

Dear Friend of Loughlin,

Here we are, three weeks into the Easter season. Signs of new life fill our classrooms, corridors, and yard. Just this past week our Bishop, Nicholas DiMarzio, celebrated the Liturgy of the Word with the entire school population. He spoke of the growing tendency of young people to not affiliate with any formal religion. This group is popularly identified as NONES. The Bishop also shared the very hopeful meeting Pope Francis had with young people from around the world who shared their concerns with and for the Church. He encouraged our students to get involved and stay involved and become critical thinkers; to follow through on the energy that young people employed to respond to the horrific violence committed in Parkland. Following the Liturgy, the Bishop spent about an hour with students fielding questions from them and addressing their concerns.

Our athletic teams are in full vigor and meeting with some success. Our Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls Softball teams are 2-2 and 4-0 respectively. The track team, both boys and girls, is “on fire” while bringing home medals at a rapid pace. At the recent Mayor’s Cup, Loughlin boys had a First Place in the 200 meters and the 4x4; girls had a Second Place in the 4x4 and a Third Place in the 400 meter hurdles. Our Lacrosse team is 3-2 and our rugby team is undefeated, respectively.

A member of our Social Studies Department, Bill Mason, was honored recently at the Nineteenth Annual Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Conference for Educators at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. He was presented with the Distinguished Holocaust Educator’s Award. Bill has been actively engaged in Holocaust education and last year arranged for a faculty workshop conducted by Echoes and Remembrance. It was well-received and its message remains timely.

The Performing Arts Department is filled with the sound of music and voice as they prepare to send more than 80 students to the New York State School Music Association Festival. This number represents two thirds of the students involved in the program and is voluntary on the students’ part. To watch them arrive early to school to participate in their Master Classes is a joy to see and hear.

Signs of new life abound which confirms the commitment to our mission.

Live Jesus in our hearts.

Brother Dennis