



Regina High School

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College Preparatory
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Office of Advancement

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I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. It is a tradition at Regina High School to begin each school year with a theme that provides a lesson that runs throughout the year. *A Compass for Life's Journey* is the theme we adopted for 2009-2010. With the fast-paced changes taking place in our country and the world, it would be easy to lose one's sense of direction and purpose, easy to drift through life, "going with the flow" so to speak. A compass represents the ability to stay on course. Whether it is a course you have planned for yourself and your family, or the spiritual guidance of God and His plan for us.

Recent conversations with our parents, alumnae, and friends have brought to light a need to consider the direction our lives are taking. Because of the economic downturn many feel uncertain and have sought an alternate course to reach their goals. Some have become more committed to service to others, and many find consolation in their faith. Reports say that citizens fazed or unfazed by the economic downturn continue to help the less fortunate. What a great country!

Regina High School is structured very much like your family. It has also been affected by outside changes. We do not go unfazed by rising unemployment, a recession, and foreclosures. To help our budget, our teachers accepted a pay freeze. The need for tuition assistance is up and our investments, like yours, have gone down. As a faith based community, we often put our future in God's hands and so we pray daily for you, our family members as we continue our mission to educate young women, because it is an honorable mission and it is in demand in today's world.

While the recession affected the number of donations to the school last year, we intend to stay the course and request your help with this year's Annual Fund. Your gift to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund will provide the cash needed for curriculum development, Community/Christian services projects, faculty and staff development, continually changing technology, tuition assistance, and unexpected repairs and equipment. You have heard this before...tuition does not cover the actual cost to educate a Regina student. Raising tuition would limit the number of families we would be able to serve, therefore, we ask you to once again partner with us in order to continue our 53 year mission. Today, more than anytime in past years, your gift to the Annual Fund will have direction and purpose, keeping us on course for the future!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Leanne, SSJ-TOSF

Principal

P.S. The actual cost per student at Regina High School is \$10,400. Current tuition is \$8,200. Your gift to adopt a student for a day (\$6.03), week (\$42.21), month (\$183.33) or the school year (\$2,200) will keep our mission on course. Remember you can use your gift to remember or celebrate special people or occasions.

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