Dear Students and Parents of the Class of 2025,

In past years, incoming freshmen enrolled in NY State Regents classes at their respective grammar or intermediate schools were able to receive Monsignor Farrell course credit if they earned a grade of 85 or higher on the exam in June. This year, New York State is offering Regents Exams in the following courses only: Algebra I, Living Environment, Earth Science, and English. We are aware that each intermediate or grammar school is making their own decision on whether or not to offer the exam. In that respect, please understand that *Monsignor Farrell High School will not grant "Regents Credit" by simply passing the course in 8th grade.*

At Monsignor Farrell, we take pride in ensuring our students are appropriately placed in their courses. We strive for our students to be challenged, while concurrently achieving academic success. For this to occur, we need to make sure each student possesses adequate knowledge and analytical thinking skills in the content area. Therefore, we are offering multiple pathways for any student currently enrolled in a Regents Course to earn credit at Monsignor Farrell. Please review the following guidelines in regard to our Regents Policies and Procedures:

If your current school is offering the Regents Exams:

- a) please "opt in" to sit for the exam. As in previous years, a student will need a minimum grade of 85 to receive credit.
- b) If a student does not achieve the minimum grade of 85, or the student "opts out," he will have the opportunity to attend our * "Regents Review Prep Course" which will be held at Monsignor Farrell in July. Students will attend 7 days of instructional review, then complete our own Regents-equivalent exam. Students will need a grade of 85 or higher to receive the credit in the summer review.

If your current school is not offering the Regents Exams:

a) If you are in a Regents course, but your school is not offering the exam, a student will have the opportunity to attend our * "Regents Review Prep Course" which will be held at Monsignor Farrell in July. Students will attend 7 days of instructional review, then complete our own Regents-equivalent exam. Students will need a grade of 85 or higher to receive the credit in the summer review.

*There will be no "Regents Review Prep Course" and no exam offered for Earth Science.

As a reminder, receiving credit on the following Regents Exams will place students into the following courses:

Algebra I ____ Geometry

Living Environment —— Chemistry

Earth Science ——— Physics (junior year)

For Students presently enrolled in a US History Regents Course:

Since New York State is not offering the Regents Exam in US History this year, all students presently enrolled in a Regents Course for US History must attend the review and receive a score of 85 or higher on our exam to earn Regents credit at Monsignor Farrell. Since US History is a junior year course, students who receive this credit will place into Senior Economics/Government, or AP US History (if approved) in their junior year.

The tentative dates for our summer review are (Times TBA):

- -Monday, July 19th
- -Tuesday, July 20th
- -Wednesday, July 21st
- -Thursday, July 22nd
- -Friday, July 23rd
- -Monday, July 26th
- -Tuesday, July 27th
- -Wednesday, July 28th

The exams will be administered on Thursday, July 29th and Friday, July 30th. We are hoping for classes to be in person, but more details will be provided at a later date.

Please be on the lookout for further information regarding Regent Exams and Summer Review courses. In the interim, if you are enrolled in a Regents course at your current school <u>and</u> are interested in receiving credit for the course, please complete the following form: Incoming Freshman Regents Exam Survey.

Please understand that in order to verify you are enrolled in a Regents course, we will contact your current eighth-grade teachers of these classes. Please check all information on the form for accuracy and submit the form by Friday, April 30th.

I look forward to working with all of you over the next four years. Please do not hesitate to e-mail me if you any have questions. Vir Fidelis!

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