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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 12/23-1/8: CHRISTMAS BREAK
- 1/20: JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT AT BASKETBALL GAME
- 1/29: NFC/AFC WATCH PARTY
- 1/30: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS
- 2/1 AND 2/2: SOPHOMORE SCHEDULING
- 2/9: MUSIC DEPT. STEP UP NIGHT
- 2/11: SWEETHEART DANCE

PROVIDENCE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

It has been a while since my last newsletter, mostly because we have been busy with great things at Providence Catholic. The most publicized was the amazing run by our football team that was 4-4 and needed to win the last regular season game to make the playoffs. They did and then made it to the state championship game! It was a thrilling ride for our students, families, alumni, and fans, and we are incredibly proud of the players and coaches for their hard work, lofty goals, resilience, toughness, teamwork, and achievement.

At the championship game, the Men's Club and Women's Club combined for a pregame celebration in the IHSA Tent City and received the 1st place IHSA Fan Spirit Award. It was just one of many examples this year of the organization and collaboration by these groups that our Providence family has benefited from.

The other big news has been in recruitment. Thanks to our Shadow Days, Open House, and other efforts, we had 234 students take the Placement Test on December 3rd, a tremendous increase from 184 on the first test date last year. With two make-up exams completed, we have had 279 students test. I know parents of Providence students are some of our best ambassadors, and I thank you for all you've done to promote our school.

One of my goals this year was to establish an annual curriculum review cycle. The Department Chairs and I created, discussed, debated, and voted on six proposals for the 23-24 school year. It was a great process, especially for the first time, and resulted in the administration approving three new courses (including AP Computer Science Principles), a course name change, and a content change in which Calculus Honors will now focus on business applications.

To no one's surprise, our students continue to show their brilliance, creativity, and dedication in countless ways. Some recent highlights include:

- Senior Zinn Amos was named a Semifinalist in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program, one of 1,557 semifinalists from more than 90,000 applicants.
- Senior Ryan Gade completed his Eagle Scout project and the Follow Me cross has been restored and reinstalled in front of school.
- Senior Paige Shepherd has been selected to All-State Honors Choir – the sixth year in a row that a Singing Celtic has gone to State.
- 46 students from the class of 2023 have been designated Illinois State Scholars.
- Theology classes collected for the Augustinian Missions and raised a total of \$3,165.94.

I am incredibly grateful to be part of the Providence community. Thank you for your welcome, your support, and most of all for the gift of your children. Have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful break.

Thank you,
Paul Houston | Principal

STUDENT FEATURES

We have been featuring students doing incredible things! If your student is doing something wonderful to better their community, please let us know by emailing Mrs. Rios at arios@providencecatholic.org.

You can read all the stories in the news section at www.providencecatholic.org.



Gigi is a five-year brain cancer survivor who is paying it forward. Gigi was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma, the most-common malignant brain cancer in kids, when she was 10 years old. She has made it her life's purpose to help other kids who have been affected by brain cancers.



Freshman Luke Rost has been a Scout for a large part of his life. He's learned a lot in that time – and one of the most important lessons he's taken to heart is respect for veterans, thanks in large part to his family's tradition of military service.

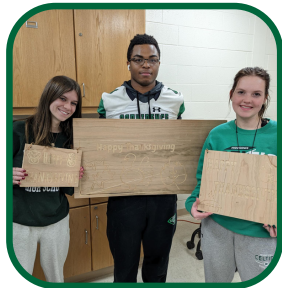


Kailee O'Sullivan and her mental health initiative for student athletes at PC were featured in the Herald News! School Social Worker Jeremiah Jobe also shares his experience with struggling as an athlete and the importance of Morgan's Message.

CELTIC HIGHLIGHTS



The INCubatoredu held their first pitch day of year! Teams presented to the Sharks and received helpful feedback to develop their products and strengthen their presentations for the final pitch in May.



Students in Bro. David's Drafting and Design class have been celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving, and now Christmas in a unique way - making their own decorations! Students created pieces by programming a CNC Machine.



The Men's Club and Women's Club celebrated the end of the Toys for Tots drive with Mass and a gathering. Thank you to everyone who helped make this the most successful drive yet, and the Men's and Women's clubs for the work they've put into this drive.



The Celtic Review Magazine and Annual Report is now out. You can read it online at: <https://www.providencecatholic.org/about/publications/>.



Breakfast with Santa was a success, in large part thanks to the elves, Buddy the Elf, and of course Elsa.



The Singing Celtics had the honor of performing at the Bishop's Circle Dinner, held at the Butterfield Country Club.



Mrs. Stoub took the international students at Providence Catholic to see "Light Up the Lake" at Navy Pier. You can learn more about the international program on our website (and even how to host a student).



It's always a great start to the day (and a great end to the week) when it's "High-Five Friday". Let's all start the day on a positive note!



17 students scored a 30 or higher on the ACT. For the Class of 2022, the top 10% of the class scored an average of 32.5, which is in the top five percent of all test takers in the country.

HARVEST DRIVE

The Harvest Drive Directory is up online! Be sure to visit the directory when searching for a vendor or company for anything from realtors to restaurants and more! These businesses have generously supported the Harvest Drive Fundraiser, so let's support them in return.

www.providencecatholic.org/harvest-drive/