



St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic
Junior-Senior High School

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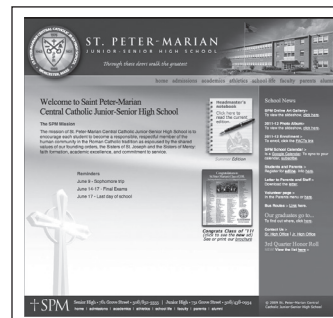
SPM RECEIVES FILL FROM WPI

By Carrie Galgano '11

Most students have noticed giant trucks of dirt coming to St. Peter-Marian. If you were to walk up to the topmost athletic fields, you would see the giant mounds of dirt dumped by these trucks. If you were to go to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, you would see giant mounds of dirt similar to those atop the St. Peter-Marian hill. There is a connection between these dirt piles. The dirt at SPM is coming from WPI—an arrangement that benefits both schools.

WPI decided to build a field house three stories into the ground. To do this, they needed to dig down into the earth. After they started digging, they realized that had a lot of extra dirt. Dave Winn, with the Marois Brothers, contacted Mr. Sturgis through Mike Keating, with KEI Enterprises, to see if he could find some use for the dirt. They agreed to truck the material to St. Peter-Marian, grade the area, and bring in loam. They tested our soil to see our compatibility with their soil, and to make sure our arsenic levels were not too high. If St. Peter-Marian had been doing this alone, the whole endeavor would have cost the school \$400,000-\$500,000; instead, we got it for free! Our only responsibility is to pay for grass seed, seed the area, and re-grade the practice area.

So far, St. Peter-Marian has received 10,000 yards of fill. Worcester Polytech plans to continue trucking dirt to St. Peter-Marian until the project is finished; according to the plan, we will receive a total of about 20,000 yards of fill. The access road that was blown out last winter has been fixed. The upper fields are being fixed, and a new field will be put in, as well.



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Dear Fellow Guardians,

As we prepare for our renewed accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges next fall, we look to provide our students with all the tools necessary to succeed in a world where technology is rapidly changing the way organizations, institutions, and individuals communicate and interact with each other. With that in mind, St. Peter-Marian Jr Sr High School has designed a new Facebook page designed as a vehicle for alumni to stay involved and to keep updated with what is happening in the SPM community. We hope that this page can serve as a bridge between the current population of the school and its alumni population. We also intend for the page to be used as a communication tool amongst alumni for purposes such as business, reunions, current events, and other initiatives as well. Please visit us on Facebook at *St. Peter Marian Alumni*, "like", and stay up to date.

Today, our school is facing the many challenges of a prolonged economic recession. Now, more than ever your gift is needed to continue the Guardian tradition. Your gift will help ensure the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth of present and future St. Peter-Marian Jr Sr High School classes.

Your gift will provide support for our highly regarded Campus Ministry programs, our demanding academic curriculum, our varied extra-curricular activities, and our competitive athletic teams. Traditionally, 99% of our graduating seniors attend many prestigious colleges and universities all across the country, and this year is no different. I think you will be quite impressed with their future academic plans.

We respectfully ask for your assistance in continuing the rich tradition started many years ago by the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy. Thank you in advance for embracing the Purple and White by supporting our 2012 Annual Appeal.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Matthew R. Sturgis '71
Headmaster

CLASS OF 2011 TRANSCENDS EXPECTATIONS

St. Peter-Marian is always proud of its students, but the Class of 2011 has distinguished itself as one of the most academically talented groups in the history of the school. In a year that has been categorized as among the most challenging for college admissions, our seniors have excelled, being offered placement in freshman classes at more than 150 colleges and universities across the United States.

Their success is due, in part, to the fact that this year's SPM seniors have the highest overall high school grade point average going back to 1999 when we began keeping such records. Although SPM continues to be known as a school that grades conservatively, setting rigorous standards for success, this year's 135 seniors have posted a median GPA of 83.91. Not surprisingly perhaps, this hard working and talented class has also posted the highest average SAT scores since we began that record keeping.

Following a national trend, the class submitted a large number of applications, more than 900 in total, averaging nearly seven per senior, up from fewer than five per senior in 2006. In part, this is a reflection of the current economic concerns our families, like most, are facing. Students often felt compelled to apply broadly in order to afford themselves the opportunity of comparing multiple financial aid awards. Another significant trend among this senior class was utilizing Early Action and Early Decision programs—more than 200 applications were submitted through an early plan during the month of November this year. This was a reflection of the seniors' motivation, organization, and determination to excel.

The largest number of applications (46) were submitted to UMass Amherst, followed by Worcester State University, Assumption College, University of Rhode Island, Westfield State University, Emmanuel College, Northeastern University, Providence College, Roger Williams University, and Quinnipiac University. While our students continue to attend predominantly New England area schools, some seniors will be leaving the area to attend schools in: New York, Maryland, Washington DC, North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Illinois, Colorado, Washington and California. We know that wherever they go, their Guardian Pride will take them far and they will continue to distinguish themselves and represent your mutual alma mater with pride.

SOPHOMORE CLASS RETREAT

The SPM sophomore retreat put them out in the greater Worcester Community putting their faith into action at either, The Guild of St. Agnes, St. Peter's Elementary School, Mercy Centre and The Village.

During Lent the students collected books for "Worcester the City That Reads" and also DVD's for The Village.

Many SPM students walked in the "Walk for the Homeless" on May 15 in Worcester. The softball team took the challenge to walk as a team. Also the Christian Leadership and Service classes walked.

MATH TEAM

The St. Peter-Marian Jr Sr High School Math Team has enjoyed incredible success this year. Made up of Freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, they are coached by Carole Amidon. Every Tuesday after school they meet to practice problems in Algebra, Geometry, Set Theory, and Trigonometry among other topics. At the meets students compete in the field in which they feel the most competent. This year the team was invited to the State Final Competition held at Shrewsbury High School. They were so successful that they were then invited to the New England competition on April 29th. This was a first for SPM. We are very proud of them!

BOWLING TEAM

The St. Peter-Marian Jr Sr High School Bowling Team finished in second place in the Worcester County High School Bowling League. Will LaRonde, Stephanie Jurgiel, Tyler Fleming, Michael Frustaci and Jennifer Porter, all juniors, qualified for the State Bowling Tournament in Pittsfield, MA on March 5th and 6th. Stephanie placed 8th amongst the female Bowlers and Will LaRonde placed 20th amongst the male bowlers. Congratulations on a successful season!

STUDENT ART AWARDS

Awards for our artist: The Anna Maria Annual Art Competition 2011, Heather Moakley, Third Place Watercolor.

The Scholastic Art Awards: Jeff Tully, awarded Silver Key for Painting, Trinere Rodriguez awarded Silver Key for Drawing, Heather Moakley awarded Silver Key for Painting.

Rita Mary Hennigan awarded Honorable Mention for Collage, Lamar Edmonds awarded Honorable Mention for Painting, Samantha LaFontaine awarded Honorable Mention for Painting.

Reegan Altomare Awarded Honorable Mention, Liana Adoude awarded Honorable Mention for Drawing, Joanna Brown and Kallie Hunter awarded certificate.

Art All-State Competition: Maribeth Di'Aquila and Amanda Gibson nominated and awarded placement into Art All-State.

School of Fashion Design, Rendering Fashions Competition: Amanda Gibson awarded Honorable Mention.

2011-2012 Annual Fund Appeal

Our 2011-2012 Annual Fund Appeal is underway! As a Catholic educational institution committed to fulfilling Christ's mission, we strive to provide a quality, faith-based education to all children who seek to learn at St. Peter-Marian Junior-Senior High School. It is our goal, and hope, to continue the quality of education provided to our students, and increase the level of financial assistance and academic merit awards despite increased capital expenditures and facility costs. Therefore, we turn to you, our SPM family, to consider making a generous donation to this year's Annual Fund appeal so that we may bridge the gap between what the school receives in tuition, and what it costs to educate each student.

Your investment will be used to underwrite the following:

- Student Financial Aid
- Academic Scholarships
- Technology Initiatives
- Athletic Field Expansion

If you would like your donation to go toward a specific program, please indicate.

Ways To Give...

Enclosed with this newsletter is an Annual Fund Appeal Envelope; in addition, we have added a form on our website. We accept all personal or company checks, or pledges, which can be deducted directly from your bank or c/c monthly or quarterly, and we accept all major credit cards. All investments are tax deductible. We also accept employer matching programs. Please call 508-852-5555 ext. 27, or email alumni@spmguardians.org if you require assistance or have any further questions.

Alumni Update

We would like to hear from you!

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CLASS		BIRTHDATE
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YOUR NEWS		

Are you interested in working with your alumni association as a class representative? Yes No

Mail to: St. Peter-Marian C.C.H.S., Alumni Office, 781 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605

ALUMNI UPDATES

Stephen Solomon, Class of '88:

Is the Co-Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Eleven Learning, which is an open source textbook publisher based in Cambridge, MA. They provide students with free and low-cost online and print textbooks for mathematics and computer science. They have been in business since December, 2009 and have adoptions at a number of major universities throughout the country.

Matthew Lehair, Class of '97:

Opened Lahair & Gallagher Pediatric Dentistry in Sept. '09 with his former pediatric dentist Dr. Ted Gallagher. It's a brand new office that is fun and inviting for the kids. As well as treating children, adolescents, and teens they also treat special needs patients. They are located at 102 Shore Dr. (across the street from the Greendale YMCA). They start seeing kids anywhere between 12-18 months of age. For more information parents can call the office at 508-854-9994, or they can check out the web site at www.fightingdecay.com.

Andrea Merrill, Class of '97:

Mothers and Company provides comprehensive, evidence-based prenatal education, breastfeeding and new parent support, toddler classes and groups, special events for women and families, and natural parenting products to childbearing families in Central Massachusetts and MetroWest. Our services address the full circle of maternity and parenting in a way that encourages the natural process, informed decision making, and informed purchasing. We are dedicated to offering organic and natural products for parents and infants. All our products and services come with knowledgeable instruction and support, as our staff are all compassionate parents with valuable experience and information to share.

MoCo is a community for families, founded by women passionate about educating and supporting families and those who love them.

Shane Skowron, Class of '06:

For most of us, one hundred miles means two hours of fast driving on the highway. For endurance athletes, one hundred miles represents a full day endurance challenge.

While at Saint Peter-Marian, Shane Skowron was a member of the cross country team coached by Mr. Kevin Kirk and Mr. Robert Betters. After graduation in 2006, Shane enrolled at Fordham University and developed an interest in exploring the boundaries of physical endurance. In 2007 Shane ran his first marathon, the Cape Cod Marathon, in 3 hours and 16 minutes. After finishing his second marathon, the Long Island Marathon, a few months later, Shane decided to attempt longer distances. In 2008, he finished the Vermont 50 Mile Trail Run, and discovered the appeal of covering long distances off-road.

While studying at American University in Cairo during his junior year, Shane was able to complete the Dead Sea 50 Kilometer Ultramarathon in Amman, Jordan. During

this semester, he also trained for his most rigorous challenge yet—the Vermont 100 Mile Endurance Run. In July 2009, his training paid off and he completed the mountainous course in under 30 hours. Shane logged a few more ultramarathons before attempting the one hundred mile distance again the following year. In May 2010, Shane earned a degree in Computer Science from Fordham, cum laude.

In October 2010, Shane traveled to Cassoday, Kansas to compete in the Heartland 100 Spirit of the Prairie Trail Run. The course stretched one hundred miles across the hilly prairies of eastern Kansas, with daytime temperatures near 90 degrees and evening temperatures approaching freezing. Shane finished the Heartland 100 in 25 hours and 35 minutes, finishing in the top quarter of competitors, his most successful ultramarathon performance to date.

Shane believes that the mental and physical benefits of extreme endurance events will give him an edge in his future; he plans to soon join the military to pursue a career in special operations. In 2011, Shane has set a lofty goal of besting his previous 100 mile performance by completing the distance in under 22 hours.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

The junior high has been busy working on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We have been collecting items for servicemen and women and were visited by two local Blue Star Mothers who expressed their gratitude. In addition, the Junior High has been collecting baby items for Visitation House and school supplies for Catholic Charities and a mission school in Africa. Mrs. Happy has also introduced the “Kindness Tree” that is decorated with paper rings on which students write the acts of kindness that they have done. It is a visible reminder of the great things that our young scholars can accomplish in the world as they develop a spirit of altruism.

- Our fall yard sale enabled us to purchase a new flat screen Television and DVD player.
- Six students represented the SPM JH at the Diocesan Science Fair in May.
- SPM hosted the 20th Annual Declamation Festival in April. Over 160 students from 18 Diocesan schools participated. It was a great day for public speakers and orators.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Habitat for Humanity Chapter had merged with Youth Against Homelessness (sponsored by Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance) and been active in the greater Worcester community this year. They visited The Village (a family shelter) in December to help the children make Christmas presents for their parents. During February vacation they spent an afternoon doing spring crafts with the children at the shelter, and during April vacation they worked at the Habitat “Restore” cleaning and preparing merchandise to be put out on the sales floor.

MEMBERS OF THE ST. PETER-MARIAN CLASS OF 2011 HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO MORE THAN 150 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

Allegheny College	Dartmouth College*	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences*	Saint Anselm College+
American College of Greece	Dean College*	Massachusetts Maritime Academy*	Saint Joseph's College, Maine
Anna Maria College	DePaul University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst^	Saint Michael's College*
Assumption College^	Drexel University	University of Massachusetts, Boston*	Salem State University
Babson College	Eckerd College	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	Salve Regina University
Bates College	Emerson College+	University of Massachusetts, Lowell+	University of San Diego
Bay Path College*	Emmanuel College+	University of New England	The University of Scranton
Bay State College	Endicott College	New Hampshire Institute of Art*	Seton Hall University
Becker College*	Fairfield University	University of New Hampshire+	Siena College*
Bentley University	Fitchburg State University	University of New Haven*	Simmons College
Binghamton University	Florida Southern College	Nichols College+	University of South Carolina
Boston Architectural College*	Florida State University	Univ. of North Carolina, Wilmington*	University of Southern Maine
Boston College+	Fordham University	Northeastern University	Southern New Hampshire University*
Boston University*	Framingham State University+	Norwich University	Springfield College
Bridgewater College	Franklin Pierce University	University of Notre Dame	St. John's University
Bridgewater State University*	The George Washington University*	The Ohio State University	State University of New York at Albany
Bryant University+	Gettysburg College	Pace University, New York City	Stonehill College+
University of California, Davis	Gonzaga University	Pennsylvania State University	Suffolk University*
University of California, Irvine	Hamilton College	Plymouth State University	Susquehanna University
University of California, San Diego*	University of Hartford*	Providence College*	Syracuse University
Univ. of California, Santa Barbara*	Haverford College	Purdue University	The University of Tampa*
California State Polytechnic University	High Point University*	Quinnipiac University*	Union College
Canisius College*	Hofstra University	Quinsigamond Community College^	United States Air Force Academy*
Case Western Reserve University	College of the Holy Cross*	Regis College	United States Naval Academy+
The Catholic University of America	Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Vermont
Cedarville University*	Iona College	University of Rhode Island+	Villanova University
Central Connecticut State University	Ithaca College*	Rivier College	University of Washington*
Charleston Southern University	Johnson & Wales University	Rochester Institute of Technology*	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Clark University*	Keene State College	Roger Williams University+	Western New England College^
Clarkson University*	Lasell College	Rutgers University	Westfield State University*
Clemson University	Le Moyne College	Sacred Heart University	Wheaton College
Coastal Carolina University	Liberty University		Wheelock College
Colby College	Long Island University, C.W. Post		College of William and Mary
Colby-Sawyer College	Louisiana State University		Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
University of Colorado, Boulder	Loyola University Maryland*		Worcester State University^
Univ. of Colorado, Colorado Springs*	Loyola University New Orleans		York College of Pennsylvania
Colorado State University	Lyndon State College		
Columbia College	University of Maine at Farmington		
Connecticut College	Manhattan College		
University of Connecticut	Marymount Manhattan College		
Curry College	Massachusetts College of Art and Design		

SPM SOFTBALL STANDOUT HEADED TO UMASS AMHERST

St. Peter-Marian Jr Sr High School senior, Bridget Lemire, has accepted a full athletic scholarship to play softball at UMass Amherst in the fall. “Bridget brings a tremendous amount of versatility,” head coach Sortino said. “She may even see some innings as a pitcher. She is a very fine hitter and great player overall.” Lemire states, “I am so excited to be able to study at UMass next year as well as play softball at such a competitive level. I have always dreamed of competing with the top athletes in the country and never thought that it would happen, but next year it becomes a reality.”

Lemire has been a star at SPM for the past six years. She has pitched and played the infield and has led the Guardian softball team as captain for the past two years. As a junior, Lemire went 18-2 in the circle with a 0.95 ERA and 155 strikeouts. At the plate, Lemire hit .466 last spring with eight home runs. She was named Central Massachusetts Conference All-Star in 2009 and 2010, as well as Worcester Telegram and Gazette Super Team in 2010 and 2011. “Bridget is our best player and our hardest worker,” said Guardian head coach

John Pace. “Great player and great student—the type of kid we are very proud of here.”

In addition, Lemire is an Honor Roll student and also plays field hockey for the Guardians, earning Central Massachusetts Conference All Star honors in 2009 and 2010 and serving as team captain this past fall. “Bridget is the most talented and humble young woman I have ever coached,” said field hockey head coach Julie Kreuz. “She is the type of athlete and student you hope all your younger players choose to emulate.”

Although she is excited about her future endeavors, Lemire notes that she will miss the SPM community that she has been a part of for the last six years. “I have learned and grown so much from being part of the SPM community. The lessons I have learned have enabled me to not only succeed on the playing field but also in life. I am so grateful for the opportunity to attend SPM and couldn't see myself having been anywhere else for the last six years of my life.”

THREE STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO MILITARY ACADEMIES

Andrew Sullivan

While attending SPM, Andrew has certainly built up his resume. Athletically, he was a member of the school's Freshman Football Team, Indoor Track and Field Team, Outdoor Track and Field Team, Lacrosse Team, and Cross Country Team. Andrew earned varsity letters in four of those sports, captained two of them his senior year, and earned Central Massachusetts Conference All-Star recognition in 2009 and 2010 in the sport of Cross Country.

Andrew has served as the President of his class sophomore through senior year, and was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. "My experiences at St. Peter-Marian have helped to develop my leadership skills. I have learned invaluable lessons in moral and ethical leadership, which will serve me well in my future endeavors. SPM provides direction and purpose to its student body," Andrew stated. In addition to his SPM accomplishments, Andrew has also served as a Leading Chief Petty Officer for the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps and has earned a number of awards from the United States Naval Academy.

After graduation, Andrew will enter the United States Military Naval Academy where he plans to major in Political Science, International Relations track. Upon graduation from the Academy, he will receive a Commission in the United States Navy and hopefully be assigned to Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training. "At the Naval Academy I will be challenged in a way I have never experienced", said Andrew. "I am excited to be a part of such an honorable institution and grateful for the opportunity given to me. I believe that St. Peter-Marian has given me the discipline, integrity and motivation to succeed at the United States Naval Academy and as an officer in the United States Navy. The education I have received here has undoubtedly shaped my life's course." We will miss Andrew and wish him all the best in the future.

Carly Leary

Carly is a young woman we hope that many of our younger students hope to emulate. She is a tremendous student-athlete who has remained grounded in her faith and ethics throughout her high school career.

Carly is a tremendous three sport athlete. In the sport of Field Hockey, Carly played on the varsity team since her junior year and served as a leader amongst the team, bringing them to the District semi-finals her junior year and District quarter-finals her senior year. Carly is also a member of the Indoor Track Team and Girls' Lacrosse Team; she served as captain of all three teams her senior year.

In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Carly has also been involved in many other extra-curricular activities at SPM. She is a member of the Student Council, the Retreat Team, and serves as a Student Ambassador. Carly was chosen as the National Honor Society President during her senior year—a position very few individuals are given.

Outside of the SPM community, Carly is a very active member of her church, where she teaches Sunday school and is involved in many community service projects. In addition, Carly also serves as a Hospice Volunteer during her free time.

After Graduation, Carly will attend the Naval Academy. She is very excited about her future endeavors and does note that SPM has helped her arrive at the place she is now. "Attending the Naval Academy has been a goal of mine since I began at SPM in the 7th Grade. My athletic, academic, and social experiences here at SPM have helped me to achieve this goal." We wish Carly much success as she matriculates to the Naval Academy. She will be missed around the SPM hallways.

Gavin O'Neil

Gavin is the epitome of what a student-athlete should be. While at St. Peter-Marian Jr Sr High School, Gavin has been a member of the National Honor Society, Habitat for Humanity, SADD, the Fair Tax Club, and has also served as a Peer Tutor. In addition, he received the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award his junior year, as well as the Courtney Butcher Scholarship for his academic efforts.

Athletically, Gavin was a senior captain and Central Mass All Star in the sport of football, Central Mass All Star both his sophomore and junior years in the sport of Lacrosse, senior captain in the sport of Outdoor Track, and senior captain in the sport of Indoor Track. During his junior year Indoor Track season, Gavin was a State Qualifier for the 300 meter relay, and State Finalist in the Long Jump and 4 x 2 relay. Gavin reflected on his time at SPM and commented that, "St. Peter-Marian has provided me with the opportunity to challenge myself and thrive in an environment that encourages discipline, honor, and moral character development. I am forever thankful for the support and dedication of the faculty and staff at SPM."

Outside of the SPM community, Gavin has also been an active member of Christ the King Parish, where he is a CYC member and has served the community through many fundraisers and service projects. In addition, Gavin has served as a basketball coach for St. Peter's Parish, a Special Olympics Volunteer, a "Walking Marshall" at Worcester's *Walk for the Homeless*, and a Camp Counselor at Camp Sunshine.

After Graduation, Gavin will leave for the Air Force Academy's Basic Cadet Training on June 23rd. There he plans on majoring in Aeronautical Engineering and going on to flight school and becoming a pilot. "One of the most exciting aspects of life at the Air Force Academy is the unknown challenges that lie ahead of me each day. The Academy will test my limits, but I am confident that I will be able to overcome these challenges and one day serve my country as an officer in the United States Air Force," Gavin noted. We wish this talented young man much success in his future endeavors.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

- **SPM Athletics** investigated the possibility of installing artificial turf or sod on Guardian Field. Unfortunately the fundraising aspect could take years. The field is in playable condition, so a **two phase** improvement plan has been developed that would make Guardian Field and the upper field quality playing sites. As SPM Alumni, please feel free to donate to these worthy projects!

For the *Summer of 2012*

A goal of **\$25,000** has been set for Phase I that will include the following improvements:

- ✓ Installation of an irrigation system for the new upper level field
- ✓ Installation of an irrigation system for Guardian Field
- ✓ An upgrade of the Guardian Field playing surface

For the *Summer of 2013*

A goal of **\$50,000** has been set for Phase II that will include the following improvements:

- ✓ Installation of a combined bathrooms/concession stand complex for Guardian Field
- ✓ Addition of more bleachers at Guardian Field

- Please check out the new **SPM Athletics Apparel Website** from Allen's Uniforms that will be up and running beginning **August 1st**. You will be able to purchase either on-line with a credit card or directly from the Allen's store location in Worcester the below **SPM Athletics** items:
 - ❖ general **SPM Athletics** apparel (t-shirts, polo shirts, hats, hooded sweatshirts, sweat suits...)
 - ❖ apparel for *each SPM individual sport* (Football, Cheerleading, Swimming, Soccer, Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Volleyball, Alpine Skiing, Basketball, Ice Hockey, Baseball, Softball, Track, and Tennis...).Directions are simple. Once logging onto the Allen's website www.allensuniforms.com, click on **Shop By Team (Click To Shop)**, click on **St. Peter-Marian Athletics**, then click on **St. Peter-Marian Fans** for general items or click on a particular team for **team** items.
- This Fall of 2011, for the first time in SPM Athletics history, there will be night contests for Football, Soccer, Field Hockey, and a two-light meet for Cross-Country beginning with **Homecoming Weekend October 13-15**. Lights will be rented and memorabilia t-shirts will be available.
- **Homecoming Weekend is October 13-15th**. On **Thursday–October 13th**, the first ever SPM Athletics home night contest will feature **Girls Varsity Soccer** hosting St. Bernard's at 7:00 p.m. Also, **Boys Golf** will host Quabbin, **Boys and Girls Cross-Country** will host Abby Kelly, **Girls Volleyball** will host St. Mary's, and **Co-Ed Swimming** will host Lowell. On **Friday–October 14th**, **Varsity Field Hockey** will host Marlborough, and **Varsity Football** will host Wachusett at 7:00 p.m. (the **SPM Cheerleaders** will perform at halftime), and on **Saturday–October 15th**, **Boys Varsity Soccer** will host St. Bernard's at 7:00 p.m. **Boys and Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, and Football will honor past SPM players and teams at halftime of each game**, so please plan to be at SPM on those dates! More plans will be forthcoming. The SPM Athletics schedules are found on-line at www.highschoolsports.net.
- **SPM Season Football Tickets** will be on sale in September and will include the 5 home games played at SPM. Adult season tickets will be \$25 and students \$10.
- **SPM Athletics** will be sponsoring a **50/50 raffle fundraiser** beginning in July. Up to **five hundred** \$100 raffle tickets will be sold. 50% of the purse will support SPM Athletics, while the other 50% will be awarded to ticket holders. Ticket winners will be drawn at the first ever SPM night athletics event—the SPM/St. Bernard's Girls Soccer games on **October 13th** as part of the **Homecoming Weekend** festivities. If 500 tickets are sold, \$25,000 will benefit SPM Athletics, while we would draw 50 winning tickets for \$500 each. If 300 tickets are sold, \$15,000 will benefit SPM Athletics while we would draw 30 winning tickets for \$500 each. If 170 tickets are sold, \$8,500 will benefit SPM Athletics while we would draw 17 winning tickets for \$500 each. There will be many winners of \$500! Please consider purchasing 1 or more \$100 tickets or splitting it 2, 3, or 4 ways with family members or friends. If interested in purchasing 1 or more tickets, please either:
 - ✓ forward a check to Rich Riley at SPM (made out to SPM Athletics) with the amount reflecting the number of tickets purchased, and Mr. Riley will forward or deliver the ticket(s) to you
 - ✓ e-mail or call **Rich Riley** at rileyr@spmguardians.org (508) 852-5555 x20
- **SPM ATHLETICS TAG SALE** of old uniforms—There will be a tag sale of old SPM athletic uniforms from all sports on **SUNDAY–AUGUST 28th** from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** up on **Guardian Field!!!** So come on by and look for your old uniform or buy one for your children. They come in all sizes from very small to 3x.

New Hampshire, and Northeastern University. He chose Northeastern University, as he was able to major in Criminal Justice there. Prior to attending, he spent a year playing in the US Junior Hockey League for the Des Moines Buccaneers. While there, he played in 45 games, accumulating 18 goals and 14 assists. In 1997, he was drafted by the NHL's St. Louis Blues in the eighth round.

He entered Northeastern in 1997. During his physical fitness test he set a squat record by squatting 315 pounds for 50 reps. In addition, Bobby made the Hockey East Academic Team with an overall 3.4 grade point average. As a freshman, he played in 26 games, scoring 5 goals and 2 assists. He missed eight games due to an ankle injury. In his sophomore year, he played in 25 games, scoring 5 goals and 2 assists. In April of 1999, Bobby was in a car accident and missed his last two collegiate seasons due to head injury. He completed his degree however, receiving his BS in Criminal Justice.

He still missed the game, and attempted a comeback four years after his injury. He played for the Peoria Rivermen, a St. Louis Blues AHL affiliate at the end of the 2003-2004 season. He played in 14 games, scoring 1 goal and 3 assists. He felt he had lost too much speed during the layoff and decided to concentrate on finding a career in the criminal justice system.

Bobby went to the SSPO #17 Police Academy, graduating second in his class and winning the Physical Fitness Award. From there he went to work for Worcester State College's Campus Police from 2005-2007. He is currently employed as a police officer in the Northborough Police Department. When he is not on the job, he spends his time golfing, hunting, working out and playing men's league hockey.

We wish to congratulate him on his induction. We are very proud of both his athletic and academic accomplishments.

Elizabeth Leonard '99

Elizabeth "Liz" Leonard is a member of the Saint Peter-Marian Class of 1999. Liz was an outstanding tri-athlete, lettering in the sports of soccer, basketball, and tennis. Liz was the epitome of a student athlete as she excelled in the sports and academic arenas.

In the sport of soccer, Liz earned Central Massachusetts Conference All Star status her 8th grade through senior years. In addition, she was named to the T&G all Star teams her freshman through senior years. She won the Coaches Award for Best Girls Soccer Athlete her senior year. Liz was known for her aggressive play and her strong leadership.

In the sport of basketball, Liz earned both CMC All Star and T&G honors her 8th grade through senior years. She captained her team during her sophomore, junior, and senior years. Liz ended her career with 1,557 points, a feat unequalled by any female basketball player to date. Her team played in the District Finals her sophomore and junior years. Again she displayed an intensity which delighted her fans.

In the sport of tennis, Liz once again earned Central Massachusetts All Star and T&G honors. She was also named captain for her senior year and won the Senior Coaches Award for Best Tennis player. She played on the State Runner-Up Doubles Team her sophomore year.

In addition to her Coaches Awards, Liz was also the winner of the 1999 *Brian Piccolo Award* and the 1999 *Daniel Scavone Memorial Scholarship Award*. She earned a full basketball scholarship to attend Bentley College.

While at Bentley, she was a four year starter and was

named to the All NE-10 Team in 2000 and 2001. She suffered an injury seven games into her freshman season, but still managed to finish her college career with over 500 rebounds and 500 assists. She led her team to a Final Four appearance and was named Bentley's Female Athlete of the Year.

We congratulate Liz on her induction and want her to know that she is a young woman we hope many young athletes emulate.

John Cotter '55

John Cotter was a member of the St. Peter's High School Class of 1955. His memory was honored on November 12, 2010 at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

While some say this induction came too late, the Hall of Fame Committee knew John would not have had it any other way. John was nominated multiple times and refused to accept the nomination. He was an extremely humble man who was more interested in others receiving recognition.

Men like John Cotter come around once in a person's lifetime. He was an outstanding athlete, but more importantly, he was a supportive husband to his wife Kathleen and his seven children. He was the epitome of what a grandfather should be.

Somewhere there are many statistics for the tri-athlete, but again, being a man of great humility, John did not keep them. While he played football, basketball and baseball, he excelled in the sports of football and baseball. What we do know was gathered from his family, friends, and former coaches, Butch Vail, Bill Keville, and Bob Muir.

In the sport of football, he was a four year Varsity starter. He was named co-captain of the team his senior year and was named to the Second Team All-City. His football coach Bill Keville recalls, "John was a halfback with speed to burn. In our last season game before the St. John's game, he sprained his ankle. This was unfortunate as we thought we could beat St. Johns that year. On Thanksgiving Day, John had taped his ankle and decided to play. He was able to run straight ahead, but could not cut. At least twice he broke out into the clear only to get sacked from behind. John was a student of the game. Even as a player, he was always coaching. I hired him to be one of my assistants at St. Peter's and then again at Shrewsbury High School." John was named to the Catholic Free Press All City All Star Team, and the All City Telegram and Gazette Team his sophomore, junior and senior years.

In the sport of baseball, John played on the Varsity Team his freshman through senior years. John was named co-captain his senior year. He had outstanding speed in the outfield and saved many games with his amazing catches. He also had great speed on the base paths and was a great hitter. He earned Catholic Free Press All Star Honors and All City Telegram and Gazette Honors his sophomore through senior years.

While many remember John for his athletic feats, we remember him for founding our Guardian Hall of Fame. Given the merger of St. Peter's and Marian High Schools, John always sought to mend fences by bringing these schools together to recognize deserving athletes. John was a true Guardian; he rooted for the purple and white and never missed an opportunity to sing the school's praises. Faith-based education was very important to John and he sent his children and encouraged his grandchildren to attend his Alma Mater.

We miss our friend and hope his family can take some small comfort in our humble attempt to honor a man who wore the purple and white so proudly. We wish him peace.

GUARDIAN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTS 11 NEW MEMBERS

The Guardian Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and the entire St. Peter-Marian Jr Sr High School community are pleased and proud to honor these members of our Saint Peter's and Saint Peter-Marian communities. They were selected from a pool of over one hundred nominees. Their accomplishments are inspiring and are to be applauded. We invite you to nominate your peers and look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Mrs. Carol (Blute) Ryan – Honorary

Mrs. Carol (Blute) Ryan was inducted as an Honorary Member of the SPM Athletic Hall of Fame. She has been an inspiration to generations of young woman both in and out of the classroom.

Carol was a member of the SPM faculty and coaching staff from 1978-2006. As a member of the Science and Physical Education Departments, Carol taught a myriad of courses. These courses included junior high and high school physical education, Environmental Science, Biology, Computer Science, Earth Science, and Physical Science. She spent hours upon hours tutoring many of her young athletes through the challenging science courses they were required to take. Her former students commented that she was always "fun" in physical education and that she was demanding but extremely fair with her students.

In addition to her teaching duties, she also found time to participate in the extra-curricular life of the school and served in the capacity of Accreditation Co-Chair, Student Council Advisor, Junior High Advisor, Sophomore Class Advisor, Science Department Chair, and the overwhelming task of Coordinator of Senior Awards and Athletic Awards. We are not sure how, but Carol also managed to coach three sports during her tenure at SPM. She began the SPM Girls Varsity Soccer program in 1980 and coached the team to District Finals in 1988. She was named Coach of the Year in 1985 and was given The CMSCA Officials Sportsmanship Award in 1985. Her career record was 77-54-11. In Basketball, Carol was the Junior Varsity Coach from 1978 through 1989. Her teams amassed a 147-45 record. In addition, she coached the Varsity Basketball Team from 1992-1944, and the Junior Varsity Softball Team from 1979-1986. Her teams won 88 games and lost 19.

As a coach, she was involved in six Central Mass Conference Basketball Championships, six Basketball District Championships, and one State Basketball Championship. In softball, she coached in eight district championship games, eight Central Mass Conference Championships, and four State Championships. Carol is also a member of the Worcester State University Hall of Fame.

Carol currently teaches and coaches at the Bancroft School. She resides in Worcester with the "best husband in the world." Her son John Michael is a senior at Bryant University and pitches for the Division I baseball team.

Wayne Chamberlain '64

Wayne is a member of the St. Peter's Class of 1964. He was a four year starter in the sports of football and hockey. He was named to the All City Football Team in 1963 as a tight end. In hockey, he was a member of the team that took the Independent League Crown in 1961.

When asked what his most memorable moments at St. Peter's were he replied, "The time spent playing football and hockey with a group of kids that gave all they had, to be the BEST they could be." He credits his football coaches,

Jim Healy, Paul Brissette, and Butch Vail, as well as hockey coaches, John Coughlin Sr. and Bill Moran for bringing out the best in the teams that he played on. This group of coaches demanded discipline and hard work from their players.

Ironically, at 6'5" he never played basketball in high school, yet went on to have an outstanding career in college. Wayne indicated his high school coaches instilled in him a strong work ethic that enabled him to excel in basketball. Wayne played basketball in college and was chosen the team's MVP. Wayne averaged 17.5 points and 18 rebounds per game; his team had a 23-4 record, and he had offers from the University of Hartford and Babson Institute to continue his collegiate career. He chose to go to Babson Institute, where he played for Bill Olson. Babson was named by the New England Basketball Writers Association as the Most Improved Team in New England. This team was ranked seventh in the nation due to their longest winning streak of fifteen games with a win loss percentage of .880.

At Babson, Wayne was named captain of his team and was the team's most outstanding rebounder. Wayne was chosen twice for the Naismith Conference All Star Team and the UPI All New England Small College Second Team. Wayne averaged 16.9 rebounds per game and won an additional honor as he received an honorable mention to the Associated Press All New England Team. "The AP honor was significant in that unlike the UPI honor, which is classified as college size, ranks all teams in the same category for all purposes of the award. In other words, Wayne's honorable mention ranks him with such New England greats as Jimmy Hayes of BU, Terry Driscoll of BC, and others."

Wayne, through his self-discipline and work ethic was able to achieve greatness in his new sport of basketball. He is an inspiration to all those athletes who desire to succeed. We congratulate him on his induction to the Guardian Hall of Fame.

Rev. Paul Shaughnessy, SJ '69

Father Paul is a member of the 1969 class of St. Peter's High School. He was a standout in the sports of football and basketball.

However, it was in the sport of football where he excelled. He was a three year starter for the purple and white. James Joyce, his childhood friend who lived in the three-decker next to his on Woodland Street, recalls, "Paul's years at St. Peter's were memorable. He started his sophomore year at a mere 6'2" 225 lbs! He was a natural tackle. In his four years, his teams went 28-4-1. They beat St. John's three out of his four years and went on to win the City Championship every year." Father Paul was named to the All City Team and was named tri-captain.

Father Paul recalls his most memorable sports moment as the win against Gardner. St. Peter's entered the contest against Gardner undefeated. However, after being down 22-0, the team staged a comeback for the ages, beating Gardner 23-22

in what is remembered as one of the most exciting games in St. Peter's storied tradition. After defeating Gardner, the team went on to defeat Doherty High School and Saint John's, 38-20. The 1969 team had a place in the history books as they were the first St. Peter's team to have an undefeated season and were crowned Class A champs.

Father Paul also recalls that some of his memorable moments occurred outside the sports arena. He recalls being a member of the Glee Club for three years and a stagehand for the senior play *Finnegan's Wake*.

After graduating from St. Peter's, Father Paul went on to play football at Holy Cross College. After graduating from Holy Cross, he entered for FBI training. It was then that Father Paul received his life's calling to enter the Jesuit Order.

It was here that his friend James Joyce recounts that, "whatever achievements he accomplished at St. Peter's would pale in comparison to what he would later face, that of completing four tours of duty in Iraq as a Commander and Navy Chaplain."

Father Paul has no idea the impact that he has had on the many men and woman he has been called to serve. We wish to congratulate him on his induction, but more importantly we thank him for his service to his country and our church.

Tom Horan '77

Tom Horan is a member of the first graduating class of St. Peter Marian High School. Tom entered St. Peter's in his sophomore year and immediately made an impact on its baseball program where he was both a pitcher and outfielder.

During his tenure at SPM, his teams had a 60-15 record. In 1975, the team won the District Championship and was runner up in the State Tournament. In 1976 the team finished in second place in the Districts. In 1977, the team won the Massachusetts State Baseball Tournament.

Tom was a gifted pitcher who finished his high school career with a 22-2 record. His career ERA was less than .200. He went 3-0 against St. John's High School and threw two complete games against them. The coaches relied on Tom's arm, starting him in both the District and State championship games. He pitched seventeen shutout innings in these games. According to those who knew him, Tom was an aggressive and competitive young athlete who gave the game all he had. He was extremely coachable and relied upon him for his leadership.

In addition to being an outstanding pitcher, he was also an excellent hitter. He had an overall career batting average over .300 and batted .375 his senior year. He was the one many counted on to get that clutch hit.

He went on to a stellar collegiate pitching career at St. Leo's College in Florida, where he was a four-year Varsity starter.

Tom's most memorable SPM moments include winning the Division 1 State Championship Baseball Tournament in 1977. He said this win was particularly satisfying after having lost the State Championship in 1975. In addition, he noted that the girls Varsity Softball Team also won the State Softball Championship in 1977. This had never happened in St. Peter's, Marian's or St. Peter-Marian's histories.

Tom appreciates the opportunities he had to play on three outstanding baseball teams. He enjoyed the time he spent with his talented teammates and his excellent coaches.

Tom is currently Vice President of Finance of Schneider Electric and resides in Connecticut. His daughter Jenna, of whom he is extremely proud, resides in Brighton, MA. We congratulate him on his induction and wish him continued success.

Peter Rovessi '78

Peter is a member of the Saint Peter-Marian Class of 1978. He was an outstanding athlete in the sports of basketball and baseball.

In basketball, Peter was a two year Varsity starter. As a senior, he was selected as captain of his team. He was instrumental in leading his team to winning the District Championship. The team went on to the semi-finals playing against Springfield's Commerce High School, a game in which he scored 30 points. After averaging 18.1 points per game, Peter was selected to the T&G *Dream Team*. In addition, he was named MVP of the Catholic Tournament at Holy Cross College and to the prestigious *Massachusetts Best of 48 Team*. He had numerous colleges offer him basketball scholarships.

As gifted as he was on the court, he also shined on the diamond. Peter was a four year Varsity Baseball starter for the Guardians. In 1975, he started at third base and was a member of a team that won the Division 1 District Championship and played in the State Baseball Championship which was held at Fitton Field. In 1977, he was the starting shortstop for the Division 1 State Baseball Champions. In 1978, he was named Captain of the team and also to the Massachusetts All State Baseball Team. As a senior, he batted over .55, fielding many offers from Division I and Division II colleges. He was awarded the Coaches Award for being the Best Baseball Player. He chose to go to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

At Eckerd, he again started all four years and was named to the All Sunshine State Conference First Team. His team played in the NCAA Southeast Regional for all four years he attended Eckerd. Eckerd was ranked the #1 Division II Team after defeating the University of Miami. He was named captain of his college team in 1982.

From 1983-1984, he also played baseball in Bologna, Italy for a club team and various Italian National Teams. In 1983, he was named MVP of the European Baseball Championships. In 1984, he was named to the 1984 Italian Olympic Team and represented Italy in the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games.

Peter is currently a VP executive at Baystate Savings Bank in Worcester. He has three great children—Carla, Vincent and Anthony, all of Worcester. He gives special thanks to his mother Gloria of Worcester and his brother Jim of Boynton Beach, Florida. We wish to congratulate Peter on his induction.

Mark Chestna '82

Mark Chestna is a member of the Saint Peter-Marian Class of 1982. He was an outstanding tri-athlete participating in the sports of football, basketball, and baseball.

Mark entered SPM in his sophomore year. He said, "playing football allowed him to meet people and make new friends." As football practice began before school started, it gave him the opportunity to get comfortable with the school.

While there were many memorable moments, he recounted his fondest memories regarding football revolved around the annual Thanksgiving Day game playing against St. John's High School. He was named captain in his senior year

and earned Central Massachusetts Conference honors in 1981 and 1982. He was also named to the Telegram and Gazette All Star Football Teams in 1981 and 1982.

In the sport of basketball, Mark was an integral part of the 1981 team which won the Central Massachusetts District Title. This team was a runner-up in the State Massachusetts Finals. Mark again earned CMC Basketball honors in 1981 and 1982, and was chosen for the Telegram and Gazette All Star Basketball Team in 1981 and 1982. In 1982, he was chosen captain of his team.

Mark felt most comfortable playing baseball. As a sophomore, he started on the Varsity Baseball Team. His fondest baseball memory was playing for the District Title at Fitton Field during his sophomore year, when the team won the title. Here again, he earned CMC All Star honors in 1981 and 1982. He was also named to the Telegram and Gazette All Star Baseball Team in 1981, and again in 1982.

At the conclusion of his senior year, Mark was chosen to receive the *William Haney Outstanding Athlete Award*. We are grateful for his contributions to our athletic community and congratulate him on his induction.

Jim O'Brien '82

Jim is a member of the SPM Class of 1982. He is one of the many outstanding hockey players of the 1980's to have worn the purple and white. Jim was a four-year Varsity starter. In both his junior and senior years, he was selected to the T&G *All Star Super Team* and was a Central Mass All Star. As a senior, he was selected as co-captain of his team and was the winner of the Central Massachusetts District E Coaches Award. He was chosen to showcase his talents in the prestigious Hockey Night in Boston as a member of the All Star team skating for the Metro West.

As a junior, Jim skated in the Boston Garden as a member of the 1980-81 Varsity team that posted a 23-3 season before losing to Matignon in the State Finals. As a senior, Jim's team posted a 19-1 record, helping SPM win the Central Massachusetts Championship. Unfortunately due to Proposition 2½, there were no state hockey finals. In addition to his memorable moments on the ice, he was also an outstanding street hockey player, helping his team win the 1980 National Street Hockey Championship in Leominster, MA.

Jim earned a four year athletic scholarship to the University of Lowell. As a member of the Chiefs, he played for legendary coach Billy Riley. Jim scored the game winning goal in triple OT to lead Lowell to its third consecutive ECAC Championship over Babson. In addition to playing a very tough ECAC schedule, the Lowell Chiefs played against the Soviet Hockey Team in 1984. This was a mere four years after the United States "Miracle on Ice". At the 1983 RPI Holiday Tournament, Jim was named to the prestigious All Tournament Team.

During his four seasons as a Chief, Jim played in 120 games. He currently ranks in the top twenty for most career hockey games played at Lowell. He graduated in 1986 with a BS in Business Management and a minor in Marketing. Shortly after, Jim returned home to Worcester and helped coach the SPM Varsity Hockey Team from 1987-1990 as a member of Tim O'Malley's coaching staff. He then moved away, but again returned in 2000, becoming a member of the SPM coaching staff under head coach Mike Germain from 2001-2008.

Currently, Jim lives in Paxton with his wife of twenty years, Michele, and his two sons, Shane and Colin. He is the National Business Development Manager for Upset Nutrition LL of San Diego, California.

We thank Jim for his work with our Varsity Ice Hockey program and congratulate him on his induction.

Janet (Firlings) Herter '87

Mrs. Janet Firlings Herter is a member of the Class of 1987. She was a tri-athlete who participated in the sports of cross country, basketball and softball.

In cross country, she was a T&G All Star her sophomore, junior and senior years. In her junior and senior years she won the Knights of Columbus Road Race. In her senior year she won the prestigious Nashoba Invitational. She set course records at Green Hill Park and Wachusett. In her senior year she placed fourth in the District Finals and sixteenth in the State Finals. She was the first SPM runner ever to qualify for the State Finals.

In basketball, Janet was instrumental in the team's four District titles and State title. She earned Central Massachusetts Conference and T&G All-Star honors all four years. Her senior year she was named co-captain and *Massachusetts Player of the Year*.

In softball Janet was part of the team that went to the State Championship her sophomore year. She was named co-captain her senior year and received CMC All Star honors in addition to Telegram and Gazette honors.

Janet was offered a full scholarship to play basketball at Brown University. She set the record for most steals her freshman year. Janet's team went from last in the Ivy League to finishing second her senior year. She captained the team her senior year and was named to the All Ivy Team.

Janet's fondest memories at St. Peter-Marian included playing in the State title games in basketball and softball and listening to Miss Blute's locker room speeches. She also remembers fondly her brother Matthew winning the Districts in Cross Country. She remembers the wins at Nashoba and the Knights of Columbus, but most of all remembers her dad yelling across Green Hill Park to beat Fitchburg!

Janet is still an accomplished athlete having participated in Ironman Races at Lake Placid, Monaco, and Nice. Her fondest memory includes crossing the finishing line at Lake Placid with her brother John. Janet received her Masters in Business from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. She is a Certified Public Accountant.

We wish to congratulate this humble woman on all of her accomplishments and thank her for her outstanding example of what a student athlete should be.

Robert Haglund '96

Bobby Haglund Jr. was a member of the Class of 1996. He is one of only a handful of hockey players to have played for the Varsity Hockey Team as an 8th grader. From his freshman through senior years, he started for the purple and white. As a sophomore, he was named Boston Globe Player of the Year. In addition, he was named to the T&G All Star Hockey Team from 1993-1996. Bobby was also the leading scorer in the Catholic Conference his sophomore, junior and senior years. He is SPM's all-time leading scorer!

Bobby was offered full athletic scholarships from the University of Maine at Orono, BC, University of