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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pride that I write to you as the first President of Saint Mary's College Preparatory High School. The Office of the President represents a new chapter in St. Mary's history, and I am honored and humbled to assume the inaugural role.

When our Pastor, Msgr. John J. McCann invited me to serve as the executive leader of St. Mary's High School and work with Mr. Jonathan Kramer as Principal, I immediately realized how blessed I have been in my journey as a Catholic school leader. I gave thanks to God for this opportunity to join such a noble institution that has serviced generations of young men and young women for the past sixty years.

My professional journey has always been a vocational calling that transcends beyond just a professional career. From my early beginnings in the Brooklyn Diocese and years of service within the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Manchester in New Hampshire, my experiences have nurtured within me a continued commitment to Catholic school ministry. I am delighted to be back at "home" in the Diocese of Rockville Centre which enriched my spiritual formation as a parent, teacher and administrator.

I believe strongly that being a Catholic school leader and educator is a vocation that is driven by the Holy Spirit and lived out each day with passion and excitement through the voice, heart and soul of the young people I serve. When asked specifically what I hope to achieve this year, my response came easily...to celebrate the people both past and present who represent the St. Mary's High School community. **It is critical, more than ever, to understand and celebrate this past, to grasp the workings of the present moment and to analyze the challenges we face so that we can embark on the exciting opportunity to chart the future of St. Mary's High School.**

It is my hope through our combined efforts, that we will ensure that St. Mary's High School remains rooted as a strong faith community, driven by excellence in all studies and activities. The testimony of St. Mary's High School's success continues to be the graduates who leave Immaculata and Marist Halls with academic prowess, strong character and unshakeable conviction to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others... to be of "*Joyful loving service... To Jesus through Mary*".

I look forward to meeting with you and sharing the many great stories you have to tell about this fine school. Together, we can continue to dream, to envision and plan for St. Mary's secured position as one of the finest secondary schools on Long Island.

With faith, hope and prayerfulness, I send my best regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Grace M. Cavallo