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Pictured above (left to right): Cassidy Glenn '12, Madeline Sebastian '12 and Dominic Sanfilippo '12

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Congratulations class of 2011

PCHS celebrated their Class of 2011 commencement on June 3 at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. Each of the 281 members of the class crossed the Rialto stage to receive their PCHS diploma, marking



Valedictorian Sarah Formentini

the completion of four successful and memorable years. During the ceremony, Valedictorian Sarah Formentini of New Lenox along with Co-Salutatorians Courtney Brown of Frankfort and Haley Koth of Homer Glen each addressed their classmates with powerful words of encouragement and expressed their gratefulness to family, friends and Providence faculty and staff.

During the special awards portion of the graduation ceremony, Athletic Director, Doug Ternik announced Joseph Quinlan of Homer Glen as the recipient of the Senior Athletic-Spirit Award and Amanda Coglianesse of New Lenox as the recipient of the Jaime Garcia Scholastic Athlete Award. Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A. named Gerard Huguélet of Mokena and Haley Koth of Homer Glen as the recipients of the Bishop Blanchette Religion Award. Furthermore, Frank Markasovic of Frankfort and Natalie Japp-Joyce of Mokena received the prestigious Bishop Roger Kaffer Leadership Award.

Ninety-nine percent of the Class of 2011 will continue their education at a college or university. These students earned scholarships valued at \$16.3 million dollars. In addition,



Co-Salutatorian Haley Koth

fifteen percent of the class were named Illinois State Scholars and performed in excess of 15,000 hours of community service during their high school careers. Over 88% of the class participated in at least one of the school's 21 sports and/or 26 extracurricular activities.



Co-Salutatorian Courtney Brown

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PCHS WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2015



Incoming freshmen girls take a moment to smile for the camera at the Freshman Family Picnic.

Nearly 300 freshmen were welcomed into the Providence family during the school's annual **Freshmen Retreat** in mid-August. The goal of this retreat was not only to welcome new students, but to introduce them to the mission of Providence Catholic, which is to love God and others.

The theme of the day was **IALAC** (I am Lovable and Capable). Through small group activities, discussions and liturgy, students were reminded that they are children of God and loved by Him without measure. At the end of the day, the incoming freshmen enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by the wonderful PCHS kitchen staff.

SHADOW DAYS

Are you currently an 8th grade student who is considering PCHS for your high school? Shadow Days are held on select Fridays throughout the school year. You will be paired with a current Providence Catholic freshman so that you can experience a day in the life of a Celtic! Come meet our students and faculty, experience some classes and enjoy lunch in the cafeteria. Visits must be scheduled by 2:30 PM on the Wednesday preceding the Friday visit. Below are a list of upcoming Shadow dates for 8th graders (limited to the first 25 students); 7th graders may begin shadowing in January 2012:

- September 16
- September 30
- October 7
- October 21
- November 4
- November 18
- December 2
- December 9

Visit the **PCHS website** for a list of the most up-to-date Shadow Days. If you would like to participate in a Shadow Day, please contact Mrs. Ellingson at (815) 717-3160 or email rellingson@providencecatholic.org.



Incoming freshmen boys battle for the tug-of-war title at the annual Freshmen Family Picnic, which took place in early August. Nearly 550 students and their families attended.

SHADOW DAY "SHOUT OUT"

What do "Shadow Day" visitors have to say about their PCHS experience?

A student from **Hickory Creek** said... "Shadowing at PCHS has confirmed that this is the place I want to spend the next 4 years of my life."

A student from **SS. Cyril & Methodius** said... "I loved everything about Providence Catholic. I can't wait for high school!"

A student from **Homer Jr. High** said... "Everyone was so nice! I was treated like I was already a student!"

A student from **St. Mary Immaculate** said... "It will be great to still be able to pray every day and have God be the center of my life."

U.S.A.F.A. Appointee



Congratulations to Jessica Abbott '11 of New Lenox who received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Abbott was an honor roll student and member of the National Honor Society, the Augustinian Youth Ministry and Student Council. She has been a member of the girls' track team for the past two years and was a 4-year varsity letter winner for the girls' cross country team. In addition, Jessica volunteers in the local community as well as through her church.

Abbott's Air Force Academy appointment is equivalent to being offered a full 4-year scholarship to a top tier university. The value of this appointment, based on the cost per graduate, is estimated to be \$403,000.

When Abbott graduates, she will receive a Bachelor of Science degree and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Augustinian Values Institute



Megan Gergets '13 of Tinley Park, Molly Rademacher '13 of Mokena, Leah Laskowski '13 of New Lenox, Mary Claire Burchett '13 of Mokena, Mrs. Annie Persicketti (Assistant Pastoral Director), Alex Owings '13 of Plainfield, Mr. Kevin Oliver (Theology Teacher) and Ryan Jones '13 of Homer Glen attended the S.A.V.I. (Student Augustinian Values Institute) in mid-April at St. Augustine Prep in Richland, New Jersey.

AYM HOSTS SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Providence Catholic's largest student organization, the Augustinian Youth Ministry (AYM), held its annual Spring Blood Drive in March. The students, faculty members and even parents at Providence Catholic donated 60 units of blood, which may help more than 180 people in need. The Augustinian Youth Ministry is a service-based student organization with more than 400 members. Through a number of drives which include blood, clothing, food and toy, the students in AYM are doing a remarkable job in giving back to the community and in living the Christian values they have learned at PCHS.



Emily Turner '11 of Lemont, David Follenweider '12 of Monee and Martin Ross '12 of Frankfort take a few moments to relax after donating blood.

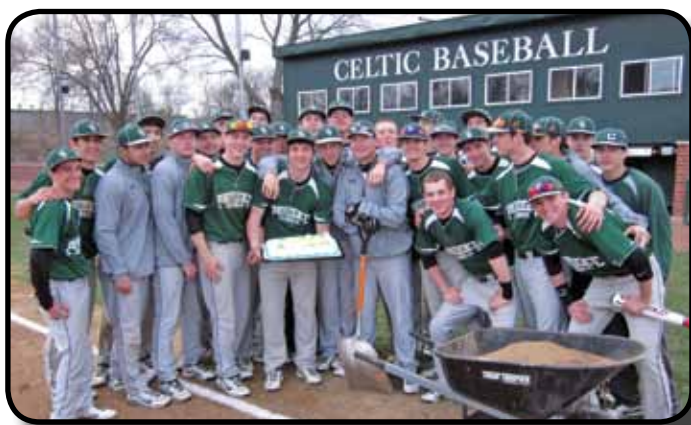
Congratulations to the 37 student-athletes who will continue their athletic journey at the collegiate level. Front Row (left to right): Evan Berna (Illinois Wesleyan University - golf); Amanda Coglianese (North Central College - track); Kathleen Kennedy (Webster University - tennis); Amanda Noonan (Creighton University - tennis); Kaitlyn McDonald (Missouri University of Science and Technology - Volleyball); Danielle Barry (University of Central Missouri - basketball); Megan Hettinger (Monmouth College - soccer); Christina Reed (University of Cincinnati - soccer); Brittany Ostrowski (St. Ambrose University - soccer); Kelly Engwall (Tallahassee Community College - softball) and Gabe Aprati (Illinois Wesleyan University - golf). Middle Row: Charles Smith (St. Ambrose University - football); Cody Weaver (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater - football); Dominic Quaranta (Washington University in St. Louis - baseball); Samuel Travis (Indiana University - baseball); Brandon Magallones (Northwestern University - baseball); Blaise Houston (Knox College - basketball); Collin McEnery (Indiana University - baseball); Daniel Potempa (Iowa Central College - baseball); Szymon Sochacki (St. Ambrose University - football); Matthew Trowbridge (Central Michigan

Thirty-Seven College Commitments



University - baseball) and Daniel Cwierniak (Upper Iowa University - baseball). Back Row: Ray Ames (Millikin University - football); Austin Vazquez (Joliet Junior College - baseball); Nick Gould (Joliet Junior College - baseball); Casey Papp (Joliet Junior College - baseball); Frank Markasovic (Saint Xavier University - football); Victor Vernon (Indiana State University - football); Daniel Wetzel (Saint Xavier University - baseball); Kevin DeFilippis (University of Notre Dame - baseball); Joseph Houlihan (Central Michigan University - baseball) and Brian Cichon (Loras College - soccer). Not Pictured: Mike Kronberg (Illinois Wesleyan University - football); Melinda Maloney (Loyola University Maryland - volleyball); Dan Lembke (Boston College - football); Colin Uthe (Ripon College - basketball) and Jackson King (Saint Xavier University - football).

Baseball Takes 2nd



Congratulations to the Varsity Celtic Baseball Team on their 2nd place finish at State. Above, Coach Mark Smith '88, Head Varsity Baseball Coach celebrates his 100th win, which took place on April 11 vs. Bishop Mac in a 13-0 conference game! The varsity Celtics finished their regular season with a 31-3 record and were co-champs of the CCL Blue Division.

JV Hockey Champs

In mid-March the JV Hockey Team captured the Blackhawk Cup, which is the team's first State Championship! They also won the JV Kennedy Cup and finished their historic season with a 44-14-5 record. Furthermore, varsity hockey seniors Colin Doyle of Orland Park and Kevin Atwood of Elwood were selected as All-Stars for the Chicago Catholic Hockey League.



Tri-M Inductees



Dr. Stacy Eckert, PCHS Choir Director named the 2010-2011 Tri-M Music Society inductees. "Tri-M is a distinction given to outstanding student musicians and is the equivalent of the National Honor Society for students involved in high school music programs. Providence Catholic is proud to have these future leaders represent our school and our community," said Eckert.

The newly inducted Tri-M Choir inductees include Sarah Seitz of Orland Park, Stacy O'Keefe of Plainfield, Kaitlyn Moak of New Lenox and Sarah Frainey of Frankfort.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

In early June, a group of twenty-four PCHS student members of Habitat for Humanity and four chaperones volunteered their time working on homes in both Portage and Baraboo, Wisconsin. In preparation for their trip, PCHS Habitat members held various fundraisers throughout the school year. They not only raised money for their trip expenses, but were also able to donate \$6,000 to Habitat for Humanity, their largest donation to date. Furthermore, they raised an additional \$1,000 donation for the church where they slept. Led by PCHS moderator, Ms. Diane Hart, the students spent several days landscaping, sealing foundations and interior walls, installing 2x4's to reinforce wall structures, insulating, and putting up siding. Furthermore, while in Prairie Du Sac, WI, the group of hard-working volunteers helped out at the Habitat for Humanity Restore and also assisted in the deconstruction of an office building to prepare for a new public library.



DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS *THE WIZARD OF OZ*

PCHS Drama Club presented *The Wizard of Oz* in mid-March. The musical was directed by Mrs. Dee Hamilton and co-directed by Ms. Michele Hibbott. The cast includes Cathy Ferrill (Dorothy) of New Lenox, Martin Moran (Scarecrow) of Homer Glen, Eric Connelly (Tinman) of Tinley Park, Mike Guidotti (Lion) of Plainfield, Gabriella Berman (Wicked Witch) of Joliet, Sarah Seitz (Glinda) of Orland Park, Sean McSwain

(Wizard of Oz) of Tinley Park, Clare Huguelet (Aunt Em) of Mokena, Sean Connelly (Uncle Henry) of Tinley Park and Joe Quinlan (Ozian Doorman) of New Lenox.

The ensemble included Justin Anderson of Orland Park, Caleigh Branigan of Frankfort, Erin Campbell of Mokena, Carrie Cicirale of Lockport, Brian Daniher of Mokena, Warren DeCastro of Frankfort, Jireh Drake of Country Club Hills, Abby Fritts of Tinley Park, Amy Gauger of Lockport, Hannah Gleason of Plainfield, Miranda Griffith of Lemont, Jessica Hryn of Tinley Park, Ryan Jones of Homer Glen, Lexie Krejci of Plainfield, Jessica Maas of Homer Glen, Jillian Marron of Mokena, Ashley Morgan of Orland Park, Maeve Pell of Mokena, Abby Persicketti of Manhattan, Liz Phillips of Shorewood, Taryn Kole of Homer Glen, Robbie Ross of Homer Glen, Trisha Schultz of Joliet, Katie Scott of Homer Glen, Amanda Sharkey of Mokena, Erin Shea of Orland Park, Lizzy Stone of Joliet, Tori Trahey of Tinley Park, Becca Weinberger of Homer Glen and Zach White of Channahon. Henry) of Tinley Park and Joe Quinlan (Ozian Doorman) of New Lenox.



SAVE THE DATE

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday

November 20, 2011

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PLACEMENT EXAM

Saturday

January 14, 2012

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Questions? Contact Mrs. Ellingson
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SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

FINANCIAL AID

Over the past few years, PCHS has significantly increased the amount of financial aid available to our families who qualify. All Providence families are invited to apply for financial aid through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. All families who apply will be considered for PCHS Student Need-Based Aid. Only those families who are registered parishioners in the Joliet Diocese will be considered for Joliet Diocesan Aid.



Through scholarships, the school's endowments and the generosity of the Diocese of Joliet, Providence Catholic High School is able to provide a quality, Catholic college preparatory education to many students at an affordable price. Listed below are the scholarships available to freshman students and financial aid opportunities for those who qualify.

The **Augustinian Service Scholarship** for incoming Providence freshmen will be awarded to one boy and one girl based on service to their parish. Each scholarship is equal to \$2,000 toward freshman year tuition (one-time).

The **Celtic Leadership Scholarship** is awarded to four winners annually. This four-year renewable scholarship is worth \$2,000 per year (up to \$8,000 total). Applicants must be in good academic and disciplinary standing and have applied for financial assistance.

The **Chase "Academic Achievement" Scholarship** for incoming Providence freshmen is awarded to one boy and one girl based on academic ability and financial need. Each scholarship is equal to \$1,500 toward freshman year tuition (one-time).

The **Freshman Celtic Scholar Award** is a one-time scholarship worth \$1,000 awarded to the top fifteen scorers on the Providence Incoming Freshman Placement Exam.

The **Harris Bank "Off to a Good Start" Scholarship** for incoming Providence freshmen is awarded to one boy and one girl based on academic ability and financial need. Each scholarship is equal to \$1,000 toward freshman year tuition (one-time).

The **Kazma Family Foundation Scholarship** for incoming freshmen will be awarded to students who attend a Catholic high school in the Joliet Diocese. Each scholarship is equal to \$5,000 annually. Applicants must be in good academic and disciplinary standing and have applied for financial assistance. Currently Providence Catholic has 18 recipients of this prestigious scholarship.

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See the Celtics in Action

Please join us this season in watching your favorite team play for the win! Complete athletic schedules can be found at www.providencecatholic.org (click on athletics/calendar or visit the individual team pages and click on schedules).

