

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PROVIDENCE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

I hope you all had a good Labor Day weekend and are enjoying our relatively pleasant weather for late August/early September. We've had a great two weeks since my last newsletter, and there is so much to share and celebrate.

I enjoyed two gatherings with the Men's Club, first at the Freshman Dad's Welcome on August 31st, and then on September 7th at the annual Steak Fry. Thanks to all the men who dedicate time and energy towards the social, networking, and fundraising efforts of the Men's Club.

The Women's Club hosted a beautiful event at Ravinia Night on campus September 8th, with a tremendous turnout blessed with perfect weather. If you didn't make it, look for it on next year's calendar.

Father Merk and I were joined by four seniors at the Joliet Diocese Mass of the Holy Spirit Friday September 9th at 8:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, celebrated by Bishop Hicks. The diocese invited groups from all diocesan schools, and Providence was represented by seniors Arianna Sandoval, Nathaniel Scialabba, Olivia Stepanek, and Lillie Scherf.

Three Providence students were selected as College Board National Recognition Program awardees. They earned recognition for academic achievements in school combined with outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and/or AP Exams. They've accomplished these milestones during challenging times, and we couldn't be more delighted to share this great news. National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. The Providence students are:

- Zinn Amos: National African American Recognition Award
- Andrew Dau: National African American Recognition Award
- Isaac Sanchez: National Hispanic Recognition Award

Starting today, Monday, September 12th, the Counseling Department will be starting each day with a daily action or thought from the "Action for Happiness" calendar. This calendar has monthly themes and promotes simple ways to carry out themes in a specific daily action. The process should take less than one minute each morning, and the theme for this month is "Self-Care September".

I am grateful and excited to report that work has begun to replace the tennis courts. While the project is not yet fully funded and we continue to seek support, the timing was right to begin work, and we can't wait to see our tennis players in action on campus.

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IMPORTANT UPDATES THIS WEEK

Fall sports are continuing successful seasons, with recent highlights including:

- Varsity Girls Tennis won the Joliet Quad the last weekend of August.
- Frosh/Soph Girls Cross Country took second place at the Plainfield Central meet Saturday, September 3rd.
- Girls Volleyball had a clean sweep of wins over Stagg on Thursday, September 8th.

For your viewing pleasure I am including this link to a recently completed video showcasing some of the things that make our Celtic community so great, created by our advancement office: <https://youtu.be/dbSaDmD4Tb4>. Please feel free to share it on social media and help us market Providence Catholic to junior high students throughout the community.

Thank you,

Paul Houston

Paul Houston | Principal

CELTIC HIGHLIGHTS



September 10 is #NationalSuicidePrevention Day. Friday morning, Ms. Hamdan presented a beautiful prayer to the Celtic community to reflect upon the importance of the topic. Providence provides resources to students on the back of their school IDs – these resources are available to all students in a time of need.



AP Physics has been taken over by Pirates of the Caribbean, as they study projectile motion by launching cannon balls (marbles) towards a target. Students are working through calculations, launching, and recalculation. They've even donned costumes and are playing the soundtrack as they compete.



The Providence Catholic Women's Club hosted their annual Ravinia Night! Thank you to all who attended and those who put the evening together. It was a wonderful evening with great weather for our moms to get to know each other. Go Celtics!



Sometimes Friday nights require double duty - just ask sophomore Koda Miller, who not only played a football game, but also performed with the Marching Celtics at halftime! 75% of students at Providence are involved with athletics, and over 85% participate in clubs and organizations? And many, like Koda, do both.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/14 FINAL HARVEST DRIVE RETURN DAY
- 9/16 HARVEST DRIVE OLYMPICS
- 9/20 MASS - COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - 9 AM
- 9/23 MEN'S CLUB GOLF OUTING - 9 AM
- 9/27 CONQUERING COLLEGE COSTS PRESENTATION - 7 PM - COMMONS
- 10/7 SUPER CELTIC SHADOW DAY
HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY - 1:30 PM
- 10/7 HOMECOMING GAME - 7 PM
- 10/8 HOMECOMING DANCE - 7 PM



The 2022-23 mentors joined students for the first time in INCubatorEDU.



The Men's Club hosted their annual steak fry, with a great turnout and a fun evening. Thank you to the Men's Club for all you do.