



# PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CELTIC REVIEW

*Jesus Christ is the reason for our school.*

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## **Cheerleading Team Captures State Trophy**



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Senior varsity cheerleaders, Allison Bebar, Sera Cummings and Nicole Glynn (holding trophy left to right), proudly lead their team with their 2nd place trophy at the all-school recognition assembly.

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## A Letter from the President



Dear Providence Catholic Community:

I hope the new year is off to a great start and that you had a joyful and peaceful holiday with your family and friends. Our 253 freshmen students, members of the Class of 2019, have brought in a rejuvenating energy to the school; bringing our enrollment to a healthy and comfortable 1,034 students.

Our strong enrollment is a direct result of our unwavering commitment to providing an outstanding education to our students in a faith-filled, nurturing environment. The core Augustinian values of Truth, Unity and Love are integrated into every facet of student life at Providence Catholic. Our young people know that they are valued as individuals and parents feel secure placing them in our care.

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming back many of our alumni who attended one or more of the alumni events we have hosted this year. Homecoming, Career Day, Breakfast with Santa and Advent Christmas Mass welcomed back more than 1,000 alumni and their families. Recaps of these events along with information on upcoming events can be found throughout this newsletter.

Alumni involvement is crucial to the overall stability of Providence Catholic High School. In fact, PCHS alumni are one of the best testaments of our school and greatly influence its vitality. When alumni have positive experiences as students and become successful adults, many attribute their success to the skills they learned and the nurturing environment at Providence Catholic.

We are humbled by the number of alumni families that currently attend PCHS and those who joined us at our Open House this past November. One of the greatest compliments Providence Catholic can receive is when alumni choose to send their children to their alma mater and carry on the Celtic tradition. In addition, we were thrilled to learn that several families attended Open House as a result of alumni who "spread the word."

With that said, I realize that some families may not even consider Providence Catholic due to financial limitations. I believe a Providence Catholic education should be available to all who seek it with sincere hearts, not just those who can afford the tuition outright. Providing need-based aid to our families continues to be one of our top priorities. Educating young people in the faith is central to the mission of the Church and our responsibility as Catholics. This year, Providence Catholic will distribute more than \$1.6 million in financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, tuition discounts and student work programs.

I pray that alumni, parents of alumni, current parents and friends of PCHS continue to promote Providence Catholic to prospective families and come out to attend the many upcoming events that we will be hosting.

Sincerely,

Fr. Richard McGrath, OSA, Ph.D.

## Tis the Season to be Giving at PCHS

The season of giving has been active at Providence Catholic. In October, students, faculty members, alumni and parents of students donated nearly 60 units of blood at the Augustinian Youth Ministry's (AYM) annual Blood Drive. AYM also hosted the annual Thanksgiving Food, Toy and Gift Card Drives. They collected several hundred non-perishable food items that were donated to local food pantries and gifts for children at the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. Furthermore, members of the Student Augustinian Values Institute (SAVI) have been meeting monthly for "Sandwich Patrol," where student volunteers prepare sandwiches and deliver them to Morning Star Mission, a homeless shelter located in Joliet. In addition, several PCHS athletic teams sponsored food and/or toy drives.

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Senior AYM members display some of the hundreds of food goods that were donated during the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in November. Back row Nick Bertucci (Elwood), Teddy Azar (Joliet) and Scott Tatro (Orland Park). Front Row from left: Kate Caruso (Lemont), Mia Massaro (Homer Glen), Margaret Ruane (Mokena) and Lauren Bernas (Orland Park).

## PROVI PILGRIMAGE TO RESPECT LIFE

For the past 43 years, on the anniversary of Roe v Wade, hundreds of thousands march from the National Mall to the Supreme Court building to voice their pro-life stance. This year, thirty-seven members of the PCHS Respect Life Club joined the annual March for Life. The pilgrimage began

with a fourteen hour overnight bus ride to DC. Students shared their personal stories about why they are club members

and feel it is important to show mercy to those impacted by abortion. The first stop was the Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, where Cardinal Timothy Dolan celebrated Mass. The next morning, students caught an early morning metro to a youth rally and Mass. Unfortunately, because of the impending monster snow storm, the trip was cut short, and the buses headed back to Illinois. It was disappointing for those who looked forward to the opportunity, but they still treasured the chance to part of the group. Theology teacher and club moderator, Amy (Tryner) Potempa '93 led the pilgrimage and oversees the Respect Life Club.



Emily Huguelet '16 (New Lenox), Mary Schultz '16 (Tinley Park) and Brittany Jackson '16 (Monee) display a #iStand4Life sign during their pilgrimage to Washington DC.



## STATE SCHOLARS

Forty-four PCHS students were recognized as 2016-17 Illinois State Scholars in early December. These students represent the top ten percent of high school seniors, hailing from 652 different high schools across the state. Selection is based on SAT, ACT or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores at the end of the junior year.

### The 2016-17 Illinois State Scholars from PCHS include:

- Grace Baffoe (Orland Park)
- Claire Baudek (Joliet)
- Allison Bebar (Joliet)
- Lauren Bernas (Orland Park)
- Colin Brankin (Orland Park)
- Margaret Broderick (Joliet)
- Aiden Christianson (Plainfield)
- Patrick Connelly (Tinley Park)
- Mayrna Dababneh (Tinley Park)
- Kevin Diehl (Orland Park)
- Thomas Dillman (Peotone)
- Kevin Fitzgerald (Orland Park)
- Joven Garces (Plainfield)
- Rachel Gorski (Shorewood)
- Mason Heimlich (Elwood)
- Allison Hernandez (Homer Glen)
- Grace Huguelet (Frankfort)
- Caleigh Jaskierski (Tinley Park)
- Joseph Juodvalkis (Plainfield)
- Michael Kamowski (Peotone)
- Patrick Kay (Orland Park)
- Thomas Kelley (Orland Park)
- Hunter Klein (Joliet)
- Blake LaBelle (Orland Park)
- Jakob Lambert (Homer Glen)
- Christina MacNab (Homer Glen)
- Mia Massaro (Homer Glen)
- Daniel McDonald (Orland Park)
- Olivia McGill (Plainfield)
- Michael McGuire (Frankfort)
- Brendan O'Hara (New Lenox)
- Maria Papes (Elwood)
- Valerie Richards (Shorewood)
- John Scholl (Orland Park)
- Mary Schultz (Tinley Park)
- Catherine Spesia (Joliet)
- Joseph Strick (Mokena)
- Kyle Struck (Orland Park)
- Scott Tatro (Orland Park)
- Ryan Townsend (Frankfort)
- Ben Wasicki (Frankfort)
- Anne Webster (Homer Glen)
- John Wolf (Orland Park)
- Kaitlyn Ziska (Homer Glen)

## MUGS FOR HUGS DRIVE

In January, TJ Quinlan '17 (Orland Park), pictured at right, spearheaded "Mugs for Hugs Drive" at PCHS for the second consecutive year. Nearly 200 mugs were collected, filled with instant cocoa packets and delivered to the Joliet Daybreak Shelter. "Providence has played a huge role in my commitment to serve others; it has allowed me to run this mug drive and reach many of my peers. The Providence community has come together as a family for the past two years and helped to make this drive so successful," said Quinlan.



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Head Basketball Coach, Tim Trendel (above right) and his team gathered this winter to pack meals for a Jamaican orphanage. Each package contained six meals and included vitamins, rice and vegetables.



PCHS students, families and alumni donated toys to families in need at a Celtic Hockey Toy Drive in late December.

## IN THE CLASSROOM - AP SPANISH

Dr. Burke's AP Spanish students were instructed to build a bridge using only newspaper and masking tape. The purpose of this project was to give the students an unfamiliar situation that required them to collaborate and communicate in Spanish (their second language) to achieve a shared goal. Additionally, to highlight the BYOD initiative in full swing at PCHS, the students were encouraged to look for examples of strong bridges online, record their progress by taking "selfies", and then record their reaction in Spanish to the activity with their smart phones or iPads. The most successful group (pictured below) was able to stack 44 books weighing 89.4 pounds on their bridge.



Dr. Burke counts the books stacked on his AP Spanish student's bridge constructed of newspaper and masking tape. From left are seniors Rachel Gorski, Amanda Martinez-Babiuk, Alli Bebar and Claire Baudek.

## DISTRICT 1 IMEA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Seniors Annie Webster (Homer Glen) on clarinet and Sarah Lennon (Orland Park) singing soprano were chosen out of 3,500 students for the District 1 IMEA band and choir, respectively. The audition process was highly competitive. Furthermore, sophomores Abby Schaefer (Mokena) and Katie Saunders (Frankfort) sang in the 9-10 Honors Choir at IMEA. These talented musicians represented Providence Catholic at the District 1 Music Festival in late November at Elmhurst College.



Annie Webster, Sarah Lennon, Abby Schaefer and Katie Saunders

## ART SCHOLAR



Olivia "Livi" McGill '16 (Plainfield) proudly displays some of her artwork. Livi was recently accepted into the prestigious Ringling College of Art and Design and received a \$32,000 scholarship. Ringling is among the Top 10 art schools in the nation and the Top 5 in Computer Animation (her major).

## CARNEGIE HALL



Claire Diamond '17 (Lockport) was one of the first place winners in the 15-17 year old division of the highly competitive American Protégé International Vocal Competition. In mid-December, she performed in a recital at New York's Carnegie Hall (pictured above) along with other talented singers from the United States, China, Ireland, India and Canada.



## CHEERLEADERS TAKE 2ND AT STATE

The Varsity Celtic Cheerleaders earned a 2nd Place trophy in the Large Varsity Division at the 2016 IHSA State Cheerleading Championship Finals in early February. In the Preliminary Round at State, the Celtics had the highest score of the day, which advanced them to the State Finals Round. During an all-school assembly, the cheerleaders performed their award-winning routine (pictured at right) and were awarded their State medals by Mr. Doug Ternik '89, Athletic Director. Head Coach Laura Duesing expressed her appreciation to everyone who supported the team.

"The coaching staff and I are proud of the team's perseverance, hard work and sportsmanship. Their common goals and strong work ethic during the season created a unique chemistry with one another. These amazing young ladies work hard both in the classroom and on the cheer floor. Making honor roll as a team was one of the many goals we set at the beginning of the season. I am proud to say that all 20 varsity team members made the first and second quarter honor roll with a team average G.P.A. of 3.78. We are extremely proud of these student-athletes who successfully balance their academics, sport and service to others. It is a true testament of their focus and determination as Providence Catholic students and as members of the Celtic cheerleading team," said Duesing.

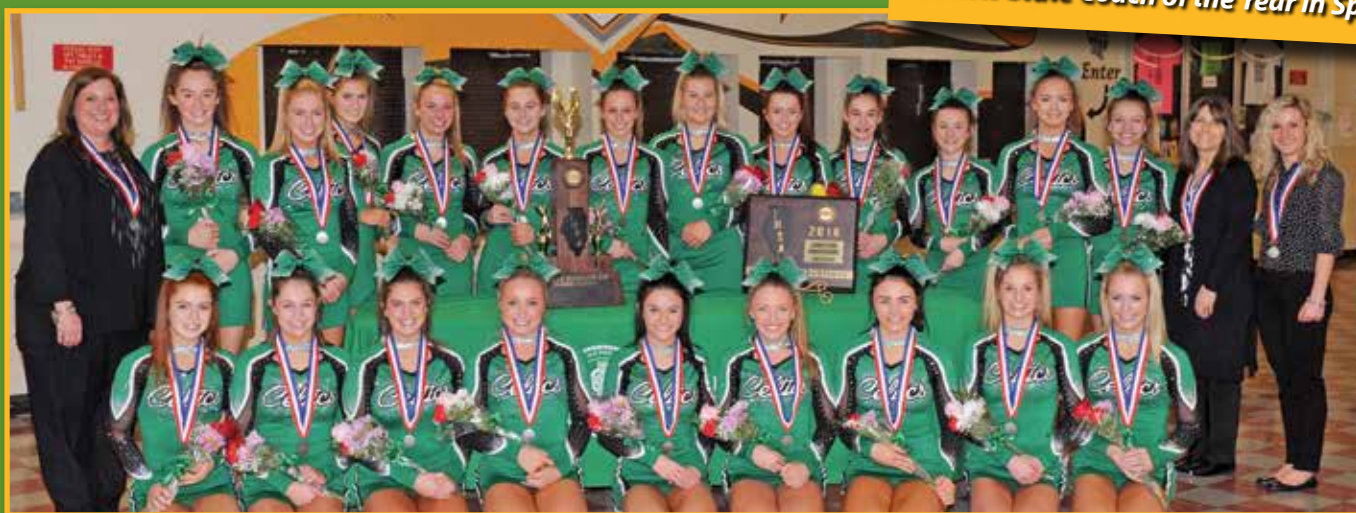
### Team Members

- Allison Bebar '16 (Joliet)
- Sera Cummings '16 (New Lenox)
- Bridget Fudala '16 (Homer Glen)
- Nicole Glynn '16 (Lemont)
- Carson Sineni '16 (Homer Glen)
- Lauren Bird '17 (Tinley Park)
- Cara Cox '17 (Mokena)
- Amy Jensen '17 (Tinley Park)
- Sarah Kaley '17 (Tinley Park)
- Rosie Lagone '17 (Mokena)
- Hailey Radakovitz '17 (Tinley Park)
- Alyssa Reeves '17 (Joliet)
- Samantha Sharkey '17 (Mokena)
- Natasha Tuminello '17 (New Lenox)
- Lexi Vennetti '17 (Orland Park)
- Madison Watson '17 (Frankfort)
- Macie Agnich '19 (New Lenox)
- Isabella Andreano '19 (Shorewood)
- Brooklynn Parker '19 (Shorewood)
- Fiona Rowe '19 (Homer Glen)
- Lilly Smith '19 (Mokena)

### Coaches

- Laura Duesing (Head Coach)
- Peggy Jensen (Assistant Coach)
- Beth Rachanski (Assistant Coach)
- Adam Sunderhaus (Assistant Coach)
- Ashley Vennetti '11 (Assistant Coach)

*Congratulations Coach Duesing  
National Federation of State  
High School Associations  
Illinois State Coach of the Year in Spirit*



## HOCKEY HIGHLIGHTS



The varsity hockey team finished their CCHL regular season with a 20-2-0 record, which earned them the top seed in the playoffs. Congratulations to the four players who were selected to the All-State team (pictured at above) Ryan Iaciano '17 (Tinley Park), Jake Vennetti '17 (Orland Park), Michael Altobelli '16 (Tinley Park) and Jake Rott '17 (Orland Park). In addition, Jake Rott was the first Celtic varsity hockey player to earn the CCHL regular season Scoring Title with 21 goals and 31 assists for a total of 52 points.

## ALL-CONFERENCE



*Allie Hernandez '16 (Homer Glen) and Claire Paciga '17 (Orland Park) proudly display their All-Conference Honors certificates that they received in the Red Division of the Girl's Catholic Athletic Conference.*

## BASEBALL HONOREES

IHSBCA Class 4A named Head Baseball Coach, Mark Smith '88 "Coach of the Year" for the second consecutive year and Mike Madej '16 (Manhattan) "Baseball Player of the Year". The two were honored at the Annual Hall of Fame Banquet in late January.



## REGIONAL WINNERS



**500  
WINS**

The varsity Celtic wrestling team won the IHSA Regional Championship in early February. Dominic Ambrose '18 (Tinley Park), Juan Bazaldua '19 (Bolingbrook), Ben Emery '18 (New Lenox), Jake Lindsey '19 (Oak Forest), Josh Ramos '19 (Plainfield) and Cole Smith '18 (Channahon) all advanced to the individual state championship. At right, Head Wrestling Coach Keith Healy proudly displays the trophy he received for his 500th career win in early December.





## LEAP OF FAITH TAKES THE STAGE

PCHS Theatre Club performed *Leap of Faith* at Bicentennial Park Theatre earlier this Fall. Based upon the motion picture, a con artist, the "Reverend" Jonas Nightingale, travels with his ministry, but his bus breaks down in a small Kansas town. The some-time reverend invites the townspeople to a revival at Bicentennial Park Theatre. However, the sheriff, a woman named Marla McGowan, is determined to stop Jonas from taking the people's money.

### THE LEAD CAST INCLUDED:

- Marla - Claire Diamond, Lockport
- Jonas - Will Karabel, Homer Glen
- Jake - Brad Baldys, Mokena
- Ida Mae - Abby Schaefer, Mokena
- Sam - Ingrid Schwartz, Joliet

### THE SUPPORTING CAST INCLUDED:

- Ornella - Johanna Bastas, Mokena
- Isaiah - Brandon Pierce, Rockdale

### SHOWCASED ROLES INCLUDED:

- Emma Schlarp - Grace Baffoe, Orland Hills
- Brother Amon - Tom Bernecker, Orland Park
- Amanda Wayne - Collette O'Connell, Mokena
- Susie Ray Love - Corrin Remiasz, Joliet
- Leona - Bailey Stagura, Homer Glen
- Sister Carla - Celine Stroup, Shorewood
- Wendy Mason - Olivia Whittle, Lemont

### SINGING TRIO INCLUDED:

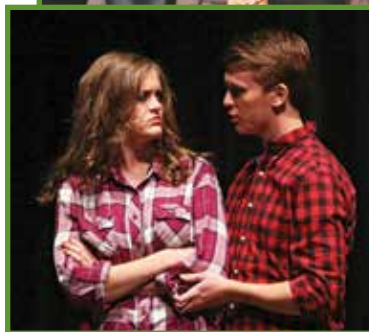
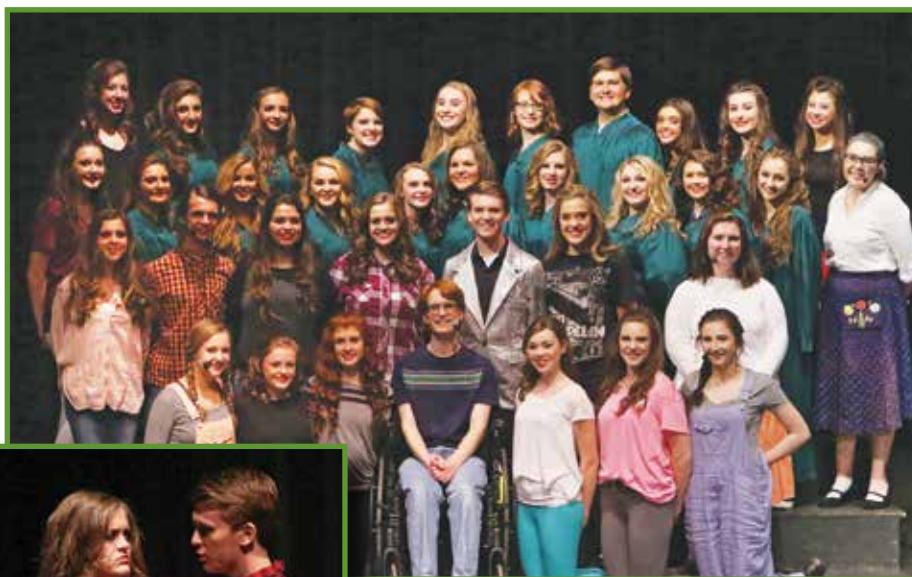
- Alyssa LaBine, Mokena
- Mary O'Brien, Manhattan
- Katie Saunders, Tinley Park

### DANCERS:

- Devin Evans, New Lenox
- Rachel Gorski, Shorewood
- Alyssa Lennon, Orland Park
- Sarah Lennon, Orland Park
- Clara McKendry, Orland Hills
- Mary Santschi, New Lenox
- Lizzi Stack, Tinley Park

### ENSEMBLE INCLUDED:

- Jessica Baldys, Mokena
- Sarah Bernecker, Orland Park
- Sam Bosko, Orland Hills
- Allie Boyer, Lockport
- Emma Eckenstein, Mokena
- Katie Gardner, Lemont
- Toni Gardner, Lemont
- Christina Muraskas, Palos Park
- Hailey Pierce, Rockdale
- Kathleen Rafferty, Orland Hills
- Gwen Savino, Homer Glen



Juniors Claire Diamond as Marla and Will Karabel as Jonas

### CREW INCLUDED:

- Miranda George - Stage Manager, New Lenox
- Sydney Harder - Stage Manager, Joliet
- Ryan Pilon - Stage Manager, Shorewood
- Carlos Venegas - Booth Manager, Joliet
- Sophie Hintz, Lockport
- Lia Kaminski, Mokena
- Michael Kamowski, Joliet
- Arthur "Jack" Kraus, Joliet
- Analisa Nolan, New Lenox
- Elizabeth Rohrer, Mokena
- Maria Svidron, Shorewood
- Frances Webster, Lockport

### ORCHESTRA PIT INCLUDED:

- Jessica Bridges, Shorewood
- Xixi Chen, Mokena
- John Compagno, Orland Park
- Patrick Connelly, Orland Hills
- Katie Deters, (alumna), Joliet
- Patrick Kay, Orland Park
- Grace Mackay, Martino
- Robby Pierce, Rockdale
- Justin Tomaselli, Joliet
- Anthony Waldron, Plainfield

### MAKEUP BY:

- Madi Brenn, Channahon
- Natalie Deters, Joliet
- Jessica Kwasneski, Palos Park
- Frankie Mata, Joliet
- Emma Nelson, Homer
- Megan Reyes, New Lenox
- Valerie Richards, Joliet
- Emma Sulski, Oak Lawn
- Tessa Vecchi, Peotone

## JOIN US! SPRING MUSICAL

### PCHS THEATRE CLUB PRESENTS...



@ Bicentennial Park  
Theater

### PERFORMANCE DATES

Thurs. 4/21 @ 7 pm

Fri. 4/22 @ 7 pm

Sat. 4/23 @ 7 pm

Sun. 4/24 @ 3 pm

## EAGLE SCOUT

Eagle Scout Tim Klotz '18 of Orland Park (pictured below) delivered his Eagle Response at his Court of Honor in mid-November. He is the first eagle in the five year history of Orland Park Boy Scout Troop 383. Klotz's Eagle Project was the creation of the Captain Ronald Zinn Memorial Garden at the Orland Park Veterans Center. Zinn was the first Vietnam casualty from Orland Park. Klotz is a member of the football, wrestling and track and field teams. He is the son of Gerry Klotz and Margie Owens-Klotz '80.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America Program. To earn this rank, a scout must fulfill requirements in areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Specific skills are required to advance through the seven ranks of scouting; there are more than 130 merit badges available, 21 specific badges must be earned to qualify for Eagle.

"I am grateful and couldn't have achieved the honor of Eagle Scout without my family, our great guys, our troop leaders and everyone who helped with the memorial garden for Captain Zinn," said Klotz.



## VOCATIONAL JOURNEYS



Ryan Adorian (pictured above) from St. Anne Parish in Oswego and Tom Logue (pictured at right) from St. Isaac Parish in Hinsdale, spoke to students during Theology classes about their vocational journeys and why they chose their path. Ryan is in Theology 2 (second year of formation at Mundelein Seminary) and Tom is completing his Pastoral Year at St. Jude Parish in Joliet.

## MARCHING BAND SUCCESS



Providence Catholic Marching Band had a great season. They finished 4th in Class 2A for their performance at the State of Illinois Marching Band Championships at Illinois State University in October. The band is under the direction of Mr. Lawrence Rogers who came to PCHS in the spring of 2015. Mr. Rogers teaches courses in Instrumental Music, Marching Band, Honor Band, Concert Band, Cadet Band, Music Appreciation and Jazz Band. He is also the coordinator for the Fall Guard and Winter Guard Programs at PCHS.

Top photo from left: Peiwen Wei '19 (Frankfort), Natalie Schaefer '18 (Mokena) and Mr. Lawrence Rogers. Bottom photo from left: Cameron Aurelio '17 (Orland Park), Abby Schaefer '18 (Mokena) and John Compagno '16 (Orland Park).



## Dan Horn '77 Pays it Forward

His mother and father decided with their sixth child, that this one needed something different. This one would attend Providence Catholic High School. For Curtis and Jeane Horn, it was a decision that would change the course of their son's life and their own. Dan Horn '77 was no different from any teenage boy. He was admittedly average academically. He enjoyed harmless fun. He was a typical teenager. But something changed after he became a student at Providence.

Dan credits his teachers with keeping a watchful eye over him and steering him in the right direction. They set boundaries and kept tabs on all his shenanigans. In particular, the Principal, Father Roger Kaffer, made a lasting impression on Dan. Father Kaffer always emphasized that ours is a completely forgiving God. The impact of Roger Kaffer on Dan remains today. He says, "I have the utmost admiration

for the work of Roger Kaffer and the clergy and nuns who have continued to be involved with Providence over the years. They have made an everlasting impression on my life and my faith."

The experience Dan had at Providence was shared with his many friends. In December, a group of seventeen former classmates

gathered informally to re-hash memories. They are bound together through their common history. Of course, the emergence of social media, like Facebook, has made it easier to keep these connections alive.

For his parents, once Dan became a student at Providence, the school became the center of their social lives. Dan's younger brother, Ray



The Horn Family; Karen, Catherine '11, Caroline '09, and Dan '77

'82, followed him and enrolled at the school. Soon Jeane got a job in the front office where she worked for a decade. Dan went on to graduate from DePaul University with a Bachelor's degree and then from the University of Chicago with his MBA.

When it was time, Dan and his wife Karen felt lucky that they still

lived nearby and could give their two daughters the benefit of a Providence education. Now as a parent, he had a different vantage point. Dan could see that the spirit of Providence remained, but the scholastics had changed. The academics became much more rigorous under the leadership of the Augustinians. He could see the emphasis on spirituality was still part of the foundation of the school. His daughter Caroline '09 graduated from University of Illinois in Mathematics and is now a software engineer for Indeed Inc. in Austin, TX. Catherine '11, has recently secured a position as a zookeeper at the San Antonio Zoo after graduating in Biology from Illinois State. The Celtic Nation also welcomed his nieces Melissa Horn '92 and Tyna Jo Horn '94.

Now as a parent of alumni, Dan continues to be involved. He supports Providence through both his time and treasure; by both volunteering and donating to the annual fund. Over the years Dan has mentored students at Career Day, helped with various fundraising campaigns, and served on the Advancement Council. "Providence supported me through my formative years. I feel that I have to give back. I want Providence to continue to thrive."

## YOU'RE INVITED TO CLOSE THE TUITION GAP

The school's annual fund drive raises money to close the tuition gap; this year's tuition is \$11,150 per student. The actual cost to educate each student is \$14,286. Thus tuition only covers 78% of the actual cost of a Providence Catholic education. We are asking alumni and parents of alumni, like Dan Horn, to "pay it forward".

Please help us continue to offer the best possible Catholic education to our students. Online gifts can be made at [www.providencecatholic.org](http://www.providencecatholic.org) (select the "Make A Gift" button) or submit the attached envelope. Questions? Contact Jane Lagger, Director of Annual Giving at (815) 717-3162 or [jlagger@providencecatholic.org](mailto:jlagger@providencecatholic.org).

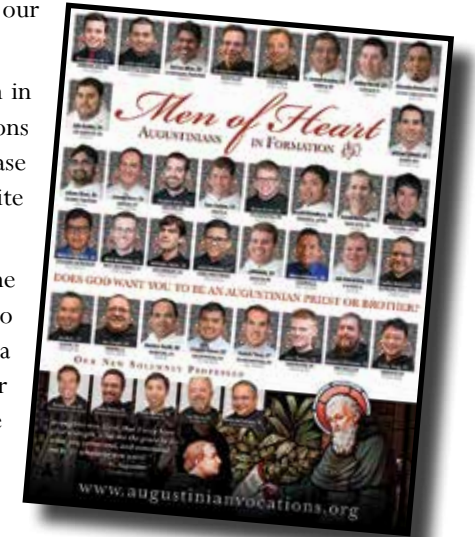


## A Letter from the Prior Provincial of the Augustinians

Dear Friends of the Augustinians,

I hope the new year is off to a great start! Thank you all to those who have contributed to support both the Midwest Augustinians as well as Providence Catholic. Your support truly does further the mission of Christ and St. Augustine by providing excellent Catholic education with the core values of Truth, Unity, and Love. It is with great joy that I share the following news from our Augustinian Province:

- **39 Augustinian Vocations!** For the fourth year in a row, we have more men in Augustinian formation than we've had in decades! You will find our newest vocations poster (including Providence alumnus, Sam Joutras '11) in the Pastoral Office. Please take as many as you like to spread the word. Don't forget to check out our website [augustinianvocations.org](http://augustinianvocations.org) as well. We are truly blessed!
- **Double your impact and be remembered forever.** We are approaching the conclusion to the Continuing Our Journey of Faith campaign – the campaign to build the financial trusts for retired Augustinians and Augustinian vocations. For a limited time, your gift will be matched by a group of donors. Donors of \$75 or more will also have their name mentioned in the Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Book. Visit [augustiniancampaign.org/match](http://augustiniancampaign.org/match) to learn more.
- **Our gala is only a few months away!** We'll honor Fr. Mike Slattery, O.S.A. (former Pastor of St. Jude in New Lenox), and Ernie Mrozek at this gala, as well as hold a Diamond Jubilee Remembrance for Fr. Ted Tack, O.S.A. The gala will be at the Drake Hotel in Chicago on April 22. The following morning, we will hold our Diamond Jubilee Closing Mass at St. Rita High School in Chicago – visit [midwestaugustinians.org/events](http://midwestaugustinians.org/events) for more info about these events!



Thank you once again for all you do to help further our mission. You are an integral part of the Augustinian journey toward God. Remember, you can always learn more about what's going on across the Province by visiting [midwestaugustinians.org](http://midwestaugustinians.org). May God bless you and your families! Go Celtics!

Sincerely in Christ and St. Augustine,

*Fr. Bernie*

Very Rev. Bernard C. Scianna, O.S.A., Ph.D.  
Prior Provincial of the Midwest Augustinians

## DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF GIVING WISELY

A gift to Providence in your will or revocable trust enables you to support our mission and make a difference in the lives of future generations of Celts. A bequest to Providence Catholic will leave a lasting legacy for your family. It is easy to arrange, can be modified to address your changing needs and will not alter your current lifestyle in any way. Discover the many options designed to help you to achieve different goals. Please contact Ed Barrett, Advancement Director at (815) 717-3164 or [ebarrett@providencecatholic.org](mailto:ebarrett@providencecatholic.org) with questions.

### Specific Gift Language - Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Naming Providence Catholic High School as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy. Simply declare the following in your will or trust:

*I give and devise to Providence Catholic High School (Tax ID #36-243617), located in New Lenox, 60451, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or asset) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).*





## PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

*Building Bridges from Home to School*

**SCHEDULE A VISIT  
TODAY!**

**LIMITED OPENINGS FOR  
2016 -2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

- Half/Full-Day Options for PS, PK & K Levels
- 2-Day Little Learners Class
- Before/After School Care



**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL (815) 485-7129 • VISIT [wearepc.org](http://wearepc.org)**

## Register Today! 2016 Youth Summer Camps

PCHS Youth Summer Camps serve nearly 1,000 students each year and provide quality interaction between campers and their dedicated coaches and instructors. PCHS will offer a variety of camps for students in grades 1-9. For details, including date, time and fee, please visit PCHS online at [www.providencecatholic.org](http://www.providencecatholic.org) (click on the "Summer Camps" button on the main page).

### ATHLETIC CAMPS

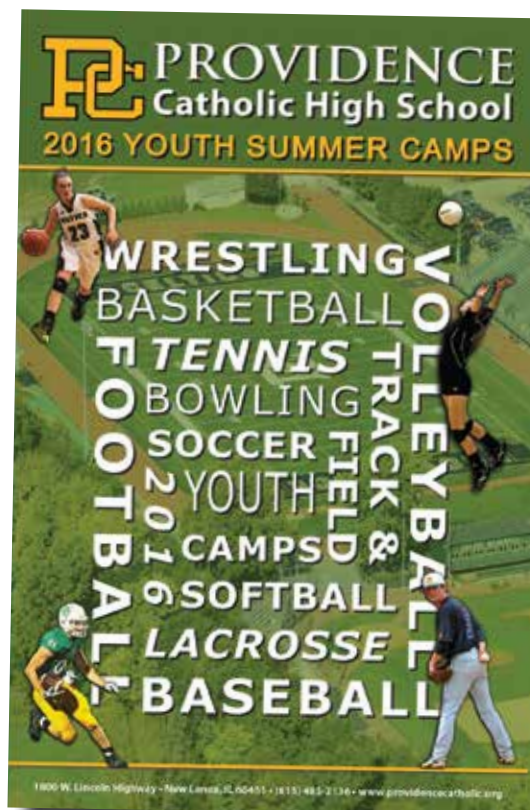
- Baseball
- Boys' Basketball
- Coed Basketball
- Girls' Basketball
- Coed Bowling
- Freshmen Football
- Youth Football
- Boys' Lacrosse
- Coed Soccer
- Softball
- Coed Tennis
- Coed Track & Field
- Boys' Volleyball
- Girls' Volleyball
- Wrestling

### ACADEMIC CAMPS

- Art
- Robotics
- Spanish Language

### PLEASE PARDON OUR DUST

The Sacred Heart Gym (SHG) will have several improvements made to its facility this summer. Therefore, all indoor athletic camps that normally take place in the SHG will be held in the school's Immaculate Heart of Mary Gym (IHMG). Campers should enter through door #14 (cafeteria entrance).



## UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

### WOMEN'S CLUB

- Mar 4-6 Spa Retreat Weekend (Grand Marina, New Buffalo, MI)
- Mar 13 Fashion Show (Dinolfo's Banquets, Homer Glen, IL)
- May 12 Mother's Day Mass (PCHS Gym)

### MEN'S CLUB

- Mar 7 Early Bird \$500 Drawing (PCHS Cafe)
- Mar 19 Super Celtic Sweepstakes Grand Drawing (PCHS Cafe)
- May 5 Steak Fry honoring senior dads (PCHS Cafe)
- May 21 Golf Outing (Silver Lake Country Club, Orland Park, IL)

Visit the Men's and Women's Club pages at [www.providencecatholic.org](http://www.providencecatholic.org) for more details.

## WOMEN'S CLUB SOCIAL



The PCHS Women's Club held their annual auction in late October. This year's theme was "Casino Night" and was a huge success. From left: Carol Hunniford (Treasurer), Kelly Simowitz (Hospitality), Patty O'Connell (President), Lillie Bowler-Mongello (Vice-President) and Hidali Alejo (Secretary).

## Men's Club \$UPER CELTIC \$WEEP\$TAKES\$

\$100  
per Ticket

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| GRAND PRIZE .....               | \$40,000 |
| 2nd Prize.....                  | \$5,000  |
| 3rd Prize.....                  | \$1,000  |
| 4th Prize.....                  | \$1,000  |
| 5th Prize.....                  | \$1,000  |
| 6th Prize.....                  | \$1,000  |
| 7th Prize.....                  | \$1,000  |
| 8th Prize.....                  | \$1,000  |
| 9th Prize.....                  | \$1,000  |
| 10th Prize.....                 | \$1,000  |
| 11th Prize.....                 | \$ 500   |
| 12th Prize.....                 | \$ 500   |
| 13th Prize.....                 | \$ 500   |
| 14th Prize.....                 | \$ 500   |
| 15th Prize.....                 | \$ 500   |
| February Early Bird (2/4) ..... | \$1,000  |
| March Early Bird (3/7) .....    | \$ 500   |

- ONLY 1,200 TICKETS SOLD
- Final Drawing is Saturday, March 19 at 7:00 pm in the PCHS Cafeteria
- All ticket holders welcome
- Winner need not be present
- GRAND PRIZE ticket drawn first
- Proceeds support the school's capital improvements program
- In the event all tickets are not sold, all prize monies will be awarded on a pro-rated basis

Purchase your ticket(s) online at [www.providencecatholic.org](http://www.providencecatholic.org) or call (815) 717-3165 for ticket information

## Men's Club Gives Back to the Community



The PCHS Men's Club held its annual Toys for Tots Drive and Christmas Mass in early December. The event drew in more than 50 current and former Providence Catholic dads. Nearly 100 toys were collected for the USMC and donated to children in need.

From left: Mike Mongello (Treasurer), USMC LCPL Cody Vancina, Mike Beller (President), USMC GySgt Juan Arreola, Ken Cicirale (Vice President) and Fr. Richard McGrath, O.S.A.



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**1966 - Marilyn (Krohnbrecher) Kranz** and husband, Mike have four sons that graduated from PCHS.

**1967 - Scott Reiter** and his wife, **Mary Beth (Devine) Reiter '69** welcomed two new granddaughters to the family in August 2015, which makes eight grandchildren. The girls were christened together at St. Michael's Church in Orland Park. *Pictured above, Scott is holding Anne Lucia Reiter, born to Matt Reiter '97 and his wife, Kate; she is their 4th child. Mary Beth is holding Bridget Mary Boland, born to Tom Boland '99 and his wife, Molly (Reiter) Boland '99; she is their 3rd child.*



**1978 - Mike Schofield** is proud to announce that his son, Michael Schofield (#79), Offensive Tackle for the Denver Broncos, *(pictured at left)* was a member of the 2016 Super Bowl 50 Championship Team. Mike is currently the Orland Park Fire Chief.

**1979 - John MacBean** set a world record at the WUAP-World Federation in Raw Bench on October 7, 2015 in Peoria, Illinois. His record was in the Master Division at 242 lbs with a Bench of 424.2 lbs. John *(pictured at right)* lives in Cornell, Illinois with his wife, Shelly and three children Shayna, John and Cheyenne.



**1993 - Mike Kranz** married **Jayme (Kirkland) Kranz '95**. They have four daughters.

**1993 - Chris McKee** and his wife Stacey welcomed their third child, Lillian Grace McKee *(pictured at right)* on November 5, 2015. Big sister Megan and big brother Jacob are so happy to have her home!



**1994 - John Behringer** and his family relocated back to the Chicago area after six years in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. The move coincided with John's transfer back to the Chicago office of RSM US in his role as Financial Institutions Practice leader for the Great Lakes Region.



**1996 - Matthew Kranz** married **Cathy (Pilon) Kranz '00** and are expecting their 4th child. Cathy is the daughter of Pete Pilon '66 and Terry (Reiter) Pilon '67

**2000 - Stephanie Joutras Gross** and her husband Jay welcomed a baby girl, Kennedy Kristine *(pictured at left)*, on April 3, 2015. She is joined by her older brother Ryan (2). Father Merkelis baptized Kennedy at St. Mary's Catholic Church

in Mokena on July 19, 2015

**2001 - Matthew Kucala** his wife, **Megan (Carroll) Kucala '06** along with big brother Colton (2) are happy to announce that Kyla Sophia Kucala *(pictured at right)* was born on October 17, 2015.



**2003 - Tim Turkowski** married **Mary-Eileen (Davey) Turkowski '03** on March 28, 2015. They are expecting their first child in June 2016.

**2004 - Kelly (Sabo) Gaden** married Brian Gaden.

**2004 - Trevor Surges** married **Lee (Wyrobek) Surges '04**. He recently took an IT position for a multi-national company in downtown Chicago.

**2005 - Jackie (Quirke) Poulos** and husband Michael welcomed Emory Joy Poulos *(pictured at right)* on October 31, 2015.



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## CAREER DAY

More than 40 speakers were welcomed to Providence Catholic's Career Day in late October. Above from left, member of the Class of 1995 Shannon (Conroy) Withers, PCHS Director of Alumni and Special Events with Shannon O'Hare, Bob Christopherson, Sally (Shireman) Zikas, Dr. Elizabeth (Tantum) Fazio and Dr. Mike Smerek. Visit the alumni page on the PCHS website to view the complete list of this year's Career Day speakers.



**2011 - Lauren Brizgys** *(pictured at right with her parents)* is beginning her Masters of Science in Youth Development and Agricultural Education through the college of agriculture at Purdue University.



**2012 - Patrick Falls** graduated From the University of Wisconsin at Madison in May 2015

**2012 - Zac Morgan** will graduate from the University of Dayton this May and will be attending the University of



Oregon to continue his education and play football (he has one more year of eligibility). As an Offensive Lineman for the Dayton Flyers, Morgan

started and played all games his junior and senior years. He was the recipient of the Stan Kurdziel Outstanding Lineman Award (2014, 2015), 1st Team All-PFL, 2nd Team Academic All-PFL and three-time PFL Academic Honor Roll recipient *(Morgan is pictured above (center) with Steve Greatwood (Ducks Offensive Line Coach) and Jim Fisher (Ducks Recruiting Coach).*

**2014 - Elisia Venegas** was awarded the Provost's Prize in Classics at Kalamazoo College during their 2015 Honors Day Convocation. This award is given to a student who writes the best essay on a classical subject.

## A Home Away From Home

**Margaret Davis '13**, a junior at St. Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN) was unable to "come home" this year to attend the PCHS Homecoming in October. However, she had a good reason; instead, Margaret set out on a pilgrimage to Peru. During her journey, she spent time with young children at an orphanage, delivered food to poor families, cared for hospice patients and taught English to Spanish speaking high school-aged students.

In early January, Margaret returned "home" to PCHS, where she shared her experience with the Providence Catholic community during the daily all-school prayer. "While there were many culture shocks and language barriers throughout the pilgrimage, we certainly shared ONE very important thing with the Peruvian people: our faith," said Davis.

When asked what role PCHS played in her service to others, Margaret said:

*"Words CANNOT even describe the role Providence Catholic played in my service to others. Not only has Providence taught me what service is, but more importantly, Providence has taught me HOW to serve and the importance of service. Service is the core element of our faith. Through the many ACTS service hours I acquired during my four years at Providence, I learned that service is NOT just about checking something off a list, but that service is and always should be a part of our lives forever!"*

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## Alumni Featured on Shark Tank

Providence Catholic alumni recently appeared on ABC's "Shark Tank" and partnered with billionaire Mark Cuban, receiving a \$300,000 investment for 25% stake in their company, Dude Products. Congratulations and best wishes to Class of 2003 PCHS alumni Ryan Meegan, Brian Wilkin and Jeff Klimkowski.



## HAITIAN MISSION TRIP

**Melissa (Waznis) Pierce '95**, mother of current students Brandon '16, Robby '17 and Hailey '19, along with her husband Jeremy, truly made the most of their Christmas break. No, they did not go shopping, catch up on their DVR recordings or relax with family and friends. Instead, they got on a plane and headed to Haiti to serve those in need.

The Pierce family helped to support an orphanage by caring for the children affected by the 2010 earthquake. They provided clothing and other basic necessities, as well as helped to build and repair homes. In addition, PCHS collected sports equipment such as volleyballs

and frisbees for the family to take to the children in Haiti.

"We really enjoyed watching our children's excitement for this trip. It's an eye-opening experience to witness the way the Haitian people live and how they struggle to rebuild after the earthquake. It makes us really appreciate what we have," said Melissa.

"At Providence Catholic, we are encouraged to serve each other on a daily basis and it is an environment where kindness and compassion is shown for all. It was a great honor to be able to take the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity, and Love and share them with the people of Haiti," added Hailey.



Above left: Melissa Pierce reunites with a Haitian boy who she had met on a previous Mission Trip to Haiti. Above: The Pierce Family (Hailey, Melissa, Jeremy, Brandon and Robby) pose for a family photo prior to attending a church service in Haiti.

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Margaret Davis '13 helped to teach Vacation Bible School to young children. She is pictured holding Cielo, one of her students.

Below is a portion of Margaret's all-school prayer from January 5, 2016.

Dear God,

Open our hearts that we might learn to love others like you love us; open our eyes that we might see those suffering right here in our own community; open our ears that we might hear your call to serve you always. Help us to slow down our lives to appreciate all the good we have been blessed with each and every day. Please bless and watch over the Providence family as a new semester begins.

Love, your daughter,  
Margaret



Nick Krejci '15 performs in the Iowa Hawkeyes Marching Band at the 2016 Rose Bowl in early January.



Iowa Hawkeye football players, Nate Vejvoda '15, Kevin Ward '13 and Ryan Ward '12 pose for a photograph prior to the 2016 Rose Bowl match up against Stanford.



Fr. Burke Masters '85, Chicago Cubs Chaplain



Jordan Ernst '15 made his NCAA debut in December for the Bowling Green Falcons.



Sam Travis '11 was called up to Spring training camp for the Boston Red Sox.



Brad Guzan '03 was one of five players nominated for the U.S. Soccer Male Player of the Year.



## Save the Date

**Homecoming 2016**  
**Friday, September 23**

**Providence Catholic Celtics**  
**vs.**  
**Brother Rice Crusaders**

**5:00 pm (Sophomores)**

**7:30 pm (Varsity)**

**Calling ALL PCHS Alumni...**

Class years ending in a "6" or "1" are celebrating anniversary years. Check the PCHS alumni website for the most up-to-date information on reunion plans. Please email Shannon (Conroy) Withers '95 at [alumni@providencecatholic.org](mailto:alumni@providencecatholic.org) or call (815) 717-3166 or to begin the reunion planning process.

## Santa Breakfast



The 6th Annual Breakfast with Santa was a huge success with more than 250 alumni, parents of alumni and PCCA families in attendance. The morning began with a special Mass, presided by Fr. John Merkelis Above, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reynolds (parents of alumni), Julie (Reynolds) Szafranski '00 with husband, David Szafranski '00 and their children enjoyed their visit with Santa.

## REUNION RECAPS



The Class of 1965 celebrated their 50th class reunion this past Fall. Back from left: Kathy (Winke) Yeager, Lynn (Wilda) Carlstrom, Michelle (Fassola) Klement, Mary (Purkart) Sliz, Pat Pollmann, Suzette Korell, Mary Beth (Martin) Scheuber, Melanie (Morando) Keehma, Faith (Morando) Tapella, Dolores (Campus) Rosado, Marilyn (Omatta) Campus, Angie (Pante) Lopez and Paulette (Kumpar) Lotz. Seated from left: Norma (Pilon) Henning, Mary Ann (Schwab) Ward and Pat (Hill) Offerman.



The Class of 1977 gathered in December for their annual reunion. Back from left: Scott Zan, Dan Krzysciak, Doug Stasiak, Bruce Lukanich, Jamie Doyle, Dwayne Killian and Pat McCarthy. Front from left: Mark Berman, Mary Murphy, Denise (Orenic) Shroba, Beck Rogers, Theo Bellos, Donna (Sholz) Kozuchowski, Kathy (McAlpin) Johnson, Andrea (Fazio) DiVecchio, Cathy (Morrissey) Lebert and Dan Horn.



## PROVIDENCE ARCHIVES?

The school's Advancement Department is currently collecting Providence Catholic memorabilia from all class years in preparation of the 100th anniversary in 2018. The school is especially looking for items from 1918-1970. If you have yearbooks, photos, items that you would like to donate, please email Shannon (Conroy) Withers '95 [swithers@providencecatholic.org](mailto:swithers@providencecatholic.org) or call (815) 717-3166.

## IN MEMORIAM

May God hold them in the palm of His hands.  
 PCHS was notified of the passing of the following...

### ALUMNI

**Virginia Ruth (Lackey) Moore '44**

**K. Nancy Turner '62**

**Genevieve (White) Scheuber '47**

**Thomas Studer '70**

**Julia (Brendich) Leddy '98**

sister of Matthew Brendich '95 &  
 Timothy Brendich '00

**Eric Krall '02**

### PARENT OF ALUMNI

**Anthony Brozovic**

father of Cheri (Brozovic) Webb '77, Rick Brozovic '83, Michelle (Brozovic) Brunner '86 & Jeff Brozovic '90

**Kenneth Delrose**

father of Danielle (Delrose) Oeding '76, Dina (Delrose) Byrce '83, Debra (Delrose) Kalchbrenner '84, Darcee (Delrose) Synoracki '88, Domonic Delrose '89 & Donna (Delrose) Stolarek '91, grandfather to Daniel Stolarek '15, father-in-law to Tanya (Matis) Delrose '91 & David Stolarek '91

**William McEnery**

father of Jennifer (McEnery) Christopher '90 & William McEnery '03

### PARENT OF ALUMNI cont.

**Dorothy Reiter**

mother of Jeff Reiter '77 &  
 grandmother Melina Reiter '18

**Janice Sweis**

mother of Adam Sweis '08 & Jaclyn Sweis '09

**Joseph Tryner**

father of John Tryner '91, Amy (Tryner) Potempa '93 & father-in-law of Dan Potempa '97

### SPOUSE OF ALUMNI

**Donald Rada**

husband of Laura (Balkas) Rada '89

### GRANDPARENT OF ALUMNI

**Floyd Garrett**

grandfather of Eric Bauer '96, Kyle Bauer '97, Laura (Bauer) Walsh '00 & Nicki Burke '04; father of PCCA teachers Gail Bauer & Colleen Ferlin; father-in-law to Phil Bauer '71

**Dorothy Palmasani**

grandmother of Jordan '02, Adam '05, Michael '12 & Martin Palmasani '15; mother of Frank Palmasani, PCHS Senior Counselor.

### FACULTY/STAFF RELATIVE

**Mary Haubenriser**

sister of Lynn Murray, PCHS Food Service; aunt of Kevin '09, Ryan '14 & Sean Murray '14

**Judith Caroline O'Connor**

sister of Fr. John Kret, O.S.A



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Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SPRING MUSICAL**

**PCHS THEATRE CLUB  
PRESENTS...**



**@ Bicentennial Theater**

### **PERFORMANCE DATES**

**Thurs. 4/21 @ 7 pm**

**Fri. 4/22 @ 7 pm**

**Sat. 4/23 @ 7 pm**

**Sun. 4/24 @ 3 pm**

## **Women's Club FASHION SHOW**

**Sunday, March 13**

**11:30 am (DiNolfo's Homer Glen)**

Please visit the Women's Club page on the PCHS website for more details.

### **QUESTIONS:**

Charlie Kaminski

[charliepeace@att.net](mailto:charliepeace@att.net)

815.919.9047



## **12th ANNUAL GREEN & WHITE HALL OF FAME DINNER**

**Friday, April 15**

**VISIT PCHS WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS**