



# Parent Board News

## A Time For New Beginnings...

For many of our students, this is a time to reflect back upon many fond memories of their time in high school while at the same time look ahead with both excitement as well as anxious anticipation at what lies ahead for them.

Yet, as our Seniors experience the full range of emotions that go along with graduation, there is another group of students having similar thoughts. Though much younger, our incoming 7th and 9th grade students are mak-

ing a significant transition in their lives.

On two separate evenings in May, our newest students and their families came together at St. Peter-Marian High School to begin preparations to become members of the SPM family in the fall. After being greeted by members of the administration and Parent Board, each student made their course selections and heard from other members of the faculty and staff.

As our seniors prepare to graduate and move on to the next big challenge in their lives, and as our new students take their place here at SPM, we wish all of them the very best that life can offer. Our



Exciting times as hundreds of young men and women will begin - and end - their time at

## Showing Appreciation to Our Teachers

During the first week of May, students and parents alike had the chance to show their gratitude to our first-class teaching staff for all the time and efforts they give toward the education of our chil-

dren. Throughout the week, so many made the time to say 'thank you' in their own way.

Judging by the tremendous response from parents and students as they brought various types of

breakfast and lunch foods, and wrote letters expressing their support, it is clear that our teaching staff has made a tremendously-positive impact upon the lives of our children. The SPM Parent

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- Ed Goodwin
- Theresa Karns
- Paula Pietro-Malmquist
- Ellen Tagg
- Laura McGrath
- Rich Frigon
- Kelly Forss
- Theresa DeMaio
- Beth Hill
- Ann Robert
- Joanne Ethier, JHS Principal
- Matthew Sturgis, Headmaster

## A Message to Parents of New 7th and 9th Grade Students

As your son or daughter begins their journey here at St. Peter-Marian, we want you to know that you are welcome to pitch in and get involved with the many projects that the Parent Board sponsors throughout the school year.

In order to support the efforts of the administration, staff and faculty at the school, the Parent Board needs your support and involvement in

order to make our contribution to the positive environment at the school succeed. There is much to be accomplished, and you should know that you have something valuable to offer.

Time is a valuable commodity these days, and thus is it important that



Your help is needed—no prior experience necessary!

many hands pitch in to do the work so that no one is stretched thin.

Included with this newsletter, and also distributed at the Orientation session, is a volunteer form designed for you to let us know which projects you might want to get involved with.

## Parent Board Vacancies to be Filled This Fall

Effective September 1st, the St. Peter-Marian Parent Board will be losing two of its' long-time members. Therefore, we will be seeking nominations to fill these Board positions from among the parents of our students.

The only necessary qualifications needed are an interest in the wel-

Parents are encouraged to nominate someone for the Parent Board.

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fare and best interest of all SPM students. We are particularly interested in receiving nominations of parents of 7th grade students, although nominations are open to parents of students in all grades.

Please refer to the included nomination form, which we request be returned to the school (Attn: John Atlas) no later than the first week of school in the fall. Our bylaws require that one parent nominate another

## Parent Board Members Dedicated to Serving St. Peter-Marian

Unlike elementary school parental involvement, in many junior high and high school settings the opportunity for parents to make a contribution of time and energies in a cooperative effort with other parents can be very limited. This is not the case at St. Peter-Marian.

Our Parent Board is not similar to a PTA makeup. We are an advisory

group charged with the task of supporting and assisting the school administration, staff and faculty. We also oversee many projects that enhance the academic and social environment at SPM. However, although our Parent Board membership is comprised of twelve members who are nominated and elected to their positions, parent volunteers

are welcomed to lend their time and talents to serving on one or more of our special committees.

As we close our 2007-2008 academic year, we would like to take time to thank two Parent Board members who will be concluding their service to the Board: **Glen Hevy and Ed Goodwin**