

March



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Mark your calendar...

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2,5	Penance Services: Grades 7-9
3,4,9	Diocesan Testing Grade 7 (<i>mornings only</i>)
8	Novena of Grace at St. John's Parish, Worcester, 9:15 a.m. (<i>Grade 7</i>)
10	Interim Reports issued to students
11	*Dodge Ball Tournament. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Sr. High School Gym
17	<i>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</i>
25	Mass For Life at St. Paul Cathedral 10:00 a.m. (<i>Grade 8</i>)
27	Diocesan Declamation Contest, 9:00 a.m. at the Sr. High School
31	Stations of the Cross during Religion classes

MARCH OUTSIDE READING

GRADE 7:	<u>ST. PAUL, THE 13TH APOSTLE</u> , BY MARY LEA HILL, FSP
GRADE 8:	<u>PROVE IT! CHURCH</u> BY AMY WELLBORN

A p r i l

2	Good Friday, No Classes
4	Easter Sunday
14	Third Quarter Report Cards issued to students.
19-23	Spring Vacation
26	Professional Development Day: No school for students
27	Classes Resume

APRIL OUTSIDE READING

GRADE 7:	<u>PICTURES OF HOLLIS WOODS</u> , BY PATRICIA REILLY GIFF
GRADE 8:	<u>SLAVE DANCER</u> BY PAULA FOX

School Motto: The Student Council recently surveyed the students to create a motto for our school. The votes are in!

SPM Junior High: Dreamers, Believers, Achievers.

Talent Show: The SPM Student Council is planning a talent show for the spring. Get ready!!!

Lenten Projects: We have many Lenten Projects going on at the Junior High. One is "Soup and Socks", a program that benefits Veterans and the Mustard Seed. Other projects include making Stations of the Cross booklets, making twig crosses, Lenten journals, letters and birthday cards to Haiti; get well cards to Sherry's House and a coin project to benefit Visitation House.

NCCSA Please find attached a letter from Kristin Melley, director of the National Catholic Center for Student Aspirations. Kristin is writing an article about the program's success at SPM Jr. High. The article will appear in the spring issue of **Momentum**, the magazine for the National Catholic Education Association.

We initially became involved in the Aspirations Program because of national research data that suggested both public and private school students were not recognizing teachers' efforts to support them. This student perception of support from teachers is an integral ingredient in student success. We wanted to look at specific ways to positively impact our students' perceptions.

We are grateful to the NCCSA and especially to Kristen Melley for working with us as we examined our explicit and implicit curricula for the past three years. It's been well worth the effort!

DODGE BALL NIGHT: Get your teams together! See Mrs. Gadoua with any questions.

PLACEMENT EXAM: Do you know anyone who would like to attend SPM in the fall? Let them know about the make-up exam to be held at the high school on Saturday, March 13th at 7:45 a.m.

REMEMBER, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEDICAL CARD ON FILE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO **TRY OUT** FOR SPRING SPORTS.



Deep Peace of the running wave to you...

Deep Peace of the flowing air to you...

Deep Peace of the quiet earth to you...

Deep Peace of the shining stars to you...

Deep Peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Traditional Celtic Blessing

