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Providence Catholic High School sponsors a variety of activities, clubs and organizations that allow students to meet new friends and become involved in the Providence Catholic Family. Activities are designed to give each student opportunities to have fun, work with other students and teachers, enjoy wholesome recreation and provide service to the larger community. It is never too late to "Have fun Celtic style" and get involved at PCHS!

All students are encouraged to become involved in activities and events outside their daily classroom schedule. There is so much to be learned outside of the classroom! Meeting days and times vary for clubs and organizations. Please watch the Daily Announcements and school displays for specific dates, times, and locations of each meeting. Meeting dates, times, and locations will also be on the calendar located on Blackbaud.

LOOKING TO BRING A CLUB OR ACTIVITY TO PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC?

If you have an interest you would like to bring to Providence Catholic, please contact Mr. Houston, Principal, in Office 10 or via email at phouston@providencecatholic.org.

ART CLUB

No art experience is necessary! Art Club is a hands-on workshop that teaches techniques including sculpture, painting, tie-dye, printmaking, and drawing. One project will be completed at each meeting.

Meetings: Every other Tuesday beginning the 2nd week of school in the Art Room

Moderator: Mrs. Denise Zlogar (Room 21)

Email: dzlogar@providencecatholic.org

AUGUSTINIAN YOUTH MINISTRY

AYM is one of the largest organizations at Providence Catholic with over 150 members promoting Christian service and Augustinian spirituality. AYM organizes a clothing and food drive, helps with Sandwich Patrol and other events to promote the values of truth, unity, and love to not only the Providence community, but the community at large. AYM members are expected to attend Mass with AYM and complete 10 outside service hours for their parish or community. AYM begins in September and ends with an induction Mass in April.

Moderator: Mrs. Jennifer Williams (Room 22)

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BAND

Share your instrumental music talent at home athletic events, concerts, and competitions. The band program is comprised of Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and Chamber Ensembles. It is open to students of all ability levels.

Moderator: Mr. Michael Rocha (Room 229)

Email: mrocha@providencecatholic.org

BASS FISHING

Get to know the sport of bass fishing! This co-ed club meets for some classroom instruction, guest speakers and some on the water outings in preparation for various high school bass fishing tournaments. In the spring, students prepare for the IHSA sectional tournament with a chance to fish for a state title.

Meetings: Fall and spring sport seasons, plus outings.

Moderator: Mr. Kevin Atwood (Please see Athletic Office)

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BOOK CLUB

Make new friends while reading and discussing a wide range of books from pulse-pounding thrillers to literary favorites. Refreshments are provided when we meet once a month to discuss them.

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month

Moderator: Mr. Titus Thompson (Room 24)

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CELTIC PIPER CORPS

The Celtic Piper Corps is comprised of students interested in learning to play an authentic Celtic instrument. The history and heritage of the bagpipes instrument is a rich one and any student is welcome to join! There is no former musical experience needed in order to join the Celtic Piper Corps, just desire to learn and perform. The bagpipes perform at a variety of events at PCHS and in the community and are instructed by a professional piper. Students receive instruction and lessons at no charge and scholarship opportunities are available.

Moderator: Mr. Brian McKee (Room 229)

CHOIR

Students who like to sing can add choir to their class schedule! We have three separate tracks: Beginning (for those who have never been in choir at PCHS), Concert, and Honors. Concerts, competitions, masses, and music department tours every three years help the Singing Celts improve their choral skills. Students become eligible for **Tri-M Music Honor Society** after one year in choir by maintaining an A in their ensemble class and an overall 3.0 GPA in all other classes. Many Singing Celtic graduates receive scholarships from colleges just to sing in choir.

Meetings: Period 2 in the Music Room

Moderator: Dr. Stacy Eckert (Room 229)

Email: seckert@providencecatholic.org

CODING CLUB

The Coding Club provides students an opportunity to learn the basics of coding in a group setting. The club's focus is on creating applications, websites, and other projects to share with the PCHS community. Together, members decide on the projects for the year. Depending on the projects, students have the opportunity to learn the following and more: Python, JavaScript, app-building, game design, animation, and 3-D design.

Moderator: Ms. Moss (CMP1)

Email: lmoss@providencecatholic.org

COLOR GUARD

This is an extracurricular ensemble that rehearses, competes, and performs with the Marching Band at all events. Share your flag talent at home athletic events, concerts, and competitions.

Meetings: Summer Camp, Friday Football Games, Saturday Contests, and practices.

Moderator: Mr. Lawrence Ball (Room 229)

Email: lbball@providencecatholic.org

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Dungeons and Dragons is a Tabletop Role Playing Game (TTRPG) that allows students to explore ideas such as collaboration, problem solving, decision making, and even deeper themes such as identity or justice in a safe and inclusive environment. It is a great way to make friends and can help many adolescents practice emotional literacy, how to deal with conflict, and work as part of a larger team. We also practice lots of reading, math, and organizational skills!

Moderator: Mr. James Desherow (Room 209)

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical, Christian-based organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide, and making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. During the school year and occasionally during the summer, Providence Catholic students participate in building homes and help out at the local Habitat ReStore. Being a part of this group will give you an opportunity to make a difference.

Moderator: Ms. Catherine Klod (Room 107)

Email: cklod@providencecatholic.org

IALAC 2.0

"I Am Lovable And Capable" --> Inclusion. Awareness. Leadership. Acceptance. Community.

In the spirit of "truth, unity, and love" IALAC 2.0 is a student organization with the goal of encouraging students to embrace what makes them unique, while remembering that we all have our similarities as well. We are working to celebrate the differences of the Providence Catholic community, and an important part of this is creating a safe environment for open dialogue amongst the student population. IALAC 2.0 is an application-based group; the student leaders have learned about the various avenues of diversity and have been trained on how to run activities and discussions regarding these sensitive topics with their peers. Some of these conversations include gender, religion, race, etc. Throughout the year, the students run small group activities with each grade level to prompt students to examine their own biases within and outside of our school community.

Moderator: Ms. Huda Hamdan (Counseling Office)

Email: hhamdan@providencecatholic.org

ILLINOIS MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Illinois Music Honor Society is for music students who exhibit exceptional scholarship, leadership, service, and character in the music field. Students must be enrolled in a Providence Catholic music ensemble and must maintain an A in their music ensemble and a B average in all other coursework in order to keep active member status. Service projects include community performances and outreach, charity drives at concerts, Music Step-Up Night, concert receptions, and hosting Open Mic Night. Members meet quarterly.

Moderator: Dr. Stacy Eckert (Room 229)

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INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Hola! Bonjour! It's all Greek to me! Come develop an understanding and appreciation of different cultures through movies, food sharing, cultural exchanges, and celebrations of various cultures' holidays. Come and join the fun!

Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month

Moderator: Ms. Paulina Sanchez (Room 12)

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INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY

Students gain admission into the International Thespian Society on the basis of their achievements in the school's theatre program. Students earn qualifying points for their work as a member of the cast, crew, or pit orchestra. PCHS students are honored for their participation in the International Theatre Society at the end of the year theatre banquet. Its members are eligible for numerous national scholarships.

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MATH TEAM

This is an academic competition team as well as a club that challenges a student's math capability. The Math Team is part of the Chicago Catholic Math League while also competing in a number of invitationals.

Moderators: Mrs. Jamie Walker (Room 203) & Mr. Dan Potempa (Room 206)

Emails: jawalker@providencethecatholic.org & dpotempa@providencethecatholic.org

MOVIE CLUB

From the classics of the "Golden era" of film, to the modern-day tour-de-forces, the Providence Catholic Movie Club strives to broaden students' understanding of films, great directors and great performances through viewing and discussing seminal works of film. Whether it is a discussion of camera angles in a Hitchcock thriller, the use of multiple story lines in *Citizen Kane*, the use of animation in *Waking Life* or the use of lighting in *A Touch of Evil*, the Providence Catholic Movie Club is open to anyone. Whether you are a seasoned critic or a teetotaler of cinematic excellence, come on in and watch a great film, and don't forget the popcorn!

Moderator: Mr. Sean Richards (Room 223)

Email: srichards@providencethecatholic.org

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

The NAHS sponsors the annual art exhibit of student work and activities, which promote the appreciation and awareness of visual arts within our school and community. In order to become a member of NAHS, 3 or more art classes must be completed with a grade of A or B.

Moderator: Mrs. Denise Zlogar (Room 21)

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

NHS is an honorary school service organization based on character, scholarship, leadership, and service open to juniors and seniors. The members' responsibilities include assisting at the Providence Catholic Open House and at several school events throughout the year.

Moderator: Mr. Kevin Oliver (Room 114)

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POP CULTURE CLUB

An all-encompassing club that discusses everything related to all the great pop culture associated with selected anime, comic books, trade paperbacks, manga, games & gaming, movies & TV, and anything else culturally relevant, both over popularized and hardly known. Meetings are twice a month in the Science Wing.

Moderator: Mr. Vince DeVivo (Room 222)

Email: vdevivo@providencecatholic.org

PROVISCOPE

Begin your journalism career at Providence Catholic. Write for the school newspaper and develop skills such as interviewing, writing, editing, and reporting.

Moderator: Mrs. Marietta Harris (BLC)

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SCHOLASTIC BOWL

Team up with your classmates for a game-show style competition with other schools. Test your knowledge and challenge yourself; show that Providence has the best and brightest around! Practice is twice a week, and there are tournaments and conference competitions.

Moderator: Mr. Brock Austrums (Room 20)

Email: baustrums@providencecatholic.org

SCIENCE CLUB

The club builds model bridges, does environmental projects and many more interesting science projects. Members of this club can enter their projects in local competitions.

Moderator: Mr. Sean Richards (Room 223)

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SELF-CARE CLUB

The Self-Care Club is a creative space where we explore the latest fashion trends, makeup tips, and skin care routines to help each other feel confident. Whether you're a beauty beginner or an expert, you'll find supportive peers and expert advice on how to care for yourself inside and out. We share ideas on everything from creating bold looks to keeping skin healthy and glowing. Our goal is to promote self-care as an important part of personal well-being, making beauty and health accessible for everyone. Join us to learn, share, and discover the best ways to look and feel your best!

Moderator: Ms. Laura Moss (CMP1)

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STOCK MARKET CLUB

What would you do if you were given \$100,000? The PCHS Stock Market Club will teach you how to invest it, so you might grow it. Through the national platform, The Stock Market Game (SMG), club members will gain a fundamental understanding of investing and how you might get your money to work for you. You will learn to build and manage your own stocks portfolio while challenging yourself against students across the country. We also bring in guest speakers from the finance industry to share their expertise and insights, providing a real-world perspective on trading and investing. Our club gives you hands-on experience in understanding market trends, smart investment strategies, and financial decision-making. Join us to explore the stock market, expand your knowledge, and maybe even spark a future career!

Moderator: Ms. Laura Moss (CMP1)

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STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Student Ambassadors represent Providence Catholic with various enrollment events, including grade school visits. Selection is based on personal applications and teacher recommendations, as well as the applicant's academic good standing, character, citizenship, and school spirit.

Moderator: Mrs. Shannon Withers (Director of Enrollment- Room 213)

Email: swithers@providencecatholic.org

STUDENT COUNCIL

Join Student Council by running for office in any or all of your four years of school. Plan many student activities like Homecoming Week, Harvest Drive Olympics, and Christmas Dance. Student Council members are also asked to help with various school-related activities. Be a part of the action and make a difference in the Providence Catholic community. Meetings are at least twice per month before school. Elections are in May for Sophomores-Seniors and in November for Freshman.

Moderator: Ms. Catherine Klod (Room 107)

Email: cklod@providencecatholic.org

THEATRE

The Provi Theatre family has a place for you! Cast, crew, or pit, we have ample opportunities to be a part of our Fall and/or Spring musical productions. If you prefer stage crew, our program helps provide training in set building, lighting, sound, and stage management. If you play guitar, drums or other instruments, pit orchestra is the way to go! If you love the limelight, cast members learn to shine on our stage. Students become eligible for the International Thespian Society by accruing points with each production.

Moderator: Dr. Stacy Eckert (Room 229)

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VIDEO GAME CLUB

Video Game Club is a collaborative club where students can come together to bond over their shared passions of any form of games such as Mario Kart, Monopoly, Uno, Mario Party, and more. Whether you know the games we play, or you are completely new, anyone can join our club and have a great time. We welcome new or existing club members to suggest new games to play too! We will meet every Wednesday in Room 224 from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. (with additional competitions and events throughout the year) and aim to play a wide variety of games.

Moderator: Ms. Erica Sparano (Room 224)

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WINTER GUARD

This is a highly competitive ensemble that explores techniques in dance, flag-work, and other equipment such as rifles and sabres while performing to a prerecorded musical selection. This team competes in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit, affiliated with WGI (Winter Guard International).

Moderator: Mr. Lawrence Ball (Room 229)

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WORLD LANGUAGES HONOR SOCIETIES

The Société Honoraire de Français is for students who have demonstrated proficiency in the French language. To qualify, students must have earned As for three consecutive semesters in French along with maintaining a B average in their other classes.

The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica is for students who have demonstrated proficiency in the Spanish language. To qualify, students must be in the 10th grade or higher, have completed three consecutive semesters of Spanish, maintained a 90% average in Spanish courses and participate in required chapter meetings and activities.

Membership dues are \$10 for each honor society.

Honors Society Moderator: Ms. Jackie Gutierrez (Room 14)

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Questions regarding French Honors Society can also be directed towards Mr. Brock Austrums, Room 20, baustrums@providencecatholic.org.

YEARBOOK

Help make memories that will last forever! The Kelt is published by students for students. Computer layout and photography are just some of the skills you will learn working on this important publication each year. This club meets weekly.

Moderator: Mrs. Allie Rios (Office 2)

Email: arios@providencecatholic.org

PILOT CLUBS FOR 25-26

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Creative Writing Club is a club that includes storytellers, poets, playwrights, dreamers, and all-around lovers of writing. Students support each other's writing, participate in fun writing prompts, experiment with different writing genres, work with Proviscope for publishing opportunities, get inspired by each other and guest speakers, enter writing contests, and more. The club meets on Thursdays from 3pm to 4pm in Room 105.

Moderator: Mrs. Val Stoub (Room 105)

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