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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2013:

Each school year, every member of the junior class is required to participate in Saint Joseph Academy's Junior Professional Shadowing Project, a three-day experience that offers our students an opportunity to explore careers of interest by observing and participating in the daily responsibilities of professionals in those fields. This year, the entire junior class will be excused from school on Tuesday, March 13, Wednesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 15, 2012 to participate in this project. They are expected to be present and attentive at their chosen worksites for at least seven hours per day—including lunch—for a total of 21 hours.

In an effort to ensure that each of our students has a meaningful experience, we recently met with the juniors by homeroom to introduce this annual project and encourage them to consider their talents and interests when selecting careers to shadow.

Through the Junior Professional Shadowing Project, as well as all of the daily activities and classes at Saint Joseph Academy, we hope to inspire each of our students to pursue higher education and a professional career that engages her interests and talents. With an average of 98% of our graduating seniors attending colleges and universities, we are devoted to helping our students explore the possibilities that await them in the future and help prepare them for the important process of selecting a college.

We hope that you will join us in encouraging your daughter to think critically about her potential career paths, choose an appropriate profession to shadow, conduct herself appropriately during shadowing, and reflect honestly on her experience. To assist you and your daughter as you plan her Junior Professional Shadowing Project, we have enclosed a booklet that includes articles from our *Update* magazine that highlights some of the diverse shadowing experiences of past students.

If you have any questions about your daughter's participation in the 2011–2012 Junior Professional Shadowing Project, please contact our Shadowing Coordinators, Susan Jensen or Maria Mueller.

Thank you for your support of this important project!

Sincerely,

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