



Saint Joseph High School

Dear Parents/Guardians of Juniors and Seniors,

There are two activities that we sponsor for these classes to attempt to (1) unify the classes and give them an opportunity to have fun and experience a sense of partnership with each other, and (2) give them the experience of coeducational education. The two activities are Powder Puff and Trading Places.

First, Powder Puff has been a long-standing tradition at SJHS since 1973. What started off as a simple Sunday afternoon game with family and friends has now grown to a large scale school community event. Because we never want our Powder Puff game to deteriorate into an aggressive, mean-spirited interchange between classes, the administration has placed some stopgaps that will insure the spirit of camaraderie for which the game was intended. Following are the new guidelines:

- 1) There will be only 10 days of practice for each team. We checked this out with several varsity football coaches, and they believe that 10 practices would be sufficient, as long as the teams warmed up before each practice. We found that the number of practices in the past only led to a lack of quality study time, and to an atmosphere that was overly competitive.
- 2) Practices will take place on alternating days on our field. Practice schedules are listed in the school calendar.
- 3) After the game, the teams will share pizza together and view a video of the game and a video of practices that led to this enjoyable event.
- 4) If the weather is prohibitive the night of the game, it will not be rescheduled for Bosco's stadium. Rather, it will be played on the SJHS field.

Second, Trading Places is a day when both schools send a number of students from both classes to experience coeducation. It is a very important day as each group discovers what school is like with boys and girls learning together, and for our girls to anticipate their future college coeducational situation. It is only one day, but it can be a day of valuable information in terms of the socialization process among mixed genders. As Trading Places approaches, we ask that you talk with your daughter(s) about the advantage of such an experience and about proper behavior while with the young men from St. John Bosco. Our hope is that they take advantage of this opportunity as a learning experience for their futures. Our world is made of women and men, and we believe that Trading Places is an ideal opportunity for our students to interact with each other in an appropriate and mature manner.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. We look forward to a truly memorable year.

Sincerely,

T. Mendoza, PhD
Principal