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Catholic Schools Week

January 27-February 2, 2019

Sponsored by NCEA, CSW is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. We will observe the week with Mass and other activities for students, families, and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to the Church, our local communities and the nation.

This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

DA's Office Presentation

Thursday, January 31st at 9:00 AM Ellen Miller will present a Cyber-Bullying, Cyber Safety seminar for Grades 7-9. The presentation is valuable for developing healthy strategies and assisting students in navigating the difficulties of social media.



Mid-Term Examinations

The academic purpose of a week of high stakes exams is that the format creates conditions that challenge students to meet rigorous demands. It was impressive to walk down the hallways and observe students deeply immersed in their work. Their serious approach is reflective of an environment that teachers created to ensure the highest levels of learning. Mid-term exams show students and teachers how much has been learned since August and helps shape the curriculum for the remainder of the year. Students should know that this serious approach to studies will serve them well in preparing them for handling the challenges of college and beyond.





A Look Ahead

Students should prepare for the following upcoming events:

- **Tuesday, January 22** A & B Exams. 11:00 AM Dismissal
- **Wednesday, January 23** C & D Exams. 11:00 AM Dismissal
- **Thursday, January 24** C & D Exams. 11:00 AM Dismissal
- **Friday, January 25** G Exam 9:00 AM Dismissal. Make-up exams occur after the G Exam.

A group of twenty students traveled to Washington D.C. for the March for Life on **Friday, January 18**

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, **February 14th**

February Vacation begins on Friday, February 15th at 2:00 PM.

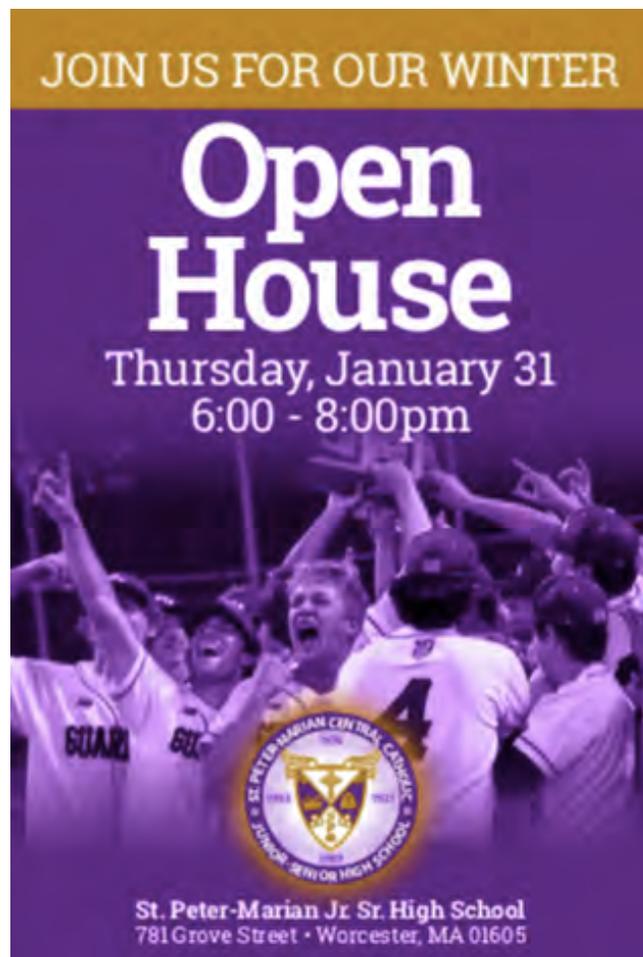
Classes resume on Monday, February 25 at 7:20 AM

Winter Open House Volunteers Needed

Our Open House for prospective students and their parents will occur on **Thursday, January 31 from 6-8:00 PM**. We need students to serve as tour guides and participants in classroom and extracurricular activities.

All students interested in volunteering should sign-up with Mrs. Kreuz in the Main Office. Students who participate will have a dress-down day.

A sign-up genius has been sent to parents so that they can volunteer to donate drink and snacks for our guests. Others may volunteer to welcome families in the cafeteria and share accounts of their experiences at SPM. Others may make follow-up phone-calls with families.



BOXTOPS CHALLENGE

Please send in any Box Tops you may have collected with your child to school. Our school receives 10 cents for every Box Top sent in. Box Tops can be found on many products you probably already use. (Kleenex tissues, General Mills cereal, Betty Crocker baking goods, Betty Crocker fruit snacks, Old El Paso taco mixes, Pillsbury foods, Ziploc, Yoplait yogurt and many more products) <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. There are often contests for our school to receive bonus Box Tops. Register at the above website.

Please ask family and friends to clip and save the Box Tops and send them in regularly to school with your child. Every Box Top counts towards cash for our school.

Faculty Spotlight: Ms. Kelli Reyngoudt Director of School Counseling



St. Peter Marian found me! I was a public school kid. I was working in the admissions office at Boston University and looking to make the move to high school counseling. SPM was looking to hire its first official College Counselor. It was an exciting opportunity, but I've always said I thought the job would be a transition job for me. That was 20 years ago! I fell in love with the Catholic school mission and have never looked back.

What makes SPM the place it is are the people who form this special community. That includes my amazing colleagues, the students who make me proud of them every day, and their hard working parents who have chosen to make the financial commitment to provide their children an academically rigorous, faith-based education.

I attended Bates College in Maine and earned a B.A. in Psychology. While working at Boston University, I earned my Masters in Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. I love quotes/mantras! A few that I always return to as a college counselor, mom and for personal reflection are: "Every college is wonderful for someone. No college is wonderful for everyone." "Be Yourself! Everyone else is already taken." and "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

I started running about 7 years ago, inspired by my friends Kevin Kirk and Bob Betters. I also love to hike and be outdoors. I have a boisterous canine family at home and, of course, my son Jack who is 11 and playing three seasons of sports, keeps me very busy. He can't wait to come to the junior high and looks forward to being a member of the SPM Class of 2026.

I am so proud to have played a small role in helping several thousand SPM seniors apply to college. Hearing about the interesting careers and lives our alumni have established for themselves is incredibly fulfilling.

