



## Let's talk about inner city schools

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How to make a difference in the fate of urban areas like Newark? [“The Rule,”](#) the latest documentary by Newark filmmakers Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno and Jerome Bongiorno takes a close look at the story behind the success of the Benedictine monks at Newark Abbey and their all boy’s high school school, [St. Benedict’s Prep](#) in order to make the case that the St. Benedict’s model should be replicated in urban areas around the country. Sure to spark a conversation about urban education and what it takes to break the cycle of poverty, the film argues that much of St. Benedict’s success lies in its ability to go the extra mile by offering on-site counseling and things such as a residence program for students who lack a stable home environment.

The Bongiornos are hosting a sneak preview of “The Rule” at 6 p.m. May 29 in the St. Benedict’s Prep Conlin Auditorim, 520 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Newark. The event is free, but [reservations are required](#). A discussion with the filmmakers and various scholars who were consulted in the making of the film will follow.

No strangers to provocative urban issues, the Bongiornos –a husband and wife team — are the creators of the 2007 award-winning documentary, [“Revolution ’67,”](#) which detailed the causes and aftermath of the Newark riots of 1967.