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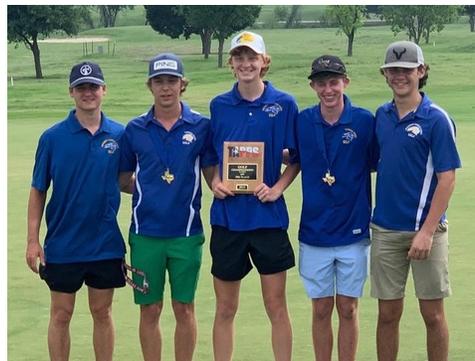
May 2024

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



Dr. Richard Halloran!

Congratulations to our own Head of School, Richard Halloran, on the completion of his PhD in Old Testament Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary! He defended his dissertation, titled "The Role of Geography and Spatiality in the Rhetoric of Hosea 1–3," earlier this spring and graduated from DTS on May 11. Rich is pictured here with his wife, Mikki, and advisor, Dr. Robert Chisholm, Jr. Please join us in celebrating Dr. Richard Halloran!



Golf State Championship

Congratulations to our [Varsity Men's and Women's Golf teams](#) on a fantastic showing at the TAPPS 2A State Championship! The Men's team placed 3rd overall while our Ladies' team finished in 5th place. Congratulations to **Ryan Wentz**, **Ben Conwell**, and **Morgan Fuchs** for placing in the Top Ten in the individual competitions. Many of our golfers posted personal best scores in the two-day tournament. Thank you to Head Golf Coach Amy Haaland for leading another great season.



Middle School Golf

Congratulations to our [Middle School golfers](#) on an excellent HAPS District Tournament! The Boys team earned 3rd place. **Luci Ruffing** earned Low Female (1st Place), and **Patience Towers** finished 5th. Thank you to Coach Chris Whitmeyer for a great season!



Tennis District and State Championships

This was the first year that PCS has been able to send a full High School Boys and Girls team to our District tournament! In Girls Singles, **Lottie Benthem** placed 1st and **Avery Crowley** placed 4th; in Girls Doubles, **Trinity Hoffmeyer** and **Megan Sneller** placed 4th; in Boys Singles, **Kade Simpson** placed 8th; and in Boys Doubles, **Caden Pickle** and **Braedon Simons** placed 2nd. Then, at the State tournament, freshman **Lottie Benthem** advanced to the semi-finals in Girls Singles and earned a 3rd place medal! Congratulations to all our players, and thank you to Coach Sean Dickard for an excellent season.



High School Track & Field State

Congratulations to our Track & Field athletes who competed at the TAPPS 2A State Championships after a phenomenal showing at Regionals! Varsity Men took 1st place at Regionals and 2nd at State, while our women finished 4th at Regionals and 6th at State. [Click here for a list of students who medaled at State by finishing Top 3 in their races.](#) Thank you to Coaches Trina Jones and Heide Zuniga for another great season!



Middle School Track & Field District

Congratulations to our 5th-8th grade Track & Field athletes who competed at the HAPS District Championship in April. The PCS Middle School Division I Boys and Girls both took 3rd place, while the Division II Girls finished District Champions! Way to go, Paladins! Thank you to Coaches Trina Jones and Heide Zuniga for shepherding these young Paladins through a tremendous season of growth! [Click here for a list of student who medaled in their races.](#)



TAPPS Academic State Championship

Congratulations to the Providence Academic, Speech, and Debate teams on an incredible showing at the TAPPS State competitions! The Paladins received TAPPS 2A 2nd place overall, and we had two individual state champions! [Click here for a list of awards earned.](#) This is only our second year competing (first for Speech & Debate), and only three students can enter each category. A huge thanks to our dedicated coaches, Sean Dickard and Marsha Domann. To God be the glory!

CONGRATULATIONS
National Merit Qualifiers!

				
Mark Williamson Finalist	Jack Adkins Commended	Thomas Cross Commended	Ryan Fowler Commended	Andrew Williams Commended

National Merit

Congratulations to the following seniors on being recognized as **Commended Scholars** in the National Merit Scholarship Program: **Jack Adkins, Thomas Cross, Ryan Fowler, and Andrew Williams!** As we announced last trimester, senior **Mark Williamson** was among the top 0.5% of seniors who qualified to be a **National Merit Finalist** and went on to earn a National Merit Scholarship. Well done, Scholars!

Student Council 2023-2024



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Thank you to the [2023-2024 Student Council](#) for their time and efforts this year in organizing Upper School socials, service projects, the Coffee Cart, and more. Upper School student life at PCS depends on the leadership and dedication of these students, and we're thankful for their service.

House Captains 2023-2024



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Thank you to the [2023-2024 House Captains](#) who have led their Houses in worship, service, and fellowship this year. These students are selected by their House faculty and Administration and serve as an example to their peers and younger students.

NHS Officers 2023-2024



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Thank you to the [2023-2024 National Honor Society officers](#) who have led our Upper School in service to PCS and the community this year. National Honor Society members are selected from our juniors and seniors based on their scholarship, service, leadership, and character, and officers are selected from senior members.



Blue Crew

Blue Crew has worked all year to encourage the Paladin athletic teams by promoting attendance at home games and meets, pepping up the pep rallies, and planning our Powder Puff and Buff games. Thank you to the [2023-2024 crew members!](#)

Ephesians Recitation Challenge

Each year, Mrs. Martin challenges 6th graders to cap off their time in Grammar School by reciting the entire book of Ephesians. For the first time in PCS history, two students have completed this daunting challenge (and both of them came to PCS after first grade)! Congratulations to **Zoey Stepan** and **Sarah Mentasana** for setting an incredible example of how to hide God's Word in our hearts!



Chase Jones: Young Scholars Program

Sophomore Chase Jones was accepted into the University of California, Davis, Young Scholars Program. Chase was one of 40 students chosen out of 500 applicants to work one-on-one with research faculty for six weeks. Chase will work with a professor in



the School of Veterinary Medicine on a comparative brain tumor research project, studying how brain cancer affects dogs and humans and evaluating potential treatment methods for both species. Good luck with your summer endeavor, Chase!

Turner Young: Health Advocate

The Coalition of Skin Diseases recruited freshman Turner Young to take part in their legislative day in Washington, D.C.! Turner visited with Congressional staff members to advocate for loosening certain regulations so minors can access more effective medications for the treatment of psoriasis. Way to impact your culture, Turner!



Dance Champions

Emersen Speer (1st) and **Callie Reamer** (2nd) competed in an international Summit Dance Contest in Orlando, Florida, this month and earned two Gold Champion wins in Tiny Elite Pom and Jazz. They also received a top 3 Bronze in Lyrical. Well done to these PCS students for their remarkable success in dance! Their talent, athleticism, and countless hours of practice have led to well-deserved national titles.

Alumni Updates



Isley Mora Kirkendall was born at 12:24 a.m. on April 4, weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz. She is the daughter of Megan and **Zach Kirkendall** (c/o 2011) and the granddaughter of PCS Receptionist **Ann Kirkendall**. Also pictured is big sister Johanna. Congratulations to their family!

William David McGee III was born April 3, to **Kristen Russell McGee** (c/o 2017) and her husband Billy. William weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and was 20.5 inches long. Congratulations to the McGee and Russell families!



Julian Mae Norman-Krause, daughter of **Hannah Norman-Krause** (c/o 2013) and her husband, Nicholas, was born April 25, weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz. Julian is the granddaughter of former PCS employee **Alice Norman** and her husband, Mark. Congratulations to the Norman and Krause families!

Congratulations
ON YOUR PROMOTION



KYLE LAWALL
FIRE EQUIPMENT
OPERATOR

Congratulations on your promotion to Fire Equipment Operator!




Pre-K Teacher **Lesla LaWall** sent us an update on her children. **Kyle LaWall** (c/o 2011) has been promoted to the position of Fire Equipment Operator by the City of Springfield, Missouri. **Emma LaWall** (c/o 2020) graduated this month from Steven F. Austin State University with a degree in speech and language pathology. Congratulations!

Stay in touch this summer! We want to know about your child's adventures, activities, and special news. Email photos and details to [Dawn Adkins](#). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay connected to your PCS family!

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