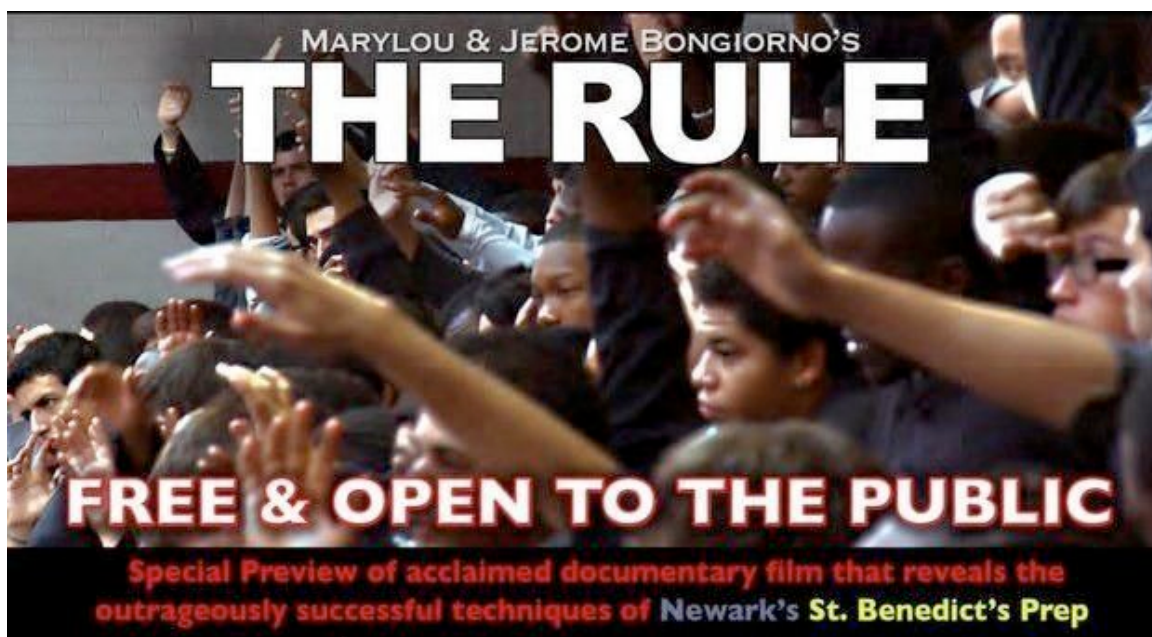




Film presents St. Benedict's Prep as model for national education reform



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SOUTH ORANGE — “The Rule,” a documentary that offers an inside look at St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, will be screened tonight at [Seton Hall University](#).

The film, by Jersey-based husband and wife filmmakers **Marylou and Jerome Bongiorno**, has been called "a vehicle for urban school reform" by Columbia University's Teachers College. It focuses on the monks of Newark Abbey and the education of their mostly African-American and Latino male students. In a city where most young men don't graduate high school, **St. Benedict's achieves an almost 100 percent college acceptance rate** for its senior class.

A discussion will follow the free screening. The Bongornos will be joined by Jose Lopez, a professor of physics at Seton Hall and a graduate of St. Benedict's, and Fr. Edwin D. Leahy, headmaster of **St. Benedict's** who is a alum of Seton Hall.

The Bongornos have won numerous awards and screened their films at festivals and in museums around the world. Their award-winning documentary, "Revolution '67," premiered nationally on the PBS series "P.O.V." It explored the urban rebellion that exploded in Newark in July 1967, and the root problems that sparked the uprising here and in cities across the country.

The screening begins at 7:30 in Jubilee Hall. Seton Hall is at 400 South Orange Ave.

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