regardless of physical or mental challenge, from conception to the grave, which will be communicated through all forms of education within and outside the Center" (www.rupregnant.com). For more than ten years here at Rosary, the Pregnancy Information Center has provided our students with factual information that reflects our Catholic teaching regarding pregnancy, STDs and abortion—this presentation provides a complement to our catechetical program.

This special program will be provided during your daughter's regularly scheduled Theology class. It is designed to support your role as your daughter's primary educator. Your signed parent form will indicate to us that you understand this presentation is part of her Theology class on October 24 & 25 or October 26 and 28. If you prefer to provide all of your daughter's education in human sexuality in your home and choose that your daughter not participate in Theology class on those days, she will be provided with an alternate written assignment on the topic which she will begin in the library on October 24 & 25 or October 26 & 28 during Theology class and will complete with your help at home.

ANOTHER RESOURCE FOR YOUR FAMILY As a parent and an educator, I understand that we are part of a culture that does not always help a daughter of God to make wise choices. It can be a challenge to be sure our children receive "proactive education formation in chastity and timely information regarding sexuality that is provided in the broadest context of education for love" (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. *National Directory for Catechesis*, 576). Rosary has a DVD resource called *Romance without Regret* that many families have found helpful and we are happy to share it with you. On the reverse side of the permission form for the Theology class you will find a reservation form to borrow an excellent DVD you can watch with your daughter, *Romance without Regret*. If you would like to get on the list to borrow the DVD for a week, please fill out the form on the reverse of the parent permission form.

Thank you for choosing to partner with the Rosary community as you raise your own special daughter of God. I look forward to the chance to know our freshman class a little better on our retreat day.

Please contact me if you have any questions: 630-896-0831 X30 or siwanski@rosaryhs.com

In this, as in all things, may we continue to grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

Your friend in Christ,

Sandra Iwanski
Campus Minister

Two permission forms must be turned in to Mr Iwanski on or before Thursday, October 6

- 1. Retreat form**
- 2. Human Sexuality Presentation form**

ROSARY HS FRESHMAN RETREAT - PERMISSION AND MEDICAL RELEASE

Student's Name: **please print** _____

Activity: Freshman Retreat
Site: Advent Christian Center – 905 N Edgelawn Dr - Aurora
Supervisor: Rosary HS faculty
Date/Time: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 7:45 am – 11:45
Method of Transportation: walking

RELINQUISH OF CLAIMS AGAINST SCHOOL

I/we recognize and acknowledge that there are risks in my child's presence and participation in this school-sponsored program. I agree to indemnify, hold harmless, waive and relinquish all claims I may have against Rosary High School including any negligence claims on their part and it's officers, agents, employees, representatives or volunteers arising out of the transportation to and/or from the event, or in connection with any claims arising out or caused by any activity my child participates in which attending the school-sponsored program.

MEDICAL RELEASE

Our permission is hereby given to the representative of the school to authorize, by his/her signature whatever medical or surgical treatment may be considered necessary or advisable by the physician or nurse in attendance in the event of an accident or medication emergency involving:

please print

Student's name _____

Birthday date _____ Place of birth _____ = city/state/country

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian name _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Dad's work phone _____ Mom's work phone _____

Emergency contact (if parents cannot be reached) _____

Phone _____ Relationship to student _____

Insurance company _____ Plan # _____

Family physician _____ Phone _____

Allergies, reactions, medical conditions _____

I understand and agree to the above information

Parent/Guardian signature _____

2 PERMISSION FORMS ARE DUE TO THEOLOGY TEACHER ON/BEFORE 10/06
Form 1. RETREAT Form 2. HUMAN SEXUALITY Presentation

Freshman Theology Human Sexuality Presentation Parent Form

Student name _____

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I understand that on October 26 & 28 [for afternoon classes] and October 24 & 25 [for morning classes] the Pregnancy Information Center will present a two-day workshop for all freshman students in Theology class.

Please check one:

- My daughter may participate in this “...proactive education formation in chastity and timely information regarding sexuality...” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. *National Directory for Catechesis*, 576).
- Our family prefers to provide for our daughter’s education in human sexuality in our home and choose that our daughter not participate in Theology class on the dates listed above. We understand that she will be provided with an alternate written assignment on this topic which she will begin in the library on during these Theology classes and will complete with our help at home.

Parent name _____

Parent signature _____

2 PERMISSION FORMS ARE DUE TO THEOLOGY TEACHER
ON/BEFORE Thursday, 10/06/11

Form 1. RETREAT

Form 2. HUMAN SEXUALITY presentation

Would you like to borrow the *Romance without Regret* DVD?
Information is on the reverse _____➔

Romance Romance without Regret without Regret

Some conversations are more difficult than others. We want to find the right words to help the young women we love make good choices...to help them understand God's plan for using the gift of sexuality. But they ask tough questions:

How do I find love?

How far is too far?

Isn't everyone doing it?

But what if we really love each other?

Jason and Crystalina Evert have produced an outstanding DVD that will give you and your daughter the tools you need to talk about the tough questions and live the right answers.

We have four copies of their DVD, *Romance without Regret*, in our Campus Ministry Office. They are available for one week loans to your family. To request a copy, return this form to the school office.

Romance without Regret

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STUDENT NAME

STUDENT GRADE

Human Sexuality Presentation Parent Form on reverse. Due 10/6 