

PROVIDENCE Catholic High School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017



ROAD TO REALITY: WEDNESDAY, 10/4

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website reports, "alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in the United States." The consequences of underage drinking are all-encompassing, impacting family, school, and the local community. Logically, any initiative to reduce or eliminate the alarming trend of teen alcohol abuse must also be far-reaching, promoting a partnership between parents, school officials, and municipal and village leaders. **Providence Catholic has entered such partnership with local and county wide groups to bring Road to Reality to PCHS on**

Wednesday, October 4th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Biannually, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) anonymously surveys students enrolled in grades 8, 10, and 12 as a way of gathering and tracking reliable data on substance abuse patterns among teens. The ISBE has published the general statewide results in a report known as, the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS), along with a customized school report detailing how our own Providence Catholic High School (PCHS) students responded to the survey. **IYS 2016 PCHS results** indicate that 59% of our 10th graders and 84% of our 12th graders admit to using alcohol within the past year, while 23% and 36% of 10th and 12th graders respectively report using alcohol within 30-days of completing the survey.

The administration and faculty of Providence Catholic High School are committed to combating this alarming rate of student alcohol abuse, by reshaping their view of reality. **Road to Reality** is a powerful and compelling program illustrating the potentially horrifying consequences of underage drinking and drunk driving. Groups of students, parents and community members will be escorted along the **Road to Reality**, six scenes depicting the decisions made and consequences of, under-age drinking. By design, the program is intense, suitable for high school students and their parents. While some middle school students may be mature enough to handle the content, we do not recommend it for any child under ten years of age.

An informational flyer is included at the end of this newsletter. PCHS students who attend will receive a special dress down day, as well as extra credit in their English class.

Secretary of State Display: During Homecoming Week, the Counseling Department and Student Assistance Team have arranged to have a tabletop display at Providence Catholic that speaks to the negative consequences of driving under the influence. It displays true stories with photos and quotes from victims. It also summarizes the zero tolerance laws for those drivers under the age of 21.

DRUG-FREE DIRECTORY

An email with a letter from Dr. Harper, as well as a link to sign-up for the Family Drug-Free Directory, was sent to all PRIMARY contacts on September 14th. The directory will be published and emailed to all participating families the week of Homecoming. If you have any questions concerning the Family Drug-Free Directory, please contact Melissa Muehler at mmuehler@providencecatholic.org, or via phone at (815) 717-3143.

UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS

The annual College Fair in which Providence Catholic and other local high schools participate will be held at Joliet Junior College again this year. Over 125 colleges and universities will be represented at this College Fair on Wednesday, October 18th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Moraine Valley is also hosting a College Career Night on Wednesday, October

11th, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. These are great opportunities to meet with various college representatives with your sons and daughters and gather information.



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER AT-A-GLANCE

Below is a snapshot of some important events at the end of September and all of October. Please refer to the calendar on ParentsPlus Portal for the most current listing of all school events.

BOYS KAIROS: TUESDAY, 9/26 – FRIDAY, 9/29

Many blessings and prayers for the candidates, student and adult leaders who will be attending our first Kairos of the year at the Bellarmine Retreat Center in Barrington, IL.

WORLD HABITAT DAY DRESS-DOWN DAY: FRIDAY, 9/29



Please join Habitat for Humanity in recognizing and celebrating World Habitat Day on Friday, September 29th. World Habitat Day is the one day set aside annually to recognize the basic right of all humanity to have adequate shelter and to encourage grassroots action toward ending poverty housing. Dress down stickers will be sold by Habitat for Humanity members during lunch periods Monday, 9/25 – Thursday, 9/28 for \$2 each. Tickets sold Friday morning, 9/29, will cost \$5 each. All funds raised will be donated to the Will County Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

HOMEcoming WEEK: 10/2-10/7

Students celebrate their **Celtic Pride** during Homecoming Week! This is a week set aside to celebrate the Providence Catholic spirit and returning alumni with a pep rally, dance and events during the week including special dress down days and a flag football game against the PCHS faculty and staff!

Below are dress down days and special events scheduled during the week. If students are not dressed in the theme for the day, they are allowed to dress in Celtic spirit wear.

Monday, October 2:	Pajama Day
Tuesday, October 3:	Groutfit Day (wear all gray!)
Wednesday, October 4:	Hawaiian Day Road to Reality, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 5:	Jersey Day Students vs. Faculty/Staff Flag Football Game, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 6:	Celtic Spirit Day Pep Assembly at 1:35 p.m. (Schedule A-Adjusted) Student Bean Bag Tournament, 3:00 p.m. Varsity Football Game vs. Fenwick at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 7:	Homecoming Dance "Proviwood", 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Homecoming Dance will be on sale during all lunches from Friday, September 29th-Thursday, October 5th during lunches. Tickets will NOT be sold at all on Friday, October 6th. Cost is \$15 for an individual/\$30 per couple. The only acceptable payment is by check made payable to PCHS.

Information regarding Providence Catholic dance policies and appropriate dress, can be found on page 48 of our Parent/Student Handbook. To access this handbook, [click here](#).

Homecoming Festivities sponsored by the Alumni Department:

- **Friday, October 6:** Alumni tent will be in the west end zone with giveaways and activities for kids. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 7:** Alumni Mass in the Chapel at 3:30pm with a school tour immediately following.

CONQUERING COLLEGE COSTS: TUESDAY, 10/3

7:00 P.M., IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GYM (SMALL GYM)

This year's presentation will highlight every possible way a family can learn to reduce their college sticker price. Frank Palmasani, **junior and** senior/college counselor at Providence Catholic and the author of "Right College, Right Price," will be our featured presenter. Mr. Palmasani will help families of all grades learn how to find affordable college options, learn how to execute the process of applying for scholarships and grants and learn how to pay for college without excessive debt. It is never too early or too late to learn a tip or two to reduce your college costs! Parents of all grades are encouraged to attend!

AYM BLOOD DRIVE: TUESDAY, 10/3



Mark your calendar now and SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming AYM blood drive! The blood drive will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the small gym. For any questions concerning the AYM Blood Drive, please contact Ms. Jennifer Williams at jwilliams@providencecatholic.org.

JUNIOR RING ADJUSTMENTS: THURSDAY, 10/5

Attention Juniors! Jostens will be available during lunches on Thursday, October 5th to provide any adjustments needed on your class rings.

NO CLASSES: COLUMBUS DAY, MONDAY, 10/9

ALL-SCHOOL TESTING: WEDNESDAY, 10/11

This year Providence Catholic High School will be administering standardized testing on Wednesday, October 11th. Attendance is required for all Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. Seniors are not in session on this day.

The following are dismissal times per class:

Juniors: PSAT @ 11:30 a.m.

Practice ACT @ 11:45 a.m.

Freshmen & Sophomores Cambridge Prep Test 10 (practice ACT) @ 11:00 a.m.

Additional information concerning All-School Testing:

- **If your student is a bus rider, busses will depart at 11:45 a.m.**
- **Lunch is not served on this day.**
- Students should arrive by 7:45 a.m. All students must be in dress code on testing day.
- All students are to have two #2 pencils and an approved calculator. You may NOT use mechanical pencils.
- All students: When you have completed your test and are dismissed, you must leave the building or go to the cafeteria. If you are waiting for a ride or for others who ride with you to and from school, you must wait outside of the building or in the cafeteria.
- The Cambridge Prep Test 10 will be given to our Freshmen and Sophomores. This test resembles the ACT and is designed for 9th and 10th graders. Lunch will not be served on this day.

**DRESS
DOWN
DAY**

UPCOMING DRESS DOWN DAYS: 10/13 & 10/20

Friday, 10/13: 1st Quarter Dress Down Day for Charity

Stickers will be sold on 10/10 and 10/12 during lunches for \$1. Stickers will NOT be sold on 10/11 due to all-school testing. Students can buy stickers the morning of 10/13 for \$2 between 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m., and for \$5 after the bell. Money will benefit Pierce Family's trip to Haiti (building homes,

working with children in orphanages, etc.) and the other half will benefit hurricane relief efforts in Florida and the Caribbean.

Friday, 10/20: Diocesan Dress Down Day

Stickers will be sold on 10/18 and 10/19 during lunches for \$2. Students can buy stickers the morning of 10/20 for \$3 between 7:30 a.m. -7:50 a.m., and for \$5 after the bell. Money will benefit the *Move Your Feet to Fill a Seat* program through the Diocese of Joliet.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: TUESDAY, 10/24

SCHEDULE E: 11:30 A.M. STUDENT DISMISSAL

CONFERENCES: 1:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

We will once again use Pick-A-Time online appointment scheduler for conferences. Instructions on how to use Pick-A-Time will be emailed to parents no later than October 13th. Pick-A-Time will be open for scheduling at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 16th through midnight on Sunday, October 22nd. **Teachers' appointments fill up early, especially for the first semester conferences. For best choice of appointment times, be sure to create your Pick-A-Time account and schedule your appointments as early as possible once it is open.**

RED RIBBON WEEK: MONDAY, 10/23 – FRIDAY, 10/27

Red Ribbon Week is October 23 – 27, 2017. The Red Ribbon Campaign began in 1985 as a response to the torture and death of federal drug enforcement agent, Enrique Camarena. Wearing and displaying red ribbons are signs that you are against the promotion, sale, purchase and use of illegal drugs or any drug used in an illegal or unhealthy way. This includes the use of alcohol by anyone under the age of 21.

Many departments, clubs and organizations come together to promote this week throughout the Providence Catholic Community. Events for the week include:

- Red ribbon wristband distribution by the Counseling Department on Monday, October 23, 2017.
- Augustinian Youth Ministry (AYM) members will man tables presenting educational information on alcohol and other drugs in the cafeteria during lunches throughout the week.
- Health classes are working on their Alcohol and Other Drugs Unit.
- During their Theology classes, all students will hear presentations about the Providence Catholic Student Assistance Program from members of the Student Assistance Team, Fr. Merkelis and Mrs. Annie Persicketti.

Wednesday, October 25 is WEAR RED DAY. Students may be out of dress code on this day if a MAJOR article of clothing is predominantly **red**.

Red Ribbon Week sometimes stirs up emotions in our students, especially those who may have been touched by the effects of alcohol and other drugs. As always, our Counseling Department is available for any students who need to talk. As you can see, a lot of people are working together to make Red Ribbon Week a success! Thank you to everyone for their support.

FALL MUSICAL: GODSPELL

Please see the Godspell poster included at the end of this newsletter for more information on our upcoming fall production.

SUPPORT THE PCHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS

Eat wings and help raise funds for the PCHS Music Department this Wednesday, 9/27 and Friday, 9/29 at the Buffalo Wild Wings in New Lenox! Present the flyer that is included at the end of this newsletter to your server at time of purchase and 15% of all regular food items will be donated to support the PCHS Music Department.

CALLING ALL FUTURE CELTICS!

8TH GRADE SHADOW DAYS: ONLINE REGISTRATION

Shadow Days for 8th graders have begun! For more information on our Shadow Days, and to schedule a visit online, please visit the [Shadow Day](#) section of our website. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Rachel Ellingson, Director of Enrollment at (815) 717-3160, or via email at rellingson@providencecatholic.org.

PCHS OPEN HOUSE, SUNDAY, 11/19

The Providence Catholic Open House will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you have friends and family interested in considering Providence Catholic, please encourage them to attend. Tours begin every few minutes from the Sacred Heart Gymnasium. All academic, athletic and extra-curricular programs are represented on this day, as well as many other Providence Catholic departments. This time is a wise investment for serious parents and students. Providence Catholic parents are our best spokespersons. Please tell others about your satisfaction with Providence Catholic and assist us in spreading the good news about Catholic education.



8TH GRADE PLACEMENT EXAM, SATURDAY, 12/2/17

All current 8th graders who would like to be considered for admission to Providence Catholic as freshmen in the fall of 2018 must take the placement exam on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Students should arrive by 7:45 a.m. The test fee is \$25.00. Please note that calculators are not permitted for the exam. If you are a Providence Catholic family and have an 8th grade student, they must take the placement test on this day to be considered for admission.

For more information on all upcoming future Celtic events and the PCHS admissions process, please click on the link below:

[PCHS ADMISSIONS TIMELINE](#)

PARENTS: GET INVOLVED



Click on the logos above for more information on how to become involved with the PCHS Men's & Women's Clubs. Flyers for upcoming Men's & Women's Clubs events are included at the end of this newsletter.

Men's Club Oktoberfest Meeting: Monday, October 2, 2017 (flyer included in newsletter)

[Women's Club Ladies Night Out: Thursday, October 19, 2017](#)

Women's Club Shopping Day: Sunday, November 5, 2017 (more info to come!)

Women's Club Spiritual Retreat: February 2-4, 2018 (flyer included in newsletter)

Stay Connected with Providence Catholic

Click on the logos below to connect online with PCHS!



**YOU DRINK, YOU DRIVE,
YOU LOSE!**



ROAD TO REALITY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
6:00 - 9:00 PM
ENTER THROUGH DOOR # 1
Parking Available in EAST LOT

DEPARTURE TIMES

EVERY 20 MINUTES 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Last Tour Departs at 8:40 PM

- Witness a teen party and the consequences of the choices made on the "Road to Reality"
- Explore helpful community resources
- (PCHS students only) Receive extra credit in your English class, as well as a special dress down day
- Enter the free raffle to win great prizes



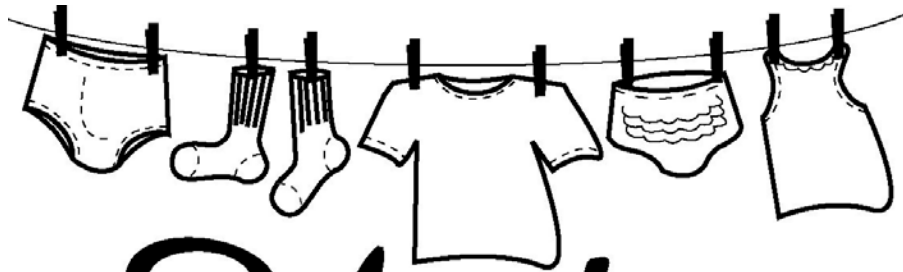
Due to the sensitive nature of this event, it is not recommended for children under the age of 10.

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Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

DONATIONS accepted OCTOBER 9th-13th

ITEMS NEEDED FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES:

- Underwear/t-shirts/socks for toddlers (15 months - 3 years),
- Underwear/t-shirts/socks preschool age children (3-6 years),
- Underwear/t-shirts/socks for adults.

Drop off will be in room 117

All donations will be due by Friday, October 13th

Please sign sheet when dropping off items

I package of underwear, shirts or socks (not one PAIR) ---1 point

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

presents

GODSPELL



Oct. 26-28, 2017 - 7pm

Oct. 29, 2017 - 3pm

\$10 Adults

\$7 Students/Seniors

For tickets call: 815-717-3323 or email: theatre@providencecatholic.org

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201 W. Jefferson St., Joliet

GODSPELL

*Conceived and originally directed
by John-Michael Tebelak*

*MUSIC & LYRICS by Stephen Schwartz
Originally produced on the New York stage by
Edgar Lansbury/Stuart Duncan/Joseph Beruh*

GODSPELL-2012 REVISED VERSION is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com



Eat Wings. Raise Funds.

Help raise money for your favorite non-profit organization.



All families and friends

are invited to participate in the benefit for:

Providence Catholic High School Music Dept.

Wednesday September 27th & Friday September 29th

At Buffalo Wild Wings® (414 Nelson Rd.)

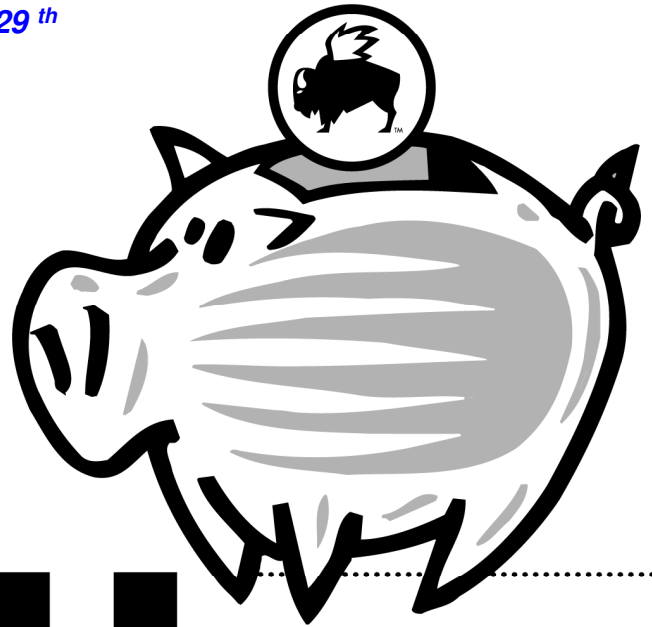
for lunch, dinner or a snack.

On these days, 15% of all food purchases

accompanied by the certificate below will

be donated to the

Providence Catholic High School Music Dept



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WEDNESDAY September 27th & FRIDAY September 29th

Present this certificate to your cashier at the time of your purchase and 15% of all food purchases* will go to support the

Providence Catholic High School Music Dept.

Only valid at 414 Nelson Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451

Alcohol & discounted item purchases not



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

MEN'S CLUB

Come enjoy a night with the Providence Men's Club!



October 2, 2017
Meeting starts at 6:30 pm
dinner to follow
Location: Cafeteria
Park in front – Enter Door #1

Mark your calendar to attend our Oktoberfest meeting! After a short meeting, we will indulge in some good ol' German food. German brews will be provided and we will have a Brew Master as our guest speaker.



All Providence dads are welcome to attend compliments of the Men's Club.

Look for additional communications regarding this event and other Men's Club events throughout the school year!

“SPIRITUAL WISDOM, SPIRITUAL INSIGHT”

Women’s Club Retreat Weekend, February 2—4, 2018

“The price of wisdom is above pearls.”

Job 28:18



Each day offers multiple opportunities to grow in spiritual knowledge and understanding. By becoming more familiar with the wisdom of Scripture, the teachings of Christian saints and mystics, and the lives of ordinary people devoted to God, we may gain insight into how truly present God is in our everyday lives and how much He yearns for us to enter into a deeper relationship with Him.

Join Fr. John Merkelis, Annie Persicketti, and “Señor” John Sosnowski as they share additional spiritual insights with you, and, in the process, strive to nourish your spirit, warm your heart, and enlighten your mind.

This is a retreat experience that you may not want to miss!



The Providence Catholic Women's Club and the Pastoral Team Proudly present the

15th Annual Spiritual Retreat Weekend

February 2-4, 2018

Spend time nurturing your spirit through prayer, reflection, quiet time, relaxation and camaraderie. The retreat offers time away in the relaxing comfort of Marina Grand Resort on Lake Michigan. Enjoy the company of other women and the opportunity to spend time deepening your relationship with the Lord.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE—SAVE YOUR SPOT BY SENDING YOUR \$100 DEPOSIT PER PERSON OR PAYMENT IN FULL. RESERVATIONS WILL BE HONORED ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS FORM AND DEPOSIT AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 30th.

- Deposits received after all spaces are filled will be held and your name placed on a waiting list in the order received.
- **You are responsible for finding roommates.**
- **FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 9TH.**
- All checks payable to **PCHS Women's Club**. Only **Visa**, **Discover** and **MasterCard** are accepted.
- Financial need assistance is available—contact Pastoral Department 815-717-3139.
- **DEPOSITS ARE NONREFUNDABLE.**

Mail payments and retreat form to

Melissa McGuire
929 Stonebridge Way
Woodridge, Illinois 60517

For further information contact

Melissa McGuire at 630-738-4345
pchsretreat@gmail.com

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION --COMPLETE ONE FORM PER PERSON

Name of Retreat Participant _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETREAT YES NO

Name(s) of Roommate(s) _____

Lunch Choice _____ Dinner Choice _____

Room Type Cost \$ _____ Dinner Upcharge\$ _____ (if applicable)

Total Charge\$ _____

Email address _____

Street Address _____ Home Phone _____

City/State & Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Payment Method—Checks payable to PCHS Women's Club

Check No _____



VISA



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Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____ Security Code _____

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All rooms feature water views, fireplaces, outdoor seating and luxury bedding. Complimentary high-speed internet, DVD library and bicycle rentals are standard. Visit www.marinagrandresort.com for additional information and click on "Rooms & Rates" for room layouts.

PRICING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- Two Night Stay at the Marina Grand Resort 600 W Water St, New Buffalo, MI 49117
- Heavy appetizers on Friday evening (Barbeque Meatballs, Egg Rolls with Sweet and Sour Sauce (Pork or Vegetarian), Raspberry and Brie Stuffed Phyllo, Domestic and Imported Cheeses with Crackers, Tortilla Chips with Guacamole and Salsa)
- Breakfast Buffet Saturday and Sunday Morning
- Lunch and Dinner on Saturday (please note that a food option must be chosen for these meals)

<i>people</i>	1pp	2pp	3pp	4pp	5pp	6pp	7pp	8pp
Double Queen	348	264	232	222				
King	348	264	232					
One Bedroom Suite	432	348	316					
Lofted Suite	464	378	326	294				
King Suite w/ attached Queen	684	514	348	306	284	274	264	264
King Suite w/Loft & attached King	716	548	378	338	306	294	295	284

**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE FOOD OPTIONS FOR LUNCH AND DINNER ON SATURDAY – MUST MAKE A CHOICE AND FILL IN ON FRONT ORDER FORM.
(FRIDAY IS A SET BUFFET)**

Saturday Lunch

- Turkey Bacado – Sliced Turkey Breast, Bacon, Avocado, Mayo, Field Greens and Tomato on Multigrain Ciabatta
- California Vegetable Wrap – Zucchini, Red Pepper, Green Onion, Cucumber, Spinach, Basil, Carrot, and Boursin Cheese
- Southwest Chicken Salad - Pulled Chicken, Black Beans, Corn, Avocado and Cilantro with Mixed Greens and Shredded Cabbage, Honey-Lime Vinaigrette and Crunchy Tortilla Strips

Saturday Dinner

- Bangkok Chicken with Steamed Rice and Cucumber Salad
- Farfalle with Asparagus, Roasted Pepper, Mushrooms and Spinach in White Wine Lemon Cream Sauce
- Skuna Bay Salmon grilled, over roasted cauliflower, brussel sprouts, zucchini and quinoa with cherry tomato basil vinaigrette **Please note that this option has an upcharge of \$10
- 8oz Beef Tenderloin with Shallot Port Wine Butter, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus ***Please note that this option has an upcharge of \$20