

Celtic

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LOOKING TO THE
FUTURE

ALUMNI EVENTS ARE

back!

Paul
Houston

NEW PRINCIPAL NAMED



LETTER FROM FR. MERKELIS

On the weekend of Palm Sunday this Easter, Fr. Rich and I attended the annual meeting of the Augustinian Secondary Schools of North America. There are 10 Augustinian high schools in the U.S. and Canada, and the Heads of School meet regularly to pray, to share information and to discuss our identity as Augustinian schools.

Fr. Don Reilly, from Malvern Prep in Pennsylvania, spoke eloquently about Augustinian education. If I may paraphrase:

The object of our education is ultimately God, as discovered in our experience of life. He cited St. Augustine's prayer, "Lord, let me know myself, let me know You" as the foundation for education in our schools.

We daily pray another prayer by St. Augustine, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord; and our heart is restless until it rests in You." We teach our students that the restlessness they feel is actually a movement of God within.

Every person is made in the image and likeness of God. We invite families and their students to join our journey, because their children provide a unique insight into God that is essential to our own search. In a like manner, we have something to share which will help them in their physical, spiritual, emotional and social development. Community is an essential element in education and in our discovery of Christ as "the Inner Teacher."

The message of Jesus Christ, in the Spirit of Augustine, is alive and well at Providence Catholic! In this issue you will see the variety of opportunities during which we can deepen our awareness of self, others and God. From the classroom (Incubator program) to extracurriculars (Sandwich Patrol) to athletics (summer camps and the Celtic football tradition) to spirituality (mission moments, In Memoriam and our family testimonial), we grow in awareness and appreciation of our God-given talents and learn to direct them to the service of our brothers and sisters in the world.



I take great consolation in the reflections of St. Augustine, and I offer His words as I close:

My heartfelt thanks and admiration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Merkelis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Fr." and "Merkel" being significantly larger and more prominent.

Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A.
President

AUGUSTINIANS ON CAMPUS



Several Augustinians visited Providence, including some of the Pre-Novices, to share information about vocations with students. We are very grateful for our Augustinian leadership! To learn more about vocations, visit <https://beafriar.org>.

Mass was celebrated by Providence alumnus and Augustinian, Fr. Sam Joutras, O.S.A. in January. Fr. Sam was ordained in June 2021, and it was great to have him back to begin Catholic Schools Week.



A RETURN TO PC

NEW PRINCIPAL, PAUL HOUSTON

Fr. John Merkelis, OSA, President of Providence Catholic High School has named Mr. Paul Houston as Principal of the school beginning July 1, 2022. "After a rigorous national search, we have chosen the very best candidate for the job. Mr. Houston comes to us with the necessary administrative and educational experience required to lead our school community. In addition, we're delighted that Mr. Houston happens to be one of our own. He is a former teacher and administrator at PCHS," said Merkelis.

With over thirty-three years of experience at the high school level, Mr. Houston is both an accomplished administrator and educator with a strong work ethic. He is tirelessly dedicated to the academic achievement of students and committed to their social, emotional and spiritual growth.

Mr. Houston began his career at Providence Catholic in 1989 as a teacher and Director of Student Activities. In 1997, he continued his career at Lyons Township High School as Assistant Principal and most recently

served as their Global Studies Division Chairman, supervising and evaluating teachers and developing curricula.

"Being named Principal of Providence is a great honor and I embrace the opportunity to work closely with the staff, as well as the students and their families to advance the school's mission. I know what a special place Providence truly is, and I am humbled to return to the place where I began my career. I'm blessed to have spent those first seven years at Providence Catholic where the Augustinian core values of truth, unity, and love provided a foundation that led to many successful and rewarding years at the high school level," said Mr. Houston.

Mr. Houston holds an M.A. in Educational Administration from Governors State University and a B.A. in History from the College of St. Francis.

(Right) Mr. Houston is welcomed at a special luncheon after the Mother's Day Mass.



MOTHER'S DAY MASS

More than 600 moms gathered at Providence Catholic on April 28 for our first Mother's Day Mass since 2019! PCHS Moms, thank you for the love, support and devotion. Mothers are a great treasure - and we treasure you!

A very special thank you goes out to the Providence Catholic Women's Club officers (pictured at right) for all of their work the last two years.



Join the PC FAMILY

At Providence, we provide each student with a four-year college preparatory course of study. We emphasize the fundamental understandings of basic skills and disciplines with the liberal arts. We believe that all students can learn and welcome and provide academic supports for students who need additional preparation to master our college preparatory program. Additionally, we offer honors and Advanced Placement courses to challenge our gifted academic students.

AN AVERAGE STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO OF 14:1 allows teachers to get to know each student and provide more personalized teaching.



ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

100+ COLLEGE-
PREPARATORY COURSES

18 ADVANCED PLACEMENT
COURSES offering college
credit

18 HONORS COURSES

19 DISTANCE LEARNING
COURSES through Brigham
Young University taught by
college professors

DUAL CREDIT FOR
TECHNOLOGY COURSES
through Moraine Valley
Community College

DUAL CREDIT FOR
ALGEBRA 2 HONORS, AP
CALCULUS AB, AND AP
CALCULUS BC through
Moraine Valley Community
College

ENGINEERING SCIENCE
COHORT - Grades 10-12

VISUAL AND PERFORMING
ARTS

SPORTS MEDICINE AND
FITNESS

WORLD LANGUAGES

TUTORING PROGRAMS

INCUBATOREDU {an entrepreneurial class for students}

In the INCubatoredu program, teams develop ideas and implement a business plan and product development over the course of two semesters. As part of this, teams participate in a pitch day event to a panel of advisors. The students have a real-life opportunity to create a product, file for patents, create a prototype, develop a business plan, and work with mentors to launch a business while still seniors in high school.

After a full year of crafting a product/service with the guidance of a mentor, guest coaches, and Ms. Moss and Mr. Ditzler, the INCubatoredu final four teams presented to the Sharks on stage - Nancy Dye (New Lenox Economic Development Coordinator), Mark Orlando (Bionic Cyber), Frank Santoro (Frankie's Ristorante), Ryan Meegan (Co-Founder, Dude Products), and Nick Manheim (Manheim Architecture). Following the question and answer session with each team after their presentations, the Sharks deliberated and chose this year's winning team: Ladc corp. Amp Adaptive was named Runner-Up.



Ladc corp created a sensor to alert bus drivers if a student was still on the bus - a device that could save many lives each year.

MENTOR:
Ken Lomasney

TEAM MEMBERS:
Liam McDermott
Shane Crean
Jack Doogan
Frank Ronspies

GRAND
PRIZE

LADCORP

Amp Adaptive created a laptop case that doubles as a charger.



MENTOR:
Joe Kucala

TEAM MEMBERS:
Brian Matton
Aidan O'Connor
Sean O'Connor
RJ Schneider

RUNNER-
UP

AMP
ADAPTIVE

“ Providence Catholic's long tradition of excellence in academic and extracurricular activities, along with their faith-based education, were the main reasons we chose PCHS for our kids' education - Oscar '17 and Isabella '23. Providence provides an excellent foundation for their college studies and future endeavors. ” -TELLEZ FAMILY



JOIN PC – LEARN ABOUT ENROLLMENT



» Mr. Palmasani welcomed the Class of 2026 and their parents on Incoming Freshmen Scheduling Night. We are excited for these Celtics to begin the first steps of becoming freshmen! Interested in Providence Catholic? Connect with our Enrollment Office by calling Mrs. Shannon Withers at (815) 717-3160.

» Local students attended Grade School Day at the varsity girls basketball game this spring. They met the team, watched the game, listened to the pre-game pep talk in the locker room with Coach Copenhaver, took a tour, and saw the newly renovated Zac Plantz Performance Center at PC before cheering on the Celtics.



» These local grade schoolers attended Super Celtic Shadow Day at PC! Thank you to all the over 300 7th and 8th graders who attended our 20+ shadow days this school year.



» Junior High Night at Providence Catholic saw the stands packed to cheer on the boys basketball team!



» Welcome, #PCHSClassOf2026! This spring, the incoming freshmen party was the first of many fun events for incoming freshmen as they begin their high school journey.



INTERESTED IN YOUR STUDENT ATTENDING PC?

- TAKE A TOUR
- ATTEND A SHADOW DAY
- VISIT THE OPEN HOUSE



» Miles Boykin '15 of the Baltimore Ravens visited Providence - and took a moment to snap a photo with the Friday grade school shadows interested in football at PC! Miles is not only an exceptional athlete, but also a great student who continued his education at University of Notre Dame after graduation from PC.



STUDENT NEWS

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC INDUCTS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

The Providence Catholic Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 121 new members (116 Juniors and 5 Seniors) during a ceremony at the school. In addition, NHS stoles were conferred upon the senior members.

The criteria for membership are rigorous. Students with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.50 and above, and students who are in grades 11 and 12 are eligible to apply for membership.

"Being inducted into NHS at Providence Catholic is as much of a recognition as it is a commitment to servant-leadership," says Kevin Oliver, NHS Moderator. "These newly inducted NHS members will be expected to continue their excellence and will be pushed to do even more for our community."



Pictured: Senior Bailey Griffis receives her stole from Dr. John Harper, Principal.

34 STUDENTS SCORE 30 OR HIGHER ON THE ACT



This year, 34 students scored a 30 or higher on the ACT. "These students have excelled academically, and their dedication and hard work to their studies

shows in their results on the ACT and in the classroom," says Dr. Harper. "This is an especially remarkable accomplishment in the midst of a pandemic."

"Providence is blessed to have this incredible group of young people who are able to share their talents with our community each and every day," says Luke Senffner, Director of the Counseling Department. "This impressive achievement was attained by 17% of our senior class, which is nearly double the percentage of students who achieved this same feat throughout the rest of the country."

NATHAN AND NICK PUGH NAMED TO THE ALL-STATE HONORS CHOIR

Two students made All-State Honors Choir – the third time Providence Catholic has had students named to Honors Choir at state. Based upon the judge's scoring of the original videos, Nathan and Nick Pugh were named to the All-State Honors Choir as members of the Bass I section. All State occurs at the Illinois Music Educators Conference in Peoria January 26-29, 2022. Music students spend three days rehearsing in specific State ensembles – Orchestra, Band, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, Chorus and Honors Choir. Their performances will occur on Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Peoria Convention Center. (Pictured are Nathan and Nicholas).



"All the students who were selected to State worked extremely hard and their perseverance paid off for them. We are very proud of them and are extremely excited to have them represent Providence Catholic," says Dr. Stacy Eckert, Director of Choirs, Liturgical Music and Theatre, Tri-M Honor Society

& Thespian Honor Society Moderator at Providence Catholic.

After the thousands of video submissions, Nathan and Nick Pugh, as well as Paige Shepherd (Alto 1) were selected to District 1 ILMEA Music Festival which was held on Nov. 20 at Elmhurst University.

In 2021, Nathan was named to the All-State Chorus as a Bass 2. Students being named to the All-State Honors Choir are some of the top singers in the entire state. "I am so very happy for Nick and Nathan," said Dr. Eckert.

For more information on choir and fine arts at Providence Catholic, visit www.providencecatholic.org.

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC INDUCTS MEMBERS OF THE AUGUSTINIAN YOUTH MINISTRY



Fr. Rich Young, O.S.A., presided over the induction of 64 students and six student directors students into the school's Augustinian Youth Ministry organization on April 5 at the school. The Augustinian Youth Ministry (AYM) is charged with promoting Christian service and Augustinian spirituality in the community. AYM organizes blood donor drives, food drives, clothing drives, and many other service activities. Their service projects benefit the community at large as well as the high school. AYM members are also required to complete 10 hours of service to their parish or community.

"I am very proud to be moderator of Augustinian Youth Ministry because I get to see the true hearts of our high schoolers," said AYM Moderator Jennifer

Williams. "They give so generously to others in need. They donate countless hours to help many organizations outside of Providence and do it with pride."

Pictured are AYM student leaders with moderator Jennifer Williams.

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC NAMES VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Dr. John Harper announced Amanda Zbonski as the Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Kailey Wolniakowski as Salutatorian. "We are very proud of Amanda and Kailey, both academically gifted students, who are both strong leaders among their peers at Providence Catholic. They have very bright futures in and out of the classroom, and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish," offered Harper.

Amanda Zbonski is the daughter of John and Tricia Zbonski. She attended Central Middle School in Tinley Park and her home parish is St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr.



While at Providence Catholic, Amanda participated in Varsity Softball, Augustinian Youth Ministry, National Honors Society in which she served as an officer, International Club, Art Club, Sandwich Patrol, and Science Club. In addition, she also volunteers her time in the community as a religious education teacher's aide, volunteers at P.A.D.S. homeless shelter, and at All God's People.

Amanda is a Kazma Scholar. She has earned Academic Awards of Excellence in Honors Geometry, Honors Biology, Spanish 2, Honors Spanish 3, and Honors Spanish 4. This fall, Amanda will be attending the University of Notre Dame majoring in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering on the Pre-Med Track. Amanda also plans to play club softball at Notre Dame. She is the recipient of the Notre Dame University Scholarship, and the Notre Dame Club of Chicago Scholarship.



Kailey Wolniakowski is the daughter of Dan and Amy Wolniakowski. She attended St. Joseph School in Lockport and her home parish is also St. Joe's.

While at Providence Catholic, Kailey participated in Habitat for Humanity, Augustinian Youth Ministry, National Honor Society, International Club, Pro-Life Club, Take a Stance Against Cancer Club, Student Ambassador, Spanish Honor Society, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Cross Country, and Year-Round Soccer. In addition, Kailey also volunteers her time in the community at Feed My Starving Children, the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Special Olympics, and different area Animal Shelters.

Kailey has served as AYM Director, Varsity Soccer Captain, Varsity Cross Country Captain. She is a Cross Country State Qualifier, an All-Conference Runner, and Student of the Month. She has earned Academic Awards of Excellence in Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Biology, Honors English, AP U.S. History, AP Government, and AP Statistics. This fall, Kailey will be attending Clemson University majoring in biomedical science. She is the recipient of the Clemson Academic Merit Scholarship, the Clemson University Scholarship, and the Lockport Women's Club Scholarship.

Read the full release at providencecatholic.org.

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC NAMES AUGUSTINIAN SCHOLARS

Augustinian Scholars are recognized for achieving the Top 10 grade point averages of their graduating class. The Augustinian Scholar stole is white with gold trim embellished with the Augustinian seal. This year's Augustinian Scholars are:

Abigail DiNolfo
Bailey Griffis
Grace Hecht
Ian McGuire
Catherine Piko
Laurelei Thormeyer
Connor Todd
Grace Wasicki
Megan Whitten
Kailey Wolniakowski
Amanda Zbonski



PROVIDENCE RECOGNIZES 52 ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

Dr. John Harper is pleased to announce that 52 students from the Providence Catholic graduating class of 2022 have been designated as Illinois State Scholars.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state's college access and financial aid agency, presents this important recognition of academic achievement to exceptional Illinois high school students annually. This year, more than 17,340 honorees join the other outstanding students who have been honored since the designation was first introduced in 1958.



"We are extremely proud of our Illinois State Scholars," says Dr. Harper. "Their commitment to excellence in academics defines them as leaders. We congratulate them on this achievement."

See the full list of names at www.providencecatholic.org/news.

CLASS OF 2022 MAKES A SCHOLARSHIP GIFT TO PROVIDENCE

At the annual Senior Breakfast, Matt Martin (Class President) handed the Class of 2022's scholarship donation to Father Merkelis. Thank you to the Class of 2022 for establishing a scholarship and leaving a lasting legacy on the Celtic community. Through this scholarship, you are opening the doors to a Providence Catholic education and allowing future Celtics an incredible PCHS experience.



INSIDE THE CLASSROOM



» Spirit Week ended with the annual pep rally - bringing freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors together in the Sacred Heart Gym for a little dodge ball and a dance off! A lot of fun, friendship, and laughter as everyone cheered on their favorite teams. Once a Celtic, always a Celtic!

» Señora Pavur's class celebrates the end of their lessons on food with a feast.



» Art Club created oil pastel "Jim Dine-inspired" Heart pieces!



» In STEM, students worked on engineering bridges and circuitry.



» In Mrs. Cichoracki's Chemistry Honors class, students measured the energy in a cheese puff.

» ICTM recently hosted a virtual award ceremony for Math Team's State Contest. The Providence Math Team had their best year at state so far. Colin Gerlock took 3rd in Algebra 1; Rina Jeong took 8th in Algebra II; Algebra I Team took 4th; Geometry Team took 6th; and Calculator Team took 10th.



» AP Spanish worked on a recipe lesson, making plantains in both Mexican/Peruvian style and a more Americanized version (like a banana split). In addition to learning Spanish, the students also focus on history, culture and foods from the countries they study.



» Members of the National Spanish Honor Society and the National French Honor Society were inducted by Dr. Burke and Mr. Austrums.



» Drawing students worked collaboratively to create tape murals in reviewing perspective techniques!



» Mr. Richards and his students met back at Providence at night to put their astronomy lessons to work. "A group of us used the Unistellar scope to take this image of the moon tonight," he says. "We've been studying black holes, supernovae, stars, and exoplanets this semester." Check out the amazing photos they captured.



» The Tabletop Games club played games like Castle Panic.





«In Spanish 4 Honors, students began their presentations on pop culture. “Our first group presented about Flamenco and Reggaeton,” says Señora Pavur. “For their interactive requirement, students did a dance battle!”

» Several PC artists had artwork displayed at the Orland Park Art Alliance Student Showcase.



« Spring arrived at Providence - and students sprouted math solutions! Mrs. Walker's geometry honors worked on circle problems and decided to hold class outside on a beautiful day.



» The school came together to celebrate Mass for Ash Wednesday.



» The Scholastic Bowl Team practiced for their next competition. The Freshmen/Sophomore team took 4th place in their conference at the South Metropolitan Scholastic Bowl.



» In Speech Communications with Mrs. Harris, students had to pick their favorite poem to present to the class while focusing on posture, voice inflection, enthusiasm and presentation.



» Theatre students gathered in prayer prior to rehearsal for Beauty and the Beast.



» eSports club is back at it again this school year! eSports can provide a pathway to postsecondary scholarships and many career paths, from developing games to marketing games and more. For now, these students enjoyed some friendly competition!

» The mock trial students were able to participate in a 'trial scrimmage' at the Will County Courthouse.



» The National Art Honor Society members gathered to judge the 5th-8th grade art competition for local grade school students. Artwork and artist statements were set out by grade (no names or identifying information included) and each work was scored by the judges.



» The INCubatoredu teams pushed forward with their ideas this semester. Ladcorp, one of the teams, recently had an incredible opportunity to pitch their idea to an actual company. Says team member Liam McDermott, a senior, “We decided to pitch this to a transportation company - the largest student transportation company in the USA - to get criticism and possibly a deal. We used their advice to better our product and ourselves, and to prepare to compete for the financial prize at the final pitch.”

» The Coding Club had to program the Sphero robot to navigate the path without going outside the lane. Some students even added lights and sounds!



» Providence Catholic science students were invited to judge Science Fairs at St. Joseph Grade School - Manhattan, IL and St. Jude School New Lenox.



» The Celtics Bags Club got together in the commons before class to compete.



» The Computer Club was hard at work this week building a computer that will be raffled off this semester



» This is the editorial staff for the student newspaper - the Proviscope! You can read their articles online at proviscope.org. You can also meet the staff at www.proviscope.org/staff.

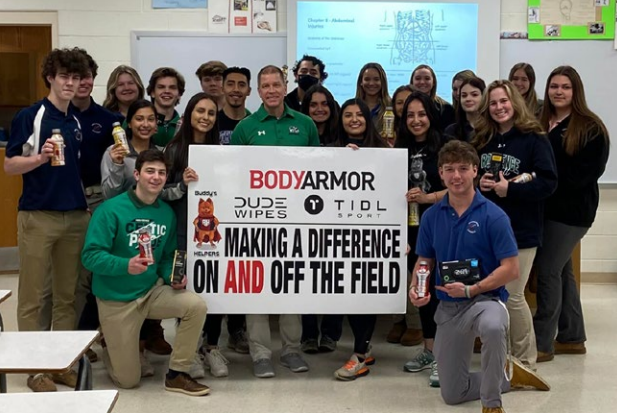
» Mrs. Williams's class made ink blots in Psychology class similar to the Rorschach test.



ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

ATHLETIC COLLEGIATE COMMITMENTS TAKE PLACE FOR 35 ATHLETES OF THE CLASS OF 2022

This year, 35 athletes from the Class of 2022 have committed to further their athletic careers at college.



ATHLETIC TRAINER PAT WHITE HONORED BY BUDDY'S HELPERS

On Friday, March 25, Buddy's Helpers surprised Providence Catholic Athletic Trainer and Teacher Pat White with a special recognition. Watch the WGN TV highlight at Providence. Pat has worked for 27 years in the profession, 25 of which have been spent at PC. Five former Chicago-area athletes surprised him with the honor in his classroom with his wife, Sherry, and other friends that showed up for the moment."

According to WGN: "They are the people who are there when someone on the field of play is in need of medical attention then going through the mental & physical grind of rehabilitation.

Athletic trainers are a vital part of any team, especially at the high school level where they also serve as teachers in the classroom. Hence the importance of National Athletic Training Month in March, which is held as a salute to the profession along with those who serve in it. Buddy's Helpers, a local organization that commits to community service projects as part of their "Making A Difference On AND Off The Field" campaign, decided to salute one of these individuals on Friday in New Lenox.

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| Abilene Christian University
Gianna Russo (Softball) | Marquette University
Emma Davis (Tennis) |
| Benedictine University
Megan Duzansky (Basketball) | North Greenville University
Ethan Todner (Lacrosse) |
| Carroll University
Margaret McGrath (Soccer) | Northern State University
Aidan Mack (Football) |
| Carthage College
Wyatt Goorsky (Wrestling) | Prairie State College
Michael Oprondek (Baseball) |
| Chipola College
John Wajda (Baseball) | Purdue University Northwest
Alexandra Cimino (Soccer) |
| Coe College
Kelly Knight (Basketball) | Saint Leo University
Nicole Magdziasz (Softball) |
| Denison University
Andrew Brasky (Golf) | Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
Kelley Rourke (Softball) |
| Dominican University
James Arentz, Jr. (Basketball) | St. Ambrose University
Devin Devine (Football)
Bree Nawrot (Volleyball)
Shaw Stukel (Baseball)
Tyler Young (Golf) |
| Drury University
David DeRubertis (Bass Fishing) | St. Norbert College
Brian Treacy (Football) |
| Elmhurst College
Ethan Litynski (Baseball) | University of Indianapolis
Brayden Garrigan (Football) |
| Indiana University
William McDermott (Wrestling) | University of Iowa
Madison Burkhart (Dance) |
| Kent State University
Alex Alberico (Baseball)
William Meiszner (Wrestling) | University of South Alabama
Kaleigh Highland (Dance) |
| Lawrence University
Bailey Griffis (Basketball)
Sophia Morey (Basketball) | University of St. Francis
Logan Schultz (Football)
Laurelei Thormeyer (Basketball) |
| Loras College
Gillian Jones (Softball) | University of the Rio Grande
Mitchell Bartecki (Volleyball) |
| Lourdes University
Skylar Cornelio (Lacrosse) | |





« Billy Meiszner placed at sectionals for wrestling, and went on to finish fourth at state.



« The girls basketball team won the title of Regional Champions.



« David DeRubertis and Liam McDermott took second place in the IHSA bass fishing sectionals.



« Coach Plantz invited Dr. Jake Aleck to present to student-athletes from many sports this morning on proper nutrition and health.



« Natalie Papes took 1st place in pole vault at the Illinois Top Times Indoor State Championship. She also took 2nd at state.



« The Dancing Celtics took 14th at the IHSA State Finals after moving up a division.



« Varsity Boys Bowling became CCL Champions.



« Senior varsity bowler Carly Kowalik advanced to Sectionals.



« The Celtic Cheerleaders took 2nd at sectionals.



« Hockey players Jack Doogan and Luke Brzezinski were chosen for the AHAI All-State Team. Jack and Luke, along with Emiliano Arana were chosen as CCL All-Stars, and Luke also won league MVP. Jack was also awarded the Ginger Award for displaying outstanding qualities both on and off the ice, along with leadership, sportsmanship, respectability, maturity, and integrity in the CCHL.



« Celtics Baseball became Regional Champions after winning 5-2 against Lincoln-Way East.



« Bella Morey placed 15th in the 800m race at state.



« Jack Wajda won the 3A three point competition, and continued on to place 3rd in the King of the Court competition.



« The Providence shot put team took first place at Eisenhower High School.



« Ryan Ondracek and Jude Horak competed at state for boys track.




WANT TO SEE MORE ATHLETIC NEWS?
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BECOME SOMETHING GREATER 2021-2022 ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

CCL/GCAC Team Conference Champions
 Boys Bowling, Girls Basketball – GCAC White Division, Softball – GCAC Red Division

CCL/GCAC Individual Conference Champions
 Emma Davis – Girls Tennis

IHSA Team Regional Championships
 Girls Golf, Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Baseball

IHSA Team Sectional Qualifiers
 Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Girls Cross Country, Boys Bowling

IHSA Individual Sectional Qualifiers
 Xander Stoub – Boys Cross Country
 Daniel Dau – Boys Cross Country
 Carly Kowalik – Girls Bowling
 Billy Meiszner – Wrestling
 Sean O'Connor – Wrestling
 Liam McDermott – Wrestling
 RJ Schneider - Wrestling

IHSA Individual Sectional Championships
 Emma Davis – Girls Tennis
 Bella Morey – Girls Track (800M)
 Natalie Papes – Girls Track (Pole Vault)
 Ryan Ondracek – Boys Track (300M)

IHSA Team State Qualifiers
 Competitive Dance
 Cheerleading
 Bass Fishing

IHSA Individual State Qualifiers
 Emma Davis – Girls Tennis, Billy Meiszner – Wrestling, Bella Morey – Girls Track, Natalie Papes – Girls Track, Ryan Ondracek – Boys Track, Jude Horak – Boys Track

IHSA Team State Finishes
 Girls Tennis – 5th

IHSA Individual State Finishes
 Emma Davis – 2nd Girls Tennis, Billy Meiszner – 4th place Wrestling, Natalie Papes – 2nd Place Girls Track (Pole Vault), Ryan Ondracek – 6th Place (60m High Hurdles – Indoor)

All-Conference Athletes
 Bridget Hansen – Girls Golf, Drew Brasky – Boys Golf, Kailey Wolniakowski – Girls Cross Country, Ryan Ondracek – Boys Soccer, Luis Sanchez – Boys Soccer, Joe Baumhardt – Boys Soccer, Isaac Sanchez – Boys Soccer, Jimmy Piko – Boys Soccer, Ellie Kulpinski – Girls Volleyball, Julia Warfield – Girls Volleyball, Brayden Garrigan – Football, Aidan Mack – Football, Brian Treacy – Football, Devin Devine – Football, Logan Schultz – Football, Gianna Cox – Girls Tennis, Julia Bucciferro – Girls Tennis, Sophia Wilko – Girls Tennis, Abby DiNolfo – Girls Tennis, Grace Hamilton – Girls Tennis, Emma Davis – Girls Tennis, Luke Switalski – Bowling, Annalise Pietrzyk – Girls Basketball, Gabi Bednar – Girls Basketball, Megan Duzansky – Girls Basketball, Kelly Knight – Girls Basketball, Billy Meiszner – Wrestling, Kyle Lindsey – Wrestling, Geno Papes – Wrestling, Aidan Rayburn – Wrestling, Mike O'Connor – Wrestling, Ian McGuire – Wrestling, Liam McDermott – Wrestling, RJ Schneider – Wrestling, Jack Wajda – Basketball, Nicole Magdziasz – Softball, Gianna Russo – Softball, Abby Johnson – Softball, Kaylinn Kundrat – Softball, Elizabeth Kooyenga – Girls Soccer, Grace Spesia – Girls Soccer, Gavin Gomez – Baseball, Jack Wajda – Baseball, Mitch Bartecki – Boys Volleyball, Adam DeRubertis – Boys Volleyball, Jack Tess – Boys Volleyball, Jude Horak – Boys Track, Ryan Ondracek – Boys Track, Jayden Mikulski – Boys Track, Matt Seguin – Boys Track, Sean Seguin – Boys Track, Alex Gibson – Boys Track

All-Area Athletes
 Annalise Pietrzyk – Girls Basketball (2nd team Daily Southtown)

GCAC Scholar Athletes
 Laurelei Thormeyer – Basketball & Lacrosse, Amanda Zbonski – Softball, Kailey Wolniakowski – Cross Country & Soccer, Abigail DiNolfo – Tennis, Catherine Piko – Volleyball & Lacrosse, Megan Whitten – Cross Country & Track & Field, Grace Hecht – Tennis, Bailey Griffis – Basketball & Bass Fishing, Ashlee Jackson – Volleyball, Sarah Hecht – Tennis, Bridget Hansen – Golf & Lacrosse

CCL Scholar Athletes
 Ian McGuire – Wrestling, Ryan Ondracek – Soccer & Track & Field, Alexander Piet – Soccer & Volleyball, Robert Schneider III – Football & Wrestling, Matthew Seguin – Basketball & Track & Field, Matthew Martin – Golf & Volleyball, Shaun Seguin – Basketball & Track & Field, James O'Brien – Basketball, Andrew Lux – Football, Devin Devine - Football

Media/Conference Athletes of the Year
 Drew Brasky – Boys Golf (CCL Lawless Award), Brayden Garrigan – Co-Defensive Player of the Year (Football), Emma Davis – Girls Tennis (GCAC Athlete of the Year), Annalise Pietrzyk – Girls Basketball (GCAC White Division Player of the Year), Gianna Russo – Softball (GCAC Red Division Player of the Year)

Media/Conference Coach of the Year
 Kevin Kullman – Boys Bowling (CCL Lawless)



Hall of Fame

GREEN & WHITE

On Friday, April 8, 2022, Providence Catholic inducted this year's Green & White Hall of Fame Inductees!

Recipients included Robert Cruz '97 (Football), Louis Johnson '85 (Track), Michael Kranz '93 (Hockey), Holly Luenemann '88 (Volleyball), Briana (Berman) Mason '01 (Track), Michael McClarence '89 (Wrestling), the '99 Wrestling State Championship Team,

and the '00 Wrestling State Championship Team. The Green & White Hall of Fame was created in 2005 to recognize outstanding athletes, teams, coaches and benefactors who have participated in and contributed to the rich athletic history of Providence Catholic High School which includes 30 state championship titles. The inaugural inductees were Matt Senffner and Nan Airola, two highly respected and dearly loved members

of the Providence Catholic family.

Learn more about the criteria or nominate a classmate online at www.providencecatholic.org. Photos from the event, taken by Burns Photography, are available online at <https://burnsphoatographystudio.zenfolio.com/p68226652>.

Holly Luenemann '88
Volleyball



Michael Kranz '93
Hockey



'99 Wrestling State
Championship
Team



Briana (Berman)
Mason '01
Track



Michael
McClarence '89
Wrestling



'00 Wrestling State
Championship
Team



Louis Johnson '85
Track



Robert Cruz '97
Football



WANT TO SEE MORE EVENT PHOTOS FROM HALL OF FAME, HOMECOMING, TRIVIA NIGHT AND MORE? JOIN THE CELTIC ALUMNI CLUB ON FACEBOOK!

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CELTICALUMNICLUB

MORE HALL OF FAMERS

Congratulations to Athletic Director Doug Ternik '89, who was chosen as the Catholic Conference League's Man of the Year. After college, Coach Ternik started his career at his Alma Mater, Providence Catholic High School as a teacher in 1994 where he developed the "Health Program" curriculum. He also started Assistant Coaching Football and Baseball that same year. He became the Offensive Coordinator for the Football program in 2001. He has nine State Championships as a coach for football at Providence Catholic. He took over the Athletic Director position in 2006 from Head Football Coach Matt Senffner. Doug is only the third Athletic Director in the history of Providence Catholic and has seven State Championships in that position for Cheer, Dance, Hockey, Baseball and Football.

Congratulations also to alumni parent Rob Plantz and former girls volleyball coach Cindy Olczyk, who were inducted into the CCL Hall of Fame. Coach O began teaching and coaching at Providence Catholic Hs in 1990. She began the boys program there in 1992. Her coaching

record from '93 - '10 was 336 - 195. Coach O won 4 Regional titles, 2 Sectional titles and made 2 State appearances. In 1998 Providence was in the Final Eight. It 2008 Providence took home the 4th Place State Trophy.

After retiring from the NFL, Ron Plantz continued his career in accounting—but never strayed far from the football field. He was an offensive line coach on Joe Bunge's Naperville Central teams throughout the 1990s. In 2004, Ron co-founded the Frankfort Falcons Youth Football and Cheer Program. His three sons Tyler, Zac, and Logan were all members of the inaugural Falcons junior football team; his daughter Abrielle would later join the Falcons cheerleading squad. He also served as an assistant coach for Providence for many years and his children are all Providence Catholic alumni.

Congratulations to Head Baseball Coach Mark Smith '88 on being inducted into the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



A little bit about Coach Smith:

- 15 years as head coach (30 overall)
- W-L 380-172-2
- Championships
- Conference 3
- Regional - 12
- Sectional - 5
- IHSA State Championships
- 2nd in 2011
- 1st in 2014, 2015, 2016

Athletic EXCELLENCE & TRADITION

Building BETTER ATHLETES



Providence Catholic athletics is steeped in tradition. Teams aren't just focused on state championships; they're focused on building the strength, character, and work ethic of every student athlete.

31 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HUNDREDS OF Regional, Sectional, and Conference Championships.

60 STATE TROPHIES

SINCE 1984 every graduating class at PCHS has brought home at least one state trophy and added to the athletic tradition.

Highlights

Nearly 75% of students at PCHS are scholar-athletes contributing to the tradition of Providence athletics. And the coaching staff is committed to working with students to instill work ethic, sportsmanship, and teamwork within themselves and within the team.



35 Class of 2022 senior athletes (about 17%) are continuing their athletic careers in college, far above the national average of 5%.



Visit us online for schedules, rosters and more athletics news!

ZAC PLANTZ PERFORMANCE CENTER

The Zac Plantz Foundation unveiled last year the Zac Plantz Performance Center at Providence Catholic - the newly renovated weight room. This project commemorates the heart and dedication Zac '11 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.



PERSONALIZED STRENGTH & CONDITIONING TRAINING

Did you know Providence Catholic has a strength and conditioning coach on campus to develop personalized fitness plans for teams and individual athletes?



#CelticNation



“ Providence prepared me for college by providing me with a quality education and leadership opportunities to be successful at the next level. My teachers and coaches gave me the confidence required to handle the challenge of being a student-athlete,” says Gillian Jones '22. ”

GRADUATION

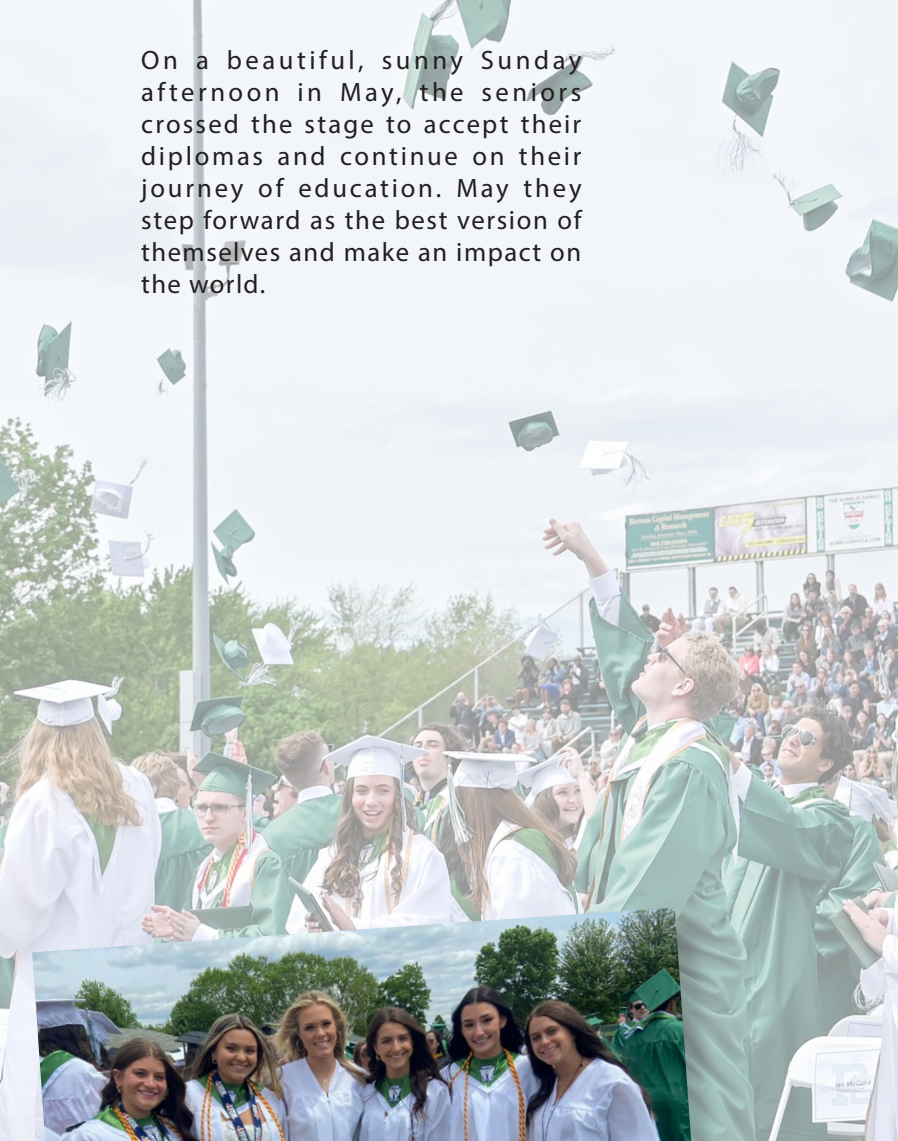
On a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon in May, the seniors crossed the stage to accept their diplomas and continue on their journey of education. May they step forward as the best version of themselves and make an impact on the world.

Amanda Ibonski VALEDICTORIAN

Graduate of Central Middle School
Tinley Park

"Do not be afraid to relive the things that we loved as children... Immerse yourself in the fun that reminds you of home... Do not lose the balance that you have mastered here... While we might not have grown up together, we matured together in high school and will continue to reach our full potential in college and in our careers. However, while we are working hard to achieve our goals, we must remember to live. Surround yourself with the things and people you love. Do what you makes you happy. Find your balance."

Will be attending the University of Notre Dame majoring in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering on the Pre-Med Track



Kailey Wolniakowski SALUTATORIAN

Graduate of St. Joseph, Lockport

Will be attending Clemson University, majoring in Biomedical Science

"One thing I have realized over these past four years is that we are all authors of our own story; our own future. As the author of your own story, you get to create the main character; you get to create you...We only get one chance to write our story...Keep pushing hard for what you want the peak of your life to be. Don't settle...You can only shine brightest when you become the person God wanted you to be."



Class of 2022

BECOME SOMETHING GREATER

1,043 SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO 175 STUDENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52+ MILLION



AVERAGE COMPOSITE ACT SCORE

24.2

TOP 10% OF CLASS ACT SCORE

32.5

TOP 50% OF CLASS ACT SCORE

27

STUDENTS SCORING 30 OR HIGHER

35
(17% OF THE CLASS!)

ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

52 STUDENT SCHOLARS
(25% OF THE CLASS!)

PERFECT SCORE OF 36

1 STUDENT SCHOLAR

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS

3 STUDENT SCHOLARS

ATHLETIC COMMITMENTS

35 STUDENT ATHLETES
(17% OF THE CLASS!)

CONTINUING EDUCATION DIRECTLY AFTER GRADUATION

99%

185 ATTENDING 85 DIFFERENT 4-YEAR COLLEGES IN 24 STATES

18 ATTENDING 2-YEAR COLLEGES

1 ENTERING THE TRADES

343 SCHOLARSHIPS ACCEPTED BY

164 STUDENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$12M+

AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTED IS APPROXIMATELY

\$19,452 PER YEAR/ PER STUDENT

HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES ATTENDING

- Clemson University
- Fordham University
- University of Notre Dame
- Villanova University
- University of Miami

TOP 4-YEAR COLLEGES ATTENDING

- University of Illinois-Urbana - 13 students
- University of Iowa - 11 students
- Indiana University - 10 students
- Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame - 9 students
- University of Alabama - 9 students
- Lewis University - 8 students
- University of Kentucky - 7 students
- Marquette University - 6 students
- University of Dayton - 6 students
- Illinois State University - 5 students
- St. Ambrose University - 5 students
- University of Missouri-Columbia - 5 students

LEARN MORE OR SPEAK TO OUR ENROLLMENT TEAM ABOUT JOINING THE CELTIC FAMILY!

(815) 717-3160



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.

ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

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

PROJECTS IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR CHAMPIONS INCLUDE:

- New (Field Turf) synthetic turf surface
- New stadium visitor bleachers
- Reconstructed tennis courts
- Stadium scoreboard renovation
- New bleachers at both softball fields
- New bleacher at both soccer fields
- Track and Field high jump pad and pole vault pit replacement
- New baseball backstop netting (2) fields
- New softball backstop netting (1) field

NAMING 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 are available for the many projects in this campaign.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

"Tom Dedin Field is considered one of the top baseball fields in the state of Illinois. It is important to keep it looking beautiful by adding new backstop netting so future Celtics and fans can continue the great tradition of Providence Catholic Baseball." - Head Baseball Coach Mark Smith

"Providence Catholic High School has an incredible background in athletic excellence. The Campaign of Champions is an opportunity to ensure that our students continue to thrive. One project I am incredibly passionate about is updating the five tennis courts at Providence. As a tennis parent, I know that this project will not only visually enhance our campus, but it will show our students how much we believe in them. As a proud Providence parent, I hope other parents will join me in supporting this project" - Providence Catholic Parent Jay Hamilton

"New pits/pads for pole vault and high jump would help the Girls and Boys Track programs continue their tradition of excellence in those events for which they have earned state medals including a state championship over the past several seasons in a safe and effective manner that will allow this tradition to continue for years to come!" -Coach Thomas Lenahan

"We are excited for the installation of new bleachers which will provide seating for both grass fields on our west campus. Our grass soccer fields are some of the best playable fields in the area and getting new bleachers just enhances our campus." -Doug Ternik

"Providence Catholic is one of the most storied and revered athletic traditions in the state, and as our student-athletes work every day to protect the standard and maintain the legacies of those the champions whose shoulders they stand on, we ask former Celtics to help elevate the athletic experience and facilities to bring Providence to heights bigger and better than before. With the current climate of sports and Catholic schools, we need to have excellent facilities and an outstanding experience to elevate our current student-athletes to their highest level of performance and encourage future champions to the school. This investment in our current student-athletes will follow with great success in the field of play but will also bring a massive return on investment to Providence Catholic as a community as a whole. The Celtic Standard has always been to be the best in the state, and we should strive to do that in everything we do. We also want to create a safe environment to compete, and the current playing surface is a year past renovation. In order to elevate the program back to championship level, we need the Celtics to help rebuild the place that helped build them. Please consider helping continue to elevate the Celtic Standard and provide our student-athletes with the best opportunities to continue to bring state championships home to PC." - Tyler Plantz '10, Head Football Coach

RECOGNITION LEVELS

ALL PLEDGES ARE PAYABLE OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD!



Green and White Level - Up to \$99

- All donors are listed in the school's Annual Report and invite to the donor reception and blessing of the new turf



Charlie Celtic Level - \$100- \$499

- PC commemorative window decal



Conference Champ Level - \$500- \$999

- PC commemorative window decal
- Listing on Donor Sign displayed in stadium



Silver Level- \$1,000-\$4,999

- PC commemorative window decal
- Listed on Major Donor Plaque in Stadium
- Family Athletic Pass for 2022-23 school year



Gold Level - \$5,000- \$9,999

- PC commemorative window decal
- Listed on Major Donor Plaque in Stadium
- Family Athletic pass for 2022-23 school year
- 4'x4' sign to be displayed at field of choice for four years



State Champion Level- \$10,000+

- PC commemorative window decal
- Listed on Major Donor Plaque in Stadium
- Family Athletic pass for 2022-23 school year
- 4'x8' sign to be displayed at field of choice for four years



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 (815) 717-3164 or Doug Ternik '89, PCHS Athletic Director (815) 717-3169 for information concerning this project.

JUNE 13-17, 2022

2022 WEEK OF GIVING

Last year, Providence Catholic friends and family helped raise almost \$30,000 for four projects that needed funding. This year, we have three special projects that need your help, Celtics! Whether your gift is \$5 or \$100, it makes an impact on creating special opportunities for our students. The two biggest ways you can help are to make a gift of any amount, and to share this with your family and friends.

The best part? We have some pretty special matching gifts for EVERY PROJECT, including an anonymous one, which means your gift counts for TWO!

>>Learn more at www.providencecatholic.org/news/week-of-giving-2022.



MATCHING GIFT: IVERS FAMILY

PROJECT: SCHOLARSHIP

At Providence Catholic, we strive to provide a quality Catholic education - as Catholic education is an investment. Tuition covers only a portion of the actual cost to educate a student at Providence, and we are grateful for the sacrifices our families make to send their students to our school.

HELP OPEN THE DOOR TO MORE STUDENTS AT PC - MAKE YOUR GIFT TO SCHOLARSHIPS TODAY!



MATCHING GIFT: SPESIA FAMILY

PROJECT: SCIENCE EQUIPMENT

The Science Department offers students to take their learning and apply turn it into experiential learning! From 3D printing, multi-dimensional design, budgeting, and building, the students have the opportunity to take a project from the computer screen to construction.

HELP STUDENTS ACCESS THE RIGHT TOOLS TO ENHANCE THEIR HANDS-ON LEARNING!



MATCHING GIFT: MORRISSETTE FAMILY

PROJECT: MENTAL HEALTH

A pandemic is just one of the many aspects of life affecting students. The Counseling Department is creating new opportunities to assist students through mental health services - and you can help us create a brighter future for students!

HELP COUNSELING BUILD UPON THEIR SUPPORT SERVICES!



MAKE YOUR GIFT & SUPPORT PCHS!
WWW.PROVIDENCECATHOLIC.ORG



PROVIDENCE AND THE LEWIS COLLEGE PIPELINE

By Mr. Ken Raymond

My first association with Providence came in the spring of 1965. I had just finished student teaching at Lockport West, had no classes and because of a medical issue, was unable to compete in track at Lewis for our outdoor season.

The Christian Brothers gained control of Lewis College during the school year of 1960-61. They also staffed a number of high schools in the Joliet diocese. One of those schools was Providence - an all girls' school that would become co-institutional with newly constructed facilities in New Lenox, Illinois. The Sisters of Providence would continue to teach the girls in the east wing of the school while the Christian Brothers would teach the boys in the west wing. In the center of the building was a commons area used as a gym, and a café used at separate times by the girls and the boys.

Tom Dedin became the first athletic director for the boys and there were no sports for the girls except for a GAA day once a year. Tom was a graduate of Catholic High and played

basketball and baseball for Gordie Gillespie at Lewis College. Tom coached the three sports that were formed - soccer, basketball and baseball. The Christian Brothers wanted more sports for the boys and thought track and field would be a good option. Tom called Gordie and asked if he knew anyone who would be interested in building a program. Gordie, knowing my medical circumstances, approached me and asked if I would be interested - and I said yes. I met with Tom and became the second Lewis grad to be at Providence. This incredible journey had begun of being associated with so many great peers, nuns, priests, the Christian Brothers, lay people, students, and athletes.

Tom was one of those dynamic people from that era. Tom insisted that all his coaches concentrate on being a teacher first or you wouldn't coach for him. Pat Sullivan noted that the one thing that impressed him about Tom was, as Pat put it, "Perhaps his greatest achievement may have been on the academic side. He made it very clear that every coach better aspire to be great classroom teachers. If someone put coaching above teaching he would never be accepted." Pat believed Tom taught by example.

Besides teaching English, Tom was responsible for creating the sports program at Providence. He coached soccer (without any prior knowledge), basketball and baseball (which he played at Lewis). When he started these programs there were no athletic facilities. What is now the IHM gym was a commons area with no backboards or hoops and a slick tile floor. He arranged to take the team to the Cathedral of St. Raymond's gym two days a week. What he did the other days, I can only imagine. Backboards and hoops came the following year. In order to develop soccer and baseball, parents trucked in dirt

to level a soccer field where Bishop Kaffer Stadium is now. Dirt was also trucked in to level an area for the baseball field. I believe Tom heard that St. Francis was going to redo their facilities, and he got permission to haul away the posts and fencing, setting the posts in the ground and welding the fencing to them. A few years later, a microburst or high winds destroyed the structure and the insurance was enough to create new facilities. He was instrumental in forming the South Central Prep League. He felt it was important to create competition among schools to help stabilize the programs among schools close to being equal in size.

Dedin taught and coached at Providence for 12 years. During that time he had winning seasons nine of those 12 years. He amassed a record of 249-150 which amounts to 623%. His 1971-1972 season recorded 34 wins and only six losses.

Tom replaced Gordie at Lewis as athletic director and head baseball coach for two years. He brought both teams to the NAIA Tourney with a 4th place finish in 1977. He was hired by the University of Illinois for the next nine years. His record was 274-230-5. He took Illinois to the playoffs in 1981, 1982 and 1985. Over 50 of his players played professional ball with six making the majors and two of those players in the majors for at least a decade. After leaving Illinois he went to Regis College and coached another 12 years. He continued coaching on an individual basis, working with local Denver athletes and instructing them in the fundamentals of pitching, hitting and catching. He expressed perhaps his greatest joy was working with his son and together coaching his grandson.

Dedin is part of at least three Halls of Fame including the Illinois High School Hall of Fame





and the Lewis Academy of Coaches.

I doubt that Tom imagined the program he started would be as successful as it has become. While track had some early milestones, with Mike Carruthers in 1971 becoming the first Provi athlete to medal in state competition and the state championship 440 yd relay team in 1975, it was the next wave of coaches from Lewis that would elevate the athletic program to a whole new level. Tom and I would be joined in 1966-67 by more Lewis grads: Tom Kennedy, Pat Sullivan and Matt Senffner. A few years later Pat McInerney would join us followed by Frank Palmasani and Jamie Garcia.

JUST THE FACTS:

- Celtic Tom Dedin – Baseball Coach (1962-1976) & Athletic Director (1962-1968).
- Providence Catholic's baseball field is named for Dedin.
- According to former Providence coach and teacher Pat Sullivan: "Tom Dedin began the athletic program at Providence Catholic High School. Tom was as hard a worker as anyone I have ever worked with. One of the principles he believed in was that academics and athletics go hand-in-hand. He did not have to preach it because he lived it. He was an outstanding baseball coach at four schools: Providence Catholic High School, Lewis University, the University

of Illinois, and Regis University in Denver. While coaching and teaching at Providence, I believed he was the best classroom teacher in the building. As the Athletic Director, Tom expected that his coaches follow his example. They had to work at their coaching, but they had better be the best classroom teachers that their abilities would allow. I spent ten years at Providence with Tom and the tradition that he established of hard work and the integration of athletics and academics still exists at the school. In my years there I can never remember a coach in our program who did not work hard at his coaching and his subject matter." Read more at <https://coachpatsullivan.com>.

Join us for the next edition of Kenny's Corner in the Fall 2022 Annual Report. Is there something you'd like to know more about at Providence? Let us know via email at celtics@providencecatholic.org.



SPANISH TEACHER TEACHES LOVE FOR CULTURES THROUGH LANGUAGE

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Lara DeVries is a Spanish teacher at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox. DeVries also oversees the school's international club.

But those facts don't quite communicate DeVries' passion for other cultures and the similar passion she hopes to cultivate in her students.

DeVries spent 10 years living in Peru after graduating college in 2008. She formed a nonprofit, Light and Leadership Initiative – also in 2008 – to support free educational programs for the people of Huaycan, located on the outskirts of Lima, Peru.



And DeVries brings these experiences back into the classroom.

"The hope is that we create that spark, that something sticks with the students, that they want to learn more," DeVries said.

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She said students are often surprised to learn that DeVries never studied a language

until high school. They just assume she "started learning language as a kid when I was in elementary school," DeVries said.

DeVries said she attended Andrew High School in Tinley Park. Then she earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and Spanish from Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. She participated in study abroad programs in Spain and then Peru.

Although DeVries said she mostly volunteered and did "some independent study" for Trinity Christian College, the experience in Peru changed her life.

"My eyes were opened to the realities and difficulties that a country like Peru faces," DeVries said. "I'd never been exposed to that ... Spain is a more developed nation. Peru was, in many ways, a stark contrast."

DeVries said she made good connections with people in Huaycan, so DeVries knew she'd return. And she did, in 2009, after she started the Light and Leadership Initiative.

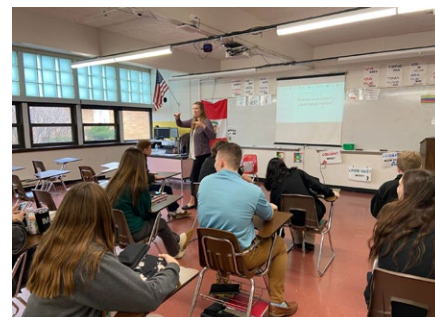
"A lot of people are unaware that the Peruvian educational system is consistently ranked as one of the worst in the world," DeVries said, later adding, "The problem often is access to resources and access to upward mobility."



DeVries said the nonprofit's mission was to increase access to resources and opportunities. While in Peru, DeVries also worked part time as an English as a Second Language instructor for a couple of years. She met her husband in Peru, and they now have a 3-year-old son.

But the main lesson DeVries said she learned in Peru is that "people are the same everywhere." DeVries learned that "home" can be anywhere, even if it looks different from her childhood home.

"Huaycan will always be home to me," said DeVries, who now has dual citizenship in the U.S. and Peru.



However, over time, DeVries also missed her family at home. She wanted to seek out new personal and professional challenges. Her husband wanted to see the U.S. So DeVries returned to the Tinley Park area in 2019, where an opportunity to teach Spanish at a local middle school "fell into her lap," she said.

DeVries started teaching Spanish at Providence in August 2020. Light and Leadership Initiative now has a Peru-based executive director, she said.

She tells her students that understanding a language is more than mastering grammar and fluent speech. Language opens up opportunities beyond job opportunities.

"I cannot imagine my life without speaking Spanish," DeVries said. "If I did not speak Spanish, I would not have met half my friends or even been able to sing my favorite songs. ... I wish I had the time to learn more languages."

DeVries is happy when students tell her they've added Spanish songs to their playlists. She hopes students learn from her experiences as a student in the southwest suburbs who lived for 10 years in a foreign country. And that, ultimately, is why students should learn language and culture.

"You never know where life will take you," DeVries said.

A NOTE FROM THE AUGUSTINIANS



Greetings from the Midwest Augustinian Province offices in Chicago!

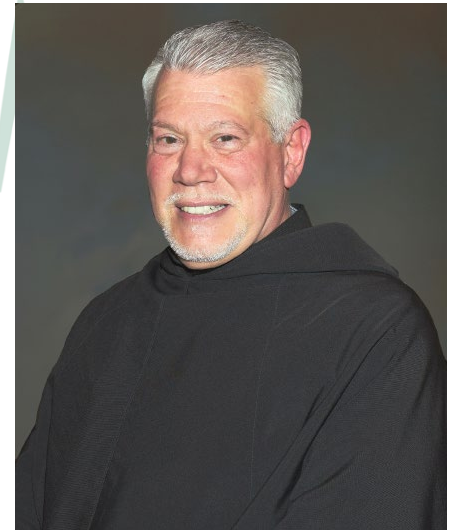
I hope you have had a blessed Easter season, and I congratulate all those who graduated this spring. Since I last wrote to the Providence Catholic community, our Province has been blessed to have the ordinations of two new priests! On Saturday, December 18th, we were proud to celebrate the ordination of Fr. Joe Roccasalva, O.S.A., from Chicago, IL, and Fr. Jeff Raths, from Flint, MI. They were ordained by Augustinian Bishop Daniel Turley at St. Jude Parish in New Lenox. Fr. Joe spent his pastoral years at Providence Catholic teaching and sharing his God-gifted talents with students and staff through musical production. I am happy to share that he will continue to serve as a faculty and staff member.

This year we added to our Province Office Advancement staff. We are very pleased to welcome 2011 Providence Catholic alumnae, Kathleen Lynch (Kennedy) as our

Communications Manager. Kathleen will work closely with our Director of Communications, Sean Reynolds. She comes to us with over eight years of working experience in marketing/communications. Being a graduate of Providence Catholic, her values, hard work, and dedication to the Augustinians run strong within herself and her family.

Lastly, we are fortunate to participate in the Church's synodal process between now and 2023. As per the Order's commitment to actively participate in this process, and the call of the General Curia to form Synodal Teams in each Circumscription, I am happy to inform you that I have appointed a diverse group of very dedicated people who will represent the Province in this synodal process from different perspectives. One of the members is Providence Catholic counselor Frank Palmasani and his wife Marge.

We are truly blessed with rich gifts within our Province, especially those of Providence



Catholic High School. I am excited to accompany one another as we continue to live out our mission in our daily lives.

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

Very Rev. Anthony B. Pizzo, O.S.A.
Prior Provincial of the Midwest Augustinians

MISSION MOMENTS



» TASC (Take A Stand To Cancer) Club collected gifts for cancer patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. They invited families to shop the St. Jude's wish list on Amazon, and prepared everything for delivery.

» Members of the Respect Life Club rocked their socks today for World Down Syndrome day!



» Service project for The Care Kit Foundation! Alumna Kate Rost loaded up the generous donations from players, students, coaches and families. Basketball players Macy Sullivan and Sophie Morey coordinated the drive.



» Before Easter Break began, students put together sandwiches with Sandwich Patrol for local shelters.



» National Art Honor Society members drew sunflowers on the mirror that connects the main hallway to the commons, as a reminder to pray for those affected by the war in Ukraine.



» Fr. Rich's World Religions classes are putting their faith into action! The students organized a special Lenten Food Drive to benefit our friends at Morning Star Mission in Joliet. Some of the items collected were used by our Sandwich Patrol, a service group here at PCHS.



» IALAC 2.0 gathered warm blankets and non-perishable food for the homeless. Led by Mason Gadomski, the drive was a big success because of the generosity of the Celtic students.



WANT TO SEE MORE CLASSROOM NEWS?

SEARCH

#PCHSMISSIONMOMENTS

ALUMNI UPDATES

Louis Weinberger '74 wrote and published a novel called *Into the Devil's Reach*, and wrote a screenplay based on the novel. Louise and her daughter, **Renae (Weinberger) Banach '00** were executive producers on an independent film of the same name. It is available on Appletv+, itunes, Amazon, Vudu and Google play.



Alumnus Kevin Grace '87 got VIP seats for **Mollie (Mostyn) Stromberg '87** and **Mrs. Marge Mostyn** at The Kelly Clarkson

Show! "Kevin is a set designer and will be moving with Kelly and team to a new time slot," says Marge. "He's been nominated for two Emmys and won one for the show."

Dr. Christine Egan '88 earned the International Leadership Association (ILA) Women and Leadership Outstanding Practice with Local Impact Award for her years of mentoring work with the Youth Innovation Academy, Peer to Peer Women's Circle, Mosaic Mentoring, and Office of Undergraduate Research and Creativity Activity. She will receive the award at the annual Women and Leadership Conference in June 2022, in Portsmouth, England. Egan is the Associate Dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts and a Professor of Communication at Salisbury University in Maryland.



Michigan head wrestling coach **Sean Bormet '89** was named the NWCA Wrestling's 2022 Coach of the Year, and was also named the Big Ten Coach of the Year.



The cover of *Plainfield Neighbors* for 2022 featured **Amy Logan '90**. She is a local author who has created a series of "CAPE" books that inspire children everywhere. In fact, the word CAPE stands for CREATE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT!



Nathalie (Derrick) Brandes '94 has a book *New Mexico Rocks! A Guide to Geologic Sites in the Land of Enchantment*, which was published by Mountain Press. She wrote the text while her husband took most of the photographs. "It was an amazing project to work on together," she says.



Alumnus and current parent **Joe Kucala '94** spoke to the INCubatoredu class about business law: Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, Trade Secrets, and Intellectual Property.

Michael Uremovich '95 was named head football coach at Butler. Uremovich had a successful seven-year tenure as head coach at the University of St. Francis, the Joliet, Ill.-based NAIA program (2005-11), coached the offensive line at North Carolina State from 2013-15, coached at Northern Illinois during three separate stints, and arrives in Indianapolis after serving as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at Temple for the past three seasons (2019-21).



Siblings **Charley Dettmann '98** and **Laura (Dettmann) Holakovsky '99** completed the Chicago Marathon in October, fulfilling a promise to each other from across the country. Laura is a proud mother of three boys, living

in New Lenox and working for BP, and Charley is a proud father of two boys living in Austin, Texas, and working for Union Tank Car. He is also contantly training for endurance events "for fun".



Tavaras Hardy '98 was honored with the National Association of Basketball Coaches Guardians of the Game Award for Inclusion. Tavaras is the Loyola University Maryland basketball team's head coach. According to the

award, "Tavaras Hardy has become a leading advocate for diversity and inclusion in college basketball. His commitment to the cause is reflected in the composition of his Loyola staff: assistant Corin Adams and director of operations Sydney Hines are among the still-too-few women who hold full-time positions on men's coaching staffs. He has also been an active participant in numerous NABC Committee on Racial Reconciliation initiatives throughout the last two years."



Colin Johnson '98 is a football coach at Ball State University. He returned to campus to speak with Coach Plantz.

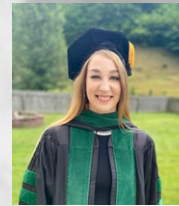


Elizabeth (Lomasney) McDermott '98 recently released a new book of poems, *Figure 1*. It is available from Pine Row Press on amazon.com



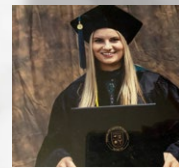
Thomas Comise '10 was recently promoted to Lieutenant in the New Lenox Fire District.

Kirsten (Kubinski) Driscoll '10 married Chad Driscoll.



Xaverie (Benedict) Randazzo '12 pursued her Pre-Med B.S. degree at Lewis University then graduated Med school from Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) in Pikeville, KY.

Dr. Benedict will begin her 3rd year as a Chief Resident specializing in Family Medicine at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset, KY. Her plans are to focus on rural medicine. In October 2020, she married Tom Randazo at the Jacob Henry Chapel in Joliet. This Halloween wedding occurred on a full moon and during the pandemic.



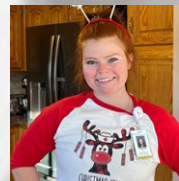
Piper Starr Virva '14 graduated with honors from University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in San Marcos, California August, 2021 with a doctorate in occupational therapy.



Maria Papes '16 married Tyler Centorbi on January 15, 2022 in St. Charles, Missouri. Her parents Michael '87 and Joan proudly gave the bride away, while siblings **Ike '19, Natalie '23 and Geno '24** were in the wedding party. Maria is a registered nurse at Missouri Baptist Hospital.



Christopher Binder '17 was on campus for the college fair, representing Elmhurst University!



Shannon Davison '17 graduated from Carroll University in May 2021 and now works in the float pool at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital. When asked who influenced her most in high school, she said Mr. Seffner - "He always encouraged me to chase my dreams!" And her favorite memories? Hockey games and prom.



Check this out! On National Girls & Women in Sports Day, Villanova Rowing shared a post including **Claire Barrett '18** in the upper right corner! We are proud of our many young women in sports at Providence Catholic - in college and beyond

Jake Iannantone '18 and Jack Francis '18 graduated yesterday from Saint Xavier Nursing



program and wore their Charlie Dunn pins to honor their Providence Catholic friend's memory. Charlie, who passed away in 2016, would have been graduating this year from college. "He touched their lives it was such a great tribute, says Jake's mom, Denise. "Never forgotten!"

Jake Renfro '20, University of Cincinnati, was named to the 2021 All College Football Playoff Team.



At the Cor Unum awards in November, we ran into a few PC greats who took a second to pose for a quick photo - **Mrs. Rabbers, Mr. Rassman, and Mrs. Mostyn.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Captain Ryan E. Hill '97 is a Pilot with the Michigan Air National Guard based in Battle Creek, MI. He is the father of Hayden Hill (Class of 2025). Coincidentally, Capt. Hill administered the Oath of Enlistment to his longtime friend and fellow PCHS alumna TSgt Danielle Fary '99 into the Michigan Air National Guard upon her transfer there from the Illinois Air National Guard in Peoria in 2019.



Gregory Beeson '18 will be graduating from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL, as a Dean's Ambassador for the College of Arts and Sciences, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Department

Honors.



Celtic alumni **Steven Meyer, '18 Kevin Countryman '20, Joey Markasovic '18, and Tommy Farley '18** enjoy winning the conference championship for St. Xavier. They took a moment to snap a photo with Coach Cogs, Coach Cogs Jr, and Coach Pergi.



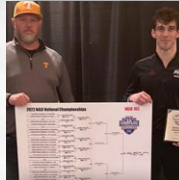
Danielle Fary '99 is currently deployed to the UAE, with the Air National Guard, as a medical technician. She is responsible for running 911 calls on base and walk ins at the clinic - and proudly supports PC on her travels!



Christy Muraskas '19 is a junior at Fordham University in NYC. This semester, she is studying abroad in Granada, Spain. "I am practicing the Spanish I learned during my four years at Providence, thanks to great teachers. Because of them, I am a Spanish major and am on the road to becoming fluent in the language!" This is a picture from a visit she took to the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Spain, where she is living right now.



Dr. Ryan Slattery '07 is a Captain in the US Army and currently stationed at Redstone Arsenal/Fox County Medical Center in Madison County, Alabama. (Submitted by Mark, proud dad of Ryan, his sister, Megan '09, and his brother Justin, '12.)



Cole Smith '19 wrestled in the finals at the NAIA National Championships. He took 1st place.



The Saturday night performance of the PCHS Theatre's spring musical, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, became a Homecoming for over 20 alumni who attended! Current theatre students received a huge boost of energy with the extremely supportive and boisterous crowd. It was a phenomenal show.



Dr. Michael Reiter '94 was a Lieutenant in the US Navy Medical Corps for 11 years.



Lauren Knight '20 scored 27 points on January 29 as Carthage College took on Elmhurst University. Lauren scored her 1,000th point as a Celtic during her senior season at PC. During the 2020-21 season, Lauren finished second on the team

in scoring, averaging 9.1 points per game; led the team in assists with 44, averaging 3.1 per game; set a season-high for assists in a game against North Central on February 20 with seven; and was named team MVP.

Congratulations to Providence Catholic wrestling alumni **Donny Reynolds '02, Scott Richardson '88, the late Ken Gerdes '90, and Mark Masters '88** on being into the IWCOA Hall of Fame this weekend! In addition, **Sean Bormet '89** was given a lifetime service award.



Mikaela Martin '20, Michael Melei '21, James Baumhardt '21, Jakob Scherf '20, and Connor Murphy '21 returned to campus for the Spring Music Concert.


Jameson Geers '21 and Mariano Sori-Marin '18 were part of Minnesota's win in the Guaranteed Rate Bowl.

Some of the hockey alumni may recognize this vintage jacket, sported by the one and only **Coach Cav** (who took a break from grading scantron tests to pose!)



CLASS REUNIONS

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



Wrestling alumni gathered for the celebration of the 50th anniversary. Congratulations to the wrestling program, coaches, and all wrestling alumni on 50 incredible years!



It was a very Merry Christmas at Providence Catholic's Breakfast with Santa! Lots of little ones walked him through their lists and wishes for the holidays.



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



The 1970 class reunion recently took place. Special thanks to Mr. Ken Raymond for leading the tour. The group enjoyed taking a walk throughout the campus and then having dinner together.

Trivia Night was back this year, with 25 alumni and Celtic teams coming together for some friendly competition. The stakes were high (there was a pretty great trophy), the tables (and people) were decorated, and the MC Mark Senffner '86 kept things fair and fun.



The Class of 1980 recently held a small gathering as they were not able to have a formal reunion due to COVID. Check out these photos from their event! Are you interested in coordinating a reunion? Contact Aindrea Hogan, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations, at 815-717-3162 or ahogan@providencecatholic.org.



ALUMNI TEACHERS: ANSWERING A CALLING



Joe Fekech '14: "I teach Social Studies and Drivers Ed at Joliet Central; I also coach baseball, am the faculty sponsor for the Rho Kappa Social Studies National Honors Society, and help run our Online Learning program. Mr. Lenahan was my biggest inspiration to go into this career! I love working with students and helping them grow/find themselves through school. My wish is for them to always dream big and never give up on their goals; it only takes work and effort!" Fun Fact: "My favorite teacher was Mr. Lenahan and my favorite memory was being part of the Scholastic Bowl team."



Deanna Amann '87: "I'm a special education teacher in Indian Prairie School District 204. This year I teach students in Kindergarten, along with students in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. I love fostering a love of reading in my students and helping them to find books they love. I wish for my students to always be curious, love a good book, and to be kind to others." Fun Fact: "Mrs. Mostyn was one of my favorite teachers. Her kindness and encouragement got me through math classes!"



Katie (Walsh) Hunt '98: "I teach Special Education at Joliet West. I really enjoy feeling like I am making a difference- and my students make me smile all the time! I hope my students realize they can do anything

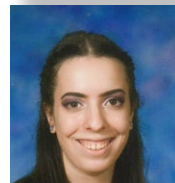
they put their minds to and us teachers are always here to help guide them." Fun Fact: "I loved all my teachers at Providence! Coach Szewczykowski told me I should be a teacher

when I would grade math papers for him. I wasn't a teacher at first but I made my way there... I loved Mr. McGuire, Coach Newcomb, Coach Pergi, Coach Samuilis, Mrs. Sherman... just to name a few. They were all wonderful!"



Stacy O'Keefe '11: "I have been teaching for 7 years. I spent most of my time teaching third and fourth graders. I have had many different experiences as a teacher and loved the wonderful opportunities

I experienced within each one! This year I have transitioned out of the classroom into a coaching position. I am now an Instructional Coach at a 3-5 building in Huntley, IL! I now get to spend my days coaching teachers in general education, dual language and special education classrooms. My passion for education has taken me beyond my wildest dreams and I am thankful to say Providence helped foster my love for learning." Fun Fact: "When I was a freshman at Providence I had my mom as my Spanish 1A teacher! She was always a wonderful teacher at home growing up and having her as a teacher at school was the icing on the cake! She is still my favorite teacher!"



Marisa Dion '13: "I have been teaching elementary art for five years. I currently teach K-3 students in Yorkville. I love being able to teach young students how to find their creative voice, and I especially love introducing new and interesting art

materials to them for the first time. My favorite thing about teaching art is seeing how proud students are of the artwork they make and seeing them overcome challenges and realizing that they can create amazing things."

Fun Fact: "My favorite teacher and biggest inspiration was Mrs. Zlogar. On the first day of art class freshman year, she asked if I wanted to go into art as a career. I told her that I would like to, but wasn't sure yet, and she said that I definitely should."

Brandon Lipke '96: Brandon is a special education teacher at Lincoln Way West and had an opportunity to work with the life skills students and really enjoyed that. His wish is that his students reach there full potential. Favorite memory: "A lot of great memories at Providence. Basketball game against Joliet



Township, 1995, we lost but it was a great experience. Met some great friends. Grateful for my time at Providence."

Christine Lipke '96: Christine is a high school counselor at Joliet West High School. "I love

working with students and seeing them grow into young adults. My hope is that my students live fulfilling, happy lives and accomplish all their goals." Favorite memory: "So many wonderful memories at Providence. Good friends, volleyball and family atmosphere. Nan Airola, Rachel, Sully, Coach O-strong women leaders that had great influence on me, as well as my teammates, and going to state senior year. I really enjoyed all school masses. And now we are back at Providence with our own children."

CLASS OF 2021 YEARBOOK EVENT

The Class of 2021 had a special event to pick up their yearbooks and celebrate Mass again in the Providence Catholic chapel! It was great to see everyone and wonderful to hear about their first year away at college.

If you could not attend and still need to pick up a yearbook, please stop by the Main office this summer Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.!



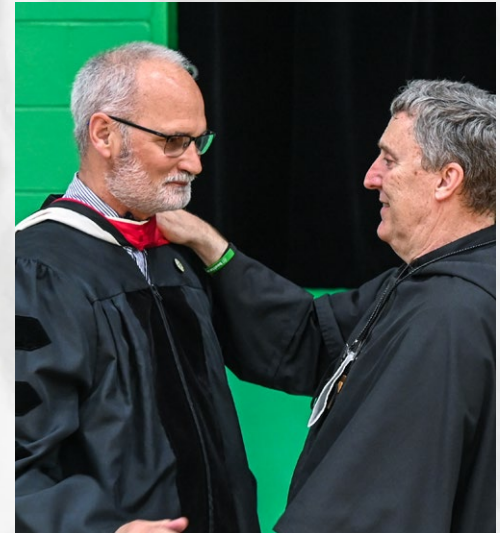
RETIREES



"Dr. Eileen Ryan has taught at Providence for 16 years. She is almost invisible to the school because she spends her time in the Celtic Learning Center, but be assured she is there, daily, advocating for her students, providing hope and support," said Fr. Merkelis.



"Mr. Frank Cavallone might have been here when they poured the foundation of the technology wing with his 38 years of service! As a teacher, coach, and Kairos leader, he is all about family and faith. He is certainly an institution," said Fr. Merkelis.



Dr. John Harper is a graduate of Providence and his eight years of service seemed like much more. "I have come to rely on and quietly enjoy your wisdom and steady hand at the wheel," Father Merkelis said during their special recognition. "You have demonstrated the importance of character on a daily basis."

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Baseball	Girls Basketball	Boys Soccer	Girls Volleyball
Softball	Coed Basketball	Girls Soccer	Wrestling
Bass Fishing	Football	Coed Tennis	

FINE ARTS

ART IN NEW YORK

The Providence Catholic National Art Honor Society visited New York in May! Their New York City Art Tour day 1 included the Museum of Modern Art, shopping on fifth Avenue, Chelsea Market and ending the night watching the Broadway Musical Wicked. The artists also visited Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, the 911 Memorial and Museum, and the Fearless Girl statue. Thank you Mrs. Zlogar and Mrs. Potempa for sharing these beautiful moments from important places.



MUSIC PERFORMANCE AT DISNEY

The Providence Catholic Music Department traveled to Disney in March to perform onstage and in the parade! Student musicians worked diligently in prior months to prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime experience, and enjoyed sharing their performances with visitors from all over the world while on stage.



IN MEMORIAM

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

STUDENT

Ryan Jefferson '23

ALUMNI

Madeleine (Culik) Chovan '44

Sr. Jacqueline Hirsch '47

Anne (Prospero) Olszta '53

Dorothy Mae (Matuszewski) Rommel Janda '54

Charles Buran '67

Bernadine (Bernardon) Polcyn '48, mother of Patrick Polcyn '72, grandmother to Michael Polcyn '95, Jonathan Polcyn '97 and Patrick Polcyn '99

Rob Suple '84, brother of Jodi (Suple) Oliver '87 and uncle of Noah Oliver '24

Robert Berg '70, father of Eric Berg '99, brother of Daniel Berg '74 and brother-in-law to Kathleen (Mores) Berg '77

CHILD OF ALUMNI

Sabrina Conforti, daughter of Rachel (Daniell) Conforti '95

PARENT OF ALUMNI

Mark Anderson, father of Mark Anderson '95

Donald Budny, father of Laura (Budny) Tevere '01

Karen Collins, mother of Karen (Collins) Etters '87 and Barbara (Collins) Borden '89, and grandmother to Quinn Borden '25

Charles Cuttone, father of Jessica Cuttone '99, Patricia Gilman '97, and Elizabeth Kohlstedt '94

David DeMauro, father of Margaret DeMauro '15 and Genevieve DeMauro '18

James Fox, father of Heather (Fox) Bjorklund '95 and Jennifer Fox '98

Frank Forsythe, father of John Forsythe '66, Dave Forsythe '68, Patrick Forsythe '70 and Frank Forsythe '72, grandfather to Sarah (Forsythe) O'Connell '93, Patrick Forsythe '95, Bridget Forsythe '97, Nicholas Forsythe '00, Lindsey Forsythe '03 and Lisa Forsythe '03

Kathleen Leahy, mother of Megan (Leahy) Martin '95

John Lucas, father of Sean Lucas '96

Julie Ludwig, mother of John Ludwig '85, Julie (Ludwig) Hayes '87 and Paul Ludwig '90, grandmother to Madison Hayes '19, and mother-in-law to Tim Hayes '84

Jeremiah Lynch, father of Jeremiah Lynch '93 and Kevin Lynch '97

Anne Martello, mother of Elizabeth Martello '20

RoseMarie Pendziszewski, mother of Nina (Pendziszewski) Schreiner '72 and Kathlena (Pendziszewski) Hydo '80, grandmother to Stacy (Schreiner) Melia '94

Ronald Sheehan, father of Craig Sheehan '95

Dee Sicinski, mother of Karen (Sicinski) Mahalik '91, grandmother to Kevin Mahalik '16 and Courtney Mahalik '18 and mother-in-law to Dan Mahalik '89

John Travis, father of Sam Travis '11

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

Al Wibiral, father of Stacey (Wibiral) Adcock '93

PARENT OF FACULTY/STAFF

Ruth Ziesmer, mother of Laura Ziesmer, Providence Catholic High School's tuition officer and mother-in-law of Laura Ziesmer of the Providence Catholic Children's Academy

Ralph Villalovos, father of Terra Giordano, grandfather to Mark Giordano '20

BENEFACTOR

Josephine Follenweider, grandmother to David Follenweider '12, Rachel Follenweider '13, Patrick Follenweider '15 and Christine Follenweider '17.

Did you know that outside the Chapel sits a memorial wall which holds the names of Celtics who entered eternal life during their time at PC? Tonight, say a special prayer for these much-loved Celtics.



JOB OPENINGS

JOIN THE TEAM!

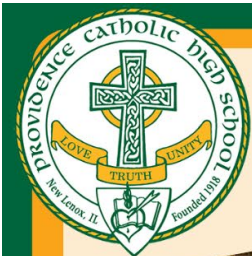
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DAILY PRAYER
WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS

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- FULL-TIME TEACHER (PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH)
- CUSTODIAN (FULL-TIME)
- TUITION OFFICER (PART-TIME)
- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

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-Cardamone Family

Steve, Corina (Burla) '91,
Caitlin '21 and Isabella '24

Why PC?

"St. Luke tells us, 'For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.' (12:34) Investing in our kids' education at PCHS is about nurturing them towards being the person God wants them to be. Parents also have an opportunity to be engaged with the caring community, guided by the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity and Love. Every sacrifice made was rewarded tenfold at PCHS and remains one of the greatest investments into our most precious assets: our kids."