



# PALADIN PROUD

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*The Paladin Proud newsletter celebrates God's goodness within the Providence Classical School community.*



## MLK Day of Service

Thank you to everyone who donated to our school-wide MLK Day of Service on January 16 and came out to assemble shelf-stable lunches for Houston-area preschool children in partnership with Kids Meals Houston. With your help, we surpassed our goal and assembled more than 1,650 lunch bags! Thank you also to the PCS National Honor Society and parent volunteers who organized this service day so that our school family could impact our culture for Christ. To God be the glory!



## Mock Trial 5th in State!

Congratulations to the PCS Mock Trial team on a fantastic weekend at the State Championship in Dallas! Led by seniors Ben Davidson (double witness) and Graham Young (double attorney) and junior Susanna Brink (attorney), this group of dedicated students placed 5th out of all schools public and private in the entire state of Texas! In addition, junior Mark Williamson received a nomination as one of the top advocates (attorneys) in the competition. Other team members included: attorneys Jack Adkins (11th) and Avery Crowley (11th), witnesses Price Jenkins (9th), Hannah Kleppel (10th), Ayin Marusik (11th), and Andrew Williams (11th), and alternates Sam Bachelder (9th), Annelise Parker (10th), Ryan Wentz (9th), Will Stevenson (11th), and Hannah Wylie-Young (10th). Thank you as well to our amazing coaches, Amy Brink and Josh Fuchs, along with our other faculty and parent volunteers. To God be the glory!



## Swim Team State Championships

Well done and congratulations to our Varsity swimmers who advanced to the TAPPS State Championship in February! All ten of our swimmers qualified to compete at State, and six qualified for individual races. Well done, Paladins, and thank you Coach Kyle Scott for another great season!

Back Row: Brandon Ohmes (9th), Gianna Radvansky (11th), Brady Scott (12th), Garrett Mahler (9th), Caden Pickle (11th)

Front Row: Peyton Smith (9th), Hannah Wylie-Young (10th), Berkeley Scott (9th), Sydney Hay (11th)

### State medalists:

Hannah Wylie-Young: 6th place 200m Freestyle

200m Girls Freestyle Relay: 4th place

200m Girls Medley Relay: 5th place

200m Boys Freestyle Relay: 8th place



## TAPPS Academic Teams

PCS students are in their initial year of competing academically in TAPPS. To practice events, students are also competing against other public and private schools in Virtual Challenge Meets. The advantage to this contest, besides offering valuable practice, is that students compete as teams of three, by classification, and by grade. At TAPPS, they will only participate as individuals by classification.

On February 14, students competed in Ready-Writing competition. They had 90 minutes to write their essay, and students selected one of two quotes to formulate their thesis. The team consisted of Mark Williamson (11th), Isabel Vorst (11th), and Luke Williamson (9th). We will not know the results until the State meet in April.

Students preparing in other events include:

Current Events – Ben Adkins (10th), Annelise Parker (10th), Leila Powers (10th)

Literary Criticism – Ben Adkins (10th), Annelise Parker (10th), Luke Williamson (9th)

Number Sense & TAPPS Math – Ben Adkins (10th), Danielle Irby (10th), Annelise Parker (10th), Henry Stevens (10th), Steven Wimberly (10th)

Social Studies – Annelise Parker (10th), Henry Stevens (10th), Steven Wimberly (10th)

Spelling – Ben Adkins (10th)

Additionally, the PCS 2022 yearbook is entered in the TAPPS contest.

The State meet is held at the Waco Convention Center April 12-13. Please join us in praying for these students as they prepare!



## Mark Phillips: National Merit Commended

Congratulations to senior Mark Phillips on being recognized as a Commended Scholar in the National Merit Scholarship Program! Approximately 1.5 million high school students take the PSAT/NMSQT at the beginning of their junior year to enter this academic competition and earn recognition and scholarships. Approximately 34,000 seniors receive a Letter of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic performance and are eligible for special scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses. Well done, Mark!



## Texas Boys & Girls State

American Junior Boys & Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs for high school seniors, which focus on exploring American government and politics. This participatory educational program allows students to run for office and become part of the operation of local, county, and state governments. Congratulations to PCS 11th graders Jack Adkins, Susanna Brink, and Luke Stratton, who will participate in Texas Boys & Girls State this summer!



## Region Choir

Well done and congratulations to the seven PCS students who were selected to perform in the Small School Region VIII & IX Choir in Bryan, TX: Ryan Fowler (11th), Justice Fulton (10th), Garrett Mahler (9th), Breeanne Ohmes (11th), Leila Powers (10th), Peyton Smith (9th), and Luke Williamson (9th)! We're incredibly proud of these talented students and thankful for their dedicated director, Marianne Engle.

## Alumni Spotlight: Corey'L Sams

PCS alumnus Corey'L Sams (Class of 2022) was recently featured in the e-newsletter of the McCombs School of Business Canfield Business Honors program at the University of Texas at Austin. The article discusses how Corey'L founded his clothing line, CAPEL, in 2020 and how he balances his responsibilities as a business owner with his busy freshman schedule of courses and extracurricular activities. [Click here to read!](#)



## Alumni Spotlight: Daniel Davidson

PCS alumnus Daniel Davidson (Class of 2022) recently visited the PCS campus to speak with students in our Economics class about their upcoming Mock Interviews with adults in our community. Daniel gave ideas and pointers in response to the standard interview questions like "Tell me a little bit about yourself," "What are your strengths and weaknesses?", and "Tell me about a time when you had to resolve conflict." These skills will be helpful for future summer internships, scholarships, and college entrance interviews. Daniel successfully completed an extensive interview process for his own college acceptances and scholarship awards. He is excited to share that knowledge with PCS students so that they can get into the colleges of their choice and receive scholarships. Thank you, Daniel!

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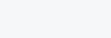
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