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Dear Guardian Families,

As summer vacation nears its end and the dawn of a new year appears on our horizon, I invite you to join me in reflection on the multiple successful initiatives that have been implemented over the last school year, and the work-behind-the-scenes during the summer to prepare for our 2017-18 opening.

During this special year, we made advancements in solidifying SPM's external partnerships, yielding significant value for our school. Our partnership with the Worcester Railers was instrumental in the development of our girls' hockey team as well as providing a state-of-the-art ice arena for our boys and girls' hockey teams to practice and compete. We have developed new partnerships through the Chamber of Commerce yielding meaningful donations and grants, such as our \$3500.00 award from Staples, which will assist in funding our library renovations. Additionally, we have taken great strides in cultivating a spirit of community with our alumni, especially through our alumni homecoming event and our first annual Guardian Gala, the latter of which we raised 36K. We were finalists for best private school through Worcester Telegram and Gazette's Best of Central Massachusetts, received the key to the city of Worcester, and won Bay State Parent's Best Parochial School 2016.

Some new exciting news to share includes a donation of 30k from our new partner, Unibank, which will fund a digital sign to be installed later this year. We are also thrilled to announce our new partnership with Peak Fitness, which includes \$5500.00 donation to support our implementation of training programs for our athletic teams. In addition, we have even more exciting news to be shared with students and the community on our first day back at school.....stay tuned!

We extend heartfelt gratitude to Dan Millett and his staff of students for implementing our very expansive renovation program also known as SPM Renovation 2017. The media center renovations are still underway with a planned *grand opening* in September. We are excited about the new aesthetics of our space, and the freshly painted walls and new carpet will support our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media Center and its new "maker space" as part of our award winning STEM program. SPM Renovation 2017 includes enhancements to our lobby and main office. We appreciate what the 1980's style brought, but look forward to the modernization that this will give to the "front porch" of our school. A special thank you, again, to Dan's student staff for the removal of old ceiling tiles, the cleaning and painting of all the tile frames and the replacement of 500 new tiles; a very labor-intensive job to undertake.

On a sad note, we lost a very important, fun-loving member of our family as we mourn the passing of Donald "Donnie" Harris. He served the school community as our After Hours Building Supervisor for 16 years. We will miss his humor and his kind and gentle way. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to have had Donnie as a part of the SPM community. We extend our prayers to his family

We have much to celebrate at SPM. Our blessings and successes are attributed to one source only, and that would be Our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to the new school year and the halls being filled with the laughter and youthful excitement that our students bring to this school. We thank the parents and guardians for entrusting your children to us, and for the continued support of our Alumni external partners. God bless the SPM community and welcome back!

With Guardian Pride,

Christopher J. Cummings  
President