

GUARDIAN NEWS

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Professional Day

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, December 7th** to accommodate a teacher's religious enrichment day. The day is a diocesan-wide spiritual day for all of the

Penance Services

Grades 7 & 8 will be attending Penance Services on **Tuesday, December 4th**. We will be joined by local priests from nearby parishes for the occasion.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

We will be celebrating Mass on **Saturday, December 8th** at 9:00 AM in the Gym.

Also, please note that Bishop McManus granted us a "Bishop's Day Off" when he visited us for Mass last week. We will use the day after our awards night. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, May 17th**.



Much to be Thankful For

Last week was a wonderful example of how thoughtful and generous the St. Peter Marian community can be. Due to the generosity of students, parents and faculty, SPM provided 80 Thanksgiving Baskets to assist those in need. We were part of a massive level of outreach that provided over 700 baskets for the people of Worcester.

Our school community is filled with people who understand the importance of caring for others and recognizing that God's blessings upon us enable us to demonstrate that we believe in something larger than ourselves. Thank you for doing your part.





NHS Diaper Drive

A message to the SPM Community from Catholic Charities:

"I just wanted to thank you again for organizing the diaper drive to benefit Catholic Charities. We received a total of 4,826 diapers and pull-ups and 84 packages of wipes, which means at least 161 families will be helped through the efforts of your students and their families. We are truly appreciative of all that St. Peter Marian has done to aid Catholic Charities."

On Sunday, December 2nd, 32 NHS members spent over 200 hours collectively volunteering at the Great Christmas Giveaway at Faith Church in Auburn. Other than church members, we were the single largest group of volunteers. Students served as gift wrappers, personal shoppers, gift deliverers as well as leading craft activities with children. They did a great job and we are very proud of their efforts on behalf of our school. Some of us met with Santa! (See photo below)

Scenes of Thanksgiving Week



Thanksgiving Baskets distribution at St. Peter's Parish



SPM CARES- THANKSGIVING EDITION (cont.)



Seniors Maeve Kirk and Delaney Proko as well as Morgan Proko '16 recently helped Kiwanis of Worcester wrap over 800 presents to be delivered to students at Wawecus Road and Union Hill School in December. Kiwanis Club of Worcester has been serving the children of Worcester County for over 100 years with initiatives designed the underprivileged. Many of our students have had the opportunity to help various club initiatives over the years. Delaney and Morgan Proko received awards for their volunteer efforts at the Kiwanis Club of Worcester's 100th year banquet in 2016.

The Giving Trees have been put up in the main foyer of the school. Many students and staff have chosen to take tags off the trees, committing to buy the gifts requested on the tags. Gifts have been requested by families in the greater Worcester area through Urban Missionaries.

If you choose to take a tag from the tree, please make sure that your gift is brought in by December 13. Gifts should be placed unwrapped under the tree you got the tag from, with the tag securely attached. If you have lost your tag, come to Campus Ministry to get a copy of the tag to put on your gift. Please, please bring in the gifts you chose tags for or those children will go without.

NHS MEETS WITH SANTA



