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PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- IO/I9 WOMEN'S CLUB WITCHES **NIGHT OUT - 6 PM**
- **IO/20 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**
- **IO/23 SHAREFEST**
- IO/25 JUNIOR RECOGNITION MASS

PROVIDENCE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

It has been an exciting time at Providence, and I want to share some good news and updates.

Homecoming week was a great success, with dress down theme days, the Homecoming Assembly, the various reunions bringing so many alums back on campus, an exciting and competitive football game, and the Homecoming Dance with almost 800 students in attendance. Thanks to all the faculty, staff, students, parents, and alumni who worked to make Homecoming Week so successful.

We are excited to report that Super Celtic Shadow Day exceeded all expectations, and Providence had almost 300 grade school students shadow on Friday, October 7th. They attended classes with their hosts, went through the Activities Fair to learn about our extracurricular offerings, and joined us for the Homecoming Assembly. I received numerous comments, emails, and phone calls throughout the day, all of which made clear it was a VERY good day and something exciting is happening here.

In trying to bring a new practice to Providence, I want to thank Coach Lee Rucinski for his cooperation and effort for Teacher Appreciation Night for Girls' Volleyball tonight. Each varsity girl has chosen a teacher to recognize and invite to the game, wearing shirts that have been made especially for the event. Teachers are positive role models to our players, and the event gives players an opportunity to express their appreciation and admiration and show the teachers the impact they have. We are hoping for a great turnout to support our girls' volleyball team and congratulate the teachers being recognized, and I hope to hold similar events in future athletic seasons.

Young Hearts for Life (YH4L) will be providing free, safe, confidential ECG screenings to all students at Providence on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. More than 60 young adults die each week in the US from SCD. Since 2006, YH4L has screened over 280,000 students and identified more than 3,000 students with previously undiagnosed heart conditions. Testing is recommended every two years for young adults. This event is cosponsored by the Brian Peck YH4L Memorial Fund, in honor of Providence grad Brian Peck who died of sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 20 in 2019. Our goal is to get close to 100% of our students tested for this potentially life-saving screening. A link to information about the event can be found https://www.providencecatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/PCHShere: Heart-Screening-Parent-Letter.pdf

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A video about the organization can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MReI8mDS-zg

In addition, just a few events to promote:

- Football at home Friday, October 14th vs. St. Rita in the Battle of the Augustinians
- Junior High Academic Bowl this Saturday, October 15th
- Junior Class Recognition Mass on Tuesday, October 25th

Thank you,

Paul Houston

Paul Houston | Principal

CELTIC HIGHLIGHTS

ST. RITA VS PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC

FRIDAY, OCT 14TH 7:30PM

Friday, October 14, 2022, The U is excited to present the football "Game of the Week" featuring St. Rita High School vs. Providence Catholic at PC. The game is broadcast at 7:30PM on The U, WMEU, Channel 48.1 and WCIU, Channel 26.2.



In the INCubator, our student entrepreneurs are preparing to test the viability of their ideas by conducting "problem interviews".



Homecoming Week was a success - you can see photos and videos of the week on all of our social media channels. There is also information about all of our Homecoming Court nominees.



The Celtic volleyball and baseball teams raised awareness for suicide prevention. The teams put notes on every student locker at Providence and wore teal and purple for the game. The baseball team sold bracelets for which the proceeds benefit The Jason Foundation, Inc. -Youth Suicide Prevention and Awareness.



Over the summer, senior Zinn Amos took a twoweek trip to Hué, Vietnam. - a medical trip for 17 to 19 year old students who have an interest in a career in medicine. Read the full story at www.providencecatholic.

org





Senior Ryan Gade has taken on a special project to restore the iconic "Follow Me" cross at PCHS as part of his Eagle Scout Project. He and his parents have been working hard on the bricking and landscaping around it.

Parent and Student Volunteers are needed for ShareFest, Sunday, October 23rd! Many shifts available. Donations of used clothing, books and small household items also needed. Register: www.providencecatholic.org.



The girls volleyball team took second in this weekend's De La Salle Invite! The Celtics went 4-1 with a loss to De La Salle in 3 sets in the championship. Payton Mandac and Kylie Williams were both named #1 All Tournament Team.





The Marching Celtics placed 3rd in Class 1A at the Plainfield South Marching Invitational. Did you know that our band has now placed in the TOP THREE for 20 STRAIGHT competitions?

New opportunities for grade school students to experience PC are up on social - consider sharing these updates with friends and family to help us market Providence!