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Special mid-term exam review on Saturday, December 15

Attention all Middle Division students and parents: There will be a special mid-term exam review on Saturday, December 15th beginning at 2:00pm until 3:30pm in room M260 in the Middle Division building. Mrs. Aldrete, Ms. Betancourt, Mrs. Trott, Mrs. Williams and other members of the math department will be on hand to help with this review. The topics covered during the review will be those found on the mid-term exam for Math 7, Pre-Algebra, Honors Pre-Algebra, Algebra I and Honors Algebra I. Those 9th grade students in Ms. Betancourt's Algebra I class are also invited to attend along with their parents. It is our hope that by having as many students and parents attend this review session everyone will be more comfortable with what to expect as the exam date approaches. Hope to see all of you in attendance.



Time to begin your college application process

Attention all Juniors and Junior Parents: It is time to begin your college application process. We have developed a schedule that we hope will facilitate your needs as you move along the process deadlines and requirements. You can expect a personal invitation from the counselor that has been assigned to you for a preliminary meeting very soon. All of the members of the Guidance department will be involved in this new arrangement so many of you may be meeting with a counselor you have had in previous years. Brother Sumner will continue to work with our senior class members as they complete their process and begin receiving their acceptance letters. Mrs. Cisneros, Mrs. Campos, Mrs. Barrera and Ms. Irwin will be the designated counselors that will work with the juniors and their parents. If at any time you have questions regarding the application process, please feel free to contact your counselor or myself at your convenience.

Saint Joseph Academy Student to travel to Qatar

Last summer, Luis Mendoza, a senior at Saint Joseph Academy, was chosen to attend the Wharton Sports Business Academy at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. This summer program provided an opportunity for Luis and other talented high school juniors and seniors to study sports business leadership. The students were able to examine how various academic disciplines, such as management, law, negotiation, marketing and leadership apply to the sports industry with an overview of the business and legal aspects of various intercollegiate, Olympic and professional sports enterprises.

In August, Luis was invited to apply to attend the Gathering Of All Leaders in Sports (GOALS) Forum which will be held this December in Doha, Qatar. GOALS is an initiative designed as a “Call to Action” for the role that sports play as a catalyst for social and economic change. The forum will be hosted in Doha, the capital city of Qatar from December 10 – 12, 2012. This initiative was created under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Emir of Qatar, and was launched during the London 2012 Olympics. The initiative, envisioned by the Aspire Zone Foundation and Richard Attias & Associates, will build a community of global influencers from all industries who believe that sports is a crucial vehicle for social and economic development and would pioneer “social change” through the values of sportsmanship and the ethics of sport.

Luis was notified recently that his application was accepted and he would be attending the GOALS Forum. In its entirety, Doha GOALS is expecting approximately 1,000 participants. This is a wonderful opportunity and valuable experience for Luis when he departs on December 9th and arrives in Qatar on the morning of December 10th. He will be staying at the Retaj Al Rayann Hotel, located 20 minutes from the Aspire Zone, the newly created 246 hectare Sports City / Complex just outside of Doha. Luis will be returning to Brownsville on December 13th and we are looking forward to hearing more about all he has learned during his visit to Qatar.

