

GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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Almost, Maine

SPM Drama presents their Spring Play on the weekend of March 22. **Almost, Maine** is a play by John Ciarani, comprising nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called **Almost, Maine**.

St. Patrick's Parade

Many of our students will be participating in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Worcester. The event was postponed to Sunday, March 24.

Sophomore Retreats

Our sophomore class will be heading out across the city to offer community service as part of their retreat experience. Students will be volunteering at SPCC, The Village, The Guild of St. Agnes, Urban Missionaries, Mercy Center, and the Donations Clearinghouse at CMHA.



Lent Begins with Reflection

The St. Peter-Marian community joined together in prayer and reflection led by Campus Minister Ms. Capurso. She offered a beautiful and meaningful reflection that challenged students to stop and realize where they are going. Her remarks focused on how we can all feel lost at times and need to listen to our surroundings to regain our way. She reminded students that God is longing for a relationship with each one of us. Lent is the perfect time to listen to that call and concentrate on what is most important to us.





Spring Sports Tryouts

The Jr. High Boys Baseball team will open on Thursday, March 14, but the rest of spring sports begin with tryouts on Monday, March 18. Don't forget to submit forms for each season. See: http://www.spmathletics.com/information/preseason_forms/index

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

- Penance Services on March 12, March 19, and March 26
- Sophomore Retreats are on March 15 and March 29
- Mass for Life on March 25 (Grade 7)

Senior 3rd Quarter Closes on Friday March 15 Senior grades close to end the third quarter on Friday. SPM has always shortened the 3rd quarter for seniors because they start final exams the first week of May

College Info Night for Juniors March 14 6-8:30 PM A seminar is held for juniors and their parents. It is an opportunity to interact with many individuals who can share varied insights into the exciting college search and application process.

Who Will Be Named the Next Mr. Guardian?

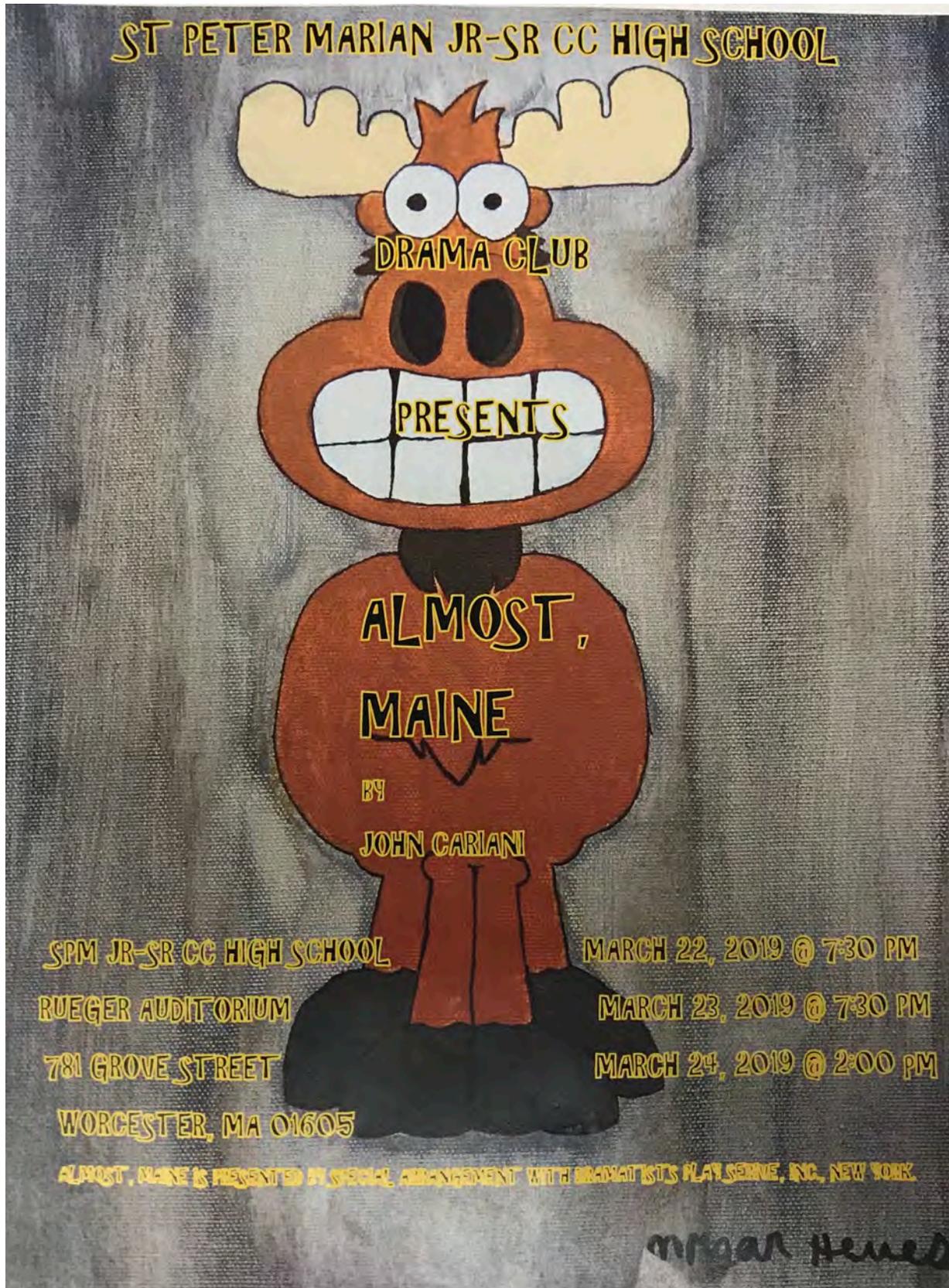


The **Senior Class** has been active in sponsoring events this year. One of their latest ideas is putting on a Mr. Guardian contest. The ten contestants will be on stage on Friday, March 3rd at 6:00 PM

Girls Basketball Team in MIAA Tournament Semi-finals

The Girls Basketball Team ended an inspirational season at 15-7 with an exciting game at Clark University in the semi-finals of the Central Massachusetts tournament. The future is bright for these young players as they bring back many of their players. They overcame a difficult season last year with only a couple of wins and qualified for the Districts after a drought that lasted more than a decade. Their hard work and dedication to each other serve as a powerful example of teamwork. Great job girls!





Meet the Faculty- Mrs. Kreuz



What inspired you to pursue a career in religious education?

I am a product of religious education; in fact, I attended Catholic school from preschool through college. I believe that there is something really unique that a Catholic school can offer a student. Education of the mind is extremely important, but I do believe, that education of the body and spirit are equally as important. I believe that people are their best selves when they are growing and learning in all three areas of their life. I valued that my teachers pushed me academically, but also cared about me as an individual and helped shape my morals and beliefs. I don't think you get that everywhere. When I decided I wanted to pursue a career in education, as an English teacher, I knew that having the ability to speak about faith- reference it in literary works- relate works to humankind- teach lessons about morals and growth - would benefit my students more if I could relate it to faith and that there is something greater than all of us.

Additionally, I think kids spend the greater part of their childhood in the schoolhouse. It's where they learn to love, grow , create relationships, go through hardships, celebrate wins, and all of these things are better when God is a part of them.

What do you find special about SPM?

Any graduate of SPM knows that it's hard to put into words what exactly IT is about SPM that makes it so special. It's a feeling. It's knowing you are in a place that genuinely cares for every single person. I had the privilege of being a student here where the classes, the sports, the activities and the people made me grow and push myself to be better each day. For the last 18 years, I have had the privilege of being a member of the staff where I have the opportunity to create all of the opportunities I was blessed with for our current students. SPM is HOME... and there's nothing better than HOME, right?

What is your education background?

I attended SPM and graduated in 1997 then attended St. Anselm College where I received a Bachelor of Arts and majored in English.

Do you have a favorite quote/scripture/prayer that you draw motivation and inspiration from?

My favorite quotes are "Whatever you are, be a good one", "When life gets too hard to stand, kneel", and "Let all that you do, be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16: 14.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time when not in school?

In my free time I love spending time with my husband Nick, and three kids, Colin, Caroline, and Charlotte (all future Guardians), running from hockey rink to hockey rink and one sport to another. I love coaching my girls here at SPM and my own children. I love running and exercising often with my dog Bauer at my side. I love going to the beach no matter the season. I love writing and attending shows on and off Broadway.

Anything else you'd like us to share

SPM isn't just a "place" to me and what I do is not a "job"... I truly love this place with all of my being. It is HOME.