

GUARDIAN SPIRIT



ST. PETER MARIAN JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni Partners,

Over a year ago I wrote an introductory greeting filled with news of a new and exciting approach at SPM. This approach included embracing a commitment to renewing and building a thriving network of external partnerships to strengthen our blessed and outstanding school. I hope you enjoy the news and pictures of our new initiatives, events, awards, and accolades which have been part of the life of our school. These initiatives have invigorated our school and have allowed us to build new partnerships with alumni and area businesses. This progress is far from over, and we are committed to continue an aggressive plan for school improvement.

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of you since I came to SPM. Through last year's events—the Gala, reunion, meetings—I have connected with graduates spanning over seven decades and I promise to continue to build more connections. We will hold our second Guardian Gala on April 7. This year's event has a "Roaring 20s" theme and will again feature gourmet food, beer and wine, and auctions. We hope you can join us for this fun-filled event! We also have our annual Guardian Golf Tournament on September 10 at the immaculate Tatnuck Country Club in Worcester.

We have so much to celebrate at SPM. Jesus has blessed us with so many riches and we are thankful for all He has bestowed upon us as a school. We rejoice in each day at SPM with halls filled with youthful excitement and energy that our students and faculty bring each day. We thank the parents and guardians for entrusting their children to us. We are appreciative to our amazing faculty and staff for delivering outstanding instruction and guidance to the students. And we are so thankful to our alumni and our benefactors for all their support in our mission as a Catholic school. May God continue to bless our school and community.

With Guardian Pride, Chris Cummings

SAVE
THE
DATE

GUARDIAN GALA 2018
April 7th, 6:00-10:00
1920's Great Gatsby Theme!

Golf Tournament
September 10th
at Tatnuck CC

1st ANNUAL GUARDIAN GALA

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, the school welcomed back many alumni to the 1st Annual Guardian Gala.

The event helped celebrate the 40 year anniversary of the merging of the longtime Worcester Catholic education institutions – St. Peter's High School and Marian High School.

Over 200 sponsors contributed to the evening's success including Peppercorn's Restaurant, Wormtown Brewery and Kelly K's Catering. Attendees enjoyed the music of recording artist Dezi Garcia, class of 2013. An enthusiastic steering committee, lead by President Cummings, Michael Cotter (class of 1978) and Daria Liston (Parent Board President) planned and implemented our gala.

The Gala was successful in raising over \$35,000 for the school's improvement fund (see pie chart on back cover).

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Guardian Gala will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the school. This year's Gala promises to be a night of fun with a Great Gatsby theme. Tickets may be purchased through our website www.spmguardians.org, or hard tickets can be purchased at our Main Office (781 Grove St.).



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Donate to SPM Alumni Fund

Link available through
website spmguardians.org
or send via mail
781 Grove Street,
Worcester, MA



Commemorative bricks
displayed on Guardian Way
for purchase

Call 508 852 5555 ext 104
or email

cummingsc@spmguardians.org



Marian High School's class of 1967 celebrates their 50th reunion in October.



Rosemary Scott '82 and James Scott '76
welcome alumni at Thanksgiving game.

Alumni Relations

We are pleased to announce that Rosemary Scott, class of 1982, has joined us as our Alumni Relations liaison. Rosemary will be able to assist in reunion planning, networking events, and other alumni related events. Feel free to contact her at alumni@spmguardians.org with any questions, ideas, updates you may have.

Alumni Contact Information Update

To keep you updated on alumni and school events, we need updated contact information. Please visit our website www.spmguardians.org and click the alumni tab to update your information. When you update your information, you will be entered into a monthly drawing to win a restaurant gift card.



President Chris Cummings with
Peter Rovezzi '78 at recent Wachusett
Chamber of Commerce event.



The classes of 1966 and 1967 celebrated their reunion in October.

ACCOLADES, AWARDS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 40th Anniversary Gala in May, 2017 raised \$35,000 for school improvements (*see pie chart on back cover*)
- \$30,000 Donation from Unibank for Digital Signage Outside Front of School
- \$3,500 Staples Grant for new 3-D printer for our library/media center
- \$1,750 matching grant from Fablevision for a STEM makerspace software package
- \$5,000 donation from the Worcester Railers Hockey Club for start up costs for our new Girls Hockey Program
- \$5,500 donation from Peak Fitness for the training of the Boys and Girls Hockey Teams at the new Worcester Ice Center
- Over \$2,000 raised in our first ever "Day of Giving" donor marathon
- Awarded Bay State Parent Magazine Best Parochial School (2017)
- Awarded Bay State Parent Magazine Best Private School (2017)
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- Named Telegram and Gazette Top 3 Best Private School (2016)
- Named Telegram and Gazette Top 3 Best Middle School (2017)
- MIAA Sportsmanship Award (2017)
- Math Team #1 in the Nation in Catholic School Math League

YEAR IN REVIEW



Victory for SPM Girls' Hockey!



Ceremony celebrating the Worcester Railers \$5,000 donation for new Girls' Hockey program.



Officials from Unibank and SPM students join President Cummings to celebrate new installation of electronic messaging center; made possible by Unibank's \$30,000 donation and fundraising yielded from Gala.



Students and staff with Mayor Joseph Petty and District 1 City Councilor Tony Economou at Worcester City Hall. President Cummings accepted the Key to the City and a Proclamation honoring the school's 40th anniversary.

What's New?

St. Peter-Marian introduced Girls Ice Hockey this year. They qualified for the playoffs in their first year! The team is coached by alumnus Jay Monfreda, class of '94.

Three of members of our football team have signed letters of intent to play college football. Congratulations to Josh Pace that will be playing for New Haven University, Dan Malm that will be playing for Assumption College, and Patrick Creagh that will be playing for Worcester State in the fall. Congratulations.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Day Football game was held at Fitton Field this year. Prior to the game, St. John's hosted the 2nd Annual Captains lunch which brought together the Captains from both teams. In addition, Alumni Relations had a welcome table, complete with homemade cookies to welcome over 1,000 alumni that stopped by, said hello and updated their contact information.

Day of Giving

On Tuesday, January 30, as part of Catholic Schools week, St. Peter-Marian Junior Senior High School participated in a Day of Giving. Sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association, we raised over \$2,000 in online donations over a 24-hour period. Thank you for your generous support.

Blue Mass

On January 30, 2018, we held our Second Annual Blue Mass at the school. We welcomed first responder alumni from Worcester Police, Worcester Fire, Worcester EMT, and Massachusetts State Police. We were honored to have Worcester Chief of Fire, Michael LaVoie and District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr. In attendance. As part of Catholic School week, it was an honor to recognize our first responders and thank them for their service.



Worcester D.A. Joe Early speaks to students after Police/Fire mass.



Processional at Police/Fire mass.



Renovations to our library and lobby made possible by fundraising and grant awards.



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*Through these doors
walk the greatest.*

How can you help?

Update your information

Send reunions and
life events

Stem Committee

Alumni Relations
Committee

Donate

**Visit our new
Facebook page!**

@stpetermarian

Planning a reunion?

We'll post on the SPM
website and social media!

Email:

alumni@spmguardians.org

Follow us on twitter!

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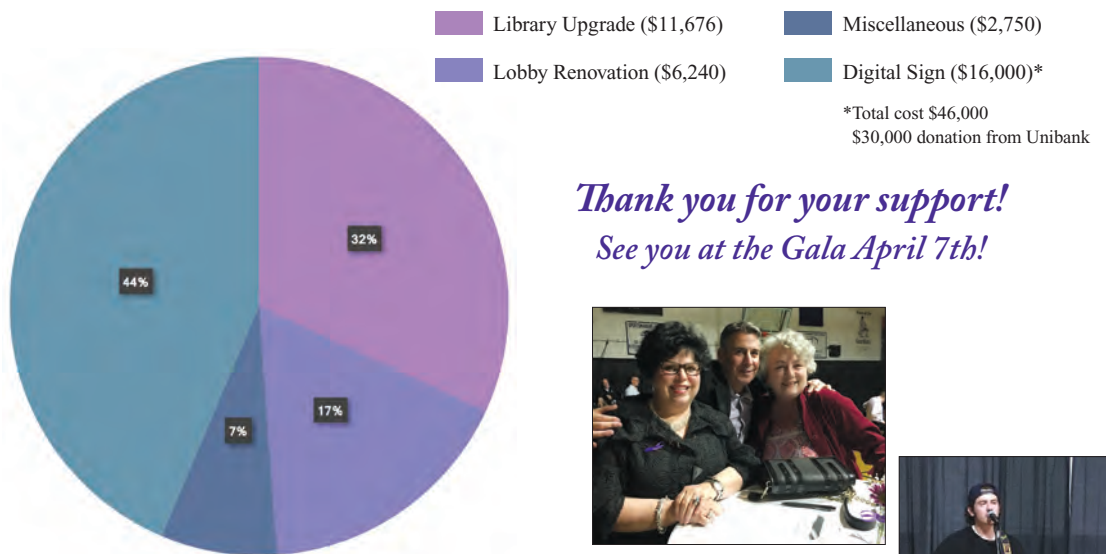
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GUARDIAN GALA 2017 FUNDRAISING RESULTS



*Thank you for your support!
See you at the Gala April 7th!*

