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Harvest Drive Fun and Celebration



Providence Catholic concluded its Annual Fall Harvest Drive in early September. Through the hard work of students, parents, teachers and patrons who supported the school, this year's Fall Harvest Drive generated more than \$355,000. To celebrate this success, the entire student body enjoyed the traditional spirit filled Harvest Drive Olympics at the conclusion of this drive. Several events took place, including dodge ball, tug-of-war and an obstacle course. The Olympics concluded with the annual pie-in-the-face of a lucky faculty-member; this year's choice was Fr. Rich Young, O.S.A., Theology teacher.

Following the Olympic celebration, Dr. John Harper, Principal, drew eleven raffle tickets and named the \$10,000 Grand Prize winner along with 10 other winning tickets totaling \$5,000. All top-sellers and raffle winners are posted on the Harvest Drive page of the PCHS website. Read the Harvest Drive story by Olivia Duggins on page 11 for a full recap.

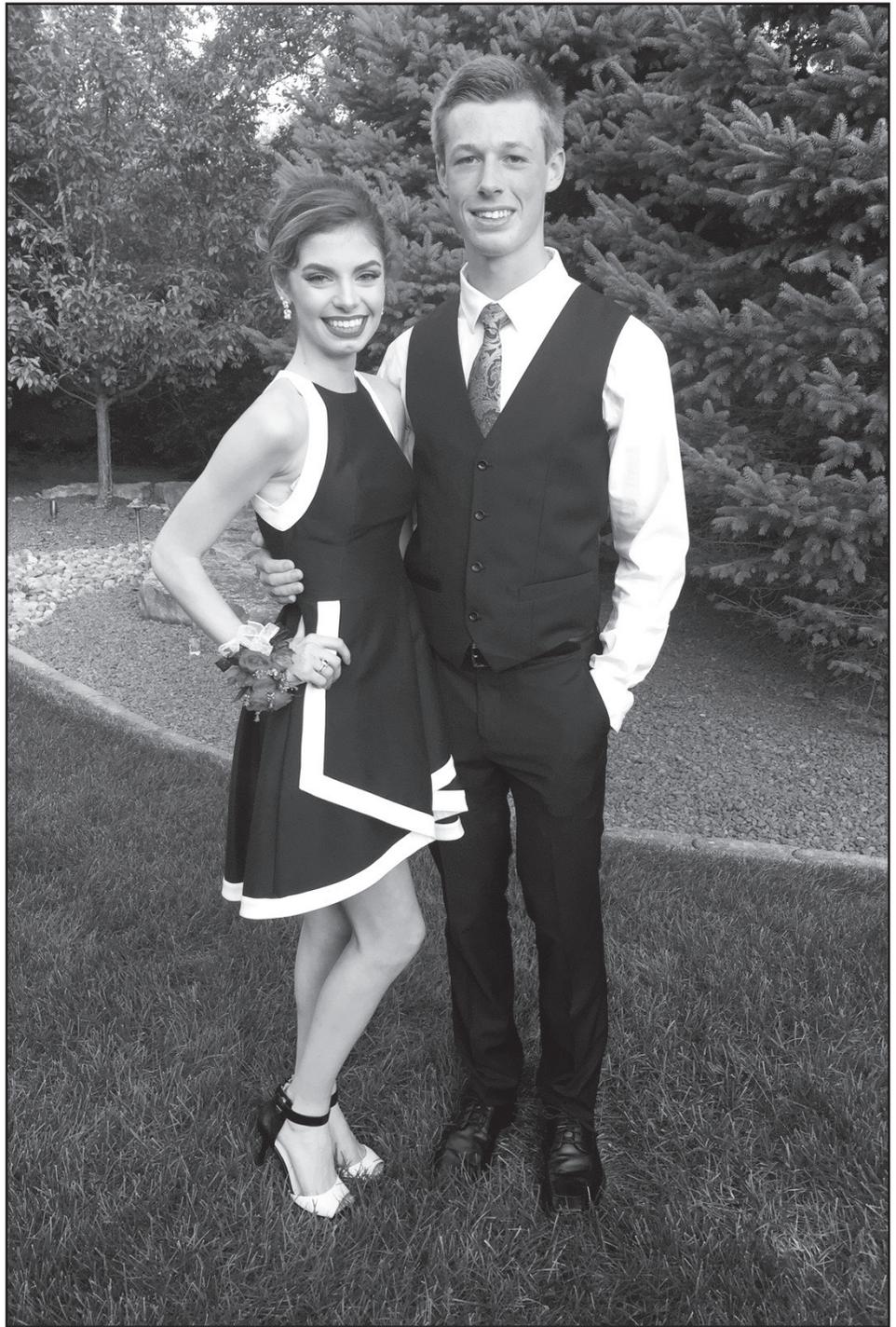
Notes from the Editors- Bella Altobelli '17 & Colin Martin '17

Hello and welcome to our second issue of Proviscope this year!

The school year is now fully in swing due to it being the second quarter and that we can no longer wear shorts. On the bright side though, there are many fall activities to look forward to now including, trick-or-treating, clown hunting, maybe even dressing up as one, jumping in leaves, picking pumpkins, carving them, and getting to whip out that scarf you have been absolutely dying to rock at school, and maybe even during school if the deans don't see you.

It is also a time of stress with college applications, ACT and SAT scores, and the pressure to live up to the awesome grades you received for first quarter. With all of these stressors, comes little sleep, massive stress, and an ungrateful and crabby attitude because one thing will go wrong and be able to ruin your day.

This is the time we need to be reminded of our blessings and try our hardest to be grateful for what we are given. When was the last time you thanked your parent for picking you up from school? When was the last time you thanked your teacher for staying up late and taking time out of their family and social life to grade your papers? When you woke up this morning, did you even thank God for giving you life? DUN DUN DUUUUUN. I caught you on at least one of these examples. This is a wake-up call to



stop focusing on what you don't have, and to start focusing on what you do have. I have teachers, parents, and God who loves me. I have the blessing to be able to attend an amazing school. I'm about to be blessed with another Star wars movie to watch in only two months! I'm blessed to be able to hear yet another Coach Ray joke today!

I know it is hard, but 'tis the season to give thanks. Be thankful for everything you have and do not take anything for granted, yes... don't even take Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace for granted. When you start looking at the gifts you have, life becomes a lot easier and happier.

-Colin Martin '17



SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Dr. John Harper, Principal of Providence Catholic High School, is pleased to announce the school's "Students of the Month" for September.

"We are very proud of these students who were recognized for achievements and/or improvement in school courses as well as other school-related activities," said Harper.

Every month, each academic department chairperson selects one student as its "Student of

the Month" from a number of students nominated by faculty and staff. Students of the Month receive a certificate of recognition, have their photos displayed in Providence Catholic High School's main hallway for the following month and are invited as a group to have lunch with the Principal and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Janlyn Auld.

The Providence Catholic Students of the Month for September are sitting left to right: Cailyn Talamonti '17 of

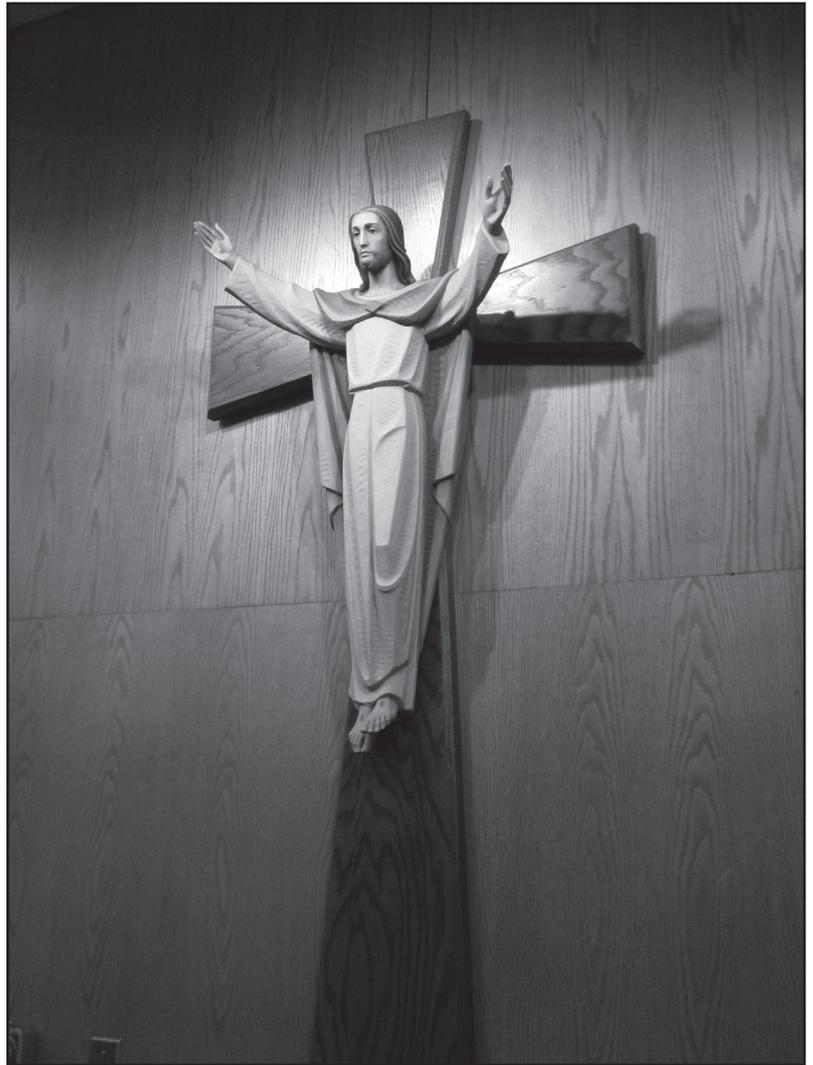
Manhattan (Fine Arts), Michaela O'Grady '20 of Lockport (English), Maria Svidron '17 of Shorewood (Social Science and Business) and Genevieve DeMauro '18 of Tinley Park (Administration). Standing left to right: Anna Santschi '20 of New Lenox (Science), Connor Knott '20 of Channahon (Physical Education), Mark Cachey '17 of Tinley Park (Technology), Michael Massaro '17 of Homer Glen (Theology), Kyle Laird '19 of Orland Park (Mathematics) and Samantha Dorning '17 of Orland Park (World Language).

A SPIRITUALLY NUTRITIOUS MORNING

By Jessica Baldys '17

Faith is one of the most integral parts of a Providence Catholic education. The virtue of faith dictates every single occurrence in this school, and it is impossible for anyone to ignore, even if they tried. So far, the 2016-2017 school year has brought me many moments of faith to focus and reflect on, but I would like to specifically focus on one: weekday morning Masses.

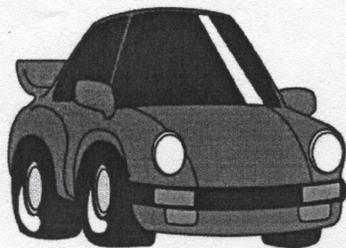
Before last year, I had never considered going to the morning Masses for a variety of reasons, none of them valid. I thought that catching up on sleep was more important than catching up with God, but now I see that I was looking at the situation from the wrong perspective. In our busy lives, it may seem easy to put things aside that do not provide some type of instant gratification—to prevent this attitude from taking over, we must take time out of our day to focus intently on God and God alone. Personally, I think there is no better way to accomplish this than morning Mass.



The weekday Masses not only rejuvenate one for the hectic day ahead, but also allow a moment of respite from deadlines and priorities. For that short amount of time in the chapel, one's only priority is God. With Father Krett's wise stories, Father Nick's insightful inferences, and Father Merk's upbeat teachings, there is always something new for me to learn at morning Mass.

This year, I would like to invite the Providence community to partake in the morning Masses if they have not already. Yes, one may find that he or she has to sacrifice some sleep, but the spiritual nourishment of the Liturgy is sure to offer guidance throughout the day.

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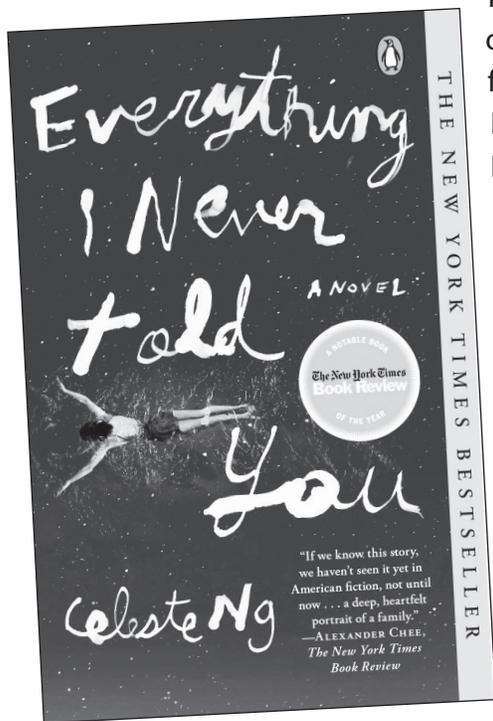
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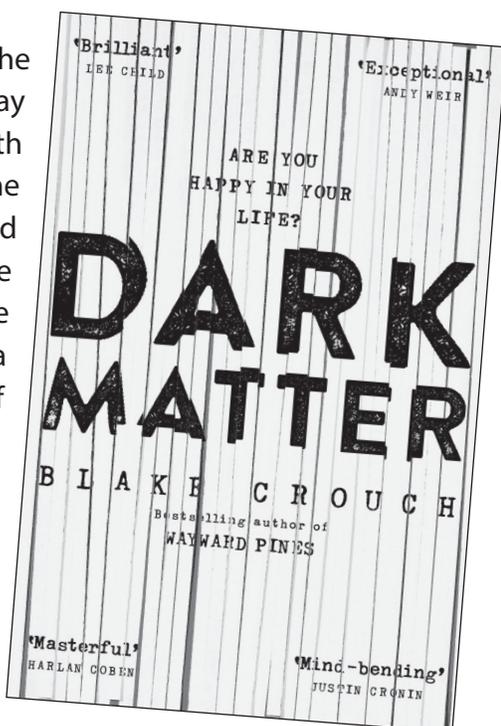
By Shannon Knoebel '17

The Providence Catholic book club has just finished their first book review of the year, *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. The book is about a family of Chinese and American descendants in the

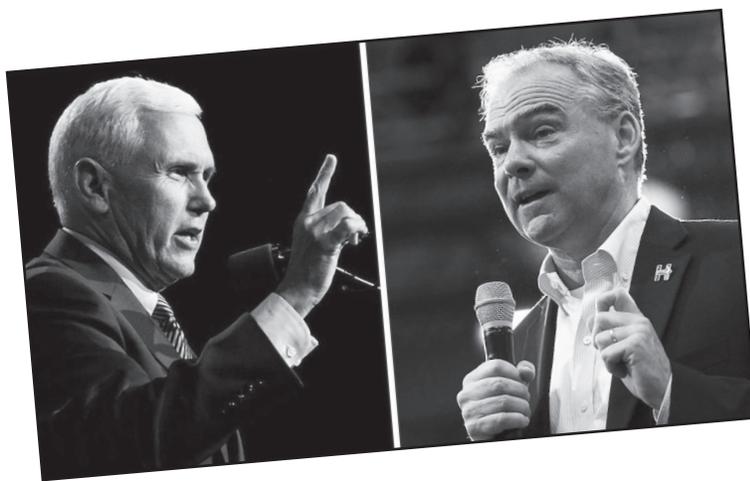
1970's. They find out that their favorite daughter, Lydia, has died. It follows how the family begins to rework itself, since Lydia was the one who kept the family together. Many of the members of the Book Club found that the book was interesting and an exciting read. Book Club



meets on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss the designated book for the month. We choose a variety of different genres to encourage people to try new ones and hope to give everyone a



book they enjoy. The next book we will be reading is *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch. It takes place in Chicago and is about a man who is abducted and when he wakes up, his life is not how he remembers it to be. Now he has to find out which of his lives is the true reality. Join Book Club and, the moderator, Ms. Colbert on November 2 in the BLC by the fireplace to discuss this captivating novel and enjoy some refreshments. The student presidents are, myself, Shannon Knoebel and Jessica Baldys, we are happy to answer any questions.



VICE PRESIDENT DEBATES 2016

By Ryan Sullivan '17'

If any of you watched the first Presidential Debate on September 28th, then you saw how much of a circus this election is. On October 4th, the Vice Presidential Debate took place, which was more calm. Two more Presidential Debates are scheduled for Sunday, October 9th and Wednesday, October 19th. Unfortunately, 3rd party candidates such as Gary Johnson and Jill Stein were not able to be on the debate stage due to low numbers. This is likely because the media rarely covers these candidates. Election Day takes place on Tuesday, November 8th. Tune into the next two debates to watch all of the craziness.

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THE MAN IN BLUE VOLLEYBALL SEASON UPDATE

I live on the edge of shadow,
between the grey of twilight,
and the dawn of the next day.

My deeds are done in the secret of the night,
Hiding behind my shadow, and every day fearing my reflection.
On tip toes I creep to and fro, down dark halls,
And with bloodshot eyes and knotted fists; I trudge to my work.

With no eyes upon me, my work remains simple.
I fear that I have become invisible,
and that humanity sees me no longer as a person,
but as a thing.
A thing to be avoided!

Parents tell their children to stay away,
and to never get caught by me.
Although it is sad, but I whole heartedly agree,
And in fact I hope I never have to see them at my work.

I lurk in dark alleys,
And down by the river I take refuge,
In a small but adequate flat.

My name means nothing.
In fact, I prefer to work anonymously,
And fade into the darkness.
Long hours of work have left my body
shattered,
And my skin as pale as bone!

Blood courses through my veins
As I strain to stay awake,
For I have a job to do, above all others.
I protect and serve, I am a man in blue,
With a silver star on my chest.
And as stars blink and wink,
I protect the streets that I love,
I protect families, children, houses,
I protect your way of life,
All while you sleep warm and snugly in
your beds!

So, as parting words, before the sun rises,

Enjoy the night, but fear not me,
But fear the person you become walking
in the night!

By: Joseph Nugent '18

By: Victoria Quinlan '20

The lady varsity Celtics started off the season with a match against Benet. They have fought hard throughout the season and currently hold onto a strong 19-11 record. So far into the season, captains Morgan VanderWey and Melissa Flynders both agree that their "season is going great, but the best is yet to come." They both also said that "their team's ultimate goal is to win state, and they believe they can do it because of the amazing dedication, toughness, and teamwork in their team." Some of the schools our seniors that will be playing next year at college include Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Saint Francis, DePaul University, and Valparaiso University. There have been so many great and unforgettable memories throughout the season. According to Melissa, her best memory from the season is either "the program breakfast or senior night." According to Morgan, her favorite memory from the season is the "team breakfast at Coach Brie's house because she had food all set out and we ate, talked, and made care packages for the seniors who graduated last year." We wish luck to all the players and hope to see many more victories in the future.



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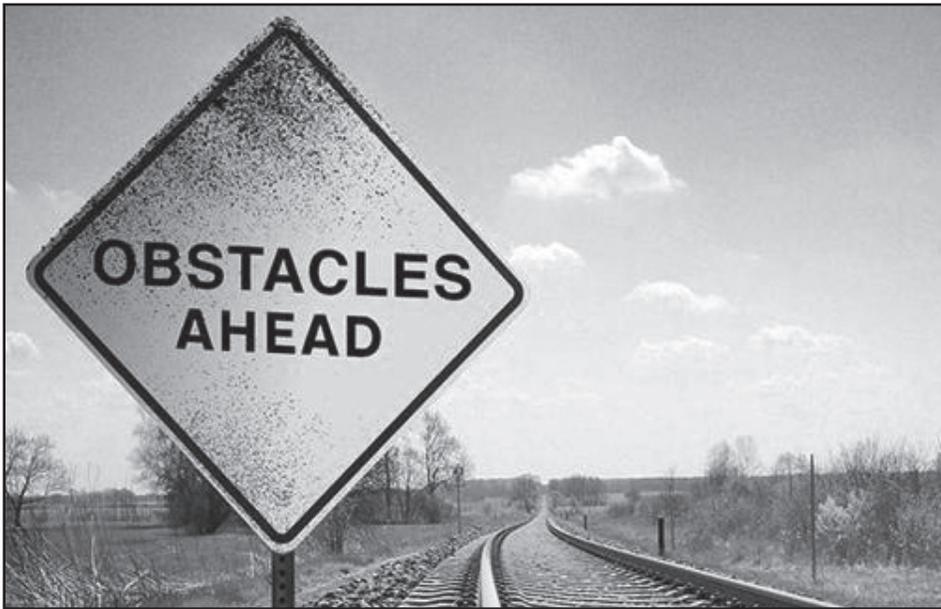
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HIGH SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT

By Hailey Dwyer '20

"There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits"-Unknown. You may be facing obstacles either with your schedule or with your grades. You may doubt yourself, but don't! You will make mistakes, everyone does. If you work as hard as you can on everything you do, if you put your all into everything there are no limits on what you can do or what you can be.

The school year is going by quickly. It's already almost second quarter. You have received time to get used to your schedule, classes, teachers, and walking around the school. You may have had some struggles either getting to class or with a certain subject that you can not quite grasp as well as you did last year. You may have gotten advice from the upperclassmen

and can carry that with you everyday. Maybe you gotten advice that you cherish from a sibling, parent, family member, or staff member. Many freshman, including myself, have taken upperclassmen's advice to heart and live by it in the halls during school, whether if it is about getting to class on time, different study skills, or how to get good grades in certain subjects. Mikaela Marin explained, "One piece of advice that an upperclassman told me that I value is to know when to go to my locker. This helped me greatly adjust to high school life." Advice in general is very helpful for everyone, especially when adjusting to high school life.

Being in school for almost two months gave time for everyone to learn different short cuts that correspond to their schedules. Whether the short cuts involve walking outside or walking through corner classrooms. Knowing the short cuts have helped everyone for getting to their classes on time. Tips from upper classmen and

peers can help a lot for getting to class on time. Georgia House said, "Something that I do to navigate my schedule is take short cuts, and move around the hallway quickly. I also don't talk to my friends at their lockers in between classes." High school is tough; many mistakes will be made. You will fall, but it is your choice if you get up and fight back and fight for what you want. "Be strong when you are weak, brave when you are scared, and humble when you are victorious"-Unknown.

ART IS ART

By Anna Cabay '19

The dictionary defines art as the "expression or application of human creative skill and imagination." Art gives people the ability to show who they are through the art they create. It also gives them a chance to make a statement in the world. Many people create art just to relieve their stress. Whenever you feel stressed out, just take out a pen or pencil and start scribbling. It is amazing to see how much better you feel once you start drawing.

Whether you are an artist or not, it does not matter. Art is art. Simply drawing lines on a piece of paper can reduce all of your day's stress. You never know, your artwork could be famous someday.

If you are interested in art join Art Club! They meet every other Tuesday in the art room from 3-4pm. See Ms. Zlogar if you are interested.

WHAT DOES YOUR SIGN DRESS UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN?

Natalie Deters '17

Aries (March 21st-April 19th) – 80's Rock star

Taurus (April 20th-May 20th) – Walking Dead Zombie

Gemini (May 21st-June 21st) – Ninja

Cancer (June 22nd-July 22nd) – Mermaid/ Merman

Leo (July 23rd-August 22nd) – Their favorite character from The Avengers

Virgo (August 23rd- September 22nd) – Their favorite character from The Justice League

Libra (September 23 – October 22nd) - Someone from a Disney movie

Scorpio (October 23rd -November 21st) – Ghost of a famous person

Sagittarius (November 22nd – December 21st) – Black cat

Capricorn (December 22nd – January 19th) – Barbie or Zombie Barbie.... depends on their mood

Aquarius (January 20th- February 18th) – Frankenstein's monster

Pisces (February 19th – March 20th) – No one really knows exactly what they're dressed up as, but it looks awesome!

The Awakening

There is a legend that lives to this day

A legend that one cannot say

It awakens on Halloween night

Where everyone is afraid of its sight

There once was a girl who sat by a fire

Who had accused everyone of being a liar

She knew the legend of the land

Like she knew the back of her hand

No one believed her nor the legend that controls them all

Not even in the midnight fall

At the last call

Of the legend that overpowers them all

Mary Mathieu



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC NAMES AP SCHOLAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dr. John Harper, Principal of Providence Catholic High School, is pleased to announce that 34 students have earned AP Scholar Awards by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams, which were taken in May. "We are extremely proud of these young men and women who strive for academic excellence," said Harper.

According to data released by the College Board, Providence Catholic students earned the following AP Scholar awards:

One National AP Scholar, which is granted to students who earn an average of at least a 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams

Seven AP Scholars with Distinction, which is granted to students who earn an average of at least a 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of the exams

Nine AP Scholars with Honor is given to students who earn an average of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and a 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

Eighteen AP Scholars, which is designated for students who receive 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

National AP Scholar:

Colin Brankin '16 (Orland Park)

AP Scholars with Distinction:

Colin Brankin '16 (Orland Park)

Patrick Connelly '16 (Tinley Park)

Mayrna Dababneh '16 (Tinley Park)

Thomas Dillman '16 (Peotone)

Patrick Kay '16 (Orland Park)

John Scholl '16 (Orland Park)

Benjamin Wasicki '16 (Frankfort)

AP Scholars with Honor:

Grace Baffoe '16 (Orland Park)

Jessica Baldys '17 (Mokena)

Samantha Dorning '17 (Orland Park)

Rachel Gorski '16 (Shorewood)

Hunter Klein '16 (Joliet)

Blake Labelle '16 (Orland Park)

Grace Rost '17 (Orland Park)

Catherine Spesia '16 (Joliet)

Kyle Struck '16 (Orland Park)

AP Scholars:

Claire Baudek '16 (Joliet)

Lauren Bernas '16 (Orland Park)

Jason Ciabattoni '16 (Frankfort)

Joven Garces '16 (Plainfield)

Grace Huguelet '16 (Frankfort)

Alexander Jedlicka-Kriz '16

(Frankfort)

Michael Kamowski '16 (Peotone)

Jakob Lambert '16 (Homer Glen)

Joshua Lambert '17 (Homer Glen)

Justin Lumanga '16 (Mokena)

Maegan Magante '16 (Homer Glen)

Mia Massaro '16 (Homer Glen)

Daniel McDonald '16 (Orland Park)

Michael McGuire '16 (Frankfort)

Bernard O'Donnell '16 (Lemont)

Scott Tatro '16 (Orland Park)

John Wolf '16 (Orland Park)

Kaitlyn Ziska '16 (Homer Glen)

PCHS offers eighteen Advanced Placement Courses and many students benefit by receiving college credit for coursework done while in high school!



HARVEST DRIVE

2016 RECAP

By Olivia Duggins '17

As always, the annual Harvest Drive Olympics is a favorite back to school event. We all love the dressing up, tailgates, shortened classes, competitiveness of the games, and most importantly, the taunting of the freshman (sorry freshman). As a proud member of the senior class, it excites me to say that, yet again, the seniors have won the overall Olympics games. This most recent win makes the senior class undefeated all four years at Providence. Many events took place, including dodge ball, tug-of-war and an obstacle course.

A highly anticipated event at the Olympics is the annual pie-in-the-face-of-a-faculty-member. This year, Fr. Rich



Young, who is a theology teacher at Providence, was the victim.

Though it is very easy to get caught up in the games and the fun surrounding Harvest Drive, it is important to remember the meaning behind it. Harvest Drive is a fund-raiser that has generated more than \$7 million for Providence since it started. Every year, the students who raised the most money for the school are recognized. This year, the top-selling student was senior Meghan Morrisette of Joliet raising \$3,100. The top selling PCHS siblings were the Walsh family (senior Frank and sophomore Jacob) of Elwood who collectively raised almost \$2000. Great job guys!

The Freshman Class Cheers on their tug of war team (top) and Junior Carina Tolan (Tinley Park) competes in the obstacle relay course (bottom).

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