



October 13, 2023

MEETING BISHOP HENNING & MAYOR SMILEY

On September 20, 2023, six students from SPA were invited by Bishop Richard Henning to greet newly elected Providence Mayor Brett Smiley for a tour of the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul by Father Jeremy J. Rodrigues. Pictured below (L-R) are Freshman Andre Ferreira, Senior Giancarlo Abreu, Senior Damin Collins, Providence Mayor Brett Smiley, Freshman Mia Wells, Junior Leanna Borkai, Junior Jasmine Gomes, and Bishop Henning. It was a wonderful experience touring the Cathedral with the Bishop and the Mayor. The students of SPA enjoyed learning about the Cathedral's history, heritage, and beauty!



NEASC VISITS ST. PATRICK ACADEMY

The Academy is now in the final stages of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation process. On Sunday, October 22, 2023 through Wednesday, October 25, 2023, a visiting committee of seven New England educators will come to evaluate our school's self-study and provide us with constructive feedback. It will be an exciting opportunity for our students and faculty to highlight the great work they do every day!



FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

On September 15, 2023, students and staff attended the elegant Mother of Life Pregnancy Center's Rose Gala held at the Quidnessett Country Club. It was an awesome experience! Thank you to the anonymous donor who purchased a table for SPA and thank you for Bobby Finegan for driving the bus!

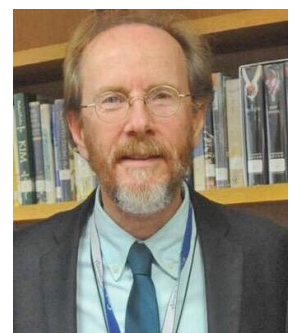


MEET OUR NEW FACULTY & STAFF



Mrs. Veronica Seda ~ Mrs. Seda is teaching Spanish I this year! While not new to the Parish or the Academy, Mrs. Seda has been a long-time volunteer at St. Patrick Parish where she has worked as the parish receptionist, at Mary House doing clerical work and client assistance, and as the pastoral assistant in the Confirmation program. Mrs. Seda is also the Head Administrative Assistant for the Academy.

Mr. Michael Cote ~ Mr. Cote joins SPA as a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps to serve in the role of Student Service Program Coordinator. He will assist students in identifying meaningful and appropriate service opportunities and placements for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Cote holds a B.A. from UMASS Dartmouth and M.A. from Providence College. In addition to his IVC placement, Mr. Cote will be team teaching Essays on Social Justice with service practicum on the sophomore level.





Ms. Rebecca Page Perez, J.D. ~ Ms. Page Perez joins our school community this year, working as an Associate in the Development Office, focusing on public relations and marketing. Prior to joining the Development Office at St. Patrick Academy, she directed many programs with Catholic school alumni through the Catholic School Office and Office of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Providence. She holds a B.A. in Sociology from Wheaton College and a J.D. from the Massachusetts School of Law at Andover.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

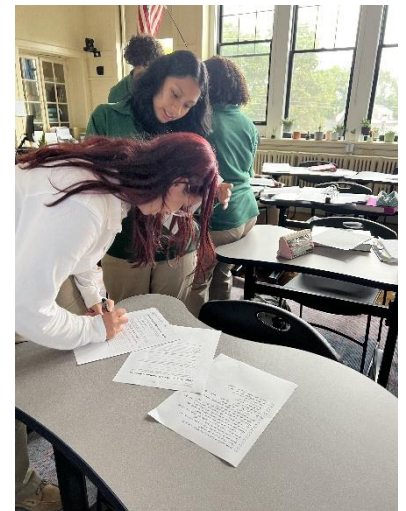
On September 15, 2023, Guidance Director Mrs. Kim Adam welcomed our seniors' parents/caregivers to our weekly Mass followed by a breakfast meeting at which senior class activities and expectations were discussed. Guest presenter, *Donna Cournoyer*, a certified college financial planner, spoke about the college admission process.

Any parent of a senior who was unable to make the meeting should reach out to Mrs. Adam at your earliest convenience. Mrs. Adam will once again host Ms. Cournoyer on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM for a College Financial Aid information session. Any SPA parent is welcome to attend. More information will be coming soon.



IN OUR CLASSROOMS

AP Psychology ~ Seniors in Mrs. Proulx's AP Psychology have been studying research methodology and as part of the unit, they created their own correlational studies to determine if there was a positive correlation, negative correlation, or no correlation among two variables of their choosing. They then completed their research with fellow classmates to create a scatterplot illustrating their data. Here *Jhariana Zuleta* and *Ashantty Huallanca* both collect data for their own research as well as provide data for the other's.



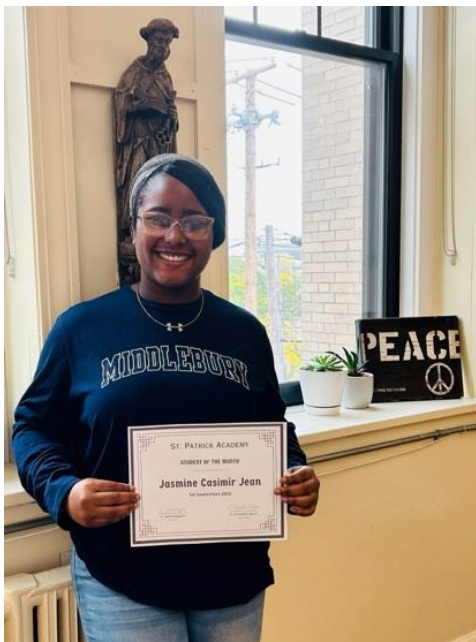
SPANISH IV ~ Students in Señora Bent's Spanish IV class have been reflecting on Hispanic Heritage Month. One fun class activity included Junior- *Jacey Nolasco-Bello*, who was the class winner for solving the joke of the week. The question in Spanish was, "Porque fue la computadora al hospital?" "Why did the computer go to the hospital?" The answer was "Porque fue la computadora al hospital?" Answer: "Porque tenía un virus." "Because it had a virus." Señora Bent gave out a grab bag called a "calavera de azucar" filled with treats to Jacey for solving the joke of the week!



Science & Physics ~ Mrs. Scribner's 9th grade Science Exploration Class has fun hypothesizing which soil would run off in a rainstorm faster to get familiar with experimental methods! Below, you can see Freshmen *Nixshaliz Taveraz* and *Andreia De Los Rios* participating in the experiment. Students in Mrs. Scribner's 11th grade Physics have been using spring scales to determine tension on chords. Below at right Juniors *Keimara Matos* and *Jasmine Casimir Jean* conduct their research.



CAMPUS MINISTRY ~ Students participate in Mass each week, with Ms. Mulholland, Campus Minister, leading students in worship via the school's music ministry, Jesus Band. Students in Chorus and Jesus Band perform at Mass while Seniors lead the readings, Juniors present the Gifts at the Offertory, the Sophomores usher at Communions, and Freshmen distribute Mass cards.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ~ Each month the faculty and staff will nominate and vote for Student of the Month. Criteria for nominating a student include positive attitude, Christian charity, consistent effort, respect for self and others, and successful or improving academic performance. The September Student of the Month was nominated because she "always reaches out for help, is very welcoming to all who enter our school, and is showing an improved effort this year." Congratulations to *Junior Jasmine Casimir Jean, Class of 2025!*

IMPORTANT UPDATES & EVENTS

Friday, October 20, 2023: PD Day – NO SCHOOL for Students

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – Wednesday, October 25, 2023: NEASC Visit

Monday, October 23, 2023 – Friday, October 27, 2023: Community Week

Tuesday, October 31, 2023: Halloween

Wednesday, November 1, 2023: All Saints' Day

Friday, November 3, 2023: Harvest Festival, 6 – 10 PM

Friday, November 3, 2023: Quarter One Ends

Monday, November 6, 2023: Quarter Two Begins

Tuesday, November 7, 2023: Junior Retreat

Monday, November 13, 2023: Veterans Day Observed – NO SCHOOL