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# NEW LENOX, ILLINOIS PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL SEARCH

Providence Catholic High School is seeking its next Principal who, inspired by our Augustinian values, will lead our school community as we build upon our tradition of excellence.

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#### Mission

Inspired by our Augustinian values of Truth, Unity, and Love, the Providence Catholic High School family is a vibrant community of believers and learners, one in mind and heart on the way to God.

In our spirited pursuit of excellence as a collegepreparatory school, we provide rigorous programs at all levels in academics, arts, and athletics, along with extensive extracurricular activities and opportunities.

In our authentic desire to witness the Gospel message of Jesus, we provide spiritual programs that foster and promote an enduring commitment to a life of faith, prayer, and service.

In a safe and supportive environment, our dedicated, talented, and highly qualified faculty and staff guide students to embrace individuality, challenge assumptions, and grow in confidence and compassion.

We invite young men and women, along with their families, to join us in the blessing that is Providence, and in so doing, become something greater together.

#### Faith & Spirituality

Led by the Pastoral Department, we foster the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and social growth of our school community. The core Augustinian values of Truth, Unity and Love are integrated into all facets of student life. We care for others via our *A Call to Serve* program, through many outreach projects, and as members of our various youth ministries.

We are steeped in prayer! A Mass is offered in the chapel before classes every day. Each morning, we join together during the all-school prayer. All class periods begin with prayer, and the school day ends in prayer. All-school liturgical celebrations occur at least once a month and include Masses, penance services, and retreats.

Students are required to take four years of Theology. As a graduation requirement, each student participates in a school-sponsored retreat annually; Seniors attend Kairos. Faculty and staff participate in a *Day of Renewal* each spring. The Pastoral Department also offers pastoral counseling, sacramental preparation, and vocational guidance.





### Become Something GREATER

This is an outstanding professional opportunity for a qualified, enthusiastic, and experienced administrator at a high performing high school. Located in New Lenox, Illinois, Providence Catholic has much to commend. Our most recent graduates earned scholarships valued at nearly \$47 million. These seniors performed over 20,000 hours of community service during their high school careers. Outside the classroom, the Celtics have earned 32 state championship titles, two in the last year.

Providence Catholic is alive with enthusiastic students whose families are engaged and supportive. Our talented team of faculty and staff is passionate about preparing students for the future and nurturing their social, emotional, and spiritual qualities. But it is our Catholic faith and Augustinian values that unite us all. We are uplifted by the joy, hospitality, compassion, and love that make us "the Providence Family."

We are looking for an ambitious and collaborative leader who is an exemplary role model as a Catholic, with a strong moral compass and an enduring commitment to our students and community. Our future Principal will expertly assess our current practices to identify areas for growth. Through the next decade, we will build on our accomplishments, embrace new ideas, and take Providence Catholic to the next level of excellence. We anticipate a future filled with cooperative work and sustainable improvement. We look forward to becoming something greater, together.

#### The Augustinian Pedagogy

Augustinian education is a pastoral endeavor. It is about discovering the teacher within all of us, Christ. It is educating the whole person in the context of a community of learners.

We build a school community in which our faculty, staff, students, and families share a common journey to discover the truth with love. Our students acquire knowledge for academic and professional success. Above all, enlightened by faith, our students develop an increased selfawareness and a deeper understanding of the world.

In the Augustinian model of education, the Principal's goal is to advance and strengthen the community. S/he is the chief co-learner, leading the community to foster an educational environment that is rooted in the Gospel, animated by our mission, and focused on our students. With these as our standards, the Principal encourages supportive and caring relationships between teachers and students. S/he is a mentor who embraces and demonstrates the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity, and Love in all his/her responsibilities.



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#### **COURSES**

- 100 College Prep Courses
- 18 AP Courses
- 18 Honors Courses
- Dual Credit in Math and Computer Science

#### PROGRAMS

- Engineering Science
- **INCubatoredu**
- Learning Resource
- BYOD
- **BYU Distance Learning**

## ACT SCORFS

- Top 10% of class: 31.75
- Honors students: 29.37
- Top 50% of class: 27.25 24.40

30+ Student Clubs

**6 Honor Societies** 

**4 Service Clubs** 

Class of 2021: 15% scored 30+

## **FACULTY & STAFF**

- 28+ Faculty, Staff and coaches are Alumni
- 74% faculty have advanced degrees

#### **SINCF 2000**

- 1077 Illinois State Scholars
- 13 National Merit Finalists
- 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist
- 66 National Merit **Commended Students**







Students attending 82 colleges in 21 states







Athletic

Commitments

## \$47 MILLION

in scholarships offered to the Class of 2021

14 Boys' & 12 Girls' Sports

75% students in a sport

32 State Championships





"I am an alumnus and I was blessed to have a chance to come back here and teach right out of college. I choose to be here because the students and their families are really special."

#### Mr. Dan Potempa '97, Faculty

"Providence is a thriving community where love, hard work, and companionship are all present. It has taught me so many lessons. Now I know what it's like to truly be a part of something bigger than myself."



#### Zach Xydakis, Class of 2023



"I feel privileged to work alongside remarkable educators who are brilliant in their field and equally extraordinary human beings. I love our students. They are compassionate, supportive, and determined. They ARE Providence. I am continually inspired by how the PCHS community is committed to living out and sharing their faith on a daily basis."

#### Ms. Catherine Klod, Faculty

"I came from a very Catholic household and when I entered Providence, I got to deepen that relationship through the family atmosphere. When I went on my Kairos retreat as a Junior, it was life-changing. Getting to pray before each class helps me know that God is with me every second of the day."



#### Caitlin Cardamone. Class of 2021



"There's no place like home and Providence Catholic will always be a place that my family considers to be home. There is also much to be said of the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity, and Love - and the family at Providence embodies these values."

Lisa Marth, Parent of Alumni

"I consider my classmates and teachers to be my extended family, and that's my favorite aspect of Providence.'

Ashlee Jackson. Class of 2022



# About Providence Catholic

80% students in a club

Providence Catholic High School is a Joliet Diocesan Catholic, coeducational, secondary school administered by the Order of St. Augustine. Building on 100+ years of tradition and academic and co-curricular excellence, the school provides 770 young men and women with an excellent educational experience. We are located in New Lenox, Illinois, on a 75-acre campus approximately 40 miles southwest of Chicago. Students come from over seventy elementary, middle, and junior high schools within a thirty-mile radius.

Providence Catholic has a long history of developing every student's unique potential for learning. We provide each with a four-year college preparatory course of study. Gifted academic students are challenged via AP and honors courses. Students with documented, mild learning disabilities receive support in our learning resource program. When comparing students' Placement Exam (8th grade) scores to their ACT scores (junior/senior year), over 87% of our students significantly improve their national percentile rankings. The average improvement is over 23%.

We have recently implemented two distinct academic programs: Engineering Science, a program that integrates engineering with science and computer science, and INCubatoredu, which offers students an authentic entrepreneurship experience. Recent campus improvements include the \$6 million Brown Student Commons in 2018. It is a 21,000 square foot addition housing the cafeteria, kitchen, concession stand, and spirit shop. We have just embarked on the \$1.3 million Campaign of Champions to update our outdoor athletic facilities.



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## Qualifications

Qualified candidates will possess:

- State of Illinois General Administrative Certificate.
- Master's Degree in Educational Administration (or equivalent).
- Minimum 3 years experience in school administrative position, preferably in a Catholic school.
- Strategic Planning experience, preferably.

The ideal candidate will be:

- A practicing Catholic with a strong moral compass.
- A mission-driven decision maker.
- An innovative and collaborative leader.
- Committed to high standards for student achievement and outcomes.
- Adept at capitalizing on strengths while identifying areas for improvement.
- An analytical, yet creative problem solver.
- Skilled in curriculum development.
- Experienced in strategic planning.
- Proficient in job-related technology use.
- An excellent communicator with strong written, verbal, and listening skills.

#### Lines of Authority

The President supervises the Principal, Advancement Director, the Business Office, and the Buildings and Grounds Manager.

The Principal supervises the Athletic Director, Counseling Director, Dean of Students, Technology Director, and Department Chairs.





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## Salary/Benefits

The Principal position is available as of July 1, 2022. This is a full-time, 12-month position. Salary and benefits are highly competitive and commensurate with experience and gualifications.

#### **Application Procedure**

Providence Catholic High School has engaged Catholic School Management, a division of Christian Brothers Services, to facilitate this search. Interested and qualified candidates should submit electronically:

- Letter of introduction.
- Resume.
- Five professional references (names, email addresses, and telephone numbers).
- A written essay of no more than 500 words answering the question:

Nationally, Catholic education faces issues of enrollment, affordability, increasing secularism, and the challenge of developing creative and innovative ways to teach. What gifts will you bring to Providence Catholic to help address these concerns?

#### Send application materials electronically to:

Providence Catholic High School principalsearch@providencecatholic.org

Application materials should be received no later than January 5, 2022.

Providence Catholic High School reserves the right to hire prior to the deadline date should an ideal candidate apply. Finalists will be subject to a criminal background check and preemployment drug screening.



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