



# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hi all,

As many of you know, **Sincerity** is this year's theme. With that theme comes a prayer that we say at the end of each All School Mass, which asks for the strength to be honest in our words and attentive in our listening. Listening attentively has been on my mind recently. In my senior class, we just started to read Shakespeare's *Richard II*. That play begins with two antagonist hearing the words of their king, but not really listening. So I started to think about what it means to listen attentively, and naturally the 17th century metaphysical poet George Herbert came to mind.

One of Herbert's classic poems is "The Collar." Herbert was a clergy member of The Church of England, and the poem starts with him chaffing against the limits his priestly collar places upon him. The first line is quite violent: "I struck the board, and cried, 'No more!'" The "board" is widely believed by Herbert scholars to be an altar. The title combined with the opening line give us an image of a priest rejecting his vocation and possibly of a man rejecting his religion and God.

The vast majority of the poem develops that idea, with Herbert complaining about all of the sacrifices the priestly life has foisted upon him. Primarily he regrets not having the freedom a more secular life would give him; he feels like his sacred life has placed him in a prison. The end of the poem, like so many other metaphysical poems, upends the ideas ostensibly developed throughout its opening lines. It does so with an astounding act of attentive listening. It is that attentive listening I'll leave you with today:

**But as I raved and grew more fierce and wild**

**At every word,**

**Methought I heard one calling, *Child!***

**And I replied, *My Lord.***

Sincerely,

Dominic D'Urso



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## Upcoming Events

- October 7 **Home Soccer and Tennis**
- October 8 **Blood Drive:** Duchesne will host our annual Fall Blood Drive, from 9:30 to 1:30. For more details contact Mrs. Long.
- October 9 **Home Volleyball**
- October 9 **Power Hour:** As we approach the end of the quarter, Wednesday is a great opportunity to get in and see teachers for some last minute help.
- October 10 **Half Day:** To facilitate faculty professional development, classes will be dismissed at 12:05. Lunch will not be served. The building will remain open, if students need to wait for a ride. The 10th is also the last day that classes will meet before the end of the first quarter.
- October 11 **Home Volleyball and Soccer**
- October 11 **Career Day:** Career Day is a half day of school. Students will start in their Communios at 7:45. From there, they will rotate through a variety of workshops. The morning will conclude with a career fair. For additional details, please see Mrs. Grass's note in this month's Parent Newsletter.
- October 14 **No School**
- October 14 **Home Soccer**
- October 16 **Home Volleyball**
- October 18 **1994 Soccer State Championship Reunion/Swiftie Night:** On Friday night we will honor the 1994 Boys Soccer State Championship prior to our game. At halftime, the Diamondline will perform with over 100 grade-schoolers. It should be a fantastic night. I hope everyone can make it.



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October 22	<b>Pioneer Reads:</b> Our Book Club will meet at 6:30 to discuss Part 3 of <i>The Anxious Generation</i> . All are welcome.
October 23	<b>Home Soccer</b>
October 24	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences:</b> Teachers will be available to meet with parents from 3:00-4:30 and again from 5:15-6:30. Those meetings will take place in the PAC (main entrance); there is no need to RSVP.
October 25	<b>Home Football</b>
October 27	<b>Open House:</b> The school will be open to prospective students and families. Many of our current students and parents will be on campus to give tours and answer questions.
October 28	<b>No School</b>
November 1	<b>All School Mass:</b> As usual, all of our families are invited to attend.
	<b>Looking Ahead (More Details Soon)</b>
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 18-20	First Semester Finals
Dec 23-Jan 3	Christmas Break
January 6	First Day of Second Semester/Half Day