

Celtic

REVIEW

**MAKING THE MOST OF A
MEMORABLE
YEAR**

CHAMPIONS AMONG US

**DANCING CELTICS &
MARCHING CELTICS WIN
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS,
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**FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS,
PARENTS AND ALUMNI COME
TOGETHER TO CREATE A
MEMORABLE YEAR FOR THE
CELTICS**

RESILIENCE

A Letter from Father John Merkelis, OSA

Resilient.

That's the theme of this year's yearbook, selected by the students of the yearbook staff. Mrs. Rios told me they did so because they wanted it to be truly representative of the students' experiences. They "tossed around some words" that captured their feeling, and they felt that "resilient" spoke to their hearts. The staff also wanted pictures of students wearing masks, "not for sadness," but to signify that, "through all the challenges, we're still showing up."

Resilient, indeed!

Thank you!

Thank you for making this school year an amazing success, considering the obstacles and restrictions we faced. We had innumerable accomplishments this year, including:

- Offering full day classes, five days per week
- Implementing a hybrid model, dividing students into two cohorts so they could attend classes on campus on alternating days
- Installing audio-visual equipment and software in each classroom which allowed students at home to participate fully in classes
- Conducting professional development classes for teachers to support them in teaching in the hybrid model
- Offering lunch every day to bring a sense of "normal" to the day
- Developing a creative and innovative Open House
- Focusing on tours that were faithful to IDPH guidelines while introducing future Celts to the Providence Family Spirit
- Winning a state championship in marching band
- Winning a state championship in dance
- Holding toy drives, food drives, sock drives and coat drives to support local shelters and non-profits
- Having Habitat for Humanity club members help build a house during Thanksgiving break
- Practicing and competing in all sports:

basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, football, lacrosse, soccer, cross-country, golf, tennis, volleyball, track and field, etc. . . .

- Setting individual school records in track and basketball
- Fielding the first Girls Lacrosse team in school history
- Producing two theater productions
- Hosting 5 Kairos retreats for our senior class
- Holding Celtic Energy Days for each class
- Competing in music at the state level and producing more All State performers than ever before
- Ending the school year with a larger enrollment than we started
- Hosting alumni speakers for career talks to students
- Conducting heart screening for our students
- Hosting trivia nights, March Madness competition, movie nights and pop-up lunch parties for all classes
- Broadcasting weekly Sunday Mass to our school community
- Celebrating monthly all-school Masses that were broadcasted to the larger PCHS community

The Common Good.

I think there may be an interesting doctoral thesis in studying the public relations statements by high schools during COVID. Ours was driven by our Mission Statement, particularly the Augustinian theme of the Common Good. Our decisions were always guided by the most recent medical and scientific research, measuring the metrics of the area, and keeping the health of our Providence Family foremost. We acted carefully and cautiously, considering those things that promoted safety and health for the most people, i.e., the Common Good.

We Announce.

Our S.T.E.M. program has been adjusted to be more "schedule-friendly" for our students by allowing them more freedom in choosing the math they prefer to study.

We announced an INCubatoredu program, an authentic entrepreneurship class. Many



parents and alums have volunteered to serve as coaches, mentors and judges.

This summer, watch for the return of camps, summer study skills, and several facility improvement projects. The installation of HVAC in the 200 wing completes the air conditioning of the school. An air exchange system will be added to the gym. The renovation of the grotto and a new and improved weight room are generously donated by Ron and Laura Plantz in memory of their son and our alum, Zac.

The 2021-22 School Year.

How are we preparing for next year? Our Re-opening committee (the faculty and staff who created such an efficient and successful schedule this year) has already begun our planning for next year.

- We are planning to have everyone back in school every day.
- We are installing upgraded HVAC in the classrooms in the 200 Wing, in the Sacred Heart Gym and in the boys' locker room and weight room.
- We will look at all we learned this year and continue to make changes for the common good. We will shift instructional practices and curriculum based on our experience of what works. Most importantly, we will focus on educating "the whole student" from an Augustinian perspective.

By the way, the tagline for the yearbook is, "Nothing Can Stop a Celtic." That sums up our year perfectly!

My heartfelt thanks and admiration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mark".

Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A.

CELTIC ENERGY DAYS

This spring, the Celtic Energy committee created fun and unique days for each class to be on campus with their entire class for the day - attending Mass, playing games, taking some fun learning sessions. It was an opportunity for the classes to join together and remember the spirit of community at Providence Catholic.

BRINGING BACK FUN

PROVIDENCE –
*A name that means
"God Provides"*

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts have had a tremendous impact on Providence Catholic. Estate gifts from friends and families of the school have allowed the school to make many campus improvements. The single largest endowment fund was funded with a bequest and to this day provides substantial need-based aid for tuition assistance. Many times, these gifts are unexpected and come at a most important time in the life of the school.

BRADLEY SWANSON, FORMER FACULTY, LEAVES MAJOR GIFT TO THE SCHOOL

Mr. Bradley Swanson taught English and Latin at Providence in the 1960's. He moderated both the Proviscope, student newspaper, and the Kelt school yearbook. He taught at the school during a most difficult time when the school faced closure with dwindling enrollment. The Save Our School Campaign raised awareness of the school's plight and support followed to help the school keep the doors open. Some of the credit is due to Mr. Swanson who was the school's public relations department.

The school received notice that Mr. Swanson passed away on October 27, 2019. A year later, the school was received notice that Mr. Swanson had named the school as his beneficiary of his estate. The school will benefit by funding earmarked for the athletic department, the music department and the humanities department in equal shares.

REMEMBERING PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC IN YOUR WILL

The simplest form of planned giving is to leave a bequest (gift) of money or specific

property to the school in your will. A will is a document that controls the disposition of a person's property at death. Many times, people avoid or delay making a will because they believe that it will increase the cost of administering their estate. In fact, the estates of all persons who die must be administered or settled whether they die with a will (testate) or without a will (intestate). A will can actually save expenses by eliminating the need for surety on bonds, expediting the sale of property, avoiding guardianship for minors where the same is not really necessary, and otherwise providing the executor of the will with clear instructions on the handling of the estate.

An individual without a will has no voice in the selection of the person who will administer their estate. Also, when there is no will, the court-appointed administrator makes distributions as provided by state law, after all debts and expenses have been paid.

If there is a will, the executor named by the maker of the will takes the place of the administrator and is the person who handles the estate. A person making a will in Illinois can name as executor any individual, a bank or a trust company, provided the executor meets the state statutory requirements.

A will gives you the ability to distribute your estate as you choose, take care of your needs and goals, and, plan effectively to reduce or eliminate estate taxes.

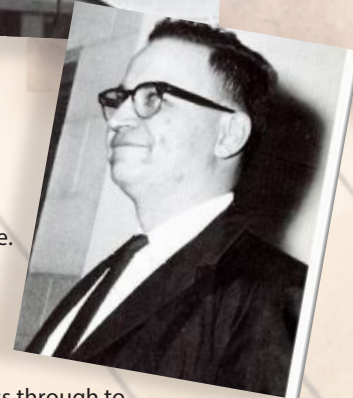
The first step in making a will is to call your attorney and make an appointment to begin the planning process. If you do not have an attorney, ask a friend or relative for a recommendation or call the local bar association lawyer referral line. Prior to your appointment, write out your goals and what you want to accomplish through your will. This will make the initial meeting with your

attorney much more productive.

It is very important that you follow your will planning process through to its completion. Once executed, you must store your will in a safe place and examine it periodically to ensure that it is current with your family needs and personal desires.

When making your will, please consider a planned gift to PCHS after you have provided for your family's needs. If you wish to continue the legacy and further the mission of Providence Catholic by naming the school in your will, the following general language is suggested:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Providence Catholic High School, located at 1800 W. Lincoln Highway, New Lenox, Illinois 60451, the sum of \$_____ (or specifically described property).



If you have any questions about leaving a bequest to Providence Catholic in your will or in some other way, please contact Ed Barrett in the Advancement Office either by telephone (815) 717-3164 or via email at ebarrett@providencecatholic.org.

ENROLLMENT

VISIT PROVIDENCECATHOLIC.ORG!

THE INCOMING FRESHMAN PLACEMENT EXAM TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 5 AND INCOMING FRESHMEN RECEIVED A "WE ARE PC" SWEATSHIRT!

Olivia Cantu - Class of 2025 - is the sister of Reed (2024) and Gwen (2023) and the daughter of Jen (Peterson) '95 and Greg Cantu '93.



ACCEPTANCE LETTERS WENT OUT JANUARY 11 IN A SPECIAL TUBE WITH SOME PC SWAG!



- Even some pets took part in enjoying the contents of this special mail!

FRESHMAN REGISTRATION OPENED ON JANUARY 11 AND INCOMING FAMILIES BEGAN THEIR HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY!



DUE TO OCCUPANCY GUIDELINES WE DECIDED TO HOST ONE-ON-ONE APPOINTMENTS (VIA PHONE, IN PERSON OR ZOOM) TO COVER STUDENT COURSE SELECTIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS PARENTS MAY HAVE REGARDING FRESHMAN YEAR.



THE CLASS OF 2025 WEB PAGE WAS DEVELOPED TO HELP PARENTS THROUGH THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS!



UPCOMING DATES:

**JUNE 9, 2021
FRESHMAN FAMILY BBQ.**

**JUNE 15, 2021
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT
DUE TO PCHS.**

**JULY & AUGUST, 2021
BYOD WORKSHOPS
REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW
STUDENTS.**

**AUGUST 9, 2021
FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS BEGIN.
INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

MRS. MOSTYN ASKED, AND ALUMNI ANSWERED

When Mrs. Mostyn reached out in the last magazine to alumni to share the keepsakes she had held on to from her classes, the response was overwhelming. A beautiful testament to her teaching career, letters and emails from former students filled her mailbox as alumni shared with her where they are at now in life - and the role she played in theirs. Sean Willis '95 was one of those.

"To 'catch you up,'" he says, "I'm out in California nowadays, with a kid and my wife (Sarah) of nearly 13 years. We met in college at the University of Illinois, and have been together for now almost 24 years. I received my BS in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering in '99, and after having some difficulty finding work in that field started selling cars at a local dealership in Joliet to pay the bills. I wended my way through IT, technical writing, electric motor design/development, bicycle repair, and for the past ten-plus years I've been literally working at my dream job of high school and college-era, as an engineer at Scaled Composites in Mojave, CA."

It is there that Sean has had the opportunity to help design, build, and test several unique manned aircraft, including the Stratolaunch Carrier Aircraft (www.scaled.com/portfolio/stratolaunch), the world's largest as measured by wingspan (385').

"I occasionally get to fly in our creations as a flight test engineer, and have also had the opportunity to act as a chase photographer. The photo to the left I took as part of our first flight press release, and was likely seen by millions when that flight made worldwide news for a cycle or two."

Added Sean, "You asked if I had 'followed my passion and (am) where I want to be.' I think the answer to the first part is emphatically yes, as on the card you sent I had written 'Pilot or Engineer'. Earlier in life I'd have probably written astronaut, and while I haven't (yet) been to space I've now met and worked with several people who have, and I've been closer than most (~54,000' aboard Proteus - www.scaled.com/portfolio/proteus/). I did get my Private Pilot's License awhile back too, though I have hardly flown as pilot in command since. It's been a satisfying progression professionally, and even the odd twists earlier in my career have been useful in countless different ways as I've moved forward."

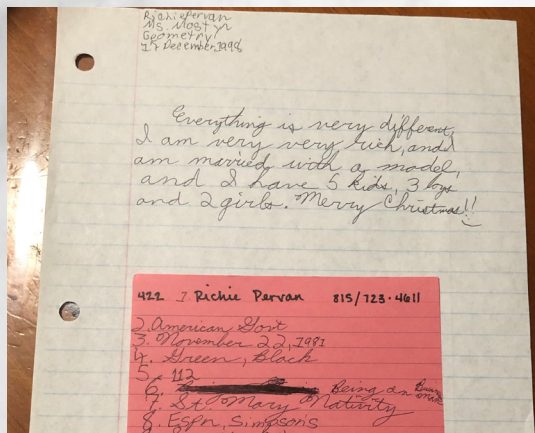


It didn't take long for the emails to start rolling in for Mrs. Mostyn.

Anita (Pervan) Vadijan '96 wrote to Mrs. Mostyn in search of a card of her brother, Richie.

"I read the article written about your memory project in the Celtic Review and thought I would reach out," emailed Anita. "My youngest brother Richie Pervan also attended Providence and graduated in 2000. I was wondering if you could look through your index cards and see if you have any of Richie's? He passed away from cancer seven ago and this would be such a tremendous gift to have such a precious momento. I thoroughly enjoyed your article and can still hear your voice reading the 'Dear God' prayers every morning. Thank you for the memories."

It wasn't long before Mrs. Mostyn found Richie's card - and an additional writing of his.



"My family and I are absolutely over the moon right now!" responded Anita. "I am so touched that you responded so quickly and that you hung on to Richie's work. It's like we discovered a new piece of him and we are overjoyed. My hope is people see what an amazing story this is and at the heart of Providence is love!"

Alumnus Kerry Muzzey reached out to Mrs. Mostyn as well, and shortly thereafter received the cards - and emailed back to share his feelings.

"Mrs. Mostyn, I got your letter today with the index cards. I recognized your writing before I even noticed the return address. It's so surreal - to touch this thing that feels like an artifact from a time gone by. I have this romantic notion that the things we touch hold memory, kinds like when you find a shoebox full of faded old photos. The nostalgia is almost a tactile thing. You are, and always have been, an amazing human being. Thank you for remembering my name. This has been such a nice surprise - a welcome connection in a time of disconnectedness. Truly."

Alumnus Jerry Hayes met Mrs. Mostyn prior to her time at Providence even though he's a graduate - and the lessons she taught him carry on to his students today.

"My name is Jerry Hayes. Although I'm a Providence Catholic Alumnus (1981), I wasn't there when you arrived in 1983," he wrote. "My interaction with you as my teacher was at St. Joseph's Catholic School located in Lockport, IL during art class. One afternoon during class and after reviewing several student's work, you mentioned that regardless of the project, even if you can't make out the drawing or picture, always ask the author to tell you about it. This method benefits both the teacher/parent and the student/child.

Well, fast forward some 30+ years through corporate management and my involvement in politics, I relocated to Georgia and have been teaching elementary education for the past 14 years. Throughout the curriculum, I have always exercised your sound advice. Your teaching has inspired me and impacted hundreds if not thousands of parents and students. I thank God for you, and thank you for being a thoughtful and memorable individual. I was so delighted when I read the Fall edition of the Celtic Review and saw your lasting and impressive legacy you left through Mrs. Mostyn's Memory Project. May God continue to bless and keep you and your family."

Some alumni found that the future career they listed on that card in the beginning of their high school journey turned out to be exactly the career path they ended up taking, like Nathalie Brandes. She wrote:

"I think it is very interesting that on the index card you sent me, you asked us to write what we wanted to study in college (or maybe it was what career



we wanted to pursue). I listed geology or archaeology. My specialty is geoarchaeology, specifically in Britain and Scandinavia. It's amazing to realize that what I dreamed about so many years ago became a rewarding career.

While I love conducting research, the best part of my career has been teaching. While not without many frustrations, the rewards have been fantastic. I must thank you for being an outstanding example of an excellent teacher. You are an inspiration. I wish you all the best and hope you enjoy retirement. With greatest respect and love, Nathalie

P.S. I still have the manila folder initials you cut out for me on my birthday."

"While tutoring in a Lockport program for the last 11 years, I had a private and lucrative business which allowed me to give adventures to my grandchildren, see plays in Chicago, stay at the Palmer House, fly on a moment's notice to surprise a grandchild on vacation in San Diego. Pretty fun life," says Mrs. Mostyn.

To date, she has sent out well over 1,000 cards. She still has 604 left to return to their owners, and she has heard back after sending from around 180 former students.

"Who would have thought I would have had the best job of my life ahead of me?" she says. "The heartfelt stories are so wonderful to hear. My heart breaks, my admiration for so many escalates, and I'm humbled by those sharing. Their writing skills are extraordinary. Thank you God for this plan."

Alumni can still contact Mrs. Mostyn to see if she has any of their memorabilia. She looks forward to hearing from you!

mmostyn@providencethecatholic.org

ALUMNI ON CAMPUS

Recently, speakers returned to Providence Catholic to share their expertise with students during our Celtic Energy Days.

Engineers:

- Chris Hayes '96
- Nathan Rick '95

Business:

- Kristi (Senffner) Shafer '87
- Tom Major '98

Nurses:

- Katie Andrews '14
- Valerie Richards '16
- Megan Falls '14
- Karen (Riordan) Reiter '93

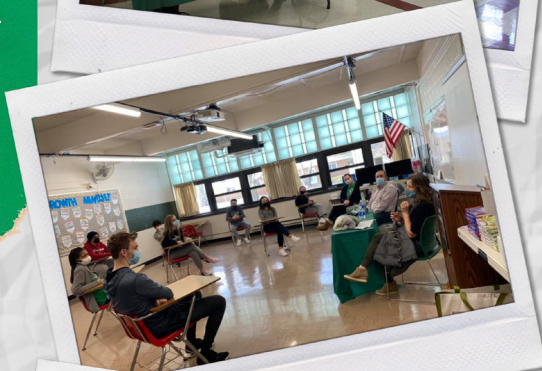
Speech Therapist:

- Leanne (Timm) Newman '77

Occupational Therapist:

- Peggy (Walsh) Grill '87

Thank you to the alumni who have returned to campus to speak with students about opportunities to pursue in college and as a career.



Alumna Hailey Pierce '19 visited the International Club to share her missionary work in Haiti. Students connected remotely, too!

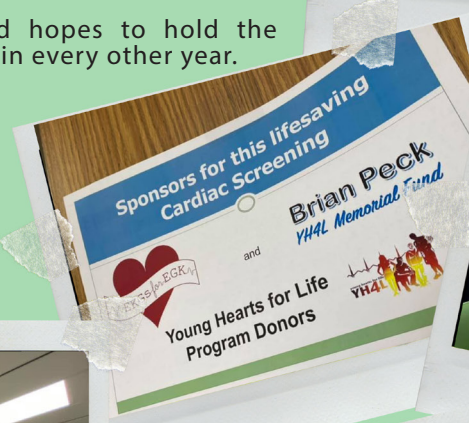
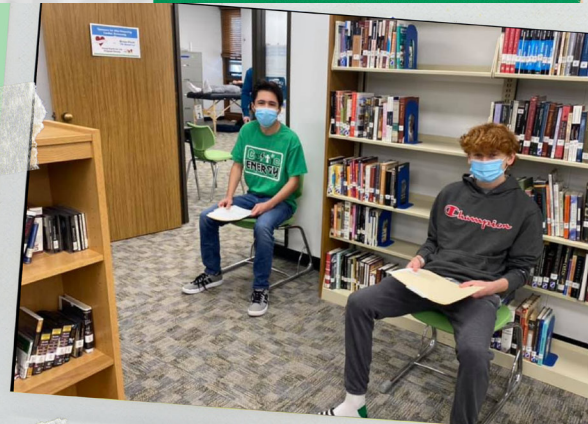
YH4L HEART SCREENING

The coordinators, doctors, and volunteers of YH4L (Young Hearts for Life) transformed the BLC into an incredible scene where over 300 Providence students were screened for previously undetected underlying heart conditions. One of our sponsoring organizations was in memory of Brian Peck, a Providence alumnus who died in 2019 at the age of 20 of sudden cardiac death.

and recommend follow up care," says Mrs. Katelyn Cornfield, English teacher, who coordinated the event for Providence. "We are so grateful to the Peck family and another organization (EKGs for EGK) for sponsoring our event so it could be free to our students."

Mrs. Cornfield hopes to hold the screening again every other year.

"Though HIPPA (rightly) prevents us from knowing who they were or what was found, YH4L contacted more than one family to alert them of an irregular EKG result



DANCING CELTICS ARE STATE CHAMPIONS!

Providence Catholic High School's Dancing Celtics took first place in the 1A State Championship – a triumphant ending to a year full of challenge.

"Words cannot describe the feeling of this huge accomplishment," says coach Stephanie Coglianese, who has led the team over the years to the IHSA state finals four times, made top 12 twice, and now won a state championship. "We never thought after the ups and downs of the entire season, this would be the outcome. Our competitive season was short. We didn't place in the top three in each competition, but we didn't let this push us down. We used it as motivation to make each practice count. We wanted to execute a routine that was clean, rewarding, and showcased all of the girls in the best light."

Senior Payton Ward of Homer Glen says, "Winning the state championship this year means so much to me because it proved that we overcame all our hardships and pushed the team to our fullest potential. I hope the younger girls use this as motivation for next year to be leaders."

"Winning the state championship was so amazing because we saw how much all of the hard work paid off, and I know, as a team, we all truly believe God was with us every step of the way. I hope the younger girls embrace every moment they have together because it really does fly by. Dancing on this team will give you a forever family," adds senior Kathryn Hamilton of Orland Park.

Read the full article at providencecatholic.org.



BAND, THEATRE AND CHOIR BREAKING RECORDS

SUPERIOR AWARDS IN MUSIC

Providence Catholic music students earned 66 Superior awards (1st place medals) and four Excellent awards (2nd place medals) in addition to three performances selected as Best of Day in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Competition in Music held in March.

"I also have to say I am so extremely proud of the two vocal choirs," said Dr. Stacy Eckert, Director of Choirs, Liturgical Music and Theatre. "They never rehearsed together prior to filming the video entry. That night was the first night any of them had sung together in a year - and they got SUPERIORS!"

Here was the breakdown:

- Band had 12 solos and Percussion ensemble.
- Choir had 4 solos (Anna, Nathan, Nick, Sebastian)
- 3 Duets - Treble ensemble of Chloe LaBine/Isabella Markel; Treble Ensemble of Paige Shepherd/Cecilia Santschi; Mixed Ensemble of Chloe LaBine/Adam Jostes
- 2 vocal choirs - Members of the Singing Celts and Honors Choir.

THEATRE SHOWS STRENGTH

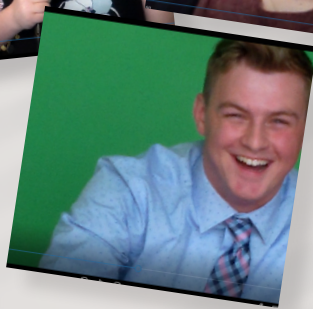
Senior Chloe LaBine was one of the 12 female nominees for Best Actress in the IHSMTA (Illinois High School Theatre Awards) competition! She was also named All-State for Theatre.

After many long hours, the Providence Catholic Theatre put on a very successful filmed production called *Shenanigans* this winter (pictured below) - created, written, and produced by Dr. Stacy Eckert and the students - via video! This spring, they were able to successfully put on a musical, *Hello Girls*, which was streamed live during the performances. Congratulations to Dr. Eckert and all of the students who lived by the old theatre saying, "The show must go on!"

CHAMPION SINGERS

The Providence Catholic High School Music Department made school history as seven students were selected to the ILMEA District 1 Music Festival. Those chosen were Adam Jostes - Bass 1 (Choir) - Lockport; Kate Koszulinski - Alto 2 (Choir) - Frankfort; Chloe LaBine - Alto 2 (Choir) - Mokena; Nathan Pugh - Bass 1 (Choir) - Lockport; Nick Pugh - Bass 1 (Choir) - Lockport; Michael Melei - Trombone (Band) - Lockport; and Abigail Pinto - Bb Clarinet (Band) - Plainfield.

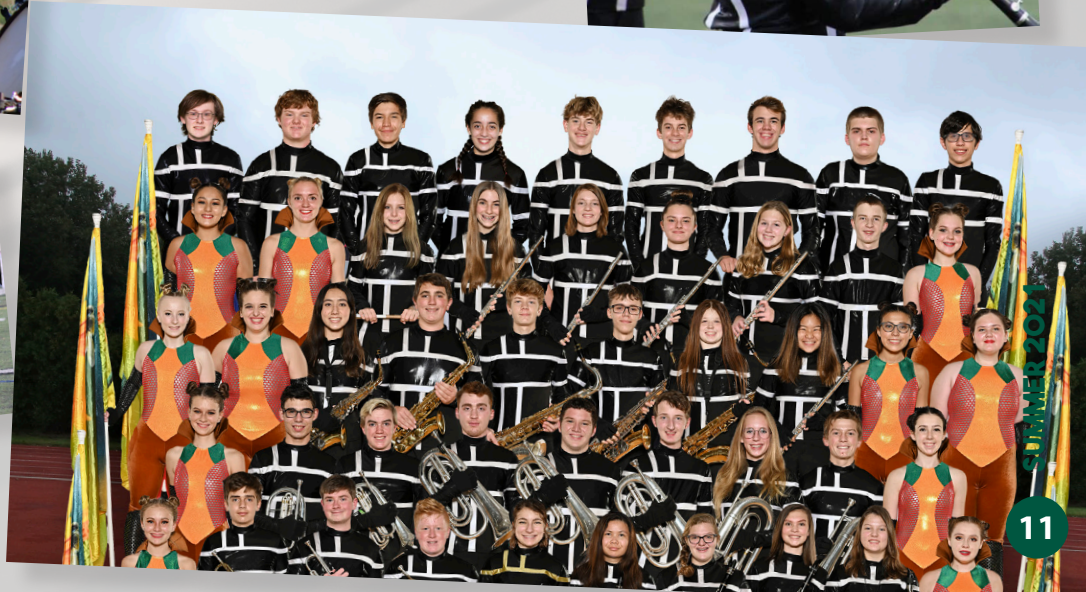
In addition, senior Chloe LaBine and junior Nathan Pugh (pictured below) were chosen for the All-State Music Festival. An addition to the Music department's history-making year is that this was the first time Providence Catholic has had more than one student make it to state in a year.



STATE CHAMPION MARCHING CELTICS!

In November, the Providence Catholic High School Marching Celtics made school history and won 1st place at state! In addition, they were named Midwest Regional Champions for USBands and took 3rd Place in Division 1A for the National Championships.

The Marching Celtics saw continued success throughout their competition season. They placed 2nd out of nine bands in the FloMarching Invitational on 9-26-20; 2nd out of 12 bands in the Yamaha Cup; 3rd out of 17 bands in the DeMoulin Invitational; and 2nd out of 18 bands in the Ziljian/VicFirth Challenge. Also, they competed in "The Cavaliers Gearworks" Competition the same weekend of their State performance and were also 1st place in Division 1A and were 4th overall of all other bands across all divisions.



CALLING ALL ALUMNI...



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR GIFT YET?

Every year, Providence Catholic conducts an Annual Fund Campaign to close the GAP between tuition and operating expenses. Gifts from generous and wise donors who understand and appreciate the cost of running a school have helped to make Providence Catholic the exceptional school that it is today. Annual Fund gifts are needed to help operate the school.

This year especially, the school needs your help. We have faced many, many challenges this year and yet we were able to provide in person learning as well as live broadcasting of classes to those at home. This year, tuition revenue will cover approximately 80% of the school's total operating budget. The rest is made up

in donations and fundraising. Providence Catholic depends on the generosity of alumni, parents and friends of the school to donate through the Annual Fund.

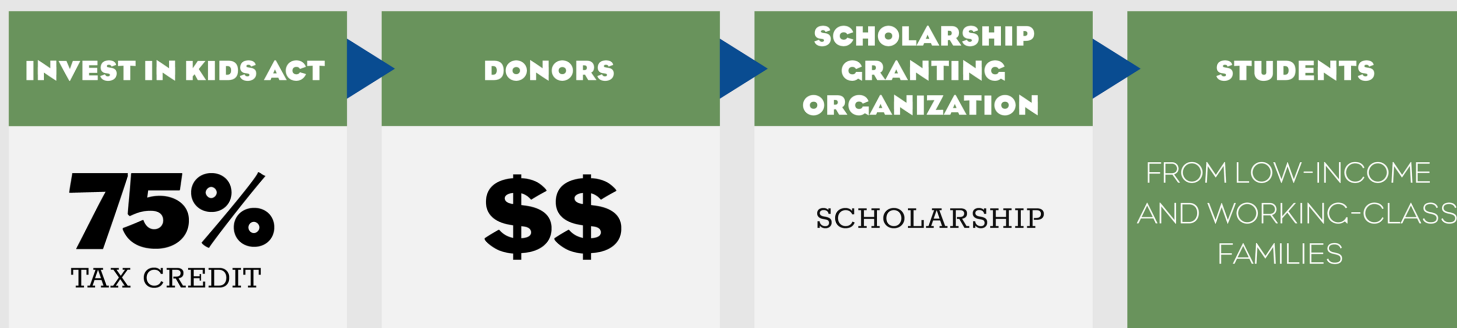
We especially urge our alumni to support Providence. Ask yourself – am I a better person having attended Providence? If the answer is yes, please make a gift. The amount does not matter, it is the acknowledgement of giving back matters.

You can make your gift to honor a teacher or coach who made a difference.

Your gift will help us **demonstrate** to our students and faculty the **enthusiastic support** of our community. An envelope is enclosed in this magazine for your consideration, or save the stamp and make your gift on-line at www.providencecatholic.org/support-pchs. Contact Ed Barrett, Director of Advancement at (815) 717-3164 with questions.

OR, CONSIDER MAKING YOUR GIFT THIS WAY:

THE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: HOW IT WORKS



The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program offers a **75 percent** income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). The SGOs then provide scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois.

GO TO EMPOWERILLINOIS.ORG FOR MORE INFO.

TRIVIA NIGHTS

During spring semester, Providence held its first of several Trivia Nights, first for juniors and seniors and then for freshmen and sophomores. The students had a great time and there were a lot of smiles (behind the masks, of course!) Thank you to Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Stoub, along with many other faculty and students, who helped to make this a special event for everyone!



POP-UP PARTIES

The Women's Club and Men's Club hosted pop-up parties in May. The students enjoyed a fun lunch and an icy treat. A DJ was on hand with some festive music, and students wore their best Hawaiian shirts. PCHS is so grateful for everything the parent clubs and Celtic families have done for the students, faculty, and staff this year.



GETTING BACK IN THE GAME WITH ATHLETICS

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ASHLEY RAYMER SCORES 1,000 CAREER POINTS

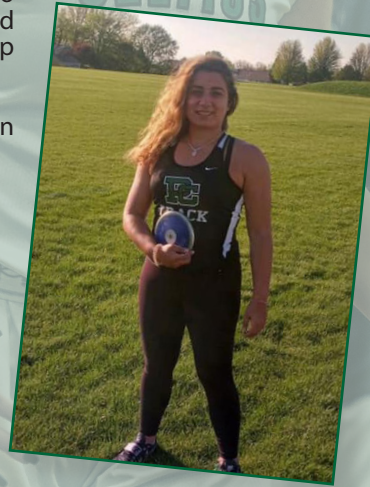
Congratulations to senior Ashley Raymer, who scored her 1,000th career point on February 16 against Joliet Catholic. According to Coach Eileen Copenhaver, she knows of only 10 players in the school's history to score at least 1,000 career points for their basketball career.

The thought of not having a season was a difficult thought for Ashley, so she was excited when the IHSA announced that basketball would happen.

Within the first half, Ashley scored the two baskets she needed and the team celebrated by giving her a signed ball and taking a group photo.

See more photos of Ashley's 1,000th point on facebook.com/PCHSCharlieCeltic.

DISCUS RECORD BROKEN



Gabby Yaccino broke the old discus record of 113-2 (set in 1978), then did it again a couple weeks later with a throw of 121-2! This broke one of the oldest Providence Catholic Women's Track and Field school records.

2020-2021 HIGHLIGHT REEL

- **Chicago Catholic League Champions/GCAC Champions**
Girls Basketball (GCAC White Division)
- **IHSA Regional Championships**
Boys Golf
- **IHSA Sectional Championships**
Dancing Celtics
Girls Tennis
- **IHSA State Qualifying Teams**
Cheerleading
Dancing Celtics
- **IHSA State Finishes**
Cheerleading – 11th Place
Dance – Class 1A State Champions
- **Individual Sectional Champions**
Emma Davis – Girls Tennis
- **Coach of the Year Awards**
Jim Barker – Girls Golf NFHS Illinois
Coach of the Year
- **Media/Conference Athletes of the Year**
 - Kevin Conway – Football (Co-Offensive MVP CCL Green Division)
 - Jameson Geers – Football (Co-Offensive MVP CCL Green Division)
- Girl's Lacrosse played their inaugural season
- **All-Conference Athletes**
 - Cain Headrick – Bowling
 - Carly Kowalik – Bowling
 - Ashley Raymer – Girls Basketball
 - Kelly Knight – Girls Basketball
 - Annalise Pietrzyk – Girls Basketball
 - Gabi Bednar – Girls Basketball
 - Emma Davis – Girls Tennis (Individual Conference Champion)
 - Drew Brasky – Boys Golf (Individual Conference Champion)
- Mike Alvarado – Football
- Aaron Vaughn – Football
- Kevin Conway – Football
- Brayden Garrigan – Football
- Andy Degner – Football
- Kevin Spelman – Football
- Jameson Geers – Football
- Gillian Peterson – Girls Volleyball
- Vittoria Conte – Girls Volleyball
- Nick Warren – Boys Soccer
- Andrew Sample – Boys Soccer
- Lucca Kessler – Boys Soccer
- Ryan Ondracek – Boys Soccer

ATHLETIC COMMITMENTS

Jameson Geers Signs with University of Minnesota to Continue Athletic Career in College

"We are extremely proud of Jameson. He has been a strong leader and outstanding athlete for Providence Catholic athletics, and he is an academically accomplished student. We wish him the very best in college and in the future, and are excited to see him play for a Division 1 school, University of Minnesota," said Mr. Doug Ternik, Athletic Director at Providence.

Jameson, son of Brian and Jill Geers, has been recognized for signing his National Letter of Intent to the University of Minnesota to play football on a full athletic scholarship. He plans to major in Business. Geers is a graduate of Channahon Junior High and is a member of Mission Bible Church. An honor roll student, he has been a member of the National Honor Society for his junior and senior year. Athletically, he has been a member of the

track, basketball and football teams all four years of high school. In addition, Geers is serving as the basketball captain and football captain for his senior year.

"Providence has helped me develop in every aspect of my life. I have become the person I truly want to be, and I believe that I owe my success to Providence and the Providence Catholic family," says Geers.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CELTIC ATHLETES WHO WILL CONTINUE THEIR ATHLETIC CAREER IN COLLEGE.

READ ALL THE ATHLETE BIOS ON WWW.PROVIDENCECATHOLIC.ORG

Augustana College

Dakota Straight (Football)

Ave Maria University

Sebastian Biggs (Baseball)

Bellarmino University

Davis Billows (Golf)

Benedictine College, Kansas

Anna Bruno (Color Guard)
Giovanni Bruno (Wrestling)

Benedictine University

Caitlin Cardamone (Golf)
Brant Singler (Baseball)

Carthage College

Maxwell Dillman (Football)
Jack Peterson (Lacrosse)
Teresa Topolski (Track & Field)
Gabriella Yaccino (Track & Field)

Florida Institute of Technology

Andrew Degner (Lacrosse)

Fontbonne University

Alyssa Ibarra (Softball)

Illinois Wesleyan University

Michael Alvarado (Football)
Nathanial Ross (Baseball & Football)

Lewis University

Cain Headrick (Baseball)
Kyle Hussey (Baseball)
Jaiden Leonard (Lacrosse)

Lindenwood University

Kaylee Cooper (Gymnastics)

Loras College

Austin Jones (Baseball)

Monmouth University, NJ

Nicole Mucha (Softball)

Ohio University

Peyton Botich (Hockey)

Saint Xavier University

Hayley Hitterman (Cheer)

Siena Heights University

Sean Fitzgibbon (Bowling)

South Suburban College

Justin Janowski (Baseball)

St. Norbert College

Skylar McGill (Volleyball)

Trine University

Courtney Rhodes (Lacrosse)

University of Minnesota

Jameson Geers (Football)

University of St. Francis

Laura Groos (Golf)
Abigail Lab (Volleyball)

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Michael Swanson (Baseball)

Valparaiso University

Kevin Spelman (Football)

Western Michigan University

Danny O'Shea (Lacrosse)

READ MORE ATHLETICS NEWS AND SEE PHOTOS FROM ALL OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.



INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

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

Ms. Klod's senior Psychology class took a walk outside as part of their stress chapter. Fresh air, sunshine, and most importantly a 10-15 minute brisk activity can release endorphins - which can reduce stress, lethargy, and depression.



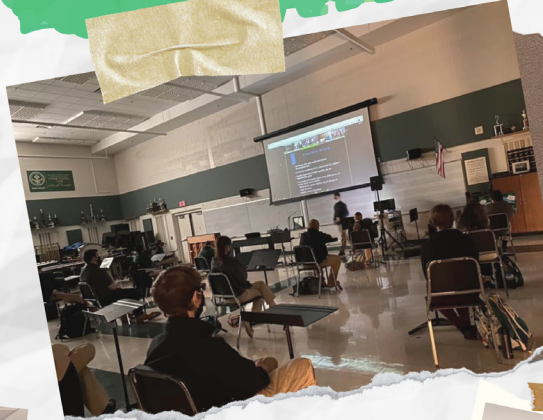
During Spanish 4 Honors with Señora Paur - whether on a snow day, in-person, or online - students had to find the past participles as adjectives and apply them to the world around them.



Mis pies sobre mi cabeza es divertido.

Algo divertido

This semester, Dr. David Snyder, Professor of Music Education from Illinois State University, was a virtual guest speaker for band class.



Intro to Tech students were hard at work multi-tasking: Using MS Word to design professional resumes and watching NASA's live stream of the Perseverance Rover landing on Mars!



PE held some competition in badminton. Badminton Champs are:
Period 5: Joe McConnell - Colin Bandyk
Period 6: Justin Janowski - Kyle Hussey



Students in Mr. Stenoish's sophomore STEM class shifted from building soda bottle air pressure rockets to creating a different air pressure launcher. They tested these to see if, using air pressure, they can launch something further than the soda bottles. These were used in their competition with the trebuchets built in Mr. Richards' class.



Spanish 2 students were working on commands and had to see if they could identify and follow directions such as go outside, make a snow angel or snowman, shovel, throw a snowball, and even go sledding!

Students in SE/ED experimented with variables in growing seeds picked from elephant dung. They set variables such as the amount of water the seeds receive per day to see what variables create the best seed growth.



In AP Chemistry, Julianna Johnson and her classmates used colorimeters to measure the concentration of food dye in a beverage.



Mrs. Williams' Psychology class took time to learn about yoga and relaxation after their chapter on stress.



Juniors Sebastian Ramirez and Miranda Martinez Babiuk (students in Mr. Richards' STEM class) took their trebuchet out to test. Their build shot over 90 meters! This is a project they have been working on from initial design to budgeting for materials to building.



Mr. Oliver's Catholic Church History class with juniors worked on a project that enhanced their skills in grant writing and business proposals.



The Math Team took part in competitions this year! Says moderator Mrs. Walker, "Due to Covid, we can only have intrasquad competitions, but we're still competing and having fun!" The Math Team won 1st in Regionals for the 3rd year in a row and placed 12th in State.



The STEM students were at work in the lab, testing chemical reactions. They took the experiment outside in the bitter cold to make iron lava!

Search #PCHSTEM on Facebook to see video of the experiment.

In Psychology class with the seniors, students made an ink blot. The Rorschach inkblot test is a type of projective psychological test that was created in 1921 by Swiss psychologist, Hermann Rorschach. It is often utilized to assess personality and emotional functioning and is a commonly used forensic test.

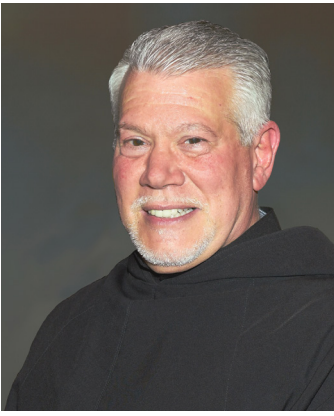


Coach Ditz taught his students this semester about the Crimean War and Florence Nightingale - a woman who revolutionized nursing and patient care.



The University of St. Francis sponsored an area High School exhibit and competition on January 14-30, 2021. Seven Providence Catholic students were selected to enter their work into the competition including: Samantha Dumstorf, Mason Freeman, Bailey Griffis, Taylor Issa, Ellie Ripp, Connor Todd, and Soleil Watanabe. Honorable Mentions awards were given to Samantha Dumstorf for her charcoal "Self-Portrait" and Taylor Issa for her collage titled "Jesus Heals the Blind". Congratulations to these talented artists!





LETTER FROM THE PRIOR PROVINCIAL OF THE AUGUSTINIANS

Greetings Providence community,

I hope that you had a blessed and fruitful Lenten

season as we looked forward to greeting each other once more in the light of the Resurrected Lord! And, indeed the light promises to be glorious, as we are also filled with optimism for the coming out of the worst of this pandemic. I have been observing joyfully the return of athletic programs at Providence over this semester. I know that all young students have been asked to make a great sacrifice on behalf of the common good of our society. And for many this has also meant taking on a heavy psychological and spiritual burden as well, as they are deprived of the socialization that is so necessary for their well-being. I recognize the reality of their struggle, and I want to express my deepest gratitude.

The power of physical presence is important to our spiritual well-being, especially as Catholics. Christ comes to us not just spiritually, but in the flesh. That is also why I believe, as Prior Provincial, that for a school to truly be an "Augustinian"

school, it demands the living out of our Augustinian mission and corresponding values of Unity, Truth, and Love embodied in our relationships.

Augustinian Br. Sam Joutras was a member of the Providence Class of 2010, and he credits the seeds of his vocation to seeing the witness of our friars as a student. Those first seeds will soon be brought to full blossom this summer as Sam will be ordained to the Priesthood as an Augustinian in June at St. Jude Parish. When I last wrote you in the last Spring, I was sharing the good news of his lifelong vows to the Order, which he professed this past August. Over the Winter, he joined Br. Bill Gabriel and Br. Jeremy Hiers—from the East Coast Province—in an ordination to the Diaconate by Bishop Daniel Conlon.

The families and alumni of Providence Catholic are among the most generous donors to the Midwest Augustinian Province, whose financial needs include educating new friars and providing care for our elderly friars. This is why I was delighted to be able to approve and welcome in to our Province Advancement Advisory Council, Providence alum Dominic Sanfilippo (Class of 2012). Dominic offers an excellent example of a man who saw his connection

to the Augustinians, not just through the lens of a single alma mater, but rather understood the connection of Providence to an international Augustinian community. After going through the Student Augustinian Values Institute (SAVI) while he was a student, Dominic went on to become an Augustinian Youth Minister himself and then Director of Christian Service at St. Augustine High School in California. We are delighted to have him on our Council, where he will help our Province engage with more of our recent alumni.



Sincerely in Christ and St. Augustine,

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

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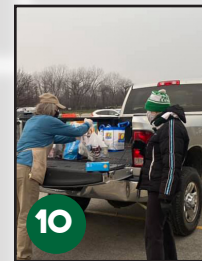
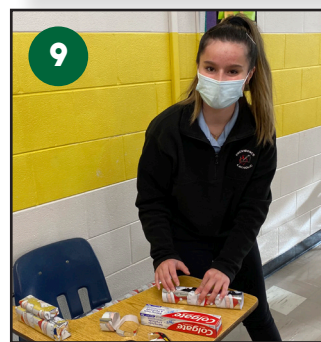
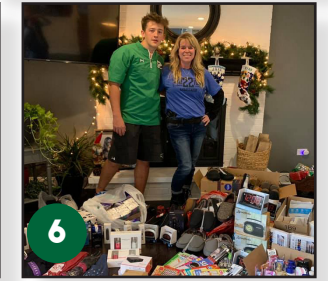
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LIVING THE PROVIDENCE MISSION

Though the pandemic has limited gatherings and celebrations, the Celtic family pursued many opportunities to bring joy and hope to their community.

1. Senior Taylor Issa led a coat drive for Together We Cope in Tinley Park, along with the Augustinian Youth Ministry at Providence. She and senior Anna Bruno picked up coats from Anytime Fitness, who collected for the drive, too!
2. Girl's Basketball participated in a service project for The Care Kit Foundation. Freshmen through seniors players participated and collected necessities to benefit a local women's domestic violence shelter.
3. Providence and Benet Academy hockey players joined together to support a special cause – Toys for Tots! More than twenty bins of toys were collected by the teams to make Christmas brighter for many area children.
4. This year, the Men's Club and Women's Club joined together to host the annual United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation – Chicago toy drive. Most years, the average toy collection is around 80 – this year, through the idea of creating an Amazon.com wish list, the Providence Catholic community donated over 250 toys to Toys for Tots!
5. Senior Habitat for Humanity Club members spent their Thanksgiving break and a weekend in December building a home.
6. Senior Jake Rybka turned to social media with a call to help Mission22 – an organization devoted to preventing veteran suicide. His post caught on and he collected numerous gifts and a \$500 cash donation that will go to help veterans.
7. Senior AYM director Abby Pierson led a pajama drive for the Augustinian Youth Ministry. The pajamas were donated to Lurie's Children's Hospital.
8. The T.A.S.C. Club (Take a Stand to Cancer) ran a drive for gift cards to brighten the holiday of patients at Joliet Oncology Hematology Associates, Ltd. (JOHA).
9. Augustinian Youth Ministry members wrapped gifts donated by the PCHS community for St. Coletta's. St. Coletta's mission is to serve children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities so they can achieve their greatest potential.
10. Providence Catholic hosted a Food & Sock Drive to restock local food pantries and benefit the homeless.
11. AYM members wrote Christmas cards for New Lenox nursing homes.
12. Through the end of February, Providence families volunteered at the Northern Illinois Food Bank - South Suburban Center for #WeGiveBackWednesdays. The Springer family- mom Kim, senior Colin, sophomore Kameryn, and fellow Celtic mom Chris Hussey kicked off this service project, organized by the Providence Catholic Women's Club.
13. Many thanks to the Providence Catholic Women's Club! They provided lunch to all faculty and staff packaged in an awesome PC lunch bag with names. A very thoughtful gesture. We are so grateful for our Women's Club and Men's Club, and the moms, dads, and families at PC who continue to do so much to raise our spirits!
14. Brian Peck graduated in 2017. He is the older brother of current student Colin Peck and was a beloved student and member of the Providence Catholic Band. He was in all the ensembles and loved Jazz Band. In 2019, Brian sadly passed away. Recently, his family lovingly donated a chair in his memory, to be used by a trumpet player at PCHS. In addition, they presented a plaque to the school and made donations to the band program in Brian's honor.



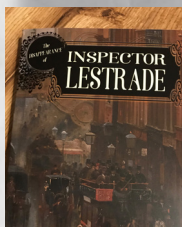
ALUMNI UPDATES

Shorewood health care work **Paul Vietich '76** was named the 'Bears Fan Of The Year'. He isn't your average Chicago Bears fan - loyal to the team, he's never missed a single game.

Walter Downing '81 (pictured) is changing lives as a teacher. He was recognized by Hinsdale South High School in a spotlight that reads in part: "He coaches his students to become the best learners that they can be, from reading challenging materials to stretching their minds in vocabulary and writing. When his students become successful, Mr. Downing cheers them on from the sidelines of his classroom. He is by far the most motivational teacher that I have ever seen."



Bob Madia '81 has his first published novel (pictured)! He has been interviewed on the radio - as he is a collector of anything Sherlock Holmes - and is a screenwriter by profession.



Margaret O'Connell '82 (pictured) was elected to serve as a Circuit Court Judge of DuPage County.

Rick Tomich '82 (pictured) shares that he will be married for 13 years in June 2021. He has a son and has been living in Las Vegas for twenty years now.



Michael Papes '87 and Joan Papes celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 20, 2020. They are proud parents of alumni Maria '16, Ike '19, and current students Natalie (sophomore) and Geno (freshman).

Dr. Chrys Egan '88 was promoted to Associate Dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts at Salisbury University in Maryland. She recently co-edited the book "Pathways into the Political Arena: Perspectives of Global Women Leaders."

Sean Keck '92 is now a process engineering manager with Phillips-Medisize in Menomonie, WI, a company that has been busy manufacturing medical supplies for Covid applications. In addition to beginning flying lessons, Sean has three children - Cynthia, Isabelle and Gauge - and is married to Donna.

Erin (Lunskis) Livsey '96 (pictured) is a nurse on the frontlines caring for those with Covid-19. If you are a healthcare worker, let us know so that we can keep you in our prayers!



Colin Johnson '98 is the offensive line coach for Ball State University, who won the MAC Championship this past football season.

Hans Schulte '04 (a nurse at Silver Cross Hospital) was featured in the Chicago Tribune about what the pandemic has been like, from a nursing perspective.

When the storms hit Texas, **Kelly Campbell '11** and her animal rescue stepped up to save animals affected by the severe weather. She and her team were featured on NBC5 Chicago News.

Shannon (Collins) Lesch '11 was one of the first nurses in Illinois and the United States to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to healthcare professionals. Shannon has been a nurse for 5 years and is currently working at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria Illinois. This was a great honor for her.

Samantha Lewandowski '13, started pursuing her Master's in Human Resources at Loyola University Chicago's Quinlan School of Business.

Miles Boykin '14 (pictured) returned to campus to talk to the football players as the season began. Miles currently plays for the Baltimore Ravens.



Michael Cascino '17 won the individual Big East Men's Golf Conference championship - the first in Butler history!

Upon completion of her undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, **Alyssa**

Gromala '17 will pursue a postgraduate education in medical school. Alyssa's time participating on a Big Ten Women's Golf team instilled the values of the academic excellence, teamwork, and leadership that she plans to carry with her. According to the Gromala family, the opportunity to participate in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) both as a representative and Executive board member allowed her to gain experience in communication between both athletic department staff and student-athletes. Discussing and acting on difficult decisions pertaining to the student-athlete experience as well as athletic program have given her the skills as a leader in decision-making and moving ideas into action.



Joshua Lambert '17 made the President's List and was selected as Outstanding Senior for College of Civil Engineering at the University of Alabama.

Matthew Troy '17 made the Dean's List and tutored 3 student athletes in Math this past semester at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He graduated this May with a major in Statistics and a minor in Computer Science.

Mariano Sori-Marin '18 was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for football in December 2020.

Carina Tolan '18 was among the more than 70 University of Iowa student-athletes named to the 2020-21 winter academic all-Big Ten team.

Chelsea Wells '19 shared her journey of diversity in the "Dear God" daily morning prayer. You can hear all of the prayers this year by visiting www.providencetheological.org and scrolling to the bottom of the homepage.



Jake Renfro '20 (pictured) started and won in the Conference Championship for Cincinnati this past football season. He recently stopped by Providence to visit Coach Cogs.

IN MEMORIAM

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

ALUMNI

Jacqueline (Burns) Hickey '44

Rose (Vercelli) Benco Evans '45

Ann (Pillar) Buldak '46, sister of Dorothy (Pillar) Magolan '53

Mary Jane Bucciferro '48, great aunt of Matthew Bucciferro '14, Isabella Bucciferro '17, Dominic Bucciferro '19 and Julia Bucciferro '22

Anne (Petric) Szafranski '48

Bernard "Bernie" Keigher '71

Richard Baranak '72, husband of Diane (Fox) Baranak '72, father to Eric Baranak '93 and Kelly (Baranak) Benefield '96 and brother-in-law to Sandra (Toth) Baranak '69

Raymond Budzinski '74, brother of Kathy (Budzinski) Henriksen '68

Georgia (Reiter) Glynn '71, sister of Scott Reiter '67 and Monica (Reiter) O'Brien '74, sister-in-law of Mary Beth (Devine) Reiter '69

Edward Bloom '77, brother of Harry Bloom '67, James Bloom '78 and Paul Bloom '82

Michael Shroba '78, brother to Steve Shroba '79, David Shroba '82, Mary Kay (Shroba) Ruettiger '86 and Jean (Shroba) Czart '87 and brother-in-law to Mark Ruettiger '86

James Fonseca '80, brother of Perry Fonseca '79 and Catherine (Fonseca) Bushong '79.

Mark Guzman '90

Martha Peterek '94, sister of Patricia Peterek '91

Zachary Plantz '11, brother of Tyler Plantz '10, Logan Plantz '14 and Abby Plantz '20

PARENT OF ALUMNI

Michael Derrig, father of Kristin (Derrig) McWilliams '93 and Craig Derrig '95

Christy Donovan, mother of James Donovan '83, Carol Donovan '84, Mary (Donovan) Kolacki '85, Michael Donovan '86 and Cathleen (Donovan) Rankovich '87

Mary Therese Fisher, mother of Patricia (Fisher) Mangin '80, Thomas Fisher, Jr. '80, Jane (Fisher) Haney '82, Michael Fisher '84, Matthew Fisher '86, John Fisher '87, Daniel Fisher '88, Brian Fisher '90 and Therese Fisher '91, grandmother to Kyle Haney '09, Quinton Fisher '14 and mother-in-law to Gwen (Niessen) Fisher '79

Angela Giermala, mother of Mark Giermala '73, grandmother of Doug Petersen '85 and Amy (Petersen) Mangun '89

Richard Jakusz, father of Dana Jakusz '97, Kara (Jakusz) Starshak '98 and Ryan Jakusz '01

Michael P. Koleno, father of Michael Koleno '98 and Andrew (Drew) Koleno '99

Larry Kozar, father of Chad Kozar '07

Joseph T. Kucala, father of Kim (Kucala) Ternik, Joseph Kucala, Jr. '94, Amy (Kucala) Cumbee '98, Matthew Kucala '01 and Megan (Kucala) Waters '01, grandfather of Jake Ternik '19, Kaitlyn Ternik '22, Mira Kucala '22 and Maxwell Kucala '23, father-in-law of Douglas Ternik '89 and Megan (Carroll) Kucala '06

John "Frank" Quigley, father of Dorothy (Quigley) Thompson '68, Patricia (Quigley) Poll '69, Jerry Quigley '71 and Jim Quigley '74, grandfather to Stephen Quigley '01

Robert Schmidt, father of Jennifer Schmidt '88 and Erica (Schmidt) Cichlar '92

Richard Trevarthan, father of Michael Trevarthan '89

Jean Wright, mother of Shannon (Wright) Druley '02, Michael Wright '05 and Patrick Wright '09

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

Sister Mary George Barrett, OP

Sister Rosemary Ward, SP

BENEFACTOR

Jayne Vidmar

CURRENT PARENT

David Perkins, father of Alicia Arias '17, David Perkins '21 and Alexandria Perkins '23

CLASS REUNIONS

Contact Shannon Withers '95, Director of Alumni Relations & Special Events, at swithers@providencethecatholic.org or 815-717-3166 to start discussing your high school reunion!



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Head over to social media to see pics and video from the past! Someone dropped off five bins of photographs from the beginning of the school through the early 2000s. We've been sharig some on social, including photos of the faculty and staff back in the day!



ALUMNI, SEND IN YOUR NEWS!

ALUMNI, DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE? EMAIL PHOTOS AND UPDATES TO CELTICS@PROVIDENCECATHOLIC.ORG.



REMEMBERING PAT

This issue, we have a special feature by Ken Raymond, a long time teacher, coach, and proud Celtic! Kenny Ray, as he's known around school, is a guru of Providence history and will be sharing more of his stories on our social media channels.

My name is Ken Raymond and I have been associated with PCHS in one capacity or another for 56 years. I have been asked to write periodically about people and events that relate to our history. With the wrestling program entering its 50th season this spring, I thought it fitting to look at its founder and first coach, Pat McInerney. I first met Pat when I greeted him at the front door to take him to his interview with Fr. Kaffer. He was hired as a Dean, history teacher and assistant football coach. We became colleagues

and friends.

With the school "saved" from closing it was Fr. Kaffer's goal to stabilize the school environment, improve academics, continue to promote a strong sense of spirituality, maintain a family atmosphere, and expand both in numbers and plant facilities. He also wanted to expand extra-curricular activities for both boys and girls. He established girls basketball and volleyball, and girls track soon followed. Pat was promoted to Assistant Principal and given the responsibility of reorganizing the school codes. In discussions regarding what more could the school offer the boys, Pat



1972 1st Ever Varsity Wrestling Team Providence Catholic High School

lobbied for the creation of a wrestling program. While a student at Lewis College, Pat was approached to join the newly forming wrestling team. He agreed and fell in love with the sport. Fr. Kaffer allowed the program to begin with Pat as the first coach. They didn't have much, a few worn gym mats, sharing space with

basketball in the only small gym at the time, and borrowed track tops as part of their first uniforms. What they did have were good numbers and tough young men. With the likes of Francis and John Ruettinger and Chris Curtis they made their way to the state tourney.

Pat would leave a few years later to pursue his personal goal of becoming a school principal. He would become principal at St. Raymonds in Joliet and later St. Edmunds in Oak Park. The stress of the job, the long drive, and mounting health issues would bring him back to Providence in 1994 simply to teach and to watch with pride the successes of the program he started until his untimely passing in 1999. What are those successes? The various teams in 49 years have won 10 State Championships, runners up 6 other times with 6 third place trophies and one 4th place finish, not to mention scores of individual medals and other recognitions.

In Chinese philosophy it is the belief that you are eternal as long as you are remembered. I remember all, that he has done and meant to this school but most of all I remember my friend.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CELTIC WRESTLING

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DETAILS COMING SOON!

JUNIOR HIGH ART COMPETITION

5TH



1 Tanner Blakely
Chelsea Intermediate School, Frankfort



2 Vaughn Mroz
St. Mary Catholic School, Mokena



3 Will Simone
St. Mary Catholic School, Mokena

Local junior high students in 5th, 6th and 7th grade were invited to take part in an art competition, judged by Providence Catholic's National Art Honor Society members.

"A huge thank you goes out to everyone who entered the first annual Providence Catholic Art Competition. It was a very difficult task for the student judges. There were so many incredible entries. I am looking forward to working with these talented artists in the future," said Mrs. Denise Zlogar, Art Teacher.

Judging was based upon originality, technical skills and overall artistic merit.

Thank you to all of the talented artists who entered from these local schools!

- Jack Hille middle school
- Manhattan Junior High
- Minooka Intermediate School
- Mokena Junior High
- St. Joseph School Lockport
- St. Mary Immaculate Parish School
- St. Michael's School
- St. Paul the Apostle School
- Hickory Creek Middle School
- Holy Family School, Shorewood
- Liberty Junior High
- St. Jude, Joliet
- Summit Hill Junior High
- Troy Middle School

- St. Mary Mokena
- Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School
- Chelsea Intermediate School
- Elwood Elementary
- Hilda Walker Intermediate
- St. George School
- St. Alphonsus / St. Patrick School
- Union School
- Caroline Bentley
- Cathedral of St. Raymond School
- Hadley Middle School

6TH



1 Sarah Clawson
Hadley Middle School, Homer Glen



3 Haley Young
Saint Alphonsus/Saint Patrick School, Lemont



2 Peyton Rios
Paul the Apostle, Joliet

7TH



1 Lucia Rodriguez
Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet

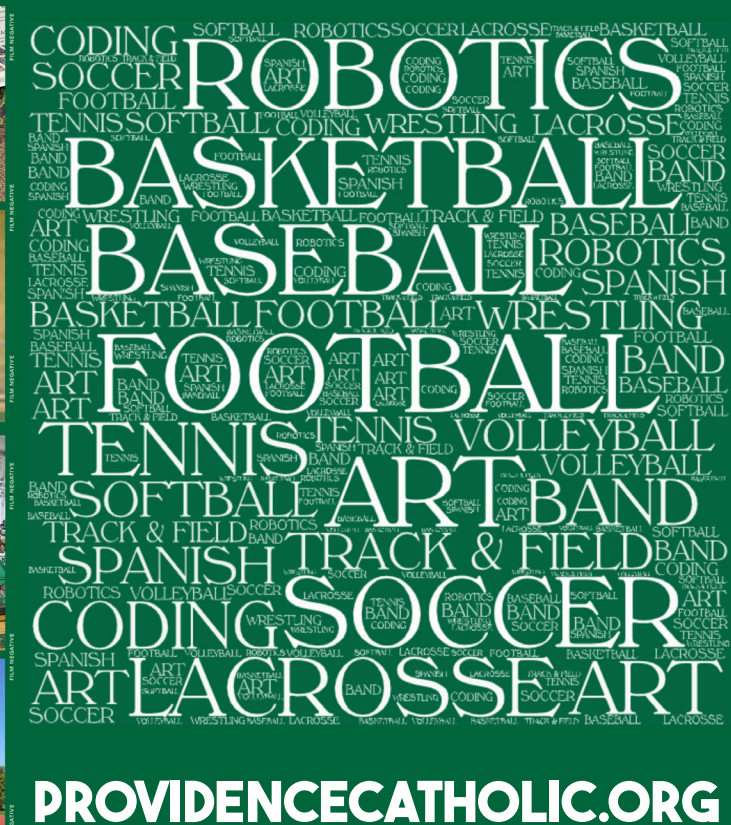


3 Debbie Radwanski
Saint Alphonsus/Saint Patrick School, Lemont

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Jaslene Carmago
St. Jude School, Joliet

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

"We have made it both an honor and priority to raise and educate our family with the values of the Catholic faith. Living and educating the Augustinian Values of Unity, Truth and Charity develop young minds into compassionate, strong, intelligent and trustworthy adults. Providence Catholic High School is a huge part of that development. Our children have made solid, life-long friends in an outstanding educational and faithful environment. Providence Catholic High School was one of the best choices we made with and for our children."



ERIN '12, COLLIN '17 AND MATTHEW '22

THE MARTIN FAMILY