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Since 1950, the Church of the Divine Child has been a strong Catholic presence in Dearborn and today remains one of the largest and most vibrant Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Together, Divine Child Elementary School, founded in 1953, and Divine Child High School, founded in 1958, have grown to host one of the largest co-educational Catholic school enrollments in Michigan.

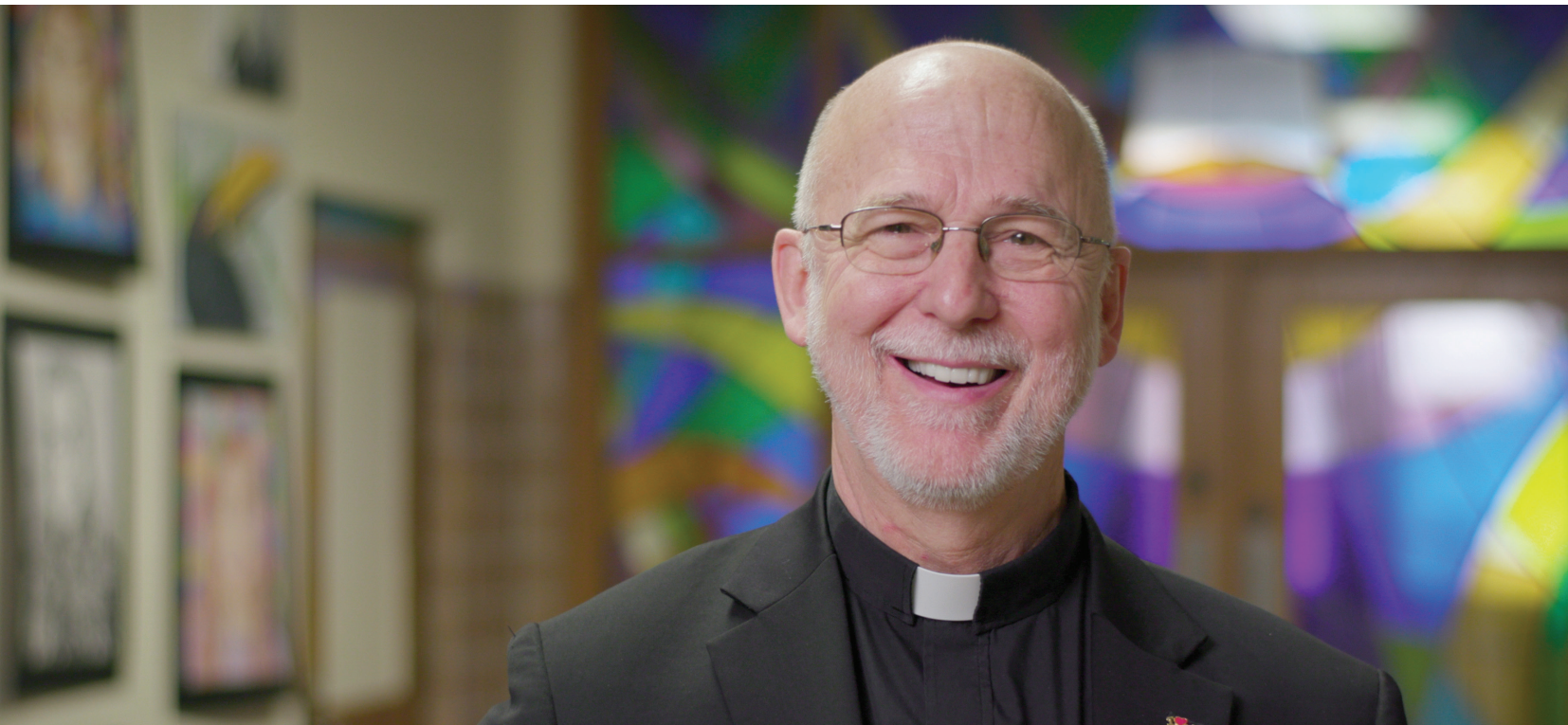
With a history spanning more than 60 years, Divine Child High School has imparted "goodness with knowledge" to generations of students and continues to provide a Catholic education emphasizing spiritual, academic, social, and creative excellence. Over 11,000 alumni have gone forward to build success on these values. Today, over 875 Divine Child High School students enjoy the opportunity to study numerous academic disciplines, compete in various sports, and participate in many extracurricular activities, all built on a strong spiritual foundation.

A NOTE FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE



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My favorite time of year at Divine Child always was and continues to be Homecoming. It's a time when alumni and former families come home and new faces connect to share their love for Divine Child. It's also a great opportunity to visit our beautiful campus that continues to grow. As another year ends, I am reminded how blessed I am to be a part of the Divine Child community. My family and I attended 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and as I looked around the packed church, I was welcomed by both new and familiar faces. Whether it's reconnecting with old classmates at reunions, seeing alumni around campus, or running into them at church, one thing never changes, we all call DC home. I look forward to making more memories in 2020 as we will unveil the *Once a Falcon Alumni Hallway*.



A Message from our **PASTOR**

Dear Friends,

My name is Fr. Bob McCabe. I began serving as the pastor of Divine Child on July 1, 2019. People often ask if I like it here at Divine Child. Sometimes I respond by saying "No, I love it!" I wake up every day, happy and honored to be here!

There is always something going on at Divine Child. It really is amazing! Academic pursuits, Christian service projects, sports programs, performing arts: the list goes on and on. The vibrant life that is experienced in our elementary and high schools is to a large degree, thanks to the generosity of our Divine Child alumni. A friend from another parish came to Divine Child for the first time recently. He said, "It looks like a small college campus!" That sort of first impression is possible only by the generous support of our alumni and parishioners.

The beauty and integrity of Divine Child goes very deep. I know that our parish and schools serve as a spiritual home for thousands of people. St. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:26, "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all members rejoice with it." In the short time that I have been at Divine Child, I realize that this is a wonderful family. We share each other's joys and sorrows. That is what families do. Thank you for being an important member of our family!

I cannot express how honored I am to be at Divine Child. Many times, when I was younger, I would attend the weekday 6:30 a.m. Mass. I never thought that one day I would serve as pastor of this wonderful parish! Our God is certainly a God of surprises!

In my faith journey, I have come to recognize and trust in God's loving Providence. God has gathered us all as part of the Divine Child family. I appreciate all that Monsignor Weier, Monsignor Kucyk and Fr. Jim Bilot have accomplished and how they shepherded their parishioners and students over the past 69 years.

May we each use the gifts God has given us. To use a phrase of St. Teresa of Calcutta, may we together do "something beautiful for God." Please keep me in your prayers and know that you will remain in mine.

Thank you again for being an important part of our schools' success!

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God's Peace and Joy,

Fr. Bob McCabe

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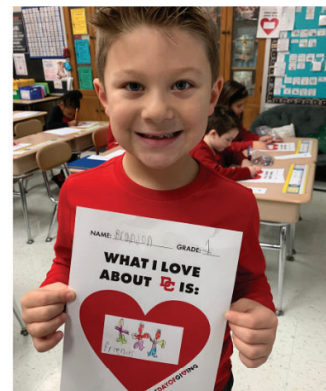
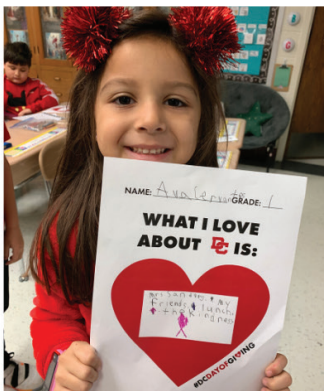
#DCDAYOFGIVING ING

exceeds \$20,000 goal, raises \$38,300

The Divine Child community rallied together on Tuesday, Dec. 3 for #DCDAYOFGIVING, Divine Child's personal take on the global GIVING TUESDAY initiative. This year our goal was to raise: \$10,000 for interactive seating in the lower elementary school classrooms and \$10,000 for new appliances in the high school home economics room in 24 hours. Thanks to donors like you, we reached our goal by 5 p.m., and within 5 hours, exceeded it by over \$18,000!

With so many worthy charities out there, we are humbled by the immense generosity of our Falcon community ... thank you for valuing Catholic education and choosing to support Divine Child Catholic Schools. Your donations ensure our students have all the resources they need to grow into passionate learners, creative minds and Christian leaders in the classroom, on the field and beyond.

DIDN'T GET YOUR DONATION IN? YOU CAN STILL GIVE!
 Visit www.GiveToDC.org to support the Falcons now.





A Message from our **PRINCIPAL**

As we begin our second semester, I am happy to report that our Falcons are preparing for the "tests" of college and career as much as they are studying for exams. For the last three years, we have placed a spotlight on the practical aims of a Divine Child education, namely securing a job and, in the case of an increasing number of students who hold part-time jobs, securing a promotion or finding a better job. Our school day has always accommodated seniors who need to leave campus by the early afternoon in order to attend dual enrollment classes at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Madonna, Henry Ford College or Schoolcraft College. Now, our school day includes signature opportunities for students to hone their career skills. First hour, in AP Computer Science Mr. Steve Dickie, our Director of Instructional Technology works with Mr. Nathan Hughes, Co-founder of Detroit Labs, and Mr. Travis Brindley, Full Stack Engineer at Allied Bank, to prepare a dozen Falcons for both a cutting edge career in computer science and advanced placement in college courses.

Mr. Dickie also oversaw our Michigan Manufacturing Day participation last month where two dozen Falcons shadowed Plymouth-based Link Engineering professionals in the morning and toured the MIAT College of Technology campus in the afternoon. Students came to appreciate the desperate need for skilled trades in the areas of aviation mechanics, windmill repair and maintenance, and operations engineering. We doubled down on this skilled trades bet by bringing these same students to the MI Career Quest Job Fair at Novi Suburban Collection. Students learned from front-line professionals in the areas of information technology, medical technology, advanced manufacturing and construction.

This year also marks the launch of our third Career Readiness Academy cohort in partnership with the Detroit Economic Club (DEC). DEC Young Leaders at Fortune 500 companies in the greater Detroit metro area mentor a dozen Falcons for seven months. The DEC hosts a graduation ceremony for these students in May, and Divine Child recognizes these enterprising future professionals at graduation. In September, **Mohamed Hider '18** addressed the Detroit Economic Club and shared how Career Readiness Academy set him on a path to success and inspired him to start his own business even as he was earning his associate degree in business from Henry Ford and preparing to transfer to Wayne State in the fall.

Excellence in the classroom continues to encourage excellence in the real world. A Divine Child High School education remains a strategic investment in a bright future and an unparalleled opportunity to let one's light shine.

Thank you for the many ways you give back to our community and support our schools.

Fondly,

Eric Haley '98



RING DAY: TRADITION CONTINUES

High school students and staff gathered in the church to celebrate the age-old tradition of Ring Day on Friday, Nov. 22.

This rite of passage includes a special dress up day for juniors and a blessing over their class rings, officially recognizing them as upperclassmen. It's also a special day for seniors as they wear their graduation gowns for the first time.

With many students, staff, and even parents as an audience, the juniors and seniors processed into the Mass ceremony, which was led by both Fr. Bob and Fr. Matt.

After the ceremony, the upperclassmen took many beautiful pictures with their friends and then, as a part of the tradition, were able to leave school early.

It was truly a wonderful day that allowed the juniors and seniors to be recognized for their hard work.



RETREAT UPLIFTS SENIORS

The senior retreat is both a culmination and launching point. It is a culmination because it is the last retreat that these students will attend with their high school friends and classmates. It is a launching point for seniors to reflect on where they are at in their relationship with God and how that relationship will meet the challenges that lie beyond the walls of Divine Child.

The overnight retreat takes place at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt. The retreat center is owned and run by the Diocese of Lansing. It is a wonderful facility that is large enough to house and feed our group. It also has large grounds for the students to

enjoy and explore. A walk in the woods can be very helpful when reflecting on the insights and emotions that are encountered during the retreat.

This year's retreat was once again made more special by the tremendous support that we had from our priests. Our pastor Fr. Bob, our associate pastor Fr. Matt, and several other area priests made the trip up and back both nights, to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Eucharistic Adoration. To see a large number of the seniors lining up to take advantage of this beautiful sacrament while the rest were before the Holy Eucharist lifting their voices in songs of praise announced the presence of the Holy Spirit.

ACADEMICALLY

SENIORS EXHIBITING EXCELLENCE

Two high school seniors have received recognition as high achieving academic scholars through national scholastic awards programs, including:

- Elizabeth Carl '20, as a Commended Student in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Elizabeth Orozco '20, as a National Hispanic Recognition Program honoree.

Congratulations to these bright young women!



INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT ROOM RECEIVES A MAKEOVER

As the high school Instructional Support Program evolved and grew, Room 106 - Mr. Monea's old territory - became a devoted classroom for one-on-one instruction. Soon, furniture from all over the school was repurposed to provide a collaborative learning space. But beyond that, the room had not changed in decades.



With the aid of many private donors and a matching gift from Don and Mary Kosch of Dearborn Sausage, this summer the room was gutted completely. Dingy light fixtures, an old non-functional heat register and the worn out drop ceiling were removed from the space. A new ceiling, new LED lighting, new fixtures and carpet (to provide much needed soundproofing) were installed to brighten the space and bring it up to date. With this blank canvas, the room could be properly outfitted with new furniture conducive to all learners, including a variety of seating options, several large tables to promote small group collaboration and instruction, and individual study carrels to aid students with focus and attention. A new interactive SmartBoard and updated charging stations keep technology and resources at the students' fingertips.



These changes have made the classroom much more warm and inviting and, most importantly, have positively affected the overall learning environment for our diverse student body. Many students have commented on how comfortable they feel in the new space. Department leader **Brian Leslie '07** states, "We are exceptionally fortunate that the administration at Divine Child made our program and the ISR such a huge priority. The students now have a space that provides our staff with the ability and resources to help students grow academically, socially, and emotionally."



LINK CREW CHRISTMAS CHAIN CONNECTS FROSH WITH UPPERCLASSMEN

Link Crew at DCHS is a program where junior and senior students are partnered with a group of 8-10 freshmen. The purpose of this program is to ease the transition of our fledgling Falcons as they enter high school. Link Crew sponsors monthly events for the freshmen. In December, we had the "Christmas Chain" competition between 27 groups of students. The longest chain of alternating red & green links won! Each group is given a set amount of paper to make the chains, which are then used to decorate the hallways at DCHS. In January, students participate in a Winter Wonderland competition in the cafeteria. The designs are creative and awesome!

ESPORTS RAISES \$7500 FOR CHARITY

On November 2, the Divine Child eSports program participated in Extra Life's 12th annual 'National Play Day' to benefit Children's Miracle Network (CMN) and Beaumont Children's Hospital. Players and coaches pledged to play for 24 hours straight to raise money and awareness for this charity, whose sole purpose is raising money for sick and injured children. From tabletop games to PlayStation, and PC to Nintendo Switch, over 20 students and teachers broadcast their gameplay live on Twitch throughout the day. The team collected over \$7,500 for our local CMN hospital, Beaumont Children's Hospital, and over \$10,000 in total since partnering with Extra Life. DC's eSports program is committed to instilling 'Goodness in Gaming', and this event was a great way to do just that!



NEW FACES LEAD 8-PEAT FORENSICS CHAMPS

Senior Co-Captains Isabella Follosio, Sam Dudek, and Jana Rida are leading our "Eight Peat Forensics Championship Team" into their 2020 season! The team also welcomed two new head coaches, **John Burklow '15** and **Samantha Moylan '14** in August, and Mrs. Kathy Tar is beginning her 24th year coaching the DC team. All team members, parents, and coaches, current and alumni, were excited to hear the news that Mrs. Tar was inducted into the DC Hall of Fame, and many of them celebrated with her at the event on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019.

Please mark your calendars now to attend the "Annual Forensics Team Showcase" Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the DCHS Auditorium. Enjoy presentations from all 40 team members in 12 different events in both literature interpretation and in public address. Join us on May 1 and May 2 at the 2020 MIFA State Finals at Eastern Michigan University where our DC Forensics Falcons "Intend to Defend!"

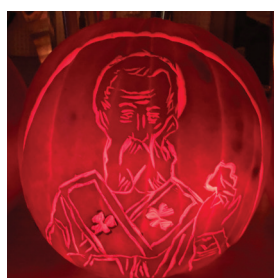




Patron PUMPKINS

Traditional jack-o-lanterns receive a Catholic twist

Students in **Walt Grysko '07's** woodworking class were provided a unique opportunity to practice their carving skills while incorporating their faith into art. Students carved portraits of their Confirmation saints (or favorite saint) into pumpkin luminaries. The saint-o-lanterns were then used to line the pathway to the rectory's front door on Halloween and All Saints Day. "This project came to me as I was driving home from Mass. The homily was centered on the Archbishop's call to Unleash the Gospel in any and all aspects of our lives. I knew Halloween was right around the corner and subsequently, so was All Saints Day. So, I thought, why not have students research and carve their favorite saint into a pumpkin!" Grysko said. "It was a fun project that many enjoyed, and I'm hoping to do it again next year."



St. Dymphna

Carved by:
Izzy Follosio '20
(Pictured below)



St. Longinus

Carved by:
Cai Martin '22
(Pictured below)



St. Patrick

Carved by:
Max O'Connell '21
(Pictured above)



St. Andrew

Carved by:
Cooper Nofz '22
(Pictured above)



St. Martha

Carved by:
Linnea Baldori '20
(Pictured above)



DIVINE CHILD

Art Show Gala

returns for second year, May 2

At DC we are always looking to stay relevant and push forward to better the experience for all of our student learners. That is no exception for our Fine Arts Department where we are proud to have launched a new class for this 2019-2020 school year which is fully devoted to the digital world of art making.

This introductory class focuses on the Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop programs. The class' focus is on the skills needed to better understand this software and the creative process using the computer as the medium. This addition adds to an already robust program that now offers over 15 studio classes. The next phase of this class is to branch off and create two more classes with one focusing on a more in-depth look into Photoshop and the other into Illustrator.

To see the fruits of this new class and all the rest we have to offer here at Divine Child, join us at the 2nd Annual Art Show Gala on Saturday, May 2. Our Grade School Art Show will be in the community

room of the new Demmer Field House and the High School Show will be in the HS Atrium. All are welcome to this great event, showcasing one of the great pillars of our school community.

The award ceremony will take place in the auditorium where students will receive awards and scholarships. **Kevin Hatch '95** will be our Master of Ceremonies. Kevin is currently the Department Chair of Art History at Binghamton University in NY. In addition to Kevin, **Megan Harnish '15** will be our guest judge for this year's high school art show. Megan recently received her BFA in Art and Art Education from Bowling Green State University in OH. We are very blessed and grateful that both of these alumni are giving back to their Alma Mater in a way that will inspire our current students.

Please consider attending the event or supporting one of our art scholarships.

Submitted by **Walt Grysko '07**

FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE DCAA

BROTHER'S BOND ART SCHOLARSHIP: IN MEMORY OF BRIAN ZEMBA '92 & MICHAEL GRYSKO | Value: \$1000
Awarded to: 1 DCHS Art Student

FINE ARTS FAREWELL SCHOLARSHIP | Value: \$1000
Awarded to: 1 Graduating Senior Pursuing Art

To make a donation to these scholarships, mail checks made payable to DCAA, c/o Aubri McNamara, 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE PARISH

GOD'S GRANDEUR CATHOLIC ART SCHOLARSHIP | Value: \$500
Awarded to: 1 DCHS Art Student

SS. MARY & MARTHA SCHOLARSHIP | Value: \$750
Awarded to: 1 Graduating Applied Arts Student

MAKE A DIFFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP | Value: \$500
Awarded to: 1 Graduating Applied Arts Student

To make a donation to these scholarships, mail checks made payable to Divine Child, c/o Colleen Johnson, 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ARTISTS

Three senior art students will pursue their passions and hone their talents in art school next fall. These young women have been accepted to elite art schools that can be compared to many Ivy League universities.



Violet Audi '20 has been accepted to Savannah College of Art and Design and the College for Creative Studies.



Ananda Ray '20 has been accepted to the College for Creative Studies, Rhode Island School of Design, Pratt Institute, School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Parsons.



Natalie Dziadzio '20 has been accepted to Pratt Institute, College for Creative Studies, Wayne State University, and Maryland School of Art and Design.

CREATIVELY

FALL PLAY: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

For the first time since 2003, the Bard returned to Divine Child for the fall production of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The students were initially trepidatious about the challenge of learning, understanding, and performing the language of Shakespeare. Their enthusiasm, talent, and hard work overcame their fear. They learned the language, the contextual history, and the underlying themes of the play, and they delivered a sterling performance earning rave reviews.

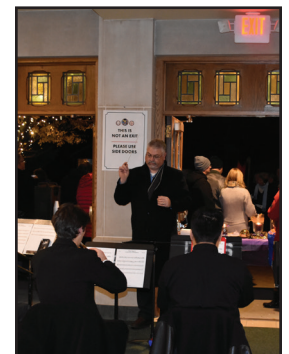
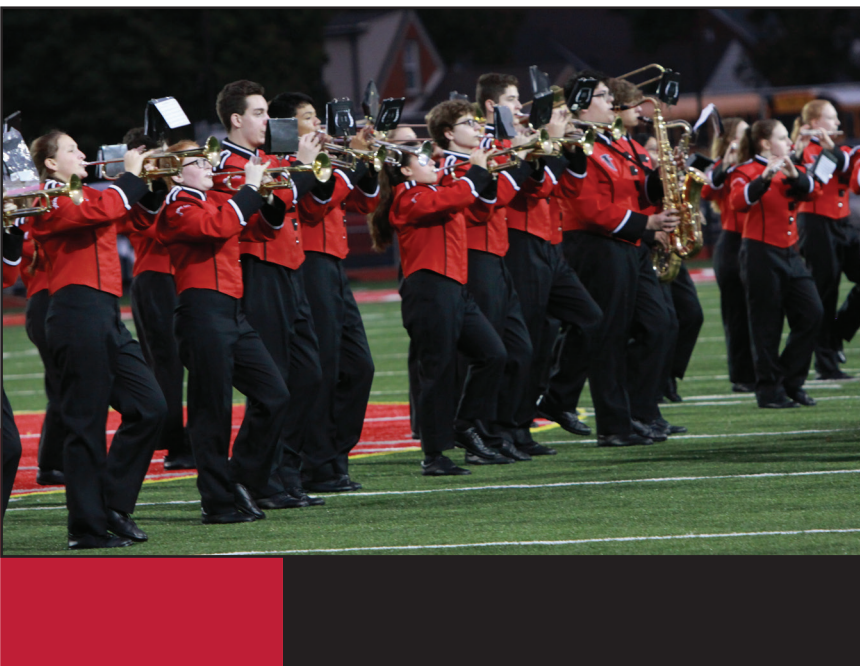
Teachers, parents, volunteers and students worked tirelessly to build set pieces, to light the stage beautifully, and to design and create stunning costumes and makeup. The actors portraying fairies learned several songs to add into the production as well. The end result was a play filled with love, humor and music, magical and wondrous to behold, but most of all brilliantly staged and performed by over 80 talented and hard-working students in the cast and crew.

Kenneth Overwater '99, director



DIVINE CHILD MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TRADITIONS

The bands at DC had a great semester of music! The marching band concluded their "Guardian of the Galaxy" show, the symphonic band had a wonderful Halloween concert where Mr. Bush once again wowed us with his costumes, and the band and choir kicked off the holiday season with a sensational Christmas concert. The next semester brings the band trip to Nashville, Tennessee, the spring musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and many other great music events. We hope to see you in attendance!



DIVINE CHILD ATHLETICS

TEAM UPDATES

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY successfully represented the Catholic League by winning the Bishop's Division in the CHSL Championship; placing 2nd in their Regional meet and placing 9th in the MHSAA state championship.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY had an exceptional year. During the regular season, two runners broke the coveted 15 minute barrier. In the postseason, the DCHS boys placed 2nd in the Catholic League Championship, 2nd in the Regional meet, and 5th in the State meet, where they recognized 3 runners with All State honors.

CHEER had so much fun during football season and is ready for their competitive season.

FOOTBALL finished their season with four wins against five losses. They finished in second place in the AA Division of the Catholic League and made their fourth straight appearance in the Prep Bowl held this year at Eastern Michigan University. This season was highlighted by a 35-12 Homecoming victory over Father Gabriel Richard. The Falcons were led by Captains Colin Kelly, Nick Rowland and Brodie Riopelle.

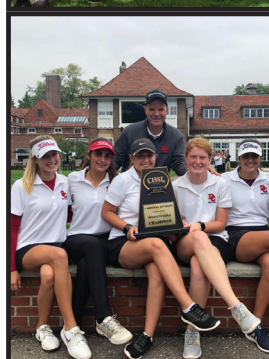
GIRLS GOLF had an exceptional year. They finished the season with an overall record of 7-1 and won the Catholic League Cardinal Division by going undefeated at 5-0. Following the divisional league play, the girls won the Catholic League Championship for the first time in school history! They finished third at the State Regional Tournament which lead to another trip to the State Championship finals where they finished 9th in the state. Overall, it was just a great year! The girls worked very hard during the season and it really paid off.

BOYS SOCCER had a successful 2019 season. The team started off slow, but worked hard to finish the season on a high note. After losing six of their first ten games, the team showed a recommitment to defense and went on a seven game winning streak. During the winning streak, the team gave up zero goals. Their hard work paid off and culminated in a District Championship. Varsity Soccer finished the season 11-7-0 and helped lay the foundation for future years of success.

GIRLS SWIMMING concluded their regular season in November. Over the season they placed 1st at the Crestwood Charger Relay Meet, 3rd in the Wayne Memorial Invitational and finished 5th at the Catholic High School League Championship meet. We had 4 swimmers qualify for the Division 3 state meet in one relay event and 3 individual events.

BOYS TENNIS started off the season taking 2nd place at the Salem quad in August. The boys played a lot of quality teams this season and ended up with a 4-5 record. During the season they were able to secure another 2nd place finish in the Jim Hadley Hall of Fame tournament. They ended the season with a 3rd place finish at Regionals. They are graduating seven seniors, five of which are in the top five positions on the team. Heading into next year, the team is hopeful they can build off of a successful season.

VOLLEYBALL had a very successful season at all 3 levels. The Varsity team recorded a winning 19-17-2 record with a very competitive schedule with multiple accomplishments including 1st place in Silver Bracket at the Mount Morris Tournament, 1st place in the Bronze bracket at the Stoney Creek Tournament, a District crown, and a Sweet Sixteen finish in the MHSAA Division 2 state tournament. CHSL award honorees include Brianna Wallace - All-Catholic, Angela Wegmann - All-League, and Molly Soraghan - All-Academic. In addition, the Freshmen team were Co-Champs in the CHSL and the JV team were stand alone CHSL conference champions.



DIVINE CHILD

H O M E C O M I N G 2 0 1 9

Falcons return home for Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 11-13

Despite the looming weather, Falcon Fever took the Divine Child campus by storm on Friday, Oct. 11 as our community came together to celebrate the things our Falcon family holds dear: faith, family, friends and of course, football!

PREGAME FESTIVITIES

FRIDAY @ 5 PM | Current families, alumni and parishioners gathered under the "big tent" for a **Falcon Family Tailgate** sponsored by the Alumni Association. Everyone enjoyed a delicious barbecue with yard games, raffles and face painting for kids, as they waited for the parade to begin.



THE PARADE

FRIDAY @ 6 PM | Energy was high as the **Mario Kart-themed Homecoming Parade** left the circle drive. DCHS Student Council brought floats back into the parade lineup for the first time in 4 years and record breaking numbers of students walked alongside to represent their class. Our young Falcons (elementary school students as well as the children of parishioners and alumni) also joined in on the fun by riding decorated bicycles in the parade to show school spirit. As always, the DCHS Marching Band led the parade along a route that circled Levagood Park.



THE GAME

Friday @ 7PM | DCHS Varsity Football took on Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard resulting in a victory, 35-12! Half-time began with a lively musical review by the Marching Band followed by the crowning of Homecoming Queen Jewell Redman '20 & King Joey Grenn '20. The highlight of the night occurred when the entire student section chanted Joey's name as he received his award. Alumni were also invited to partake in the half-time celebration, as we welcomed the 1969 & 1984 CHSL Championship Football teams and the 1989 & 1994 Girls' Basketball State Championship teams onto the field for a photo in honor of the anniversaries of their momentous wins.



AFTER-PARTY

Friday @ 9:30 PM | Our alumni gathered at Uncle Ray's Place in Dearborn Heights for a post-game meet-up sponsored by the Alumni Association. Falcons from various decades visited with old friends and recalled memories of years gone by while celebrating another Falcon football win!

MASS & PANCAKES

SUNDAY MORNING | Current families, alumni and parishioners came together for "Pancakes with the Priests" - a Homecoming pancake breakfast - followed by an alumni Mass at 12:30 p.m. It was a beautiful way to conclude Homecoming festivities and celebrate our shared faith.



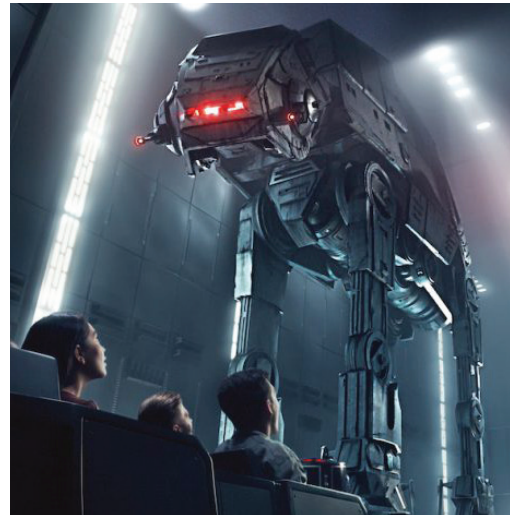
THE MILLENNIAL FALCON

Lauren Stec '09 lands
dream job at Disney World



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.

This February, **Lauren Stec '09** celebrates 5 years of working at Walt Disney World as a ride engineer. Lauren works in Ride Control which means she works on the design, installation and implementation of the electrical systems and software that control how a ride or attraction operates.



Courtesy of Walt Disney World

Her role is to design, install, and test safe control systems that dictate how the ride itself runs. Some of her past projects include Seven Dwarfs Mine Train, Frozen Ever After, and Na'vi River Journey in Pandora: The World of Avatar. Her latest project is Rise of the Resistance at Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.

TELL US MORE ABOUT THE NEWEST RIDE, RISE OF THE RESISTANCE.

Rise of the Resistance is unlike any other attractions Disney has created. Not only is it one of the longest ride experiences on resort, it is also the most technically complex and advanced ride built. Overall the attraction is comprised of several interworking ride systems and incorporates autonomous vehicles on a trackless dark ride, motion simulators, and a drop. The show features larger than life sets, including two full scale AT-ATs, dozens of audio-animatronics, seamless projection mapping, and thrilling practical effects. It's more of an experience than a ride. From the time they enter the queue guests are immersed in the story and are welcomed as new recruits for the Resistance, prepping for interstellar transport to a secret resistance base. After guests take off and leave the planet of Batuu, their ship is captured by a First Order Star Destroyer; the Finalizer. Officers of the First Order lead the guests to interrogation cells, where they are to be questioned by Kylo Ren for the location of the secret base. Before the interrogation can begin, members of the Resistance arrive to break the guests out, hijacking droid-piloted vehicles to take them to escape pods. Guests will find themselves in the middle of an epic battle between the Resistance and the First Order as they navigate through the Star Destroyer back to safety on the planet.

HOW DID YOU LAND THE JOB?

My family has been part of the Disney Vacation Club since I was two, so just about every vacation we went on was to Disney World. I never tired of it, and every trip was just as magical as the last. One trip I found a book that described the different jobs associated with bringing an attraction to life, from set designers to horticulturists to engineers. Math and science were always strong subjects for me. I figured I was capable of becoming a ride engineer, and began working towards that goal. After high school I went to study electrical and computer engineering. While I was in college I met a representative from the Walt Disney Design and Engineering department at a conference, who helped me secure a professional internship with the Ride Control group at Walt Disney World in Florida. That internship turned into a full time position after graduation.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR INDUSTRY

Disney's mission statement is "we create happiness by providing the best in entertainment for people of all ages everywhere." Engineering in such an entertainment industry can be a bit of an odd business. While working as a controls engineer can be fairly standard across industries, working in entertainment has challenges not present elsewhere in the sense that we don't move objects with our machines; we move people. As such we need to consider and evaluate every hazard and design safely to mitigate them. Our designs also need to meet aesthetic goals as part of the creative intent, not just technical standards, which adds to the complexity of some attractions. It does, however, have the unique benefit that we can see the end user,

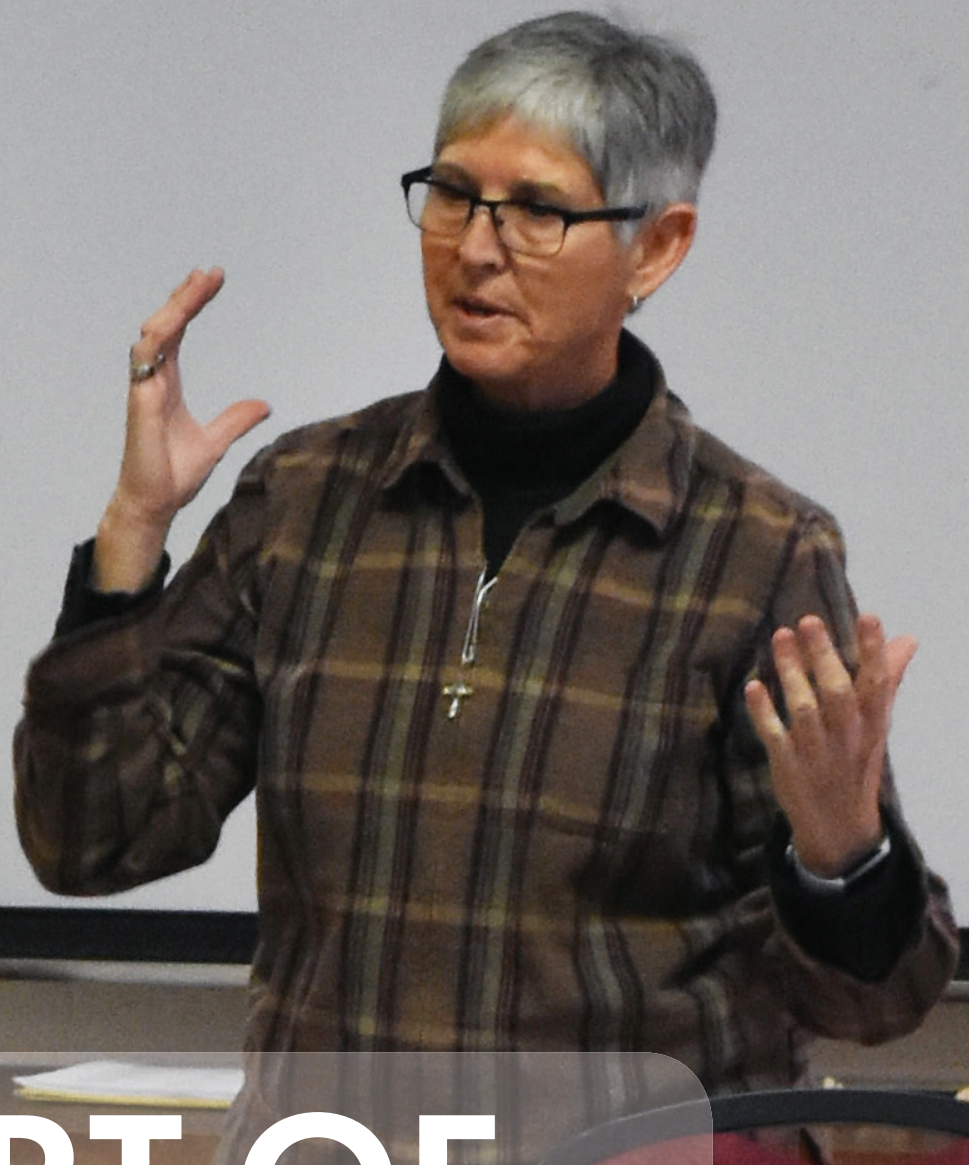
our guests, interact with our product. Walt Disney World invites people to experience the magic. To see that happiness and watch guests exit a ride I've worked on with looks of excitement, joy, and sometimes even tears is the most rewarding aspect of being a ride control engineer with Disney.

HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCE AT DC HELP YOU GET A JOB AT DISNEY?

When I look back on my time at Divine Child, my best memories are with the Forensics team. It was a fun time with creative, passionate, and driven people. While engineering is far different from the children's storytelling I used to perform, forensics taught me so many life skills that have helped me excel in my career, such as how to present yourself professionally, speak confidently, and how to constructively accept feedback and criticism. I even credit Kathy Tar, who taught me the importance of a strong introduction and how to deliver it, for my success in landing the interview that jump-started my career with Disney. Kathy was one of my most intense teachers at DC, but she was also one that had the largest impact. She genuinely wanted to see her students succeed, and with the lessons learned from DC Forensics I felt empowered to do so.



Rise of the Resistance is located in Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge at Disney World's Hollywood Studios. Visit bit.ly/Disney-SW-ROTR to learn more about the attraction.



HEART OF GOLD

Beloved Ms. Poirier serves Divine Child High School community with a warm smile for 40 years

There aren't many like *Patti Poirier.*

Those who are fortunate enough to know Divine Child High School faculty member, Ms. Patricia Poirier, will tell you she is uncommonly kind, generous and one of the most compassionate people you will ever meet. Patti joined the Divine Child High School team in February of 1981, and is celebrating her 40th school year with our community. She has touched the lives of countless Falcons and continues to make an impact every day.



Patti Poirier poses with Girls' Cross Country Co-Coach Tony "Mitf" Mifsud circa 2005.



Over the years, Ms. Poirier has coached volleyball, and both girls' and boys' track and field as well as cross country. Prior to her arrival at Divine Child, she taught at Livonia Stevenson and coached diving at Livonia Bentley. From age 7 through college (competing for Eastern Michigan University) she was involved in speed swimming where she was a nationally ranked age group swimmer. She competed with the sport of synchronized swimming from age 8 until 18, competing in Pan Pacific Games, World Aquatic Games and many national championship teams. She continued to compete as a master synchronized swimmer and won many national meets and two different Master's World Aquatic Team Championships - one at Stanford and one in Munich, Germany. She is no longer a synchronized swimmer, but she coaches 3 days a week most of the year.

Something important to Patti is her volunteer work at a local nursing home, where she is a Eucharistic Minister and also brings her certified pet therapy dog to visit with the residents. She also enjoys volunteering at the World Medical Relief Center in Southfield, where she helps organize medical supplies to be shipped out to many third world countries who do not otherwise

have supplies. She loves spending time with friends and cousins. Many weekends she spends time with her 15-year-old cousin, Dylan and his 6-year-old brother Andrew. You can also still find her walking the halls of DC and rest assured, you will be greeted with a genuine, warm smile!

We sat down with Patti and asked her a few questions about her 40 years at DC!

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO BECOME A TEACHER AND HOW DID YOU END UP AT DC?

From a young age, I started coaching swim teams. People always told me that I had a gift for teaching others. It was then that I realized I had a love for teaching. I received my degree from Eastern Michigan University. My first job was at Ladywood High School for a semester. A friend of mine was teaching at Divine Child at the same time and informed me of an opening and I have been here ever since.

"Patti is an inspired teacher. She knows why she teaches and is passionate in her purpose towards student success. She is truly a selfless individual ..."

- Darcie (Martin) Ruby '00

WHAT HAS KEPT YOU TEACHING AT DC FOR FORTY YEARS?

The reason I continue to teach at Divine Child is the students. I wake up excited to go to DC everyday. I love their willingness to learn and work. There is truly something fun that happens everyday as well.

DIVINE CHILD HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE 1958, IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT DO YOU THINK HAS HELPED DC REMAIN SUCCESSFUL FOR SO LONG?

I think Divine Child is so successful because of the students and the experiences they had while they were here. Thanks to the many alumni, the school has an amazing legacy.

YOU'RE THE MODERATOR OF THE MEDICAL CLUB, WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THAT?

About twenty years ago, a student came to me with the idea of starting the club, and from then on, the students have done a great job leading it. I'm really just there to moderate and give guidance, as well as help volunteer.

WHAT SUBJECTS HAVE YOU TAUGHT SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN HERE?

I have taught Physical Education, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, and Health. I have loved teaching all of them, but I would say my favorite is Anatomy & Physiology.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE MEMORY FROM YOUR TIME AT DIVINE CHILD?

I would have to say my favorite memory is from the 80s. A group of teachers and I would play practical jokes on one another. Sometimes, even the nuns would join in on the fun as well. You never knew what was going to come next!



"If you ever need anything Patti is there. She has a heart of gold and is an outstanding teacher."

- Marco Monea



CATCHING UP WITH CLASSMATES

Falcons are everywhere! Read up on the latest from fellow Falcons.



Dennis Guerriero '79 was invited to represent the GolfWeek Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Tour against the GolfWeek Charleston, South Carolina Tour in the 2019 Carolina Coast Cup golf event in December 2019. The GolfWeek Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Tour won the event 22.5 points to 17.5 points. Dennis won all three of his matches 1 up in best ball, 1 up in scramble, and 8 & 7 in singles play. This earned the GolfWeek Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Tour 3 total points.

Kenneth Overwater '99 was hired as an attorney at the Washtenaw County Office of the Public Defender in the felony trial division. He focuses on capital and non-capital felony offenses. Ken has been involved with the Divine Child theatre program for a few years now, and this fall he directed A Midsummer Night's Dream, with the help of his wife Sara who came on board as an assistant director.

Aubrey (Brewis) Pavlik '04 and husband, Brad own and operate three companies together that keep them traveling, and oftentimes on cruise ships. Their primary company is The Team: Themed Cruise Planning and Consulting. Their business focuses on individual and group travel, and in operating 7 - 10 Annual Music Festivals that take place on cruise ships. They operate guest services, hotel operation, artist needs, and cruise planning for these events. These festivals generally have between 75-150 performers on board and have allowed them to meet and work with some of the world's most influential musicians. They are also partial owners of 3 of the music festivals. Lastly, they consult for and assist up and coming musicians on managing their careers.

Lauren (Drouillard) '02 and **Scott Marquette '00** live in Indianapolis. Lauren started a fellowship in plastic surgery after becoming a board certified general surgeon and Scott works at Indiana University.



Stephanie (Santostasi) Johnson '09 married husband Luke in September 2018. They live in Asheville, North Carolina. After graduating from Central Michigan University, she took a job in Bristol, Tennessee, where she met her husband through a mutual friend. After one year, they moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee. They transferred within her company to a station in Asheville in April 2018. They have a 4 year old Golden Retriever named Walker!



Michael Gutierrez '12 is currently a Screenwriter's Assistant in Hollywood! He works alongside TV creator / show-runner and film screenwriter David Hemingson, handling administrative and creative duties on a slate of television and film projects. A typical Hollywood assistant is very involved with administrative duties on top of being intimately involved in the creative process during any point in the development, pre-production, production, or post-production process. Recently, he worked on Whiskey Cavalier, as the "Showrunner's Assistant," and on a feature film screenplay with an Oscar-winning director.

Jackie (Oros) Chizuk '84 was recognized as a 2019 Crain's Detroit Business Notable Woman In HR. As chief human resources officer of Varroc, an exterior vehicle lighting systems manufacturer, Jackie has helped the company recruit more than 100 engineers globally each year for the past four years as it acquired, opened or expanded centers in nine countries. Varroc also increased staff by more than 70 percent during the past six years.



ALUMNI HOCKEY NIGHT BRINGS CAMARADERIE

Over 30 former DCHS hockey players and their families attended the annual alumni hockey game at Taylor Sportsplex to skate with former teammates on Saturday, January 4, 2020. The Varsity hockey team graciously hosted a small reception after the game where former players stayed to cheer on the varsity team. "I look forward to this game every year. It's great to catch up with old teammates and reminisce about the past. It's amazing how we can pick right up where we left off, after all those years," *Matthew Fliss '06* shared.



CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER UNVEILING WELCOMES BACK NEW ALUMNI

The 2nd Annual Banner Unveiling night was a huge success. On Friday, December 20, 2019, the Alumni Association welcomed home the class of 2019 athletes and parents as they recognized the accomplishments of championship teams from the 2018-19 school year. Divine Child Athletics' legacy dates back to the 1960s when our football team won its first state title. Since then, our sports program has continued to excel and thrive. We are so proud of the student athletes who have represented the Falcons and are thankful for the legacy each of them has left behind for DC sports. Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!

2018-19 CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING TEAMS

FALL 2018 SPORTS

Girls' Cross Country
CHSL Champions

Volleyball
District Champions

Football
CHSL Champions

WINTER 2019 SPORTS

Girls' Basketball
District Champions

Competitive Cheer
CHSL Champions

Pom Pon
CHSL Champions

Boys' Basketball
District Champions

SPRING 2019 SPORTS

Softball
District Champions

Girls' Track
CHSL Champions
Regional Champions

Soccer
District Champions

Girls' Tennis
Regional Champions

Baseball
District Champions

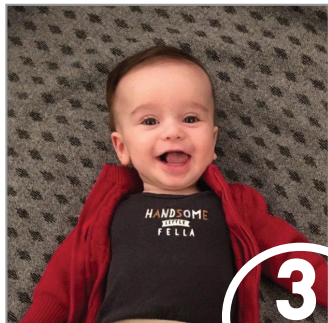
Boys' Track
CHSL Champions
Regional Champions

IN MEMORIAM |
In loving memory of these lost but not forgotten Falcon classmates:

Bob Vichinsky '66
Ed Puishes '68 | Sandy Tocco '71
Barney Dolan '75 | Jim Wing '76
Kathy Kaminski '86 | Brendon Cummings '00

FUTURE FALCONS

Congratulations to these Falcons on the birth of their children:



HAVE AN ALUMNI UPDATE TO SHARE? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE SEND US A NOTE EXPLAINING WHAT IS NEW WITH YOU!

WE ARE SEEKING:

- PROFESSIONAL/CAREER UPDATES
- WEDDING, BIRTH & BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS
- FEATURE STORIES
- IN MEMORIAM UPDATES

EMAIL AMCNAMARA@DIVINECHILD.ORG & INCLUDE PHOTOS!

1. **Kenny Guaci '99** and wife Teresa welcomed son Ezra Joseph on February 14, 2019, weighing 5 lbs 9 oz, measuring 19 inches. He joins big sister Arianna (4).

2. **Shannon (Bowerson) Conroy '03** and husband Brett welcomed son Daniel James on May 11, 2019, weighing 5 lbs 11 oz, measuring 19 inches.

3. **Clairese (Kornacki) Sustaita '05** and husband Mike welcomed their first child Isaac Stanley on May 25, 2019, weighing 7 lbs 5 oz and measuring 18 inches.

4. **Daniel Boyle '05** and wife Elena welcomed their second child Claire Josephine on June 10, 2019, weighing 8 lbs 3 oz and measuring 20.5 inches. Claire joins big brother Leo (2).

5. **Brandon Dawson '01** and wife Heather welcomed son Declan Thomas on June 15, 2019, weighing 7 lbs 1 oz and measuring 19 inches.

6. **Kenneth Overwater '99** and wife Sara welcomed daughter Eleanor Claire on June 28, 2019, weighing 7 lbs 10 oz and measuring 21 inches.

7. **Jane (Miller) '09** and husband **Bobby Prevost '09** welcomed their first child, Audrey Jane on July 2, 2019, weighing 7.7 lbs and measuring 21 inches.

8. **Jennifer (Dawson) Smith '99** and husband Mike welcomed their first daughter, Savannah Michelle on July 4, 2019, weighing 7 lbs 3 oz and measuring 20.5 inches.

9. **Scott Marquette '00** and wife **Lauren (Drouillard) '02** welcomed daughter Tess Elizabeth on July 22, 2019, weighing 7 lbs 1 oz. Tess joins big brother Edison (4).

10. **Chrissy (Pliska) Heintz '00** and husband Brian welcomed their third daughter, Joleigh Jean on August 14, 2019, weighing 7 lbs. Joleigh joins big sisters Delaney (10) and Elliana (8).

11. **Kevin Bilbrey '97** and wife Darlene welcomed son Samuel Jude on September 4, 2019, weighing 6 lbs 4 oz, and measuring 19 inches. Samuel joins big brother Milo (3).

12. **Frances (Kornacki) Toothman '07** and husband Mason welcomed their first child Mavis Roselynn on September 29, 2019, weighing 6 lbs 11 oz and measuring 19.5 inches.

13. **Stephanie (Lapshan) Johnson '04** and husband Shawn welcomed their first daughter Tatum Joanna on September 30, 2019, weighing 8 lbs 2 oz and measuring 21 inches.

14. **Katie (Bowerson) Zubok '09** and husband Nick, welcome their first child, Brady Daniel on October 10, 2019, weighing 8 lbs 1 oz, measuring 22 inches.

15. **John D'Aguanno '93** and wife Katelyn welcomed their first child, Giuliana Lucia on November 30, 2019, weighing 7 lbs 2 oz, measuring 21 inches.

16. **Ryan Schreiber '02** and wife Amanda welcomed their second child Alistar John on December 6, 2019, weighing 6 lbs 2 oz, measuring 18 inches. Alistar joins big brother Luke (18 months).

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to these Falcon newlyweds!



Emily Walkowiak '01 married **Frank Calabro** on June 1, 2019 at Divine Child Catholic Church. They reside in Columbus, OH where Frank is a physicist for Ohio Health and Emily is a marketer at Nationwide. The bridal party included DC alumni **Elizabeth Walkowiak '99** and **Leslie (Dzingle) Lauderbaugh '01**.



Shaun Harvey '96 married **Samantha McCall** on October 19, 2019 at Divine Child Catholic Church. They reside in Dearborn, MI. Shaun is a Police Officer for Allen Park. The bridal party included DC alumni **Mike McNamara '96**, **Bob McNamara '99**, **Metish Patel '99**, **Joel Fabbris '95**, **Darren George '95** and **Mark Cirelli '95**.



Aubrey (Brewis) Pavlik '04 married **Bradley Pavlik** on September 21, 2019 in Petoskey, MI. Fr. John Riccardo and Fr. Steve Burr celebrated their nuptial Mass at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, which was built in 1859.

REUNIONS



CLASS OF 1979 CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

The Divine Child Class of 1979 celebrated their 40th reunion this past August with a weekend of festivities! Classmate **Louie Iaquina '79** hosted the class at his restaurant, Benny's Pizza Pub, Friday night

where former teachers also attended. Dinner, reminiscing and catching up continued on Saturday at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia. The weekend concluded with Mass on Sunday and a tour of the high school led by Mr. Marco Monea. All who attended agreed, "We need to do this more often."



CLASS OF 1999 GIVES THANKS FOR 20 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP

Class of 1999 celebrated their 20 year reunion over Thanksgiving weekend. Over 90 people gathered to connect at Punch Bowl Social in Detroit on November 30th. We had a great turnout and all enjoyed reminiscing and catching up. The weekend wrapped up with a dedicated Mass on Sunday and a tour of the high school. Thank you to all who joined us! - **Kathleen (Kross) Denton '99**



MEETING UP WITH FRIENDS

The Class of 2009 celebrated their 10th reunion on November 29, 2019 at the Post Bar in Plymouth.

UPCOMING REUNIONS:

1965

JUNE 27
The Dearborn Inn
Details to come!

Sue Shinney - 248-579-6645
Paul Lewandowski
paullew02@yahoo.com

1980

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
4 DAYS OF FUN
9/3 - DCHS Football Game
9/5 - Reunion Event (TBD)
9/6 - Mass Celebration
9/7 - Family Picnic
Details to come!

1990

AUGUST 15
Location TBD
Reunion coordinators include:
Derrick Rodriguez
Rita (Centi) Sherwin
Jeanne Micallef



DIVINE CHILD

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Save the date and join us for these upcoming DCAA events. See you there!

Learn more by visiting www.DivineChildHighSchool.org/alumni-portal.

TRAVELING FALCONS - COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS | 6 PM

Western Michigan University | March 26 @ University Roadhouse (1332 W. Michigan)

Michigan State University | April 1 @ Pizza House (479 S. Hagadorn Rd.)

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor | April 2 @ Cottage Inn (512 E. William St.)

DETROIT NETWORKING EVENTS

Coffee & Cookies @ Avalon Cafe & Bakery | Thursday, Feb. 27 | 7-10 AM

Detroit Happy Hour @ The Elephant Room | Thursday, March 12 | 3-7 PM

AUCTION | Saturday, March 7

Dinner, cocktails, live and silent auctions, raffles, dancing and more

SPRING MUSICAL ALUMNI NIGHT | Saturday, March 21

All alumni welcome to pre-show reception for wine and cheese

LEGACY PICTURE | Friday, May 1

Coffee and picture with your senior legacy child

ART GALA | Saturday, May 2

Art show preview, awards ceremony, refreshments and more

ROAD RALLY | Friday, May 8

Fun scavenger hunt with Falcon friends

GOLF CLASSIC | Saturday, June 27

All are welcome to golf at Links of Novi, shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

FALCON 5K | Saturday, Aug. 15

Tot Trot, 1-Mile Fun Run, 5K, refreshments, raffles, prizes and more

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JOIN IN ON THE PLANNING

Gina Delgado is seeking
classmates to help with organizing
a fun and exciting celebration.

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REUNION
RESOURCES

CONTACT THE ALUMNI OFFICE FOR REUNION IDEAS INCLUDING:

Locations, Themes, DC Giveaways,
Schools Tours, Masses & MORE

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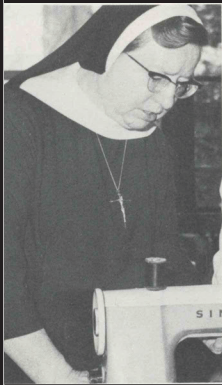
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ALUMNI GIVING: LEGACY IN ACTION

Most of us, if given the chance, would love to support future generations. This is our opportunity to continue our shared legacy as Divine Child Falcons. Please consider sharing your treasure with your alma mater. Here's how:

CURRENT SPECIAL PROJECTS



HOME ECONOMICS & APPLIED ARTS FACILITY RENOVATION:

Remember Sr. Josephina? Her old stomping grounds are due for a much-needed makeover! Picture better functionality and expanded coursework.

DONATE TO THIS PROJECT:

Online: GiveToDC.org
Mail-in: Check payable to *Divine Child*, c/o Colleen Johnson, 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

INTERACTIVE SEATING FOR THE LOWER ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS

Our young Falcons need classroom infrastructure suitable for modern collaborative teaching techniques.

DONATE TO THIS PROJECT:

Online: GiveToDC.org
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You remember this.



We envision this.



ALUMNI HALLWAY CELEBRATES HISTORY OF DCHS

We are transforming the "center" hallway, formerly the courtyard, into a walk through the decades.

\$10,000 is needed to complete this project. To date, we've raised \$3,900. Help us reach our goal and celebrate our shared legacy.

DONATE TO THIS PROJECT:

Online: bit.ly/2s97Xe4
Mail-in: Check payable to DCAA, c/o Aubri McNamara, 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

PLANNED GIVING

Through tax-favored giving, there are wonderful ways you can ensure the Divine Child experience is available for generations of Falcons to come!

Here's how:

1. **Designate Divine Child a beneficiary** of your will, trust or life insurance.
2. **Make a stock donation to Divine Child.** No capital gains tax, plus a charitable tax deduction of the full market value!
3. **Alumni 70 ½ or older may make a gift via your required minimum distribution (RMD) by directing the custodian to send the payment to Divine Child.** If you take your standard deduction, the portion of your RMD donated to charity reduces your adjusted gross income by the donation amount.

For more information contact Colleen Johnson at 313-216-0893 or cjohnson@divinechild.org.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

In September, Divine Child received a generous bequest of \$300,000 from the estate of the late **Gary Anton '72**, long time Divine Child parishioner. Per the terms of the gift, a Building Fund has been established in the name of Gary, his parents who were founding parishioners, and his sister, **Gail (Anton) Krasity '77**.

CLASS DONATIONS

Give back to our alma mater by making a class gift. Collect contributions during your next reunion, and make a donation in the name of your class year. Funds may be earmarked for a specific project, or used where it is needed most. Thank you to the following classes for their recent contributions to DCHS:
Class of 1969 | Class of 1971 | Class of 2019



Class of 2023 Falcon Legacy Scholarship recipients Mary Bustamante, daughter of Tina & Chris Bustamante '86 and Ava Morrow, daughter of Michelle (Bosak) '94 & Brian Morrow pose for a photo with Principal Eric Haley '98 & Alumni Relations Coordinator Aubri (Marchetti) McNamara '97.

... SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAMS FOR:

CONSIDER GIVING TO THESE ...

INCOMING FRESHMEN

FALCON LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP:
MERIT-BASED & AWARDED TO CHILDREN OF ALUMNI
 Value of each award: \$12,000 (paid over 4 years)
 Awarded to: 2 Incoming Freshmen
 Total annual distribution: \$24,000
 Mail donations payable to: *DCAA Foundation*
 c/o Aubri McNamara,
 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

FALCON SCHOLAR SCHOLARSHIP:
AWARDED TO TOP-RANKING INCOMING FRESHMEN
 Value of each award: Full-tuition for 4 years
 Awarded to: 2 Incoming Freshmen
 Total annual distribution: \$75,000
 Mail donations payable to: *Divine Child*
 c/o Colleen Johnson
 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

DCAA MERIT SCHOLARSHIP:
AWARDED TO TOP-RANKING INCOMING FRESHMEN
 Value: \$500 | Awarded to: Varies annually
 Mail donations payable to: *DCAA Foundation*
 c/o Aubri McNamara
 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

DCAA ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP:
NEED-BASED AWARD FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN & OTHER STUDENTS OF NEED
 Value: up to \$10,000 annually
 Awarded to: Varies annually
 Donations payable to: *DCAA Foundation*
 c/o Aubri McNamara
 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

SR. MARY GERALD SCHOLARSHIP
NEED-BASED AWARD FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN
 Value: \$500 | Awarded to: 1 Student
 Mail donations payable to: *Divine Child*
 c/o Colleen Johnson
 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

GRADUATING SENIORS

MATTHEW WADOWSKI '91 SCHOLARSHIP:
IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MATTHEW WADOWSKI '91
 Awarded to: 1 Graduating Senior
 Value: \$1,000

MSGR. WEIER & KUCYK SCHOLARSHIP:
IN MEMORY OF DIVINE CHILD'S BELOVED LATE PASTORS
 Awarded to: 2 Graduating Seniors
 Two awards valued at: \$500
 Award is renewable for four years.

DCAA ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP:
 Awarded to: 3 Graduating Seniors
 Awards: 1 \$500 and 2 \$250

SARA NIEMAN SCHOLARSHIP:
IN MEMORY OF THE LATE SARA NIEMAN, CLASS OF 1995
 Awarded to: 1 Graduating Student Athlete
 Value: \$2,000
 Award is renewable for four years.

DIVINE CHILD HIGH SCHOOL ALSO OFFERS FOUR ART SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELIGIBLE GRADUATING SENIORS AND CURRENT STUDENTS. SEE PAGE 11 FOR A LIST AND DETAILS.

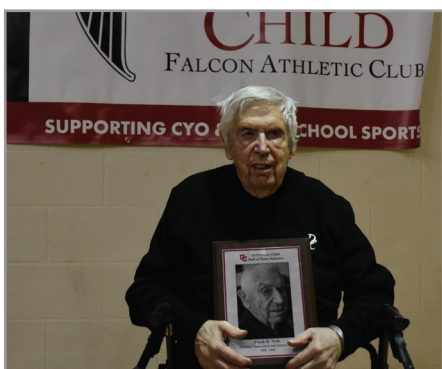
MORE INFO | For more information on our scholarship programs, visit DivineChildHighSchool.org. To learn more about how you can support of scholarship programs or to make a donation, please call 313-216-0891 or email Director of Advancement Colleen Johnson at cjohnson@divinechild.



DIVINE CHILD HALL OF FAME - SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 2019

The Divine Child Alumni Association and Falcon Athletic Club honored Sister Gerald, **Mark Carpenter `68**, Frank Yesh and Kathy Tar for their years of dedication and service to Divine Child Catholic Schools during the 4th Annual Hall of Fame. The event featured a "TasteFest" strolling dinner made possible by more than 20 local restaurants as well as artisan cocktails, craft beer and wine courtesy of local breweries and distilleries. Proceeds from the event directly benefited the elementary and high school athletic programs and the Divine Child Alumni Association. Thank you to our event sponsors listed below.

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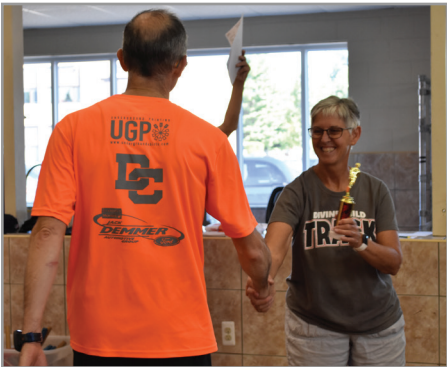
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- Antonio's Cucina Italiana
- Avalon International Breads
- Bangkok 96
- Bartz Bakery
- Bigby Coffee
- Brome Modern Eatery
- Culinary Innovations, Pete and **Anne (Thomas) Veach `82**
- Dearborn Italian Bakery
- DeLuca's Restaurant
- Dips & Sandwiches
- Divine Child Culinary Arts Students
- Downey Brewing Company
- Greenland Market
- Hacienda Mexican Foods
- Jet's Pizza
- Jolly Pumpkin/North Peak Brewing Co.
- Leon's Family Dining
- Loaf & A Pound
- Mexican Fiesta
- **Michael Moore `01**, Real Estate One
- Mint 29
- Park Place Caterers
- Picture Yourself Photo Booth, Mark and **Andrea (Baritche) Cooper `90**
- Rusted Crow Spirits, **Andrew Starnes `02**
- Samuel Adams, **Jeff Bancroft `00**
- Senor Lopez Mexican Restaurant
- Srodek's Quality Polish Food
- Stefan's Banquet & Conference Center
- Szegedi's Catering, **Tricia (Szegedi) Yost `90**
- Tuhama's
- Uncle Ray's

DIVINE CHILD FALCON 5K

... EVENT RECAP

27TH ANNUAL FALCON 5K - AUG. 10, 2019

The Annual Falcon 5K showed record numbers this year. The race was presented by Jack Demmer Ford Automotive Group (Jim Demmer '75), CHOCTAW-KAUL Distribution Company (Anthony Conniff '95) and Brooks Shoes. The event is held in memory of former Divine Child Track Coach and 2019 Hall of Fame inductee, Mark Carpenter '68. Funds raised benefit the DCHS Girls' Cross Country team and the Divine Child Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. We look forward to seeing the Falcon family and supportive runners again next year! Go Falcons! Special this year, Detroit Tigers Mascot PAWS joined the fun to bring smiles and promote the Catholic Night at Comerica Park which was held over the summer.



2019 ROAD RALLY

SUMMER IN THE "D" ROAD RALLY

A little rain and heat never hurt anyone! It was a muggy evening, but that didn't stop people from attending the 2nd Annual Road Rally. Thankfully the storm held off until the very last group finished. This year's theme was Summer in the D. The clues took the participants to various venues around Dearborn, eventually ending at Kelly's Irish Pub. Over 15 teams participated and dressed in their best summer backyard apparel. The next Road Rally will be Friday, May 8. Registration will open in April.

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ADMISSIONS

Continue the
FALCON LEGACY
with your family!

DIVINE CHILD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STRIVES TO PROVIDE ALL STUDENTS WITH MORE RESOURCES

What a great beginning for us here at Divine Child Elementary School this year! As I reflect back on my journey through education at Divine Child, as a high school alum, past high school assistant principal and current principal in the elementary school, I am honored and humbled to be a part of such a loving, passionate and faith focused community. We began our year with a focus on traditions and transformations.

This fall, we hired four teaching assistants for the early elementary classrooms - alumnae **Jennifer (Ervin) Newell '89** and **Loretta (McCarthy) Van Antwerp '86** and parishioners Diana Kuch and Angela Paolini

- and converted a former classroom into a learning space dedicated to our expanded Instructional Support Program.

This program was launched in 2012 at the high school to provide academic interventions and accommodations for students with diagnosed learning differences and remove the educational and behavioral stumbling blocks that prevent students from remaining in the classroom with peers. We believe no student should have to forgo the benefits of Catholic education to receive the extra classroom support they need and are pleased to now offer these services in the elementary school.

We are very excited to continue innovating around evolving teaching and learning styles, growing in our faith, and expanding our continuity and connections with the high school in Divine Child's K-12 educational community!

Submitted by **J Mike Courage '98**

FAMILY TOURS

All prospective families are encouraged to visit DCES and/or DCHS to see firsthand what makes our schools so special.

OPEN HOUSE

Tour our facilities, meet our staff, experience our classrooms and see what makes DCES home to the Falcons.

SHADOW VISITS

Students in grades 4-12 are welcome to experience a day in the life of a Falcon by shadowing current students.

APPLY

Our enrollment applications are available online at:

divinechildelementaryschool.org/admissions
or divinechildhighschool.org/admissions



**DIVINE
CHILD**
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Contact our Director of Admissions
Matt Saxer, at **313-216-0891 ext. 268**
or email him at msaxer@divinechild.org

Divine Child High School
Advancement Office
1055 N. Silvery Lane
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HELP US UPDATE OUR ALUMNI DATABASE

Have you moved, started a new job or prefer another form of communication? Update your contact information with the Divine Child Alumni Association. Visit www.divinechildhighschool.org/alumni-portal/alumni-directory to update your contact info, or contact amcnamara@divinechild.org.

In Loving Memory of
Frederick Williamson
1932-2018

*Always on our minds.
Forever in our hearts.*



LEAVE A MARK ON DC

and support the development and continued growth of our institution. DC is now offering three ways for Falcons to leave their legacy on the grounds and facilities.

BRICK PAVER

Set your name in stone by ordering a brick paver inside the Divine Child Alumni Athletic Complex.

AUDITORIUM SEAT

Leave your legacy or honor a loved one with a custom engraved silver auditorium seat nameplate in the newly refurbished Divine Child theatre.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Preserve the memory of loved ones on the Wayne Doran Memorial Wall located within the Divine Child Alumni Athletic Complex.

Visit www.divinechildhighschool.org/giving to order yours today!

BECOME A CLASS AGENT

Share your talents with the alumni association! We're looking for class agents to help us reach alumni.

As a class agent you would:

1. Connect with Classmates!
2. Participate in DCAA meetings!
3. Help organize and run class reunions/meet-ups!
4. Be the first to learn about new projects at DC!

LEARN MORE | Contact Aubri McNamara at amcnamara@divinechild.org or call 313-216-0893

ONCE A FALCON, ALWAYS A FALCON

