

Celtic

REVIEW

A YEAR OF CHANGE,
a year of memories

RENOVATING & REINVIGORATING

The Plantz family & the Zac Plantz Foundation make incredible renovations possible around campus.

INCUBATOR EDU ENTREPRENEURS

A new program encourages business building and big ideas amongst students with the guidance of mentors.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHAMPIONS

New turf, new nets, and so much more - learn about the newest campaign at PC - the Celtic Campaign for Champions!

ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM FR. MERKELIS

I've always been an optimist; I get that from my mom. She had a charming personality, combined with a devotion to her faith and a dedication to service. She was more than a "glass half full" kind of person---she believed in the goodness of people, a goodness that she tried to live on a daily basis. When we were faced with life's challenges, her steady response was, "Say a Hail Mary." She did not offer this as superficial advice; my mom wanted us to dig deep into our faith and live with the grit and determination that prayer nurtures. She had a profound trust in the providence of God.

I think of my mom, and all those who have died, at this time of year. The close of October has Halloween, leading into the celebrations of "Dia de los Muertos" (Day of the Dead) and the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls during the first two days of November. We recognize our connection with those who have gone before us; although they have gone to God, the goodness of their lives remain. They have left an imprint that continues to radiate love and grace as a testament to their lives.

We at Providence have much for which to be thankful. This summer, we finished the installation of air conditioning and upgraded the heaters in the remaining classrooms. We also added an air exchange in the Sacred Heart Gym to improve circulation and to regulate temperature. Through the generous donation of Ron and Laura Plantz and their family, the weight room was refurbished and rededicated as the Zac Plantz Performance Center. In addition, the Grotto was renovated; such a thoughtful gift that is a tribute to their son, their love of Providence, and their spirituality. Thank you, Ron and Laura!

We initiated the new INCubatoredu program, an innovative way to cultivate the entrepreneurial spirit in our students. Students are given the opportunity to create and develop their own product

or service. They are guided by faculty members Laura Moss and Josh Ditzler, as well as several volunteer coaches and mentors who are related to the Providence Family. Our students will gain valuable experience from mentors in the fields of marketing, law, product development, business and finance, and in the skills of negotiation, critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration.

Congratulations to Emma Davis who finished 2nd in the IHSA Girls State Tennis Championship! Also, a shout out to the Girls Volleyball team who won their regional game.

Congratulations also goes to the Marching Celtics, who finished 2nd in State in Class 2A. The band has placed in the top three in state for two consecutive years. Congratulations Mr. Rogers and the band!

And a heartfelt thank you to Varsity Football Coach Mark Coglianese. He has coached football for 34 years, 16 as the head coach. Providence Catholic has only known two head varsity coaches in its history. Thank you for your service!

At the close of October the Providence Family came together to participate in Sharefest. We partnered with St. Jude's parish in New Lenox to provide food, clothing and assorted houseware items for all who need them. Over 100 Providence students and parents volunteered to distribute these necessities. We estimate that at least 300 families were served, many of them in need of the essentials offered. It was a learning experience for our students, and an opportunity for them to put their faith into action by giving of their time on a Sunday to live the gospel message of Jesus.

In this issue we announce our capital campaign to improve the facilities at Providence. The largest project will be



replacing the field turf; so many different programs use it (athletics, band and choir, color guard, physical education, outdoor assemblies---outdoor Masses and even graduation). We will install permanent bleachers to replace the temporary ones on the visitor's side in the stadium, and replace the older bleachers on the various fields on the campus. We will also rebuild the tennis courts which are very much in need of repair.

Regarding this project, I ask for your generous response to help update and beautify the campus. In the past few years we have tended to the roof, the HVAC and several other indoor projects. This one will provide an enjoyable experience for the entire Providence Family, as well as, the guests to our events. I know we can accomplish this goal when we come together as one. Please join us in our effort to upgrade our campus. So much can be accomplished when we join together. The Mission Statement comes alive in such times, as we become something greater, together!

This month, my prayers and Masses are offered for the intentions of the deceased members of the Providence Family.

My heartfelt thanks and admiration,

Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A.

NEW BEGINNINGS

GROTTO & PERFORMANCE CENTER A Tribute to Zac Plantz '11

The Zac Plantz Foundation and Providence Catholic High School hosted "Zac Plantz Night" during the Celtics home football game versus the Fenwick Friars on September 10, 2021. Student athletes sported green "Zac" stickers on their helmets to honor the night. As part of the festivities, two major renovations were blessed and showcased.

One of the foundation's first projects was the renovated Grotto at Providence. It is a pregame ritual for the Celtic football team to attend Mass here, and it is also a frequently visited place for students and athletes across the school. Abby Plantz '20, Zac's sister, said a few words dedicating the newly renovated Grotto. Providence Catholic President, Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A., the Celtic football team and the immediate Plantz Family were in attendance.

Next was the unveiling of the Zac Plantz Performance Center - the newly renovated weight room at Providence. This project commemorates the heart and dedication Zac held for football and school alike. In his handwriting, on the wall, are the words "Jesus bless me with your peace," a phrase so important to Zac. The entire family was involved, and Zac's father Ron was there day after day working on the project himself along with the crew. This new performance center serves as an incredible new hub for Celtic athletes to train and enhance their fitness and skills.

As a final part of "Zac Plantz Night," Zac's parents, Laura and Ron, his siblings, Tyler '10, Logan '14, and Abby '20, and the Plantz brothers' significant others, Angela Jensen '14, Jana Jenkins, and Kathleen Hough, walked to midfield as the honorary captains for the evening.

Providence is incredibly grateful to the Plantz family and the Zac Plantz Foundation for their dedication to the Providence family, their generous donations to these renovations, and the indelible mark they've made on the Celtic family.



GRADUATION '21

STUDENT NEWS

Graduation was a little different this year, but the result was an incredible graduation at sunset. For the first time, graduation was held on the field at Bishop Kaffer Stadium.

Students walked in and took their seats to begin with Baccalaureate Mass, followed by the graduation ceremony. The weather cooperated and the evening was an exceptional reminder that we can become something greater, together.



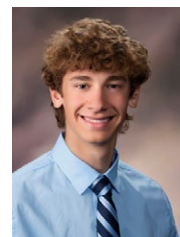
"Change can be a good thing. No, change IS a good thing. It gives us a chance to grow and learn. Change is simply a part of life. Where you are now does not dictate your future...you have the power to make things better." Salutatorian Mia Polella



"Sometimes it really feels like time is against us, because it always goes against what we want it to do... One of the hardest things we ever do in our lives is dare to get back up, because we take a risk when we do... Take risks. Say I love you. Travel the world. Meet new people. Try new things. And above all, follow your heart." - Valedictorian Dylan Riemen



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN



Providence Catholic announced Dylan Riemen as the Class of 2021 Valedictorian and Mia Paoella as Salutatorian. "We are very proud of these academically gifted students, who are both strong leaders among their peers at Providence Catholic. We know they have very bright futures in and out of the classroom," offered Principal Dr. John Harper. Read more about their accomplishments and involvement at Providence at providencecatholic.org.

STUDENT COUNCIL STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD



The 2021 recipient of the Student Council Student of the Year Award is senior Katianne Soltys. This award is given to a senior member of Student Council who has shown outstanding leadership and service to the Providence Catholic community. Katianne is a four-year Student Council veteran. Read more about Katianne at providencecatholic.org.

CONNOR TODD SCORES PERFECT 36 ACT SCORE



Connor Todd, a junior, earned a perfect 36 on the ACT test. Connor has plans to go into Architectural Engineering in college. He is a graduate of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School. Fewer than half of one percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2020, only 5,579 out of 1.67 million students who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36. Read the full release at providencecatholic.org.

AUGUSTINIAN SCHOLARS NAMED

Providence Catholic is proud to announce the 2021 Augustinian Scholars. The Augustinian Scholar distinction



was created in 2020 to honor those outstanding students who have strived to push themselves academically over these past four years and earned the Top 10 grade point averages of the graduating class. These students are awarded with the Augustinian Scholar stole to wear over their gown at graduation.

The Augustinian Scholars of the Class of 2021 are:

Alicia Berg, Joliet, Liberty Junior High New Lenox, Purdue University

Brooke Geary, Mokena, St. Mary Catholic School Mokena, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame

Emma Kulpinski, Tinley Park, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, University of Notre Dame

Brett Laird, Orland Park, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, Purdue University

Anna Lennon, Shorewood, St. Jude Catholic School Joliet, Belmont University

Pegiene Murray, New Lenox, St. Jude Catholic School New Lenox, Villanova University

Mia Paoella, New Lenox, St. Jude Catholic School New Lenox, University of Notre Dame

Dylan Riemen, Frankfort, Liberty Junior High School New Lenox, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Raven Talusan, Orland Hills, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Nora Whitten, Orland Park, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, Lipscomb University

46 PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC STUDENTS HAVE EARNED THE AP SCHOLAR AWARD

This year, 46 Providence Catholic students have earned AP Scholar Awards by the College Board. These awards are in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams. Many colleges accept a score of 4 or 5 on an AP exam as college credit in that subject area. In some cases, even a 3 is accepted for college credit. In addition, seven of the students were also named AP Scholar with Distinction and 10 earned the designation of AP Scholar with Honor. Read the names at providencecatholic.org.

MARCHING CELTICS MAKE HISTORY FOR SECOND YEAR

The Marching Celtics had another incredible season this year starting with several class championships at Chicagoland area contests. The band won their class at Lake Park High School Lancer Joust, the Victor J. Andrew Invitational, and the Lincolnway Invitational. They also won numerous caption awards at each show including Best Music, Best Visual, Best, General Effect, Best, Percussion, and Best Colorguard. They placed at State Championships for the third year in a row finishing 2nd in their class and making it into the Finals Competition for the first time in school history!



INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

SEARCH THE HASHTAG #PCHSINTHECLASSROOM TO SEE MORE PHOTOS AND VIDEO OF LEARNING AT PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC!



Mrs. Taylor's Biology class began to learn about experimental design through making observations of isopods (roly polys) in choice chambers. Each group designed an experiment to test the behavior of their isopods.



In AP Psychology with Mrs. Williams, seniors are studying how the brain functions. They worked in groups to pick a person (celebrity, athlete, etc.) and describe how the many areas of the brain may function for that particular person.



In Mrs. Zlogar's 2D design class, students up-cycled books with a theme of their choice - giving new use to old books and bringing the pages of the story to life!



Art students in Design made phobia boxes - a perfect project around Halloween.

Junior Engineering Science students test their calculations on trajectory, velocity, and distance! When calculations are incorrect, we don't call that failure - after all, it took Edison over 1,000 tries to make a working light bulb! It is simply an opportunity to learn what doesn't work and find a new way to succeed.



Ms. Klod's English class worked collaboratively on defining Truth, Unity, and Love.



Sunshine. Fresh air. A little friendly competition in P.E. class with Coach Cogs and Mr. Raymond. The beautiful weather throughout the end of summer and beginning of fall allowed students to participate in P.E. class outdoors often.



Mrs. Walker's Geometry Honors class worked on supplementary and complementary angles and systems of equations.



The International Club held a Day of the Dead event and had a great time creating some colorful and delicious treats!



Mr. Ickes and his sophomore theology class headed outside to the Grotto for a special prayer service for All Souls Day. Students were invited to light a candle for their loved ones.



Mr. Thompson's AP Micro class created "widgets and whatits" to discuss comparative advantage vs. absolute advantage in terms of trade. (And don't worry - the papers were reused for other projects so there was no waste!)



Mrs. Martino and Mrs. Harris have their English classes engaged with group work and Kahoot!



Join us in welcoming our newest faculty and staff members: Brother David Restab (Pastoral), Nicole Gaughan (Science), and Joanna Martino (English). Not pictured is Deacon Joe Roccasalva O.S.A. (Mathematics).



In Engineering Science, sophomore students worked on velocity with the cannons they built. They will compete to see whose canon will fire the fastest. The juniors, who just worked on predicting where a projectile will land based on velocity and angle, helped the sophomores calculate what the velocity of their canons will be.

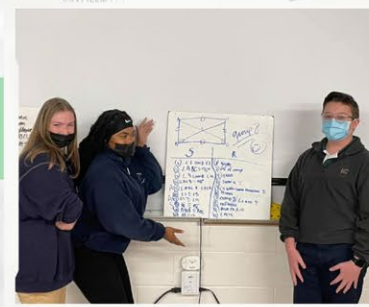


The Science Club met to test the bridges they built with 250 large popsicle sticks and hot glue.



Engineering Science students in Mr. Richards's class worked on circuits and created circuit boards to make a wiring light.

In Mr. Ditzler's AP European History class, the students learned about risk, trust, and the plague. They were given a role at the beginning of class and had to collect whatever was on their card - Go Fish style. But, they had to decide whether to trust the person they're asking, so they didn't end up with the plague - and have to sit down.



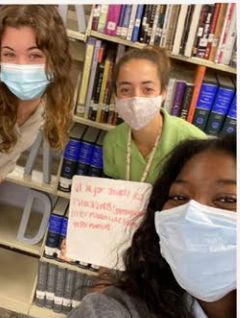
Students were white boarding and presenting proofs in Mrs. Walker's geometry honors class



In Digital Media class with Mr. Devine, students worked on stop motion LEGO videos. These are a unique way for students to work together and create something artistic through the use of technology.



Señora DeVries had her Spanish 2 classes play "Corre y Habla" or "Run and Talk". Students work in groups to rotate roles to practice speaking, writing and listening skills while re-telling a story that they have learned in class - as quickly as they can. Groups race against each other to see who can finish (accurately) first!



In Spanish 2 Honors with Señora Pavur, students had to practice their skills by reading a clue, and then they had to find it in the school while writing a sentence to describe it.

Seniors in Dr. Burke's 5AP Spanish class made gazpacho! They let the dishes marinate for two days and enjoyed the results.



Mr. Richards and Mr. Stenoish brought their STEM classes together for a group project. The teams of four designed and built footlockers to store their projects and equipment for class. The students developed plans and measurements to construct the boxes, in addition to designing fasteners to hold the footlockers together and lock them. The fasteners were printed on the Science Department's 3D printer.



Mr. DeVivo's class learned about particle motion - how solids, liquids, and gasses move according to differing aspects like temperature and density. What do you think: do particles move faster in cold or hot temperatures?



It was a special Junior Recognition Mass, along with the blessing of their class rings!



College reps are busy visiting with seniors. Loyola University visited PC for an in-person college rep visit, while Purdue University visited virtually. Learn more about how our Counseling Department guides families on the college journey at www.ProvidenceCatholic.org.



Mrs. Cichoracki's Chemistry Honors classes designed experiments to identify substances needed for a chemical reaction.

Las mordidas is a Mexican birthday tradition where people are supposed to eat cake without their hands, and their family members smash their face in it for good luck. This is exactly what Señora Pavur's class did. They also celebrated Carnival by making masks.



COACH COGS RETIRES AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH The Providence Catholic High School football program has had only two head coaches in its storied 53-year history. That changed after the fall of 2021 season. Coach Mark Coglianese announced that he would step down after thirty-four years of coaching football at the school, the last sixteen as the head coach.

Coach "Cogs" has been coaching and teaching at Providence for more than three decades. In his 16 years as Head Football Coach, he has recorded 106 wins and 70 losses. Coglianese collected his 100th win this spring at Notre Dame College Prep. In 2014, he took his team to the Class 7A State Championship where he completed the "Quest for X" and brought home the school's 10th State Football Championship Trophy. In addition, Coglianese took his teams to the Class 6A State Title game in 2009; the Class 6A State Semi-Final games in 2006, 2008, 2017 and 6A Quarterfinal game in 2007. Before taking over as head coach, he was the defensive coordinator for seven of the ten Providence State Championship teams.

Thank you to Coach Cogs for your years of exceptional leadership for the football team. We are grateful for the tremendous impact you've had on the program. Stay tuned for the spring issue and a special football article!

TYLER PLANTZ NAMED NEW FOOTBALL COACH The Providence Catholic Athletic Department would like to announce that Mr. Tyler Plantz '10 has been named the new Head Coach of the PCHS Football Program for the 2022 season.

Starting in 2015, Tyler began his Coaching career at Notre Dame under the tutelage of Coach Brian Kelly. From 2015 until 2021, Coach Plantz was a Notre Dame Football Coaching Assistant, Strength & Conditioning Coach, Offensive Line Assistant, Senior Special Teams & Offensive Analyst and Assistant Director of Football Operations. He had the privilege of being on the sidelines as a Coach during the 2018 Citrus Bowl victory for Notre Dame.

Coach Plantz is a 2010 graduate of Providence Catholic where he excelled in football as a linebacker. He was a member of the 2009 IHSA Class 6A "Runner-up" State Football team. He was captain of that team, Co-MVP, named to the Chicago Catholic League All Conference team, IHSA All Academic State, Chicago Sun-Times All-Chicago team Herald News All-area team. He was also Vice President of the Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society and a Student Ambassador.



SOFTBALL COACH JAY BIESTERFELD RETIRES AFTER 17 YEARS The Providence Catholic High School softball program has been led for the last 17 years by Jay Biesterfeld, who announced his retirement this past season after leading the Celtics to a regional win. During his tenure at Providence Catholic, Biesterfeld coached his teams to a record of 358 wins and 211 losses, with a 62.9% winning record. In 2012 and 2018, he led the Celtics to a 3rd place finish in state. As of last season, he had won five regional titles in 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2021 and coached three seasons with 29 wins. In addition, his teams have been GCAC Red Conference Champions in 2019 and Sectional Champions in 2012 and 2019.

NEW SOFTBALL COACH NAMED The new Head Softball Coach will be Mr. Jim Holba. Coach Holba has been an Assistant Softball Coach at Providence for the last five years. He has 11 years of Head Softball experience, including seven seasons with 20 wins, with three of those reaching over 30 wins. He has won three conference titles and three Regional titles during that time. As a Providence Assistant since 2016, he was part of four Regional titles, one Sectional and one 3rd place finish in the State Finals. He will be starting his 23rd year in teaching Physical Education and Health and his 20th year coaching IHSA softball.

READ THE FULL RELEASES AT PROVIDENCECATHOLIC.ORG.



TWO PROVIDENCE JOLIET SPORTS HALL OF FAME AWARDESS

Two Providence greats - Keith Healy and Pete Bercich '90 - were both inducted into the Joliet Sports Hall of Fame in July. Healy directed his Providence Catholic teams to six IHSA state wrestling titles - all in succession - over a 27-year span. His Providence wrestling teams went to the state finals 14 times and came away with three runner-up finishes, four third-place titles and one fourth-place finish in addition to the six consecutive championships. Bercich, an

all-state linebacker at Providence Catholic, was selected in the seventh round of the 1994 NFL Draft by the Minnesota Vikings and went on to play six seasons with the team, appearing in 57 games. He also was a part of Providence's first football state championship team in 1987 as a sophomore.



THE GREAT TOM DEDIN

Tom Dedin visited campus during Homecoming and took a tour around the school with (his great nephew and current Assistant Director of Enrollment) Mr. Noah Senffner '14 to see what is new!

Over 50 years ago Tom Dedin joined the Providence faculty to teach English and build, from scratch, a sports program for its students with his wife Mary Fran by his side. Tom pushed his athletes to make the most of their abilities. He taught them how to play the game as

well as to share in the responsibilities of taking care of the equipment (anyone who spent time on the mountain knows how much he hated to lose a baseball) and the facilities (the field, the locker room, etc.).

Tom created an endowed scholarship in honor of his wife, Mary Fran, that is helping future Celtics attend Providence Catholic. (You can even make a gift to it at www.providencecatholic.org)

MISSION MOMENTS



Students from many different clubs at Providence Catholic decorated trunks at the annual Trunk or Treat hosted by the Augustinian Youth Ministry.



On October 24, Providence Catholic partnered with Sharefest Will County to host a drive for people in need. Clothes, food, home goods and more were available to over 300 families that day.



Cookies that Count returned and shared random acts of cookies with five classrooms during 6th period. The group gathers to make cookies and bring a little cheer to students during the school day.



Sandwich Patrol gathered to make sandwich and snack packs for MorningStar Mission!



The Dancing Celtics got into the spirit of being thankful and giving back by volunteering at Northern Illinois Food Bank.



Students, coaches, faculty, staff and parents attended Open House to showcase #TheProvidenceAdvantage for potential Celtic families on October 17.



BOYS GOLF CCL LAWLESS AWARD - DREW BRASKY

IHSA INDIVIDUAL SECTIONAL CHAMPION AND IHSA INDIVIDUAL STATE RUNNER-UP IN GIRLS TENNIS - EMMA DAVIS

CONFERENCE CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR FOOTBALL - BRAYDEN GARRIGAN

IHSA INDIVIDUAL SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS
Cross Country: Xander Stoub & Daniel Dau

ALL-CONFERENCE ATHLETES

Girls Golf: Bridget Hansen

Boys Golf: Drew Brasky

Girls Cross Country: Kailey Wolniakowski

Boys Soccer: Ryan Ondracek, Luis Sanchez, Joe Baumhardt,

Isaac Sanchez, Jimmy Piko

Football: Brayden Garrigan, Aidan Mack, Brian Treacy,

Devin Devine, Logan Schultz

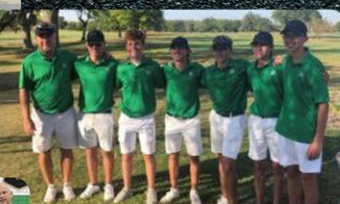
Girls Volleyball: Ellie Kulpinski, Julia Warfield

Girls Tennis: Gianna Cox, Julia Bucciferro, Sophia Wilko,

Abby DiNolfo, Grace Hamilton, Emma Davis



GIRLS GOLF - IHSA TEAM REGIONAL CHAMPIONS



IHSA TEAM SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS - BOYS & GIRLS GOLF



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - IHSA TEAM REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

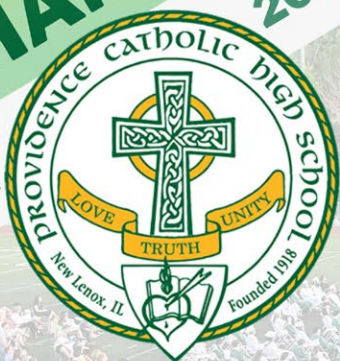


IHSA TEAM SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS - GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



CELTIC Campaign CHAMPIONS

2021 2022



ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

We need YOUR help!

We are pleased to announce that Providence Catholic High School is embarking on a capital campaign, "CELTIC CAMPAIGN OF CHAMPIONS" to update and improve our facilities. These improvements will be a greatly enhance to our beautiful 75-acre campus. We are asking our families, past and present to support this wonderful cause.

GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT WILL HELP US TOWARDS ACHIEVING THIS GOAL!

THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATION AND BOARDS AND WILL BE MADE ONCE THE FUNDING HAS BEEN SECURED:

For ten years the SYNTHETIC TURF on Matt Senffner Field has served the school well and is now at the end of its life. The school has contracted with Field Turf, the leading supplier of playing fields in the nation, to install new turf.

New (Field Turf) synthetic turf surface - \$750,000

The VISITOR STANDS in Bishop Kaffer Stadium which were erected by volunteers in the 1980s were dismantled because they could not be brought up to code (as designed). The school plans to construct new visitor stands for 1,000 spectators.

New stadium visitor bleachers - \$250,000

In addition, several BLEACHER SYSTEMS on campus will be replaced with ADA approved bleachers. New bleachers at both softball fields - \$59,000
New bleachers at both soccer fields - \$37,000

The TENNIS COURTS were built in the 1970s and expanded in the decades that followed. The problems with the foundation and drainage system are causing the courts to be unusable and need to be reconstructed.
New reconstructed tennis courts - \$200,000

The stadium SCOREBOARD was erected 16 years ago and needs renovation including new panels, rewiring and the addition of a LED message board.
Stadium scoreboard renovation - \$50,000

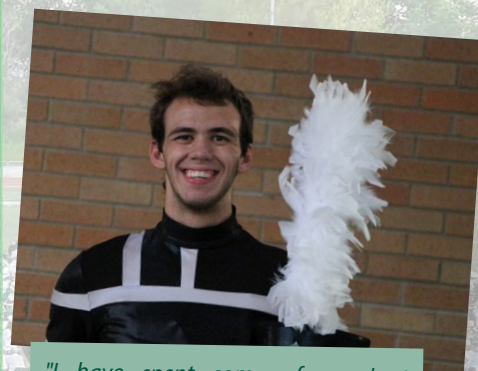
The track and field JUMPING PITS (high jump, pole vault) are at the end of their expected life and need replacement.
Track and Field high jump pad and pole vault pit replacement - \$50,000

The baseball field's NETTING SYSTEMS are 15 years old and need replacement.
New baseball backstop netting - \$40,000 (2) fields

The softball field's NETTING SYSTEMS is 15 years old and need replacement.
New softball backstop netting - \$15,000 (1) field



*"The tennis courts were the first spot on campus where I felt I was a part of the Providence family and the first spot where I felt I was contributing to the Providence community."
-Emma Davis, State Competitor in Tennis*



*"I have spent some of my best memories of high school on that field. I have spent countless hours putting my heart into the activities on that field, the field brought the band together in countless ways."
- Wyatt Goorsky, Marching Celtics Band Member*



*"I first walked on the Providence turf when I was four years old and ever since, it was the place where I grew as an athlete and a person."
- Liam McDermott, Football*



A campaign for athletic improvements including new field turf in Bishop Kaffer Stadium/Matt Senffner Field, new spectator bleachers throughout campus and athletic equipment replacement.

CORPORATE / FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS (PLEDGES CAN BE PAID OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD)

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

- \$100,000 - Visitor Bleacher Sponsor: screened sign 60' x 3' length of the visitor stands facing the home seating for optimum exposure and messaging. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$50,000 - Kaffer Stadium Press Box Sponsor: two 4' x 4' signs on the Press Box flanking the school's name- pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$50,000 - The Kaffer Stadium Scoreboard Sponsor: one 3' x 20' sign at the bottom of the scoreboard. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$40,000 - Soccer Bleacher Sponsor: donor plaque on bleachers. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$40,000 - Softball Bleacher Sponsor: donor plaque on bleachers. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$20,000 - JV Softball Bleacher Sponsor: donor plaque on bleachers. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$20,000 - Varsity Baseball Netting Sponsor: donor sign displayed on both the Varsity and JV backstops. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$20,000 - JV Baseball Netting Sponsor: donor sign displayed on the Varsity and JV backstops. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$10,000 - Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 8' sign displayed at Kaffer Stadium top of grandstand, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$10,000 - Visitor Bleacher Sponsor: screened sign 60' x 3' length of the visitor stands facing the home seating for optimum exposure and messaging. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$10,000 - Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 8' sign displayed at Tom Dedin Baseball Field on outfield wall, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$10,000 - Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 8' sign displayed at soccer field on the west campus, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$10,000 - Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 8' sign displayed at softball field on the outfield fence, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$10,000 - Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 8' sign displayed at tennis courts on the fence, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$5,000 - Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 4' sign displayed outside Kaffer Stadium Entry on fence, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
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- \$1,000+ - Donor name will appear on commemorative Celtic Campaign of Champions Campaign Donor Plaque inside stadium.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Corporate/Family Sponsorships (pledges can be paid over 4-year period) are available for levels beginning at \$1,000 and extending to \$100,000+.

Naming opportunities include bleachers, signage, plaques and more on all of the many projects in this campaign.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

The school's leadership has identified these improvements as being a critical, immediate need. How can you help? Join the committee to raise capital or make a financial commitment to help us make our goal. Contact Ed Barrett, PCHS Advancement Director at ebarrett@providencecatholic.org and (815) 717-3164 or Doug Ternik '89, PCHS Athletic Director at dternik@providencecatholic.org and (815) 717-3169 for information concerning this project.

We encourage you to be as generous as possible when responding to this request to raise the funds for completion of this project. Your contribution is tax deductible and you may take up to three years to fulfill your pledge commitment. We have already collected or received pledges from generous friends and families and our PCHS parent clubs.



Written by Mr. Ken Raymond

WHY WAS HARVEST DRIVE CREATED?

Events in 1967 were set in motion that would forever change the then-Providence High School. Providence at its current site was run by the Sisters of Providence and the Christian Brothers who agreed to help staff Providence and run other schools in the expanding Joliet Diocese. Declining numbers in 1967 among religious orders for a variety of reasons meant hiring more lay faculty and the Diocese began running a deficit close to \$600,000. Providence contributed about 15% to that amount. Brother Daniel McMullen began his first full year as Principal that year and created two fundraisers: a month-long car raffle ending with a three-day Harvest Party in November and a candy drive in the spring selling World's Finest Chocolate. A Mother's Club and Booster Club were created to help support the school.

HOW DID IT GO AT FIRST?

During the same year the Diocesan School Board and the Superintendent of Schools Fr. Niles Gillen, O. Carm., hired an outside consultant to evaluate the best way to end the deficit. His findings and the recommendations would be announced the following fall. In 1968 the consultant believed two schools should be closed, including Providence. Both Fr. Niles and the school board agreed unanimously. Brother Daniel along with the parents' clubs began to organize fundraising efforts to influence Bishop Blanchette to keep Providence open. The car raffle became the SOS (Save Our School) campaign and the Harvest Drive to raise funds to end our school's portion of the deficit. The format was the same as the year before. Chance tickets were .25 each or 5 for \$1.00. It truly was a combined effort of faculty, parents and students led by Brother Daniel. There were homeroom competitions to see who could turn in the most money. Matt Senffner came up with the clever idea of selling ad posters for \$25 from local businesses to be displayed at the Harvest Festival in order to raise larger amounts of money. Most of us had some angle to bring in money. We were all very competitive, hated losing and loved the school. The story of a little school trying to stay open reached the

papers and spread nationally with money coming in from all over the country, priests in Rome, even soldiers overseas serving their country! To many, it was refreshing that students loved their school and were fighting to keep it open when there was so much tension on campuses across the country. The raffle alone brought in over \$30,000 that fall.

DID IT WORK? The Bishop announced he would make public his decision in January of 1969 at an open meeting at St. Charles Borromeo. The gym was overflowing with parents, students and faculty with combined emotions of hope and fear. The soft-spoken Bishop announced that none of the schools would close with the stipulation that we at Providence would raise roughly \$60,000 annually and our enrollment would remain steady. I was standing with Pat Sullivan next to Fr. Niles. To paraphrase Fr. Gillen's words - "That's all well and good this year but what about next year or the year after when the enthusiasm fades?" I believe we all took comments like those as a personal challenge.

The Brothers would leave Providence and the Bishop named his good friend whom he trusted and who had experience as the Principal at St. Charles to become principal at Providence. Father Kaffer (later Bishop Kaffer) soon appointed Pat Sullivan as Assistant Principal with one of his duties to manage fundraising and the Harvest Drive. A competitive homeroom atmosphere was maintained, but the drive was condensed into two weeks rather than a month. One enterprising teacher created the Harvest Journal - a printed version of Matt's idea to be handed out at the festival and given to every parent and any business that wanted one. Later the journal was opened to every student to sell ads and it became the Harvest Drive Book. Today it is an online business directory and families are encouraged to support those businesses that support us. For a brief time there were indoor carnivals, dances - even an outdoor carnival. Eventually, an event ending the drive was done away with, as was the winner of the car, and later cash was drawn at the student celebration - the Harvest Drive Olympics. This was a competition among homerooms with events such as an egg toss, tug-of-war, three-legged races and more.

Fr. Kaffer created a position to help with recruiting and direct fundraising and when the Augustinians were given the administration of the school they expanded the process creating the Development Office. The Harvest Drive alone in 1975 raised over \$61,000 and in 1984 over \$91,000. The Augustinians created a mandatory fundraising program for each family and attached it to the drive and as a result, hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised annually. The parents' clubs

expanded their roll in fundraising as well. There have been Sunday brunches, dances with silent auctions, Las Vegas Nights, Wednesday Night Bingo, Fashion Shows, New Year's Eve Dances, other raffles, the formation of alumni organizations and new buildings.

WHAT ABOUT TODAY? The Harvest Drive continues to be a vital part of the fundraising. It has been moved to the early part of the school year. Gone are the homeroom competitions and all the tediousness that surrounded it. The Olympics, however, have lived on. It is an exciting competition among the four classes. It is a student celebration of our success and our commitment to advancing excellent Catholic values within a positive educational environment. It is our link to the past. The family atmosphere created by the parents, students and faculty in the SOS campaign lives on through the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity and Love. They were on display in 1968 and are active today.



2021 HARVEST DRIVE OLYMPICS



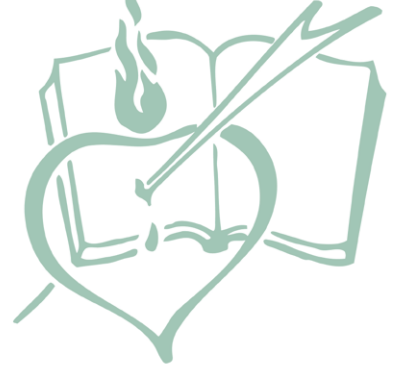
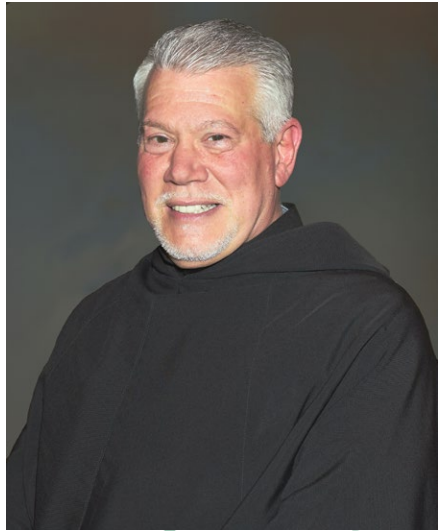
BY THE NUMBERS:

The Harvest Drive was established in 1968 to help prevent the school from closing. The first year it generated \$15,000. This year, Providence set the goal at \$279,000, and families raised over \$310,000! This is an amazing effort by the Providence Catholic community to come together and build success year after year!

Harvest Drive is our only all-school fundraiser that allows members of our community to buy raffle tickets and place ads to help support the school. Over 150 businesses place ads in our online Harvest Drive directory that is published on November 1. In celebration of Harvest Drive, each year we hold the Harvest Drive Olympics. Harvest Drive Olympics is a tradition unique to

Providence Catholic and one our students and alumni love.

VISIT THE HARVEST DRIVE DIRECTORY ONLINE AT WWW.PROVIDENCECATHOLIC.ORG AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC!



at Providence Catholic served as a temporary home for our two Pre-Novices, who also served at the school. This year, however, the growing number of incoming vocations prompted us to establish a permanent, independent community for our Pre-Novices as they are introduced to the spirituality and way of life of the Augustinian Order.

We look forward this December to the ordination of TWO more Augustinians: Br. Joe Roccasalva, O.S.A. and Br. Jeff Raths, O.S.A. Br. Joe may be familiar to some of you as he spent his pastoral year teaching at Providence and lending his talents to the students' musical production. Keep them in your prayers!

Sincerely in Christ and St. Augustine,

Very Rev. Anthony B. Pizzo, O.S.A.

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Prior Provincial of the Midwest Augustinians

Dear friends of the Augustinians,

I am happy to share with you that God blessed us this summer with the ordination of a new priest: Fr. Samuel Joutras O.S.A.! Fr. Sam is a rare example of one of our "homegrown" vocations, as he came to know the Augustinians as a student at Providence Catholic! His testimony about the impact of seeing the community Augustinian priests and brothers in the halls of his school demonstrates to me the importance of cultivating our next generation of religious. A man in an Augustinian habit serves as a visual witness to the Love, Truth, and Unity that guides the education of our students.

This year the Pastoral Team at Providence Catholic has also gained the service of Br. David Relstab, O.S.A. one of our excellent young men in formation. Br. David is an exceptional, enthusiastic, and faith-filled man with so many wonderful talents to share. For example, Br. David recently constructed the wooden altar for our newly dedicated Pre-Novitiate House, St. Clare Friary on Chicago's southwest side. As you may know, last year the community

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Thank you to Carol Baran '79 for dropping off two scrapbooks she had made in high school! The articles and photos are a wonderful addition to the Providence Catholic archives. Do you have history you'd like to donate to the school? Contact Aindrea Hogan, the new Director of Alumni and Annual Giving, at 815.717.3162 or ahogan@providencecatholic.org. See photos of the album on the Celtic Alumni Club page on Facebook!



CLASS REUNIONS

Contact Aindrea Hogan, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, at ahogan@providencecatholic.org or 815-717-3162 to start discussing your high school reunion!



PROVIDENCE: A FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

"There's no place like home and Providence Catholic will always be a place that my family considers to be *home*. And within every home is family, and we will always be a part of the Providence Catholic family. As our children are alumni of the classes of 2011, 2014, and 2017 - that in itself speaks volumes of what a truly special place PCHS is not only to myself but to my entire family. PCHS well prepared our children for college and beyond - All three of our kids have since graduated college, one has completed her dual masters, and another masters is currently underway.

There is also much to be said of the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity and Love - and the family at Providence embodies these values. Augustinians are first and foremost a community. St. Augustine believed that God could be best discovered in the company of family and friends and that is how they choose to serve God. There's no better way to describe what is happening at Providence Catholic each and every day. Thank you, Providence Catholic, for giving my family another place to call home and serve God."



-Lisa Marth, parent of alumni

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CLASS OF 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

\$47 MILLION
 IN SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO THE CLASS OF 2021

8 GRADUATES MATRICULATED TO THESE HIGHLY SELECTIVE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES:

- FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
- BOSTON CONSERVATORY
- VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

211 STUDENTS ATTENDING 82 COLLEGES IN 21 STATES

DANCES ARE BACK! #HOMECOMING



Providence Catholic celebrated the first dance since February 2020 with Homecoming this year. Centered around a Hollywood theme, the spirit week, pep rally, and dance brought a lot of smiles and celebration to the Celtic community.

Providence Catholic, in collaboration with INCubatoredu, offers students an authentic entrepreneurship experience. In this program, students have the opportunity to create and fully develop their own product or service. Real entrepreneurs and business experts serve as volunteer coaches and mentors who guide student teams through the Lean Startup processes of developing hypotheses about a business concept, testing those hypotheses, adapting, and continually learning and improving. This cycle of experimentation is combined with foundational business concepts and skills in marketing and finance.

Volunteer mentors were welcomed by INCubator entrepreneurship students in a round robin "speed meet" activity earlier this semester as the program began. Mentors have graciously volunteered to meet with student groups once a week throughout school year to share their knowledge and experience as the teams build their own startups. These mentors are alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of Providence, as well as leaders in their fields: Stan Potempa, Ken Circirale, Craig Lyons, Larry Spelman, Catherine Spelman, Heide Tierney, Blaise Houston, Kelly McLeod, Mick Kelly, Jeff Aresenau, Joe Kucala and Ken Lomasney.

To learn more about INCubatoredu, we spoke with the leaders of the program: Mr. Josh Ditzler '99 and Ms. Laura Moss '97, both teachers at Providence Catholic (and pictured to the right).

WHY WAS THE INCUBATOR PROGRAM STARTED? "We were looking for ways to update and improve our business course offerings. After a quick search, it was obvious that INCubatoredu was on the cutting edge of today's startup process and teaching methodology. After traveling to observe the course at other high schools and seeing a few lessons, we were hooked!" - Mr. Ditzler

WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THE INCUBATOREDU? "Senior students are taking the course, and it is taught by myself and Mr. Ditzler. The great thing about the program is that it includes outside speakers, who are called coaches. They come in once a week or so and guest lecture about various topics that they have expertise in. They not only teach the material, they tell their stories and bring in examples from their lives and companies. Each group also has a mentor, who is another business professional. They meet with their group of students throughout the year and give them advice on their startups. It is quite the undertaking organizing all of the volunteers from the Providence family that are involved, but all of the guests that we have every week really make the course come alive for our students." - Ms. Moss

WHAT IS THE END GOAL OF THE PROGRAM FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR? "Each student will have an actual business and/or company, along with a product or service." - Mr. Ditzler

HOW MANY STUDENTS AND MENTORS ARE IN THE PROGRAM? "Currently, there are 48

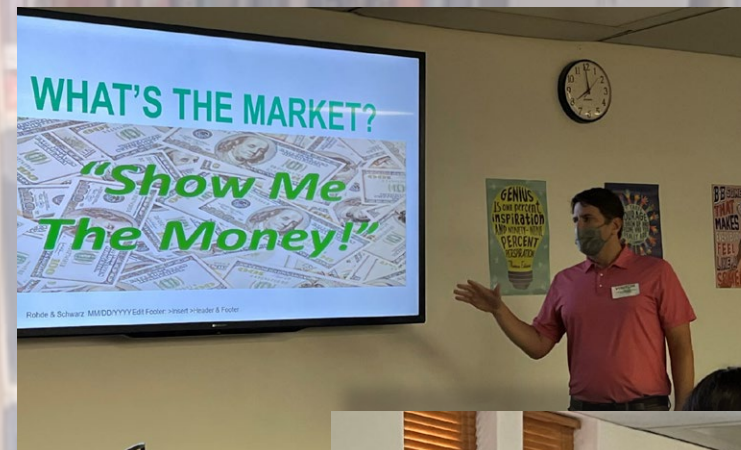
students making up 12 groups, as well as 12 mentors." - Ms. Moss

WHAT DO STUDENTS WORK ON EACH WEEK? "A typical week usually starts with a conversation about a topic or explaining a task that the students have to complete by the end of the week. That is pretty much the only part of the course that looks like a typical high school class, but with a lot more collaboration and discussion. Guest lecturers, the coaches, come in on block days. They then meet with their mentors to review what they just heard and catch them up on their progress over the last week. Fridays are usually dedicated to completing that week's task." - Mr. Ditzler

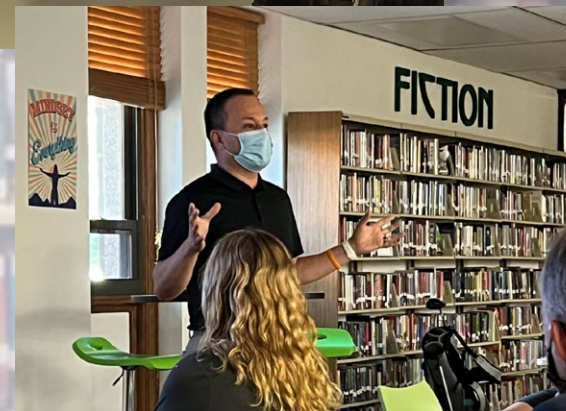
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROJECTS THEY ARE WORKING ON? "We have a couple of t-shirt and supplement companies in the works. There is also a group trying to create their own laptop charger, a wifi signal booster, and an app to help you decide where to go for dinner." - Ms. Moss



Two guest speakers worked with students on understanding value proposition. Marty Mucker, Capabilities Lead, Data Analytics at Conagra Brands, and Amanda Butler '95, Co-Owner of The Human Race Sports store in Orland Park, led the discussions.



Students also learned about the topic of market sizing from two guest Coaches in the INCubatoredu program: Mr. Keith Andrews, North Americas A&D Business Development Manager at Rohde & Schwarz (and Providence parent), and Mr. Robert Cruz, small business owner in construction and development in Chicago, and 1997 alumni.



Students have been identifying customer segments for their growing startups, and the messages from the guest coaches were a wonderful supplement to their growing knowledge in business concepts and provided a lot of inspiration.

MIAMCELREE, SENIOR



"The project my group and I are working on is an app where you can buy and sell items from a wide variety of gently used items. Our app will also have an algorithm that will show each user categories specific to them. There will be videos based on what each customer buys.

This idea came from my group members and I having the problem of having too many things laying around that were not being used and taking up space. This also came from us not wanting to waste a lot of money on items we did not know if we would even use more than once.

Each speaker we have had has given us great insight from each of their own personal experiences that we can all take into consideration while developing our businesses.

In the INCubatoredu class, we learn about all of the different aspects of creating a new business and how to apply them, while also hearing great advice from our insightful speakers and mentors each week.

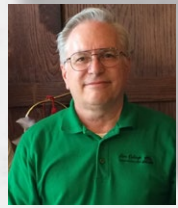
My group's mentor is Kelly McLeod. She has taught us how to incorporate the customers into our business and focus on how to keep them interested and wanting more.

My group and I, by the end of the year, hope to accomplish a successful app that will be easy for all to use and that will help customers easily buy what they do need and/or sell what they do not need."

Mr. Jeff Areseneau, Providence Catholic parent, spoke to the #INCubatoredu class about marketing for startups. Jeff is an Agency Sales Manager with State Farm in Frankfort. Students and mentors have the opportunity to learn from speakers each week who address the many topics involved with becoming an entrepreneur. Jake from State Farm (cardboard cutout) also made a guest appearance.



ALUMNI UPDATES



James Ridings '68 was presented awards from the Illinois State Historical Society at its April 23 meeting in Springfield. Ridings was awarded certificates for two books published last year by America Through Time, "The

Illustrated History of the Cherry Mine Disaster of 1909" and "The Society of the Living Dead: The Illustrated History of Ottawa's Radium Dial Scandal." His thirtieth book, "The Illustrated History of Ottawa's Tent Colony," was published June 28



Robyn (Rock) Schott '89 is a diagnostic medical sonographer. She and her husband Ellis will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this year. They have four

children: Kelsey, Tony, Aidan, and Kellan. In February of this year, they welcomed their first grandchild Myla Marie into their family.



James (Jamie) Brown '91 is the Fire Marshal for the New Lenox Fire District. This December he will celebrate 30 years with the department. James is currently the President of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association and the State

Coordinator for the National Fire Sprinkler Association - NFSA. He is married to his wife Angel and has four children.

Lou Hayes '94 has been highlighted in an article by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Gies College of Business on why he returned to finish his degree. He said he was inspired by how his young children adapted to online learning during the pandemic!

Mark Reiter '03 has a new son Quinten Scott Reiter, born Summer of 2021.

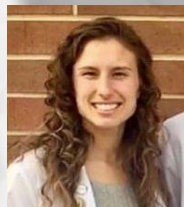
Holly (Ditzler) West '05 and **Robert West '06** welcomed a set of twins.

Kyle Breitbarth '10 returned to Arizona State University to coach volleyball. According to Arizona State's release: "Sun Devil Volleyball is welcoming back a familiar face to the coaching staff as Kyle Breitbarth is coming back to Tempe as the new assistant coach. Breitbarth was with Arizona State from 2017-19 as the volunteer assistant coach. In his one season away from the Sun Devils, he was the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for Columbia University in New York. The Lions, however, did not play a season in 2020-21. While on Morningside, Breitbarth spent time working with the defense and assisting with video duties and recruiting."



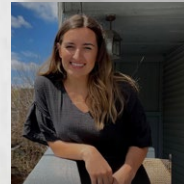
Kathleen (Kennedy) Lynch '11 got married on March 17, 2021 to Patrick Lynch, graduate of our fellow Augustinian School, St. Rita High School. They currently reside in Evergreen Park, IL. Kathleen also recently accepted a

position with Leyden High School District 212 in the District Communications office.



Courtney (Cleveland) Donahoe '12, is now Dr. Courtney Donahoe! She is currently a resident physician at the Duluth Family Medicine Clinic in Duluth, Minnesota, where she practices family

medicine. Her focus there is caring for patients of low-income backgrounds and capturing the picture of their overall mental/physical health to provide the best treatment. Courtney's leadership skills and successes began at Providence where she was captain of the cross-country team. She also received the Student-Athletic Award upon graduating.

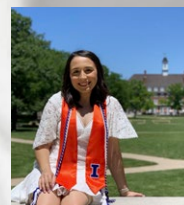


Meghan Marth '14, graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a Masters of Social Work and a Masters of Public Health.

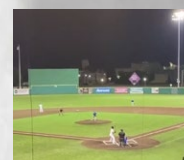


Justin Chmura '15, earned his Master of Science in Pathologists' Assistant degree from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago in Spring 2021. He accepted a full-time position as a Pathologists' Assistant at HCA Midwest Health in Kansas City in April. Justin was awarded the College of Health Professions Clinical Education Award at Rosalind Franklin for the outstanding work in his clinical training along with the highest GPA in his program. On June 12, he married the love of his life Kayla Calandro.

Assistant at HCA Midwest Health in Kansas City in April. Justin was awarded the College of Health Professions Clinical Education Award at Rosalind Franklin for the outstanding work in his clinical training along with the highest GPA in his program. On June 12, he married the love of his life Kayla Calandro.

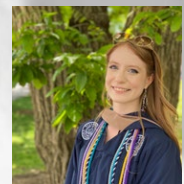


Annie Czerwinski '16, graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Spring of 2020 with a B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology and a minor in Chemistry. She began her Doctorate of Optometry degree in Fall 2021 at the Illinois College of Optometry.



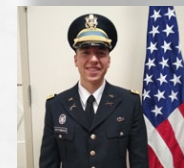
Jackson Dvorak '16 drove in two runs to rush a rally in a seven run 7th inning

for the Joliet Slammers on June 17! This was Jackson's first day as a Slammer, having been chosen from the team that morning from Lewis University. A video of his hit was sent in by **Connor Jennings '18**, who is an intern for the Slammers. (When you see Father Merk's online Mass take place from St. Bernard's, Connor is the one who films it!)

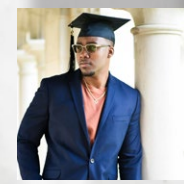


Jessica Baldys '17 graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration from Villanova University with a double major in Finance/Mathematics and a concentration in Applied Quantitative Finance. During

her time at Villanova, Jessica was inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and held several leadership positions with the Villanova Pastoral Musicians and the Villanova Global Finance Group. In the fall, Jessica will be pursuing a Master of Science in Finance at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management.



Josh Deffenbaugh '17 graduated from Western Illinois University and was commissioned into the Army as a second lieutenant in the Infantry division.



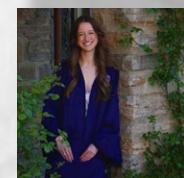
Michael Drew '17, Graduated Cum Laude from Lake Forest College on May 18, 2021. He double majored in Psychology and French. He plans to attend Loyola University Chicago MHA Masters Program.

Shawn Harper '17, a member of the University of St. Francis Fighting Saints baseball team, earned several post-season honors. Harper was named to the Gold Glove Team for the second time in his career (the first being 2018). He totaled 75 putouts and seven assists for a .953 fielding mark.

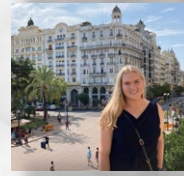
Anthony Krabbe '17 and **Kelcie Burdiak '17** were married in May, 2021.



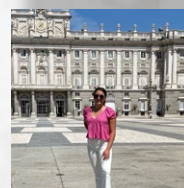
Karly Marth '17, graduated from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame with a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a Minor in Intervention.



Caroline Murphy '17, graduated from Xavier University with a Bachelors in Business Administration, and started working as an Advancement Associate for Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana in May.



Carly Renfro '19 and **Maddy Bear '19** are currently spending the fall semester of their junior year studying abroad in Madrid, Spain! Carly is studying International Business and Foreign Service and Maddy is studying Finance and Real Estate.



Mary Mathieu '19 received the Deans Scholar Award at the University of St. Francis for maintaining a 4.0 GPA after four semesters at USF. She also took over as Editor-In-Chief of The Encounter Student News Magazine, the university's Student News Magazine.



Jakob Scherf '20 made the Dean's List both semesters his freshman year at Illinois Institute of Technology Majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

ALUMNI GOLF OUTING



On October 1, alumni gathered for the annual Celtic Alumni Club Golf Outing held at Sanctuary Golf Course. After the outing and dinner, alumni

headed over to Providence for the Homecoming game. Special thanks to Rob Cruz '97 and Eddie Olstza '97 for spearheading the event.

HOMECOMING



Homecoming on October 1 was a wonderful event attended by many alumni! Several classes celebrated reunions, including the class of 1971.

For more updates and alumni photos, join the Celtic Alumni Club on Facebook!

ALUMNI, SEND IN YOUR NEWS!

Alumni, do you have news to share? Email photos and updates to celtics@providencecatholic.org.

ALUMNI & CELTIC FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS AT OPEN HOUSE

Many alumni and Celtic families were valuable partners in preparing materials for Open House! Thank you to:

- The Piko family and Marathon Sportswear for printing our Open House shirts.
- The Markasovic family (including graduates Frankie and Tommy) and Graphic Image Corporation for the beautiful work on the signs and viewbook.
- Parent of alumni John VanderWey and Print One Step for their work in creating the folder materials and posters.
- Orland Park Bakery owner and alumnus Tom Major '98, who created amazing cookies for all Open House visitors.



IN MEMORIAM

MAY GOD HOLD THEM IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS. PCHS WAS NOTIFIED OF THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING . .

ALUMNI

Mary Therese (Flavin) Devine '44, mother of Mary Beth (Devine) Reiter '69, Margaret (Devine) Idstein '71 and John Devine '79, grandmother of Michael Reiter '94, Matthew Reiter '97, Mary (Reiter) Boland '99, Martin Reiter '01 and Mark Reiter '03, and mother-in-law of Scott Reiter '67

Elanore (Randich) Carlson '47

Marie (Culik) Stelow '48, sister of Carol (Culik) Efrogmson

Judith A. Booklund '56, sister of Barbara Booklund '69

Kenneth Fox '66

Kenneth Mores '66, brother of Lucy (Mores) Pomykala '68, Lawrence Mores '70, Thomas Mores '72, Michael Mores '74 and Marie (Mores) Moretti '83, uncle to Joseph Pomykala '90 and Jody (Pomykala) Smrekar '94 and brother-in-law of Joseph Pomykala '66

Suellyn Booklund '68, sister of Barbara Booklund '69

Dr. Gerald Wayne Paul '86

Sean Bruin '88, father of Shane Bruin '25

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

Judith Orlor, led Kairos program

PARENT OF ALUMNI

Joan Seeley, mother of Julia (Seeley) Leehaug '72, Kris (Seeley) Trost '80, Gina (Seeley) Marrietti '81, mother-in-law of Mark Trost '79

Patricia Pettenon, mother of Monica (Stark) Pettenon '81

Lynne Lichtenauer, mother of Eric Lichtenauer '88

Janice Latz, mother of Sara (Latz) Tyrell '88 and Nora (Latz) Gleason '91

Michael Trudelle, father of Barry Trudelle '94, Deven Trudelle '97, Elizabeth (Trudelle) Maksym '04 and Emily (Trudelle) Waedow '07, grandfather to Tyler Trudelle '20 and Brooke Trudelle '21, and husband of former staff member Darcy Trudelle

J. Michael McErlean, father of John McErlean '95

John Ventura, father of Gina (Ventura) Ciancio '99

Colleen Appleton, mother of Carter Appleton '20

With a profound sense of loss we announce the death of **Mrs. Denise Huguélet**. Denise and her husband, Mike, were very active at Providence Catholic. Denise served in leadership positions for the Girls' Locker Room project as well as many of our fundraising endeavors. She and Mike were recipients of the Cor Unum Award in 2013, honored for their extraordinary service to Providence Catholic, being of one heart in ministry, mission, and family. She is the mother of Michael Huguélet '97, Ginny (Huguélet) Fowler '97, Jacqueline (Huguélet) Hoak '03, Maggie Huguélet '05 and Kevin Huguélet '08, and grandmother to Jackson Fowler '25. Father Merk says, "I remember Denise for her kindness, enthusiasm and calm demeanor, even as she energetically volunteered in so many ways. Her entire life was devoted to helping others, as she served as a special education teacher in Evergreen Park District 124." Please join us in prayer for the entire immediate and extended Huguélet family, as well as our Providence Family.



ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

Thank You Benefactors

This Annual Report to Donors highlights the generosity and commitment of those who have given to Providence Catholic during the past fiscal year. Providence Catholic is blessed with a community of benefactors who understand and embrace the mission of our college-preparatory school. Our legacy has been built on those who support our school. We are grateful for your support.

The loyalty and dedication of our supporters is overwhelming. You have ensured the our financial standing and helped to create our future plans. We are grateful to you for offering your time, talent and wisdom to improve our school.

Because of the generosity of our benefactors, Providence Catholic has been able to provide a top-quality faith-based education to our students for 100 years. Thank you for your commitment as together we strive to instill gospel-centered values in our students.



Ed Barrett
Ed Barrett
Director of Institutional Advancement

"THE PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY EMBRACES THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF ACCEPTANCE, RESPECT AND LOVE".



Meet the Advancement Team

ALLIE RIOS '98
AKA CHARLIE CELTIC

Director of Communications, overseer of social media, magazine editor, second runner up in best dressed according to one Celtic Energy poll

Want to see something online or in the Celtic Review? Send a DM!

SHANNON WITHERS '95
AKA THE RECRUITER

Director of Enrollment, Harvest Drive Coordinator, Celtic baseball fanatic, knows facts and stats about Providence Catholic

Interested in enrolling? Shannon can help you out! Tours, info, planning -- she's the best!

ED BARRETT
AKA THE BOSS

Director of Institutional Advancement, knower of everything Providence, crazy about stats, Proviscope Moderator

Want to make a gift? Learn more about planned giving? Want naming rights or to sponsor a renovation? Ed can help!

NOAH SENFFNER '14
AKA COACH SEFF

Assistant Enrollment Director, Head Coach of Freshmen Boys Basketball, Marketing Assistant, incredible drone operator, department comedian

Need a tour? Question about enrollment? Call this guy!

AINDREA HOGAN
AKA GIFT GATHERER

Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, newbie to the department, ready to meet and greet alumni, goes by Daah (Day-uh)

Want to make a gift? Have to update your information? This is the person to call!

TAMMY COSTELLO
AKA DATABASE GURU

Database and Special Events Manager, Celtic parent, avid Diet Coke drinker

Planning a class reunion? Looking to nominate an athlete for Hall of Fame? Look no further than Tammy!

THE ANNUAL FUND

CHANGING LIVES *Together.*

We invite you to join our mission and support the Celtic Family.

This is the time! During the challenges of COVID we have flourished. We developed a creative response by installing cameras and microphones in each classroom to improve remote learning and maintain the high academic standards of Providence Catholic.

The results:

- 46 Students earned the AP Scholar Award
- 52 Illinois State Scholars
- \$47 million in college scholarships offered
- An average of \$71,500 in scholarships accepted

We have upgraded our air conditioning, heating and air exchange to facilitate learning in a safe and healthy environment. Now, we are embarking on an ambitious plan to improve our outdoor facilities. This year we will kick off the Celtic Campaign of Champions to enhance our beautiful campus. We ask your help in investing in our mission, our ministry, our families!

Vital Needs

SCHOLARSHIPS

We strive to keep Catholic Education affordable. You can help by creating a scholarship or contributing to an existing fund to support Providence Catholic students in need of financial assistance.

We are influencing young lives in a "safe and supportive environment" where "young men and women are guided to embrace individuality, challenge assumptions and grow in confidence and compassion." (Mission Statement). Contribute to our mission and become part of our Family. Because of you, we become something greater, together.

PROVIDENCE By The Numbers

\$13,975
PCHS TUITION

52%
OF STUDENTS APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

\$3,695
AVERAGE TUITION ASSISTANCE

99%
OF GRADUATES COLLEGE BOUND

15%
OF SCHOLAR-ATHLETES SIGNED NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT OR MADE COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Make your gift online at www.providencecatholic.org or by using the envelope in this magazine. Questions? Contact: **Aindrea Hogan, Director of Annual Giving, at ahogan@providencecatholic.org or (815) 717-3162.**

JUNE 2021
ON   

Week of Giving

 **121** gifts from **112** donors.

thank you.

PROJECTS:

CHOIR RISERS



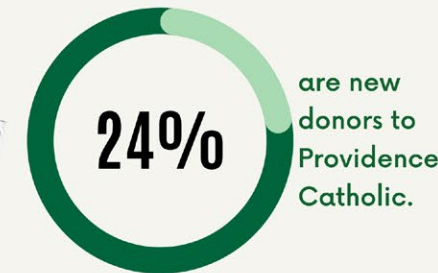
COMMONS CONCESSION UPGRADES



NEW TRACTOR



SCHOLARSHIPS



12 Matching Gifts from alumni, parents, staff and friends of Providence.

\$27,965

raised across four projects.

Choir Risers	110%
Concession Upgrades	108%
Scholarships	127%
Tractor	101%

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MATCHING GIFT & CHALLENGE DONORS!

Music Risers:
Horn Family \$1,000
Kelleher Family \$1,000
Andrew '08 and Brittany Stevens \$500
Providence Augustinians \$1,000

Concessions Upgrade:
Arthurs Family \$500

New Tractor:
Providence Augustinians \$1,000
Martin Family \$1,000
Andrew '08 and Brittany Stevens \$500
Barrett Family \$100

Scholarships:
Ivers Family \$1,000
Morrissette Family \$1,000
Augustinians \$500
Masterson Family \$250

We are so grateful to the alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, and Augustinians who supported the first week of giving and helped Providence fully fund all four projects!

Would you like to support one of these initiatives? You can make a gift online at providencecatholic.org/support-pchs/donate.

Find us on social media to take part in the 2022 Week of Giving in June! You don't have to wait until then to give, however - every gift makes an immediate impact in the lives of PCHS students!



PCHS LEADERSHIP

The School Advisory Board and Administration begin each new year with an ever-deepening commitment to faith and service which is at the very best of our Augustinian mission.

"MAY MY LIFE THIS DAY BE OF SERVICE TO YOU "
- The Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Athletic Director
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Technology Director
Mrs. Rosanne Grigoletti

Faculty Representative
Rev. Richard Young, O.S.A.

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Mr. Paul Slade

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Mrs. Melissa Sallade '96
Mr. Kyle Murphy '04
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Mr. and Mrs. Phil Salvador
Mr. and Mrs. Marc Senffner '85
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Slade
Mr. and Mrs. Christian Spesia
Ms. Bev Welsch

PCHS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Student Income	\$11,850,926
Bookstore, Bus, Cafeteria	\$ 423,467
Advancement/Grants & Aid	\$ 809,209
Harvest Drive	\$ 280,180
Athletic Income	\$ 368,489
Interest Income	\$ 20,461
Activity/Other Income	\$ 113,469
Parent Club Income	see note
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,866,201
EXPENSES	
Instruction	\$ 4,568,564
Bookstore, Bus, Cafeteria	\$ 776,359
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,746,872
Administration	\$ 998,145
Plant Maintenance & Operation	\$ 720,166
Athletic Expenses	\$ 1,138,307
Scholarships, Grants, & Aid	\$ 2,366,676
Advancement/Marketing	\$ 561,174
Capital Improvements/Depr	\$ 568,761
Student Activities	\$ 202,303
Religious & Pastoral Expenses	\$ 56,739
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,704,066
RESULTS OF OPERATION	\$ 162,135

Notes:

- Unrealized gain or (loss) on investments of \$ 334,408 is not included above.
- Parent Club income of \$ 50,000 was donated to the field turf replacement project.



2019-2020 FUNDRAISING SUMMARY	
Planned Gifts (Bequests)	\$ 750,056
100th Anniversary Capital Campaign	\$ 97,231
Annual Scholarships	\$ 464,603
Harvest Drive	\$ 280,180
Club/Team Fundraising	\$ 36,601
Endowment Gifts	\$ 79,465
Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 129,965
Restricted Gifts	\$ 351,373
Gifts In Kind	\$ 8,225
Total Fundraising Income	\$2,197,699

PROVIDENCE LEGACY SOCIETY

The Providence Legacy Society includes generous benefactors who have indicated a gift to Providence Catholic in their estate plans by way of a will, charitable remainder trust, gift annuity, life insurance policy, or other means of a planned gift. By remembering Providence Catholic this way, alumni, parents, and friends are able to become perpetual partners with school while engaging in their contemporaneous work through their lifetimes.

- Anonymous (2)
- Joseph Adler †
- Michael Bennitt '84
- Margaret and William Benoit
- Regina (Piazza) Block '74
- Estate of "Bitz" and Dorothy Brown†
- Cary Czichon, Ph.D. '72
- Robert Davis
- James and Paulette Domzal
- Estate of John and Annette Gill †
- Estate of Fr. Leonard Guz †
- Dennis Hildebrand
- Stephen and Miki Jarvie
- Estate of Anna V. Johnson †
- Estate of W. Starr Johnson †
- Dave and Charlie Kaminski
- Estate of Ley Family Foundation †
- Estate of Gordon Michels †
- Estate of Val and Sue Mores †
- Estate of Charles and Loretta Murphy †
- Estate of Lois G. (Fox) Orlovich '46 †
- Lois Barbara (Kestel) Satrun '67
- Estate of Schmidt Family †
- Estate of Dorothy Shukley '30 †
- John Sosnowski
- Estate of Raymond F. Stoiber
- Sister Lois Ann Stoiber, S. P. '45 †
- Estate of Hazeldean (Shepley) Trussa '36 †
- Estate of Lillian Tunze †
- Larry Viano
- Estate of Beverly Welsch †
- Estate of Bernadine (Moran) Worland '49 †
- Ronald Wozniak Sr.
- Leo and Judy Wrona

† indicates Estate of Benefactor

"Providence is a thriving community where love, hard work, and companionship are all present. It has taught me so many lessons. Now I know what it's like to truly be a part of something bigger than myself!"
- Zach Xydakis, Class of 2023



PLANNED GIFTS

A secure financial future is an important part of the strategic plan for Providence Catholic. For many of our benefactors this is a shared goal. A planned giving strategy can be structured to provide for your family's needs and leave a legacy of support. Some of the benefits that members of the Legacy Society enjoy include:

- Leaving a meaningful legacy
- Creating a secure income stream for yourself or your family
- Tax savings for both income taxes and estate taxes
- Peace of mind, knowing that you created a plan for your family's needs and providing a secure future for Providence Catholic

A planned gift leaves a lasting legacy with Providence Catholic after the benefactor has entered eternal life. Several planned gift vehicles are advantageous under current tax laws. Examples of planned gifts that donors have used in the past include a bequest, cash value insurance, charitable remainder trusts, and naming Providence Catholic as a beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan.

A gift to Providence Catholic High School in your will or revocable trust enables you to support our mission and make a difference in the lives of future generations of Celtics. 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.

Specific Gift Language – Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Naming Providence Catholic High School as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy:

I give and devise to Providence Catholic High School 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).

If you have included Providence Catholic High School in your estate plans and would like to be recognized as a member of the Providence Legacy Guild by name or anonymously, please contact Ed Barrett, Director of Institutional Advancement at (815) 717-3164 or ebarrett@providencecatholic.org.



"I came from a very Catholic household and when I entered Providence, I got to deepen that relationship through the family atmosphere. I was able to go on Kairos as a junior and it was life-changing. Getting to pray before each class helps me know that God is with me every second of the day."
- Caitlin Cardamone '21

DONOR SOCIETIES FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

For 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign Gifts - July 1, 2020 through August 15, 2021

The Providence Catholic High School 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign was the most ambitious in the school's history reaching the six-million-dollar goal in 2019. We wish to express our gratitude to the following list of donors who made a payment or a pledge to the 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign for Providence Catholic last fiscal year. The benefactors listed below join the over 700 alumni, parents, and friends who responded to our appeal and completed their pledges.

These benefactors listed by original pledge amount, were instrumental in the building the new Brown Student Commons as well as conditioning the original classrooms in the building. Every effort has been made to present a complete and accurate list. If and error or omission has occurred, we apologize and ask that you bring it to our attention by contacting Ed Barrett, Director of Advancement at (815)717-3164 or ebarrett@providencecatholic.org.

ST AUGUSTINIAN SOCIETY (GIFTS OF \$50,000 OR MORE)

Robert S. and Mary Ann Kaminski Family Foundation GP FND

PLATINUM SOCIETY (GIFTS OF \$30,000 TO \$49,999)

Jeff and Debby Arseneau POA
 Ted '76 and Norma (Ruettiger) -Berman '78 ALU POA
 Mark '90 and Pam Duffy ALU PAR POA
 Scott '80 and Kim Libersher ALU POA

GOLD SOCIETY (GIFTS OF \$15,000 TO \$29,999)

St. John of Sahagun Friary (Augustinian Friary) FAC
 Kevin and Colleen Houlihan POA
 Timothy and Nanette Murphy POA
 Mrs. Theresa Ruseff POA

SILVER SOCIETY (GIFTS OF \$7,500 TO \$14,999)

Steve and Diane Campbell FF POA

BRONZE SOCIETY (GIFTS OF \$3,000 TO \$7,499)

Mark, Jill, Leah '14, Rachel '16 and Grace '20 Alles POA

Beam Suntory MATCH
 John and Suzanne Brody POA
 Thomas Dickason PAR
 Don and Nancy Duffy FSM POA GP
 Eric and Eileen Fudala PAR POA
 Bill '69 and Peggy Gerard ALU
 Michael and Denise Huguélet POA GP
 Michael '80 and Rima Murphy ALU PAR POA

Leanne (Timm) Newman '77 and William Newman ALU
 Bill, Jeanne, Amanda '95, William '99 and Kimberly '00 Uffmann POA

DEWTER SOCIETY (GIFTS OF \$1,000 TO \$2,999)

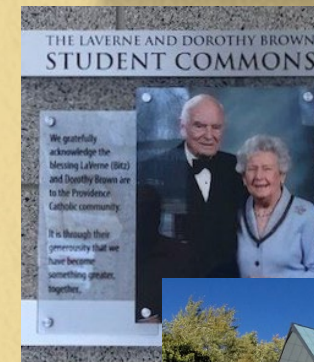
Jack and Tammy Costello STF PAR
 Patricia and Lloyd Foster FF
 Brent and Monique Freeman PAR POA
 Jason and Danielle Huisman POA
 Marc '86 and Colleen Senffner ALU PAR POA
 Patrick and Margaret Sullivan FF

FRIENDS (GIFTS UP TO \$1,000)

Andy Goodwin and Danette Muscarella-Goodwin POA
 Rev. Burke E. Masters '85 ALU
 Jessica (Martin) Patnoudes '96 and Eric Patnoudes ALU
 John and Deborah Ruppel PAR



"Attending Providence and being on the tennis team has left me more prepared for my future in and out of the classroom!"
- Jordan Moore-Stone, Class of 2022



"I consider my classmates and teachers to be my extended family, and that's my favorite aspect of Providence."
- Ashlee Jackson, Class of 2022

ALU = Alumni, CC= Catholic Church, CO = Corporation, EST = Estate, FAC = Faculty, FND = Foundation, FR = Friend, FSM = Former Staff Member, FF = Former, Faculty, GP = Grandparent, MT = Matching Gift, Company, ORG= Organization, PAR = Current Parent, PS =Preschool, PAR = Current Parent, STF = Staff, V = Vendor

Providence Catholic appreciates the support we receive from donors at all levels and for that charitable sacrifices they have provided. Thank you to all the alumni, parents, and friends for contributing to Providence Catholic during the last fiscal year. Your generosity supports our mission!

**FRIENDS OF PROVIDENCE
(GIFTS UP TO \$99) CONTINUED**

Mrs. Kimberly (Zettergren) Langlois '85 ALU
John Lavvas FR
Don and Nadine Lawson PAR
Edward and Elizabeth Leech POA
John and Terry Lelko POA
Mrs. Mary Beth Lindemann '78 ALU
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Mr. Matthew A. MacNab '15 ALU
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Mary Lou McDonagh Family FR
Courtney McEnergy '13 ALU
John McErlean '95 ALU
Mike and Betty McErlean POA
Mrs. Jean McKenna '69 ALU
Ms. Kathleen Miller FR
Terri Moore '77 ALU
Victor and Petra Moreno STF
Thomas Mostyn '75 ALU
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Muehler POA
Mark '89 and Jennifer Mullin ALU
Charles and Stephanie Murach PAR
Timothy and Annie Murray POA
William Musselman POA
Peter, Diana and Marisa '11 Negro POA
Marisa Negro '11 ALU
Dana '92 and Robin Noble ALU FF
Ms. Lisa Nussbaum '83 ALU
Linda and Patrick O'Keefe FAC POA
Kevin and Angie Oliver FAC
Byron Olson PAR
James Pennington FR
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Dan and Annette Pletcher POA
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Thomas Prieboy '68 ALU
Jim Pytlewski '76 ALU POA
Mrs. Laura J. Pytlewski POA
Michael and Maureen Quaid FR
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Kay Ritter POA
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John '69 and Pam Rock ALU
Michael and Jodie Rosales PAR
Peter and Lynne Ruane POA
Lawrence and Ellen Rudland FR

Joseph and Ann Marie Sallesse POA
Juan and Brooke Sanchez PAR
Lawrence and Laura Sandoval PAR
Dino and Maria Sanfilippo POA
Jake Schutter '17 ALU
Noah Senffner '14 ALU FAC
Catherine (Zlogar) Senffner '53 and Stanley Senffner ALU
Rosemary (Kuban) Skole '67 Gregory Skole ALU
Paul '90 and Jeananne Skorpinski ALU
Patrick and Shannon Soja PAR
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Michael and Kathleen Sullivan PAR
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TAWANI Enterprises, Inc. MT
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Bridget Taylor FAC
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Gerilanne Zern FR
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Mark '75 and Elizabeth Moore ALUM
Stephen '79 and Maureen Morrisette ALUM POA
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James and Shana Murphy POA
Holly (Kehlenbach) Ozbolt '66 and Jay Ozbolt ALU
Frank and Margaret Palmasani FAC POA
Phillip and Barbara Salvador POA
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Kevin '87 and Amy Saunders ALUM POA
Brian and Aimee Schroeder POA
Tim and Shannon Withers ALUM FAC PAR

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Jorge and Michele Arana PAR
Barbara Muehler FF
Joseph '84 and Marylynn O'Connell ALUM POA
Dean Poulakis FR
Govind and Laurie Ramadurai POA
Steve Sefcik '74 ALUM

MATCHING GIFTS

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Steve & Delores Sarovich Foundation
State Farm Companies Foundation



*"Transitioning to Providence after being in public school my whole life has made a huge impact. Not only have I met the most amazing staff and friends, but I have also been able to further my education and strengthen my faith in the best ways possible."
- Cassandra Botello '21*

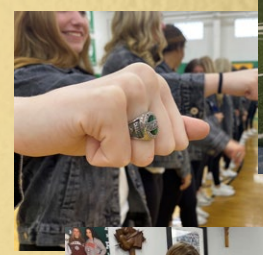
CELTIC GODPARENTS FUND:

Every year, many of our families are faced with unexpected situations, such as the loss of a parent, serious illness or unemployment. The Celtic Godparent Program was created to assist these families in their hour of need and to keep their children enrolled at Providence Catholic.

Last year more than 89 Celtic Godparents helped to provide nearly \$100,000 of financial assistance to other Providence Catholic families. These grants and gifts are funded by these generous benefactors who believe in Catholic education and are willing to support it.

Adams Street Partners LLC MT
Anonymous (5) FR POA
Bob and Sandy Arthurs ST POA
Benevity Foundation FND
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Berger POA
Kathy (Ryan) Blackburn '85 and Timothy Blackburn ALU POA
Regina (Piazza) '74 Block and George Block ALU
John and Lisa Brach POA
Theodore and Adrienne Brasky POA
Patrick W. and Margo-Jane A. Burke POA
Henry and Sandy Burla POA
Anthony '12, Linda '14 & Gina '14 Cammarata POA
Kenneth Carruthers '72 ALU
Mary Beth (Owens) Casper '79 and Dean Casper ALU
Mrs. Teresa Clark '68 ALU
Patricia Conroy '53 ALU
Jonathon and Alexandra Cox PAR
Sean and Eileen Crean PAR
Mike '74 and Carolyn Dailey ALU
Tim and Kim Dee PAR
Mary (Krapel) Dik '94 and Steven Dik ALU PAR
Katherine Dodds PAR
Michael and Kathleen Dorning POA
Patrick and Jill Dwyer POA
Bill and Cherie Gimbel POA
Cristina Gonzalez '70 ALU
John and Sherrill Gray POA
Sarah (Blatti) Greenwell '05 and Luke Greenwell ALU
John and Rae Anne Haines POA
Lance and Nicole Handzel PAR
The Hanrahan Family POA
Patricia Harris-Tubbs FR
Nicholas Holy '12 ALU
Mr. and Mrs. Brian E. Humbert POA
Dana Jakusz '97 ALU
Honorable Sarah Jones '84 ALU
Steve '71 and Kathleen (Reynolds) Joutras '73 ALU
John, Sr. and Theresa (Long) Kaestner '68 ALU
David and Charlie Kaminski POA
Patrick and Tracy Kelleher PAR
Michael Kelly POA
Thomas and Maureen King POA
John and Marion Kramer POA
Kathleen Laird FR
Edward and Elizabeth Leech POA

Samantha R. Lewandowski '13 ALU
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Likovic POA
Brad Linthicum POA
Mrs. Carol (Marvic) Malnar '59 ALU
Bob and Lisa Marth POA
Mary A. Leiser Memorial Fund FND
Carl and Janet Mazur POA
John F. McCarthy '83 and Mary McCarthy ALU
Craig and Karin McCutcheon POA
Janice (Warner) McTee '67 and Richard McTee ALU
Fr. John Merkalis, OSA FAC
Marcia Metesh-Smith POA GP
Mark '75 and Elizabeth Moore ALU
Michael '76 and Andrea Mores ALU
Salvatore Mori FR
Barbara Morrisette POA
Stephen '79 and Maureen Morrisette ALU POA
Byron Olson PAR
Kelley O'Mara '03 ALU
Michael and Maureen Quaid FR
Peter and Lynne Ruane POA
Kevin '87 and Amy Saunders ALU POA
Josephine T. (Gelsomino) Schmitz '57 and James Schmitz ALU
Bill '74 and Mary Schubert ALU
Catherine (Zlogar) Senffner '53 and Stanley Senffner ALU
Sharp Family POA
Marie Shroba POA
Michael and Jeanne Simenc PAR
Christian and Meredith Spesia PAR
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St. John of Sahagun Friary (Augustinian Friary) FAC
John and Mindy Sullivan FR
Bob and Chris Swiatkowski POA
Bruce and Karen Swiecicki POA
Judy Valek POA
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The Men's and Women's Club Parent have long provided financial and physical support for many projects and initiatives at Providence Catholic High School.

The Providence Catholic High School Men's Club and Women's Club exists to provide financial support and assistance to the educational programs of the school. Support is given through service, projects and fund-raising.

The Clubs also seek to build of a sense of community and mutual respect through social activities and regular meetings. Both Clubs offer many other community-building activities.

The Men's Club holds the Super Celtic Sweepstakes and a Golf Outing each year. The Women's Club sponsors an annual auction and fashion show. Our parent clubs support capital improvements projects that benefit all students.

This past year the Men's and Women's Club combined provided \$70,000 in funding for the New Brown Student Commons as part of the 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign.

Over the summer of 2020 members of the Women's Club and volunteers spearheaded the renovation of the faculty lunch room and work room to thank the school's faculty and staff for the great job they do teaching their children.

Over the years the clubs have been responsible for many major capital improvements to the school:

- Brown Student Commons Addition
- Girls' Locker Room Reconstruction
- Bishop Kaffer Stadium Synthetic Turf
- New Gymnasium Floors
- Blanchette Learning Center Renovation
- Science and Fine Arts Building

EMPOWER ILLINOIS

The Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program provides K-12 scholarships for students in low-income and working-class families to attend a qualified private school in Illinois through a scholarship provided by private donor dollars.

Donors may make a gift up to \$1.33 million to Empower Illinois, to provide scholarships. Donors are then eligible to receive a 75 percent (\$1 million cap) state tax credit on the donation to be used against the individual or corporation's state and local tax liability.

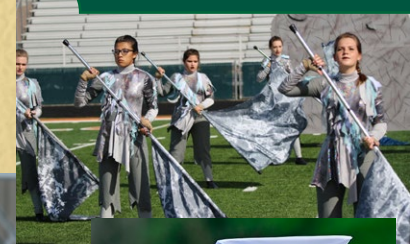
Different from many existing tax credit scholarship programs around the country, donors may designate their donations to specific schools or school systems. At this time, corporations can donate, but may not designate their donation.

As a result of donations, qualifying students may apply and receive scholarships worth up to 100 percent of required tuition at a private school of their choice. Last year nine income qualified students received scholarships at Providence Catholic High School. However, the demand far exceeded the supply. Unfortunately, last year 58 students remained on the wait list.

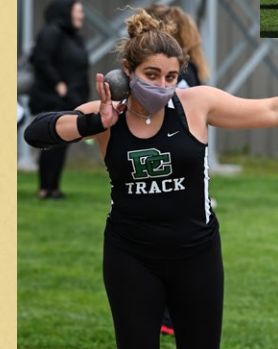
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*"The people, teachers, and general atmosphere of Providence has made it immensely enjoyable to go to school. I could not have made a better choice."
 - Ian McGuire, Class of 2022*



*"Providence has made a difference in my life during high school by giving me my second family. Throughout my four years here, I have been lucky enough to have met some of the best and most influential people who have shown me nothing but endless love and support."
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AFTER 33 YEARS, MR. RASSMAN RETIRES

It wouldn't be homecoming week without some familiar faces coming home! MR returned to sub and wore the jersey gifted to him by the food services team - complete with a number 33 to honor his years at PC!

"This year marks a special event," said Father Merk at last May's faculty and staff service awards. "A very adept, dedicated and well-loved Son of Providence Catholic - a graduate of the Class of 1981 -is retiring. He is known for his love of English, his love of teaching, and his love for the students he has taught over the years. This was his first and only teaching position, hired in 1988.

This is telling: he has taught students, and

their children (just short of teaching their children's children). And he will be remembered for his great smile.

It is fitting that we should take a moment and honor a man who has given his life for others, has profoundly impacted generations of learners, and is retiring after a long and successful career. Please join me in recognizing, M.R., Mr. Michael Rassman."



NOTES FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

"MR - a great teacher and a great colleague." - Carolyn Dailey

"MR, you touched many lives and will be missed. Providence will not be the same without you. True gentleman and role model. God Bless. Enjoy your retirement, you deserve it!" - Patrick Monterosso

"Love this and well deserved! MR has touched the lives of countless students, coworkers, and families. His legacy will continue." - Diane Campbell

"Congratulations MR! Well deserved. Happy for you but sad for Providence for losing one of the BEST!! Enjoy your retirement!" - Nancy Duffy

ONE OF THE GREATS

