

# ESSEX NEWS DAILY

## **Newark Museum to screen landmark film on urban school reform**

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NEWARK — As part of Open Doors, an annual event sponsored by the Newark Art Council, the Newark Museum will be screening the documentary film “The Rule” on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

“The Rule” details how and why the highly unique Benedictine monks of Newark Abbey and St. Benedict’s Prep are able to achieve amazing success with America’s most vulnerable population: inner city African-American and Latino teenage males. While Newark, with a high poverty rate of 28 percent, has an abysmal high school graduation rate of only 22 percent, St. Benedict’s has a near 100 percent college acceptance rate.

Produced by Emmy-nominated, award-winning, husband and wife, Newark filmmakers, Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno, and selected by Teachers College, Columbia University, as a vehicle for urban school reform.

Teachers College is developing the study guide for policymakers and educational practitioners for this landmark documentary film, the compellingly told story of St. Benedict’s Prep, which has become a beacon of hope for countless inner-city students seeking to achieve educational excellence and the American Dream.

The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington St., Newark.