

ASSUMPTION CENTER

FALL NEWSLETTER 2020



BACKPACK DONATIONS



Thanks to a generous donation, we distributed 30 backpacks filled with school supplies to families in our Mentoring Program.

GIRLS WITH D.R.E.A.M.S.

We put the brakes on our weekly meetings with our young girls group, but managed to plan a few small, social-distanced gatherings in the garden for some much needed time outdoors. Our latest pumpkin carving day was a success and we hope to hold a Fall Fest in November!



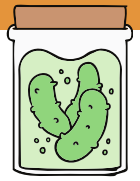
BASEMENT MAKEOVER



GWD reunited at the end of the summer to help with this special project. We transformed this basement meeting room into a lounge for future GWD gatherings, complete with a bright, new mural wall.



GARDEN UPDATES



Serafina, led the charge in making some homemade pickling items from our garden. Serafina and Conner donated them to the St. Peter's food pantry and we also distributed some to our study hall kids!

We will be putting the garden to rest soon, and we are very thankful for the produce we were able to share this summer! Although we are sad to report we didn't produce any pumpkins this year, there's always next year!

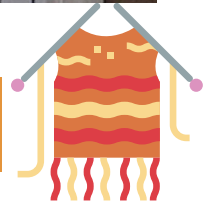
TEACHING RELIGION!

AMA Conner took on a new role this fall as a religion teacher at St. Peter's school. He has mastered the Google Classroom and he is really enjoying the children! We think teaching grades 5, 7, and 8 might be his greatest challenge yet in Worcester!

Conner continues to share his carpentry skills with us. He recently replaced the carpet in the upstairs common room and one bedroom of the Center. We are so grateful for his expertise!



KNITTING

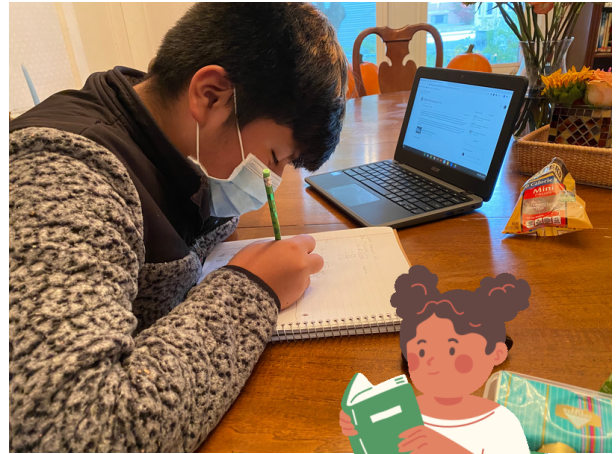


Our Knitting group continues to adapt to our changing environment and seasons! With the cold weather creeping in the group has moved to St. Andrew's basement. It is a consolation to see so many still coming, but we certainly miss Sr. Therese and Sr. Evelyn! We are hoping we will be able to keep meeting, but we are always mindful of the Massachusetts Department of Health guidelines.



STUDY HALL

Unfortunately, we had to suspend our after-school Mentoring program this fall due to the virus. We hoped to create a safe, welcoming space for our older children to do their school work. So, we thought the Center was the perfect location! We have many rooms where the kids can safely distance from each other. Also, Myra and Sandy did a makeover of the large meeting room in the basement. The study hall will be open on Monday and Tuesday from 2:00 pm -5:00 pm. Children who would like to participate are sent a link to sign up ahead of time. We will also be providing snacks!



MENTORING

Twice a week, we've been bringing the energy of afternoons at St. Peter's into our homes by connecting mentors with kids through Zoom meetings. Students from Clark, Assumption, and Holy Cross volunteer to tutor and lead games for the group. Nowadays students have less face-to-face time with their teachers, so they've taken advantage of the academic help from the mentors. Every week we have theme, like Food & Health, Superheroes, or Space, and hold games like trivia or scavenger hunts to make the virtual space a fun and inviting place.



GIVE
Thanks