



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Guardians of the Class of 2024,

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your Master’s joy.” Mt. 25:21

The quote from Matthew’s gospel is a fitting way to open to this letter, as it contains important information regarding the concluding events of this school year. **Please read this letter carefully. I suggest you post it at home for easy reference.**

PROM: FRIDAY, 4/26

Where: Bolingbrook Golf Club; 2001 Rodéo Dr., Bolingbrook
Time: 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
Phone: (630) 771-9400

The prom is open to ALL JUNIORS and SENIORS. We do not encourage freshmen and sophomores to attend the prom; however, it is our policy to allow them to be accompanied by a Providence junior or senior if they have parental permission. Outside guests are allowed for juniors and seniors, but students are allowed to bring only one guest.

The theme is “Glow Up,” and formal attire is required. Ticket sales are closed. Tickets were \$180.00/couple, or \$90/individual and charges were added to your student’s FACTS tuition account.

Per the Providence Catholic Tuition Policy (#6):

Regarding Prom: the student tuition account must be current for a student to purchase a ticket to Prom and remain current for the student to attend prom.

We are concerned about allowing teenagers to attend all night parties with or without alcohol. Please consider the following as you and your student make plans for prom night.

1. Know and supervise your child’s prom plans for the evening, including the students they will be with, how they will be transported to and from prom, and their post prom plans.
2. Communicate with the parents of other students with whom your student will spend the evening so there is a clear understanding of the group’s plans. Working together for our children’s safety is an ongoing and shared responsibility.

3. We at Providence Catholic expect that you will not rent a hotel room for your child and that you will not host a party which provides access to alcohol or other drugs.
4. We recommend you call the limousine/transportation company directly to verify departure and arrival times and make sure they have a policy of not allowing alcohol for under-age customers.
5. We expect our students to behave responsibly and respectfully. Please instruct your child that you expect them to celebrate in a responsible manner without the use of alcohol/drugs.
6. We will bring breathalyzers to the prom and the senior dinner dance and will randomly breathalyze students. At prom, as at any Providence Catholic event, all disciplinary policies will be enforced.
7. Set an appropriate curfew for the evening's activities. A reasonable schedule of activities, including prom and a stop for food or entertainment could easily be concluded by 2:00 a.m. If you allow your child to remain overnight at another family's home, please call that family to confirm their presence and to verify the evening's plans.
8. Reinforce that you are doing these things because you love your son/daughter and want your child to enjoy the prom evening in a safe, responsible, and supervised way.

CAP & GOWN PICK UP: MONDAY, 5/13

Pick up will be during lunches in the Commons.

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS: THURSDAY, 5/16 & FRIDAY, 5/17

Thursday, May 16: Periods 1, 2, 4, 3

Friday, May 17: Period 5, 6, 7

More info to come!

BACCALAUREATE MASS: MONDAY, 5/20

Where: Sacred Heart Gymnasium

Time: Seniors report to their 2nd hour class by 8:25 a.m.

Mass begins at 9:00 a.m.

We invite you and your family to join the graduating class, along with the staff and student body, in the celebration of Baccalaureate Mass. We ask that each senior limit guests to 3 per student. Seniors should arrive at their second period class by 8:25 a.m. Immediately following the Mass, we will host a brief reception in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Gymnasium for all guests and graduates.

Seniors must wear appropriate dress for this celebration, including their cap and gown. Shirts and ties are required for boys. No extra decorations on the caps and gowns will be allowed.

SENIOR DINNER DANCE: MONDAY, 5/20

Where: Tuscan Falls, 9425 W. 191st St., Mokena
Time: 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.
Phone: (708) 479-1919

Tickets for the Senior Dinner Dance will be sold in the Spirit Shop. Seniors should watch the announcements for additional information. Please remember school policies are in effect at the dinner dance and keep in mind the alcohol and drug policy will be enforced. This dance is semi-formal, which means modest dresses & dress shoes/sandals for girls, and shirt, tie, dress pants & dress shoes for boys.

GRADUATION PRACTICE & SR. BREAKFAST: TUESDAY, 5/21

Where: Brown Student Commons & Bishop Kaffer Stadium
Time: 7:55 a.m.

All seniors are to report to the Sacred Heart Gymnasium by 7:55 a.m. for attendance and class picture. Seniors- dress code shorts or pants, and shoes are required. You may wear a shirt representing the college you will be attending or a Providence Catholic spirit wear top. Seniors will be dismissed after graduation practice.

GRADUATION: TUESDAY, 5/21

Where: Bishop Kaffer Stadium on the campus of Providence Catholic High School
Time: Ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m.
Seniors arrive through the East Stadium Gate no later than 6:30 p.m.
Stadium opens to guests at 6:00 p.m.

We look forward to celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2024! In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Sacred Heart Gymnasium.

Graduation Tickets:

- Admission is by ticket only.
- Each graduate will receive **8 tickets** (two for the field and six for the bleachers) for parents and guests.
- Tickets will be distributed to the graduates at graduation practice.
- **Additional tickets, accessible seating and/or parking:** If you would like to request additional tickets (these are not guaranteed) or need accessible seating and/or parking, please email Mrs. Sallade at msallade@providencecatholic.org no later than Friday, May 3rd.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

We include awards and scholarships in various publications, including the graduation program. We want to make sure that your student's awards are included! Please submit your notification of all accepted awards and scholarships to the Counseling Office no later than **Friday, May 3, 2024**.

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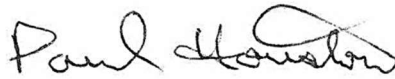
Burns Photography will be capturing all aspects of the Providence Catholic Graduation Ceremony, including students receiving their diploma. Graduates will gather prior to the ceremony as a group and many candid moments are captured by Burns' photographers. These images may be viewed and purchased on the Burns Photography website. More detailed information concerning graduation pictures and the ceremony will be included in your student's graduation ticket packet.

Thank you for all your efforts and cooperation with us over the past four years. It has been our great pleasure to work with you and your wonderful children at Providence Catholic High School.

In Truth, Unity & Love,



Fr. John D. Merkelis, OSA
President



Mr. Paul Houston
Principal