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**6TH GRADERS AT SAINT MARY ACADEMY MAKE STOCKINGS
FOR TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN**
Unit Has Connection to Saint Mary Academy



December 8, 2009 —Pictured here are the United States Marines stationed in Afghanistan enjoying their Christmas stockings sent to them by the 6th graders of Saint Mary Academy. The 6th graders filled and stuffed each stocking with personal items, games and goodies. Eric Tetu, pictured in the center in front of the stockings, is the grandson of Saint Mary Academy's secretary, Nancy Allyson, who helped coordinate the project with SMA 6th grade teacher, Shirley Gould. "Mrs. Gould mentioned the 6th graders were looking for a special project for the holidays. I thought of my grandson's unit and how special it would be for them to receive stockings and uplift their spirits during Christmas," said Allyson. "It really served two purposes, to show our support for what they are doing for our country, and offer a Christmas packages of everyday items they really need."

About Saint Mary Academy (SMA)

Saint Mary Academy is a private, Catholic elementary school, located in Dover, NH, and serves more than 400 students from across the Seacoast. They are accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and are builders of quality students from Pre-K through 8th grade since 1883, in an atmosphere of peace, justice and love. For more information, please visit the school's Web site at www.saintmaryacademy.org.

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