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The Alumni Association is built on a strong foundation of dedication and a belief in the motto *Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon*. The Association actively promotes the family tradition of continuing a Divine Child High School education.

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Class Agents

Alumni volunteers serving as liaisons between their classmates and the DCAA.



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, has grown into the largest co-educational Catholic school community 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, 800 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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Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Congrats to the Class of 2021 and welcome to the Divine Child Alumni Association. The DCAA consists of over 11,000 alumni all around the world. We are always in search of fellow Falcons willing to lend their time and assistance in the advancement of the Alumni Association.

In the new year, we will begin hosting meetings where our volunteers can collaborate in the sharing of ideas, help plan events and create exciting opportunities for Falcons to gather. We are currently in need of Class Agents, as well as donations to complete the Once a Falcon Alumni Hallway project that has been put on hold due to COVID. The Falcon Alumni Hallway will serve as a wonderful reminder of the Divine Child legacy we all hold close to our hearts. Our goal is to have this project completed this summer but we need your support. If you wish to donate, please send checks payable to DCAA and mail to DC Attn: Aubri McNamara. Thank you for your ongoing support of our alma mater. Go Falcons!



A Message from OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Three key words in the Archdiocese of Detroit at this time are the words Encounter, Grow and Witness. Archbishop Vigneron is exhorting all of us to encounter Christ anew.

Encountering Jesus is really the foundation of what we are striving to do more and more here at Divine Child. Jesus is the reason we exist as a parish and the reason we have our schools. It is not enough to get a great education or have a great athletic program. Yes, we are blessed to be able to provide a wonderful education for our students and fine athletic and extracurricular programs. However, first and foremost, we want our students, their parents, and our faculty to encounter Christ. Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount, "But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you." (Matthew 6:33) This is our goal, and we desire to accomplish this day by day, person by person.

We have all encountered people who have changed our lives for the better. Their words and actions have changed the way we look at life. When we encounter Jesus anew, we are transformed. It may be a dramatic transformation or a subtler one over time. In both cases, it begins with an Encounter.

This pattern of Encounter, Grow, Witness is really meant to be continued throughout our lives. It is a journey of three stems which is meant to be repeated time and again.

Our schools are a fine place for growth to continue in the lives of our students. I am very thankful for our administration and faculty who not only teach but guide our students in helping them to acquire greater growth in the Lord.

Lastly, we are all called to give Witness. Whether we are a student, faculty member, parent, or DC alumni, we have been commissioned by Jesus to go and give witness. Let us pray for each other that we will find great joy in giving witness to Christ. Each one of us have been called to give witness to God's love. We can do this in simple ways. I see it being done in so many tangible ways in our schools each day.

I would like to offer a few ways in which we can all Encounter, Grow and Witness.

- *Encounter* – Begin the day with prayer. I personally dedicate each day to the Lord before even getting out of bed. Try to spend at least seven minutes in quiet prayer sometime during the day. Reflect on a small portion from the Bible for a few minutes as well.
- *Grow* – Attend Mass every weekend and be strengthened for the journey

by the Eucharist. Find hope and healing through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

- *Witness* – Through your words and actions, be light, joy and comfort, where it is needed in your homes, neighborhoods, workplaces and wherever God leads you. We should never underestimate the power of a kind gesture or an encouraging word.

Let us remember to pray for each other. May Encountering Christ, Growing in Christ and Witnessing to Christ be a vibrant and central part of each of our lives.

Remember, you are always at home at Divine Child. Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!

God's Peace and Joy,

Fr. Bob McCabe
Pastor



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



A Message from **OUR PRINCIPAL**

Hello Falcon Alumni! My name is Anthony Trudel, and I am both blessed and honored to have been selected as the next Principal of Divine Child High School. A heartfelt thank you to Fr. Bob McCabe and all of the members of the hiring committee for such a warm welcome and for sharing stories of their experiences of formation, family, legacy, and community at Divine Child.

By way of introduction...I am Dad to my son Dominic who is 13 and my daughter Helena who is 11. My best friend and fellow Catholic educator is my wife of 20 years Danielle. We attend St. Clare Montefalco parish on the East side, and Dominic and Helena both attend Catholic schools. My passion for teaching and my faith started when I was very young. Yes--I was that kid who set up a classroom in my basement to teach my neighborhood friends, and then slip on one of my Dad's old robes, my imaginary priest vestment, and held Mass after class. My teaching career began at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI where I taught math and chemistry, and resumed my teaching career at University

of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. Over the past 18 years, I served U of D Jesuit as a science and math teacher, department chairperson, assistant principal, and principal. It is through my experience at U of D Jesuit where I saw the intimate and formative presence of Jesus Christ at work in students both inside and outside of the classroom.

When speaking to our Falcon alums, several things stand out to me about the Divine Child Catholic Community: family, connectedness, collaboration, and the phrase in the Falcon mission statement, faith in action. These pieces are connected by a common thread: an encounter with Jesus Christ--and this is why I am very excited to make the Falcon community my next home!

These first few months have been nothing short of amazing! Seeing our students thrive and bond in all areas of high school life... being vessels of God's loving presence for each other through these challenging times we find ourselves in. There is a passion, care, and kindness that permeates the hallways, classrooms, and

athletic fields. It is truly special and uniquely Falcon! I am proud to be part of this Christ centered and fully alive community of faith.

This year for me is a journey of exploration. I look forward to continue identifying areas of strength and growth--and through collaboration and companionship continue to animate and relentlessly drive Divine Child's mission of faith in action! Together, we will continue to fortify the excellence of the spiritual, academic, creative, social, and athletic pillars of the Falcon student experience.

Know of my prayers and God's grace for each of you for peace, joy, recharging and refreshing with family and friends. God bless and go Falcons!

Anthony Trudel
Principal

SPIRITUALLY

Campus Ministry *Updates*



>> Fr. Bob says Mass in the High School Chapel as part of the *Unlocking the Mystery* program.

UNLOCKING THE *Mystery*

>> At the beginning of the school year, faculty from the high school and staff from the parish teamed up to sponsor an event for students titled, "Unlocking the Mystery: An Invitation to the Mass." Using short sessions, this event provided an introduction to the Mass and an invitation for students to enter in the Mass in new ways this year. As the year unfolds, students will be presented with a variety of resources (some big, some small) to continue to deepen their awareness of the Mass and invite them to participate more fully. Additionally, approximately monthly before-school chapel Masses have been offered, providing students and staff with an opportunity to begin the day with Mass and a simple breakfast afterward.



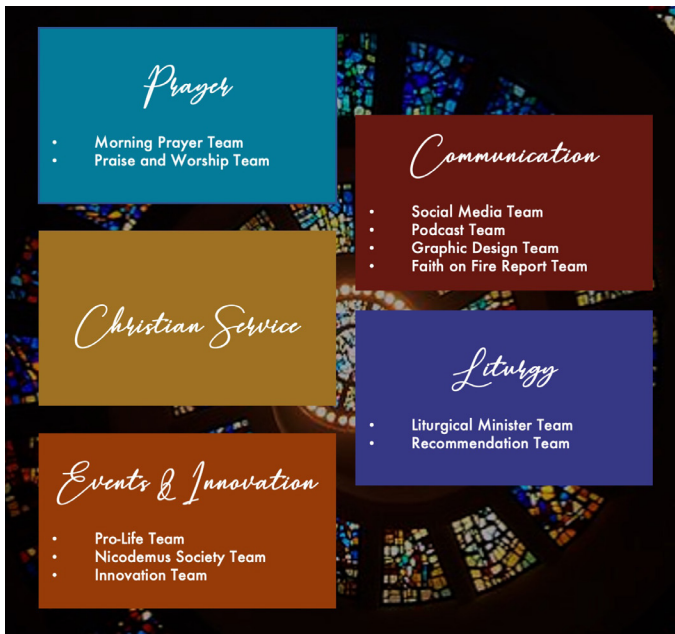
MEET THE CAMPUS MINISTER

>> Divine Child welcomed a new Campus Minister to the team this fall. Mr. John Brahier moved into this important role after having served as a member of the DCHS Theology Department for three years.

"I am excited to work with and for the students, staff, and families of Divine Child! I am committed to creating meaningful opportunities for our community to encounter Christ and develop as disciples on the journey toward Heaven."

THE *Great* ADVENTURE

>> "The Great Adventure" is a series of opportunities that have been designed to invite students and our greater Divine Child community into an increasingly deep relationship with God. By focusing on a range of themes intertwined with the liturgical and secular calendar, the programming (which ranges from Mass to presentations) utilizes a variety of different formats to engage the community. The first session, which started in October, focuses on "Ascending the Spiritual Mountain" and has offered students opportunities to reflect on the spiritual journey. Future sessions will focus on a variety of topics, including discernment, human dignity, God's mercy, and acquiring a Biblical worldview.



GET INVOLVED IN CAMPUS MINISTRY

>> As a member of the Divine Child Alumni network you can get involved in growing our Campus Ministry Department.

- Follow Campus Ministry on Instagram (@dc_faith_life) and visit our website (www.divinechildhighschool.org/faith-life).
- Later this year, Campus Ministry will be sharing a series that offers tips for students in their faith lives. You are invited to share your stories and/or offer a tip for a healthy spiritual life. Email your thoughts to Mr. Brahier at brahier@divinechildhighschool.org.
- Pray for our students, teachers, and community!

RING DAY tradition **CONTINUES**

>> Ring Day is an important celebration of the ascension of the junior class to the position of upperclassmen, reminding us to remember our fond memories of years past and look on to our future as role models in the school community. On this day, we pledge our fidelity to our faith and school, receiving a blessing to aid us on our journey to becoming who we have been created to be. We cherish the friendships that we have made throughout the years and hope to make more throughout the rest of our high school experience. We each take on an important role as a leader in our school community and have the ability to make Divine Child an amazing place for each and every person who walks the halls. These rings each serve as a beautiful reminder that each of us has an important place at both Divine Child and in the world, and we can truly touch the lives of others with our actions. Congratulations, Class of 2023!

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM (FIAT)

<< More than 50 students have joined our new student leadership team for Campus Ministry - the Faith in Action Team or FIAT. These young men and women lead and serve the Divine Child community by modeling Catholic values and taking an active role in the faith formation experience here at DCHS. Some examples of how students can get involved include: planning morning prayers for school, developing a faith-related podcast, organizing liturgical ministers for Mass, planning unique after-school events for students, and more!

<< Since its launch in August 2021, FIAT has been providing students with ways for them to get involved in prayer, communication, Christian service, the Liturgy and events.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

>> As a member of the Divine Child Alumni network, you can get involved in growing our Campus Ministry Department. These wonderful alumni contributed:

- Alumna **Haley Aho '20** designed the new Campus Ministry logo.
- Alumna **Rhonwyn Martin '20** is the co-leader (with a teacher) of a Bible Study.
- Alumna **Ashley Avant '21** spoke to the student body about the Hallow app, a Catholic prayer and meditation app. All students have premium accounts for this year in an effort to encourage students to develop their prayer lives.



ACADEMICALLY



>> The Class of 2021 prayerfully walked through the most unique junior and senior years known to our school, emerging as strong Catholic leaders. And on Sunday, May 16, 226 seniors gathered on the football field with their families to celebrate the highly anticipated Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Ceremony.

True "Falcon Grit" has been at work in the Class of 2021. These students have been both flexible and adaptive, using new technologies, resources and learning techniques to excel in the classroom despite the unusual circumstances presented by the pandemic. 97% of the class was college-bound this fall, earning nearly \$16.5 million in scholarships.

>> **Victoria Brey '21**, daughter of alumna **Cheryl (Gruchala) Brey '91**, is the class of 2021's valedictorian. Victoria shared sweet sentiments about the time shared at DCHS, "My time at Divine Child High School taught me, more than anything else, how to work hard. Classes were rigorous and academically challenging, so I had to push myself to meet my goals and achieve the success I desired. Going into college, I know that I will be prepared to overcome any obstacles that come my way in my education because of the foundation of hard work and dedication I learned at DC."

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

DCHS welcomed 13 new staff members to the high school faculty, including Principal Anthony Trudel. Other staff members include:

- Elizabeth Berlinghof, Theology Department
- John Berner, English Department & Yearbook Coordinator
- Karen DeLaRosa, World Languages Department - Spanish
- George Devore, Math Department
- Brendon Godin '16, Science Department
- Sarah Jacobsen, Science Department
- Joy Jordan, Math Department
- Arnold Muscat '84, Assistant Athletic Director
- Laura Scheuer, Science Department
- Allison Unger, Counseling Department
- Pete Veach, Food Services Manager
- Andrew Willing, Social Studies Department



CONGRATULATIONS
PATRICIA PAULINE
MATH DEPARTMENT
2021 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

LINK CREW



Starting your freshmen year of high school can be a bit scary - especially if you don't know anyone! That's why DCHS launched **Link Crew** - a welcome program that increases freshman success.

submitted by Pat Pauline, Link Crew coordinator

Members of the junior and senior class are trained to be yearlong Link Leaders who act as positive role models, motivators, mentors and teachers helping guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during this pivotal transition to high school.

As freshmen success increases, the benefits to the school culture and climate become apparent; Link Crew schools report having greater connection, increased extracurricular participation, fewer discipline issues and greater pride and spirit. Additionally, the older students who serve as mentors gain lifelong leadership skills and report a higher degree of empathy, compassion and self esteem, often going on to continue making service a part of their lives.

Our Divine Child Link Crew Faculty coordinators, Miss Pauline, Mrs. Spalding, Mrs. Sovine and Herr Young have been busy with the 50 Divine Child Link Crew Leaders, beginning in August with an intense two day training session to prepare our leaders to lead our freshman.

The Divine Child Class of 2025 was locked out of the gym by upperclassmen Friday, August 20 but there was no need to report the incident to school staff.

What was waiting inside the gym was an enthusiastic, surprising loud welcome from The Link Crew and staff helping to welcome these fledgling Falcons.

Freshmen walked through the "gauntlet" - a human tunnel extending across the floor in which leaders offered words of encouragement to make the younger students feel comfortable in their new surroundings.

The Welcome Assembly kicked off a day of group activities with positive messages and getting acquainted with classmates, schedules, and teachers.

After the initial freshman orientation, Link Crew sponsored a Freshman Tailgate prior to the September 2 home football game. Our first semester events included a Scary Movie Night, "Turkey Trot," Ice Cream Social, the annual Christmas Link" contest & wrapping up first semester with the "Cram With Cocoa" study sessions.

Second semester, we kick off Catholic Schools week with Winter Wonderland in January, I Love DC Valentine event and finally a Mardi Gras party in early March.

Our Link Leaders are there to support our freshmen academically, socially and spiritually every day.



CREATIVELY



Peter & the Star-Catcher

This fall, the high school theatre students found themselves in the fantasy world of Peter Pan, telling the story of how Peter got his name, and how Captain Hook became his one-handed nemesis. Peter and the Star-Catcher is the hilarious and fanciful prequel to Peter Pan. Our students had a blast transforming into many fictitious and funny characters. Senior Avery McKelvy '22 took on the role of Black Stache (you know him as Captain Hook!), while Senior Lauren Davidson '22 brought to life "boy" who becomes Peter, and ultimately Peter Pan! With over 50 student actors, and a full stage crew and prop crew of students, this show afforded many thespians an opportunity to be involved in DC theatre. Alumna **Elisa Noeske '00** directed the show with assistance from current English teacher Emily Castine and **Ken Overwater '99**. Band Director and Fine Arts Department Head Robert Bush, produced and stage managed the show, and Choral Teacher Paul Abbott was the musical director.



In the Spring, DCHS thespians will stage for *Emma: A Pop Musical!* Think Jane Austin's Emma meets Clueless meets 90's pop music! You can catch all the fun and sing-a-long numbers March 18-20, 2022 and March 25-27, 2022!

YOU'RE INVITED | On Saturday, March 19th, before the evening performance of *Emma*, the Alumni Association will host its annual alumni cheese and wine reception. All alumni are welcome to come back to visit with friends and colleagues before taking in the show. Also, stay for the afterglow and meet the cast and crew following the performance!

Band students launch into new year

submitted by Bob Bush

In August, the DC Marching Band traveled away to band camp and learned pregame and halftime shows which they performed at Divine Child's home varsity football games. After a very unusual 2020-21 school year, the students did a great job reacquainting with a full band! As the season progressed, we welcomed back 20 band alumni who marched with us in the annual Homecoming parade! It was amazing to have former band members from over 4 decades! In early October, the marching band competed at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) Marching Band Festival and

received straight 1 ratings! This is the highest rating one can receive from the adjudicators! Congratulations Marching Band!!

The Symphonic Band hosted its annual Halloween Concert on Halloween and its Christmas Concert on Dec. 5. All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed hearing some great tunes to get them into the holiday spirit. In January, 15 of Divine Child's music students will compete for ratings at the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival. Good luck, Falcons!



Rake & Run with Varsity Club

The Divine Child Varsity Club participated in their annual Rake and Run where students volunteered to help those in need within the community. Despite the cold temperatures and the occasional snow flurries, 55 students came out and they were able to rake the leaves of 30 houses. There were lots of laughs, singing and making wonderful memories.

submitted by **Regina (Arcuri) Dunn '88**, Varsity Club facilitator



DCHS Sophomore launches club to "Feed the Hungry"

submitted by **Lauren Postl '24**

My name is Lauren Postl, and I am a current sophomore at Divine Child. I started Feed the Hungry Club during February of 2021. It took a lot of coordination and communication between teachers and nonprofit organizations, not to mention the added challenge of COVID-19, to get the club started.

One of my favorite hobbies is volunteering. I truly believe that volunteering can have a huge impact on someone's life. By starting this club, I wanted to make volunteering opportunities more accessible to students in the hope that it would ignite in them a passion for making a difference.

Hunger is a huge problem, but I do think that it can be solved starting with small solutions. I have a passion for helping the hungry and homeless, and I wanted to share that passion with others in order to have a bigger impact.



As of now, the club has done two "Baking for PBJ Outreach" projects. We baked batches of granola, as well as peanut butter cookies and chocolate chip cookies, that were distributed to 200 men and women through PBJ Outreach, a local nonprofit organization that distributes food and other essentials to the homeless in Detroit.

For future projects, we are planning on trips to Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest, a food drive for Ronald McDonald House. The biggest project we hope to do this year is a food packaging event through Kids Coalition Against Hunger. This event would produce 10,000 packages of dried food for countries around the world. To reach this goal, we will fundraise throughout the year to collect the resources needed for the project.

My overall vision for this club is to have a positive impact on the people we serve, no matter how small or how big that impact may be. This club truly demonstrates one of my favorite quotes: "You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

If you would like to help support the Feed the Hungry Club, please reach out to Croninb@divinechildhighschool.org.



>> The Robotics club meets and works on projects at St. Sabina Catholic Church where alumnus Fr Jim Lopez '88 (pictured above) is the pastor.

ROBO FALCONS

submitted by **Jeanine (Levy) DeGuzman '86**, robotics club moderator

Congratulations to the 2021 Robo Falcons, our FIRST Robotics team #8179 on winning the prestigious, FIRST Robotics Rookie Game Changer Award!

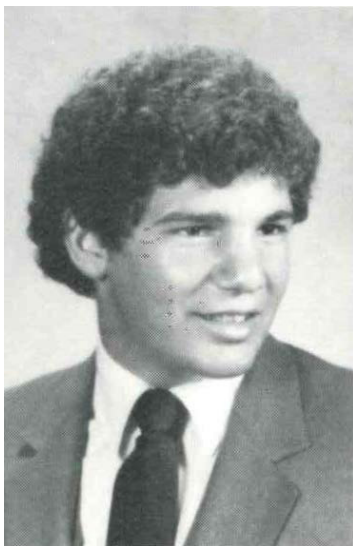
>> The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) is an international high school robotics competition. Each year, teams of high school students, coaches, and mentors work during a six-week period to build and program a robot capable of competing in that year's game. A robot completes tasks such as scoring balls into goals, placing inner tubes onto racks, hanging on bars, and balancing on balance beams. The game changes annually, and while teams are given a kit of a standard set of parts during the annual kickoff, the teams are also allowed and encouraged to design, buy and/or make specialized parts via CAD tools and camera technologies to make their robot more capable and a stronger competitor.

In the Robo Falcons second season of FIRST Robotics competition in 2021, the students optimized the capability of last year's robot to compete in a series of

at-home challenges (due to pandemic restrictions). Our robot was able to maneuver an obstacle course, shoot balls at a target, and even drive itself autonomously! The students also had to participate in a remote presentation, fielding interview questions from the panel of judges. As a result of the team's effort in physically constructing, programming, testing, and driving our robot, and presenting our results, the Robo Falcons won the FIRST Rookie Game Changer award for 2021!

If you have skills or interest in helping with robot programming, CAD, or mechanical engineering and build, we would love to have your help as a mentor. Our season runs from January to March. Please contact mike.ciavaglia@gmail.com.





**WELCOME
HOME
ARNIE**

Arnie Muscat '84 returns to DC as *Assistant Athletic Director*

It's with great excitement that we share alumnus **Arnie Muscat '84** has joined the Divine Child High School team as Assistant Athletic Director. Mr. Ben Cronin, who formerly served in this position, will continue to serve the Divine Child High School community in his new role as Dean of Student Life.

"The chance to come back to Divine Child High School as the Assistant Athletic Director was a great opportunity for me," Arnie shared. "Having been a student-athlete for DC elementary school, DC High School and also having coached football here, the opportunity to be a part of the athletic department and work with the coaches and all of the students here was a dream come true. I feel very blessed to be back at DC where it all started for me."

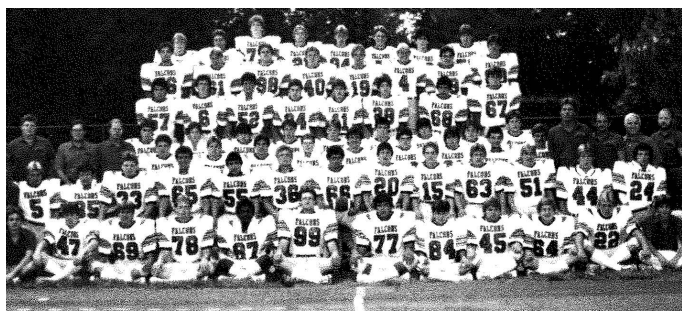
Arnie comes to Divine Child with a wealth of leadership experience and a passion for sports and education. Prior to his return to DC, Arnie enjoyed a 32-year career at Ford Motor Company, where he most recently served as a Purchasing Senior Launch Manager, managing product launch teams and programs. Throughout his career, Arnie volunteered his time with high school sports as both a coach and a coordinator at Divine Child in the early-1990s and at Livonia Churchill High School in the 2000s.

Over the last year, Arnie served as an Athletic Administrator for Livonia Public Schools, supervising and directing a

Division I, Class A high school athletic program. Through that experience, he not only helped maintain a strong athletic program through the pandemic, but also worked with the schools' community and athletic booster liaisons.

"Having been a student-athlete for DC elementary school, DC High School and also having coached football here, the opportunity to be a part of the athletic department and work with the coaches and all of the students here was a dream come true."

Arnie holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University and a Master of Business Administration from Wayne State University. He is pursuing his third degree, a Master of Science in Educational Leadership at Madonna University, with an expected completion in December 2021. Arnie is also a certified NIAAA Registered Athletic Administrator.





TEAM UPDATES

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY earned second at the CHSL Championship, third at Regionals and finished 21st in Division 2 State finals. Team was led by Lyndsey Aho, Kirsten Koss, Katie Kurtinaitis, Lauren Postl, Ella Slade, Katie Deisler and Kayla Slade.

BOYS' SOCCER had a successful season in 2021. The team finished with a 9-6-4 final record and finished second in the Catholic League AA division final standings with a 3-2-4 league record. The Varsity soccer team captured its third straight District Championship, its fifth in six years. The JV team won the league championship with only one loss on the season. For the first time in school history, Divine Child tied and defeated Cranbrook. The Falcons will return many key players for a strong 2022 season!

GIRLS' SWIM - Who knew Falcons could swim? With victories over town rivals Edsel Ford and Fordson, the team was led by captains Julie Sweikowsky, Payton Markavich, and Abby Jernigan. They finished 6th at the Catholic League Championship meet at Waterford Kettering High School. Senior Payton Markavich was the team's high point scorer with 10th place finish in the 50 free and 7th place in the 100 Breaststroke.

BOYS' TENNIS was filled with new players and a new assistant coach, Angelo Fileccia, but that didn't stop us from competing with a lot of great teams. This season we had 6 first year players in the lineup at DC. Some of them were playing competitively for the first time. All of our players this year improved tremendously and we now have a strong group of boys returning next year. We finished the year 500 and with a 2nd place finish at the Catholic League tournament. Next season we're expecting to have an even better year with many of our players having gained a lot of great experience this year. The 2022 season can't come quickly enough. Go Falcons!!

GIRLS' GOLF topped off their incredible season by winning the Division II State Championship. It was the first time in school history that the Girls Golf team had won a State Championship title. This followed up their impressive victory at the State Regionals which they won by 46 strokes. It was the second year in a row that the Falcons won their State Regional. One week prior to the State Regional, the Falcons won their third Catholic League Championship in a row at the Detroit Golf Club. They also finished in a three way tie for first place in their Catholic League division with a 5 -1 record. Overall, it was a season to remember for the Lady Falcons.

GIRLS' LACROSSE had an amazing season in their first official year as an MHSAA team after their season was canceled last year. The team went 15-3 on the entire season. The team was led by a strong group of five seniors

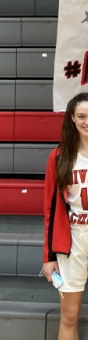
but of the nineteen girls on the roster only two had ever played at the varsity level. They were first seed for the Catholic League tournament and went all the way to the finals. The girls ended their season making it to the regional semifinals. Looking forward to another great season this spring.

BOYS' BASKETBALL finished the season 11-3, district champs for the 4th year in a row, but this was the first district championship at the Division 1 level in school history. Defeating Dearborn in the District Final 66-53, but lost to River Rouge in the regional semifinal to end the season. Season MVP was Senior Guard **Andrew Iaquaniello '21**. Also graduated three other 3 Year Varsity players in **Kyle O'Connor '21**, **Grant Reising '21**, and **Jacob Marchykwa '21**. Highlights of the season were wins at Detroit Renaissance and finishing 5-1 in the AA Catholic League Division with two wins over rival Detroit Loyola (61-56 at Home, 67-59 at Loyola in OT.)

BOYS' WRESTLING had a great season. Numbers in the program improved from 6 to 14 athletes and DC wrestling was finally able to field a team rather than just a group of individuals. The team was led by senior captains **Marco Thomson '21** and **Matthew Ejakov '21** who truly embodied everything that the new DC Wrestling program stands for. These seniors helped the younger wrestlers understand the importance of hard work and dedication to their crafts. We had a successful season, but like some other sports our season ended early due to COVID. We had 6 wrestlers with winning records and won a few dual meets as well! The new captains this season, Jaime Ibarra and Isaiah Ploucha, will continue to invoke these values into the younger athletes on the team.

BOYS' BASEBALL team had a rollercoaster ride in 2021, but was thankful to be back on the diamond. After not having a season in 2020, the 2021 campaign was eventful and featured a district championship. Unfortunately, the season ended in the regional with a hard-fought 2-1 defeat to Trenton. For the season, the team was led on the field by 2B **Adam Kuczajda '21**, C **Derek Marinucci '21**, OF **Ethan Munro '21**, **Clifton Scalf '21**, and P **Grant Reising '21**. Coming back for the Falcons in the 2022 season will be P Owen Avery '22, OF Carson Sampson '22 and 1B/P Jack Zang '22.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL had a challenging 2020-21 season that taught character-building, as they spent more time shut down or in quarantine than they did on the court. They finished in 3rd place in the Central Division and only were able to play 10 games total ending with a 7-3 overall record. Even through the struggles of the season, the team worked very hard and made great strides. Individual honors include: All Catholic sophomore Kennedy Blair, All





League junior Ashley Hill and senior **Amber Traub '21** and All Academic senior **Shea McCormick '21**.

'21, Adam Thompson '21, Paul Scheuher '22, Andrew Carl '23, and Sean Kasprzyk '24.



BOYS' LACROSSE season was a memorable one particularly since the 2020 season was canceled due to the pandemic. Both JV and Varsity teams have a lot to build upon from this past year. The Varsity team went 13-6 overall, finished second place in the CHSL AA division with a 5-1 record and won a State playoff game before losing in the Regional semifinals. There is a lot of enthusiasm for the upcoming 2022 campaign as the team continues to grow their program.

VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER season proved to be one of great triumphs, but not necessarily reflected in awards and trophies. Amidst incredibly strict COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, the team began their season virtually. They meet daily online, doing at home work-outs and choreography all through Zoom calls. Once the girls were able to meet in person, it was only without contact with other teammates, so where in previous years coaches could aid in an athlete's progress in tumbling or stunting, that was quickly halted and the athletes were further held back. With a lot of determination, prayer and heart, the Falcons reached the Regional level of the State Tournament where they put out an incredible performance.

BOYS' GOLF was excited to participate this year after having the 2020 season canceled. The program welcomed new Varsity Head Coach and DCHS Theology teacher Jason Jackett to the family as well as Bob Salter as the JV Head Coach. **Ben Loisel '92** returned to the program as Varsity Assistant Coach. Despite being a young team in a transition and rebuilding year, the boys represented DCHS with integrity and honor both on and off the course. The Varsity team competed in 6 matches and 12 invitationals gaining much experience and finished the season strong shooting a season best 367 and placing 6th at Regionals. The boys and girls golf programs ended their seasons on a successful and fun note by hosting a golf camp for 26 fourth through eighth graders from the local community at Lakes of Taylor. Our goal for the season is to qualify for the State Tournament by placing in the top three at Regionals.

GIRLS' TENNIS looks to improve on its third place finishes in Catholic Leagues and Regionals last year. They are led by Captains Alessandra Senatore, Sarah Collins, Helen Jakubowicz and Mia Hammer. With a strong supporting staff of seniors Jenna Fawaz, Abbie Jernagan, Avery McKelvey, Gabby Pizzino, Julie Sweikowsky combined with returning varsity members Anna Arao, Aly Barrette, Riley Cash, Kylar Hansen and Tia Shuayto the Falcons have much more depth in both doubles and singles flights.



GIRLS' BOWLING finished second overall in regular season play and would eventually fall to Farmington Hills Mercy in the Catholic League Final. In Regional play the girls would finish 4th and just ten pins out of qualifying for the State Tournament. This is a young group of girls that has been getting better each and every year. We are truly excited for the opportunity that lies before our girls for the 21-22 season. This year's Varsity Girls Team consisted of; Trianna Smith '22, Macy Brigmon '22, Amber Ligenza '23, Ava Scigel '24, and Graci Fundaro '24.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL had a wild 2021 season dealing with COVID. The majority of the team consisted of 3 seniors, 2 Juniors, 6 sophomores, and 2 freshmen. However because of the lost season of 2020 only one senior had any varsity experience. It was a roller coaster of a season battling quarantines and close contact restrictions. We only had our full team for two weeks of the season. However, it was great to be able to play again last year. We are excited for this season having 2 returning seniors and many talented players. We look forward to rebuilding the winning culture and Falcon softball traditions. We hope to see you out there to catch a game or two!



BOYS' BOWLING had a season to remember, winning a Division II State Championship. In the regular season the Falcons would finish second in the standings. The CHSL Championship, however, would be a different story. The Falcon boys would walk into the CHSL Finals as the overall number 1 seed and cruise to winning its third straight Catholic League title. The following week the Falcons would host the Regional tournament and walk away with a second place finish. The Varsity Boys' team consisted of: **Shane Green '21, Noell Jackson**

BOYS' HOCKEY led by new coaches, **Mike McNamara '96, Bob McNamara '99** and **Vincenzo DiDomenico '17**, had a tough 2020-21 season having to serve 3 quarantines. Despite the shutdowns, the team, led by 3 seniors showed their resilience finishing 4-7 in the regular season before falling short at regional playoffs to Pinckney. The 2021-22 season shows promise as they welcome back a heavy senior class mixed in with some new underclassmen.



GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM TAKES CHSL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2021 varsity girls soccer team had a truly historic season this past spring--in addition to winning a third consecutive MHSAA District Championship, the team also won its first ever MHSAA Regional Championship, defeating a talented South Lyon East team 3-2 via shootout in the Regional Championship game. In addition to goals in regulation from sophomore Sydney Bourdon and senior **Taylor Meadows '21**, goals in the penalty shootout were scored by Meadows, junior Anna Bidolli '22, and senior **Amber Traub '21**. Additionally, senior **Brooke Dolkowski '21** put on an outstanding defensive performance in the midfield for DC, while goaltender **Gabby Cvetanovski '21** made three, critical saves in the shootout (including the final South Lyon East penalty) to secure the Falcon victory. This Regional Final was truly one of the most important and memorable games in the program's history!

Equally as impressive as the team's play and success during the MHSAA state tournament was its performance during the Catholic High School League's (CHSL) regular season and playoff. The Falcons were able to qualify for the CHSL (Bishop Division) postseason tournament for the third consecutive year. In the CHSL semifinal, DC was faced with the task of playing Warren Regina on the road, against whom the Falcons had dropped two one goal games earlier in the season. After falling behind 1-0, the team played an outstanding second half. Senior **Morgan Stack '21** scored all three Falcon goals, and the team advanced to the program's first ever CHSL final appearance with a 3-1 victory.

In the CHSL Final, DC met Farmington Hills Mercy, a team who the Falcons split with in the CHSL regular season. The championship game delivered outstanding performances from both teams, and the Falcons

captured a 3-2 victory. Junior forward Mia Thomson found the back of the net twice, while junior Ashtyn Lange assisted on multiple goals. Additionally, defenders **Shea McCormick '21**, **Kristina Persichetti '21**, Lyndsey Aho '22, **Gabby Chabala '21**, and Avery Haynes '22 worked to anchor the DC back line. The Falcons' CHSL Bishop Division title was the first league championship in program history!

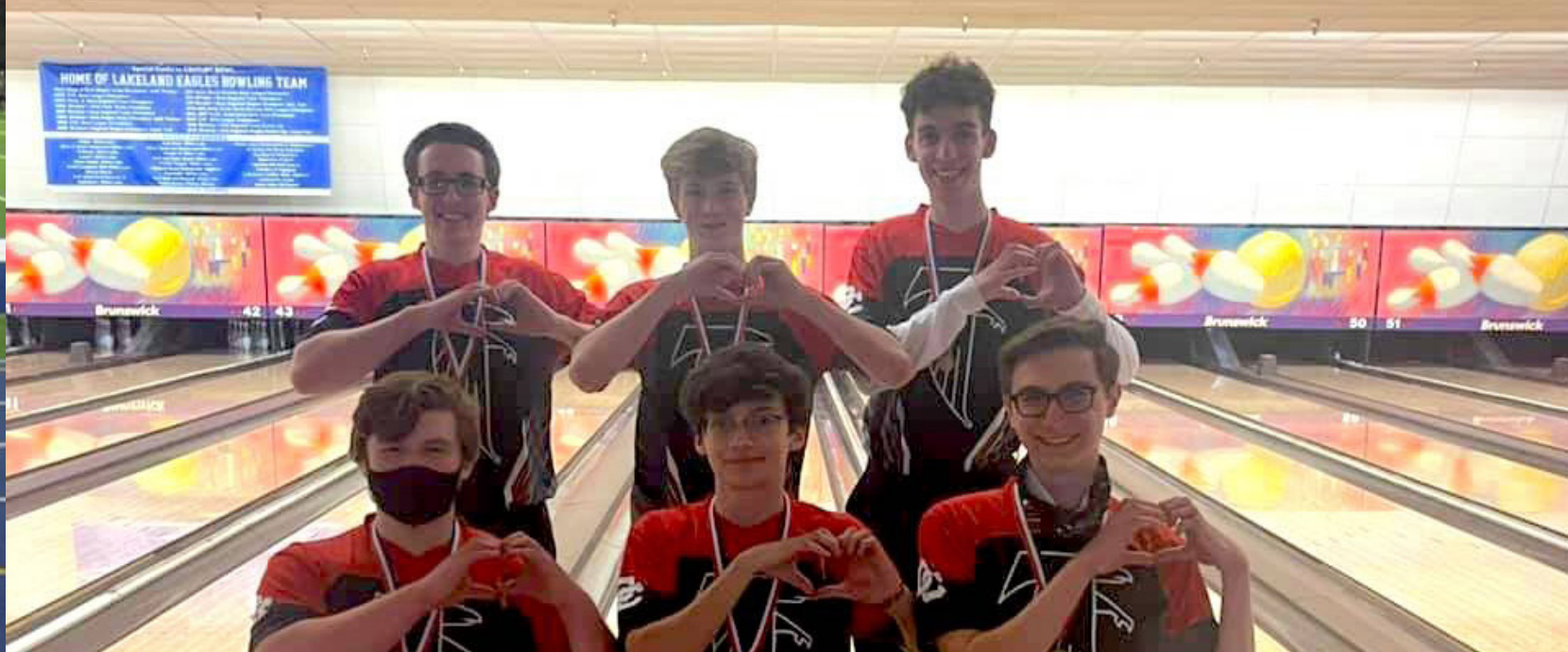
The Falcons finished the season with an overall record of 16-5. An impressive 15 players from the 2021 roster were named to the MIHSSCA All-District team, while 8 were named to the All-Region team. All-State performers from the 2021 roster include Taylor Meadows '21, Lyndsey Aho '22, Sydney Bourdon '23, Brooke Dolkowski '21, Morgan Stack '21, Mia Thomson '22, and Ashtyn Lange '22.

Although the team graduates 11 key seniors, it brings back an extremely talented group

of players who are prepared to continue the winning legacy that the Class of 2021 established! Congratulations on an outstanding season, Falcons Soccer! Best of luck this upcoming spring!



>> Coach Brian Leslie '07 celebrates sweet, sweet victory at the CHSL Championship with his team.



BOYS' BOWLING TEAM WINS STATES

The following is a reflection from Captain Paul Scheuher '22 on the State Finals

We made it back for the second year in a row to the State Championship at Century Bowl in Waterford. Last year did not go how we wanted at all, and as a team didn't even make it into the bracket. Having 4 returners from last year, we were ready for a different result this year. It all went just about as well as it could've during the long morning of qualifying. Over the 18 games to get into match play, we had a total pinball count of 3545, which is just under a 197 average. The top 8 teams made it into match play and we were seeded third. Just before we went into the match play we said a team prayer to remind us that no matter what happens we should stick to our faith and be good sports to the other teams.

Our team won the first match with a score of 1280 against Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills, who had a score of 1252 over 7 games for each team. The next match is where it got tough for us. We were facing

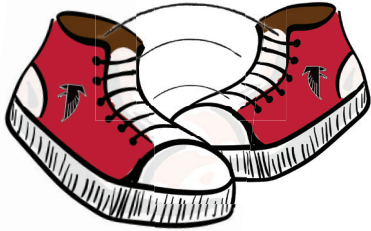
the second seed, Tecumseh. After the first two baker games, our score was 392 against Tecumseh's 390. It came down to individual games and beating the person you were paired against. Although scores came from total pinball, if everyone beat their matched person it would be the best way to win. It eventually came down to the last bowler on both sides. We had a small lead, but the opponent's anchor was on a double already.

Our mental and physical game in the end was phenomenal and allowed us to win the programs first state title by 48 pins

Our anchor split, and let the other team have a chance at taking the win in the semi-finals. However, he missed his shot and we ended up advancing by three pins, with the total being 1385 for us, against Tecumseh's 1382.

We had finally made it to the state finals. All that mattered was this last game for the season. We were confident going into the game coming off that win, but ended up only shooting 336 for the two baker games against Chelsea's 410. We were already down and had to get into the match within the first frame of the individual games. 4 out of 5 of our first shots were strikes, while Chelsea had a few opens. Instantly, we were back into it if we could keep building on that start. We did exactly that and came back from a 74 pin deficit, and ended up winning the state championship with a score of 1358 to 1310. Our mental and physical game in the end was phenomenal and allowed us to win the programs first state title by 48 pins. All of us had a great day and it was a team effort with no one person being the star of the day. We were blessed God helped us to calm our nerves and help us perform the best we possibly could.

HOMECOMING 2021



There's no place like Homecoming! On Sept. 17, students, alumni, staff and community members came together to celebrate the tradition of Homecoming. After not being able to gather as a community last year, the DC family really came out strong to show their spirit! The Divine Child Alumni Association hosted their annual tailgate on the front lawn of the high school, and over 500 people enjoyed a BBQ provided by Park Place Catering. The high school students decorated floats pertaining to the theme, *The Wizard of Oz*. At halftime, Samantha Harrison '21, daughter of alumnus **Jeff Harrison '97**, and Chris Cadena '21 were named Homecoming Queen and King, and the following teams were honored for their milestone anniversary of their State Championships wins: football - 1971 and 1961; girls' basketball - 1986 and 2011; and Pom - 1996, 2001, 2011 and 2016.





DCES UPDATE



>> Three generations of the Lapshan/Schumaker family posed for a photo in Mrs. Lapshan's classroom. Pictured L to R: Justin Schumaker, 3rd Grade; Ann Lapshan, Kindergarten Teacher; Katie Schumaker, 1st Grade; Maddie Schumaker, 6th Grade; and Lynn (Lapshan) Schumaker '01, Junior High Math Teacher

**"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you;
He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."**

DEUTERONOMY 31:8

Each year the DCES faculty select a theme to celebrate throughout the school year. This year, we have been focusing on **perseverance**. To demonstrate our perseverance this year we utilized the symbol of the bumblebee. Bees demonstrate incredible perseverance and hard work both as individuals and as a hive, to reach their end goal. We are focusing on hard work and perseverance this year both as individuals and as a DCES community to reach our goals! The start of this year has been amazing! All the students are in-person and we are so blessed to be enjoying our time together, teaching, learning, praying, laughing and growing. Clubs, sports and activities are underway and the kids and teachers are thriving. We are looking forward to the faithful and fulfilling rest of the year with God going before us, guiding us all in community!

Highlighting the perseverance and tradition of our community are Mrs. Ann Lapshan, kindergarten teacher, and her daughter, Mrs. **Lynn (Lapshan) Schumaker '01**, 7 & 8 grade math teacher. Both are longstanding members of the Divine Child community. Ann and her husband were married at Divine Child by Msgr. Weier, and their four children - including Lynn - all attended both Divine Child ES and HS. Both Ann and Lynn have been leading our young students in our faith and towards academic excellence for over a decade! Not only are they excellent teachers, Lynn also has three falcons of her own here at the ES, making their family a three-generational family here in our own halls! What a testament to our community and to their commitment to our faith!

J. Mike Courage '98
Principal



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Class of 2025 Falcon Legacy Award recipients announced

Every year, the Divine Child Alumni Association awards two merit-based Falcon Legacy Scholarships to students of Divine Child High School alumni.

This year's honorees are current freshmen: Sean Slusser and John Wejroch of the Class of 2025! Sean is the son of DCHS alumna **Ann (Murray) Slusser '85** and a graduate of Divine Child Elementary School. John is the son of **Susan (Dziadzio) Wejroch '89** and **Eric Wejroch '89**, and he graduated from St. Mike's Catholic School in Livonia.

Sean and John are pictured above with their parents. *From left to right:* Anthony Slusser, **Ann (Murray) Slusser '85**, Sean Slusser '25, John Wejroch '25, **Susan (Dziadzio) Wejroch '89** and **Eric Wejroch '89**.

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

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

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We've raised over **\$430,000**

for the Falcon Fitness Center & Spirit Hallway Renovation

What started as a deep concern about the mental and physical wellbeing of our students as they transitioned to a post-quarantine school experience, stimulated a quest to create a better, all access fitness facility for our Falcons.

In April 2021, we began an aggressive four month fundraising campaign for the Falcon Fitness Center. Through the unwavering and never doubted support of our Falcon community, we raised \$270,000 for the first phase of our project. Our alumni stepped up to donate \$133,000 of that, and the Alumni Association matched up to \$100,000!

Despite delays in production and shipping of our equipment and weights, the fitness center is almost complete. Many future Falcons, their parents, and some of our alumni were able to walk through the space

at our November 7th Open House. It received rave reviews! Students were invigorated and excited to begin working out in the space. We will host a grand opening for all our gracious contributors after the first of the year!

Once we got started, the creative ideas were flowing and we saw an opportunity to revitalize the gym, athletic hallway and atrium spaces to match the caliber of the fitness center. As the most trafficked space of our school, the atrium and athletic hallways are often the first impression of Divine Child High School. By adding an interactive touch screen, branded signage, wall wraps and branded floor runners, we can create a space that lets visitors know who we are as Falcons! To date, we have also raised \$163,000 for phase two and can begin work on the project as soon as school is out this spring.

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- Branding and Custom Logo Decals



HUTCH

There's no doubt about it. **Aidan Hutchinson '18** has become a household name for Big Ten football fans across the country!

Now in his senior year at the University of Michigan, Aidan was recently recognized with the prestigious Vince Lombardi Award. This honor is presented to the offensive or defensive lineman or linebacker who in addition to showing outstanding performance and ability on the field, best exemplifies the character and discipline of NFL Hall of Fame coach Vince Lombardi.

Aidan is Michigan's first Lombardi winner since LaMarr Woodley in 2006. Hutchinson set the single-season sack record this year with 14, breaking the record of 12 held by Woodley and David Bowers.

"... I can't break any of those records without my teammates doing their jobs on every single one of those plays," Aidan shared during his acceptance speech. "I couldn't be more grateful for them and proud they're doing their jobs and I'm receiving the fruits from it."

Aidan's knockout season reached a high point when Michigan took down Ohio State with a 42-27 win for the first time since 2011, and Aidan demolished the competition with three of his team's four

sacks that led to a Wolverine win.

Michigan went on to defeat Iowa in a 42-3 blowout at the Big Ten Football Championship, at which Aidan was recognized as the Grange-Griffin Big Ten Championship Game MVP — the conference's first defensive player to receive the honors. Hutchinson finished the game with four total tackles, a sack, and two quarterback hurries.

In addition to these accolades, Aidan was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year, and runner-up for the esteemed Heisman Trophy which was awarded on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2021. He currently is ranked as the NFL's No. 1 draft pick.

During his time at Divine Child High School, Aidan was well-liked by his classmates and teachers, and known around campus as a kind, talented and motivated young man.

"It was exciting to have him in my class when he was being heavily recruited by Michigan, especially as an alumna," said **Michelle (Whalen) Sugg '88**, one of Aidan's DCHS English teachers. "I always watched Michigan football, but his presence on the field has made it that much more special to be a fan. It was a surprise and an honor when he called out **Gina Delgado '00** - one of his Spanish teachers - and I as his favorite teachers. It meant more than he will ever know. He deserves all the accolades and we are so proud of him!"

On the field, Aidan's athletic skill and sportsmanship shone bright throughout high school. "[Aidan is] easily the most competitive, and confident, student-athlete I have ever worked with," said the DCHS football program's defensive coordinator **Matt Moore '04**. "Whether he was competing for a regional final on the football field, or playing ultimate frisbee in gym class, he was going to want his team to win."



Aidan is the son of Chris Hutchinson, a 1992 Michigan captain and All-American defensive lineman, and DCHS alumna **Melissa (Sinkevics) Hutchinson '90**. His sisters **Mia Hutchinson '14** and **Aria Hutchinson '17** are also alumnae.





DC FOR GHANA

Two years ago, Sister Agatha Christie Mensah came to the United States from Ghana, Africa, to complete her Master's degree in educational leadership at Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. As part of the program, Sister Agatha did weekly observations at Divine Child High School. Many of the staff and students became friends with Sister Agatha as her energy and enthusiasm are infectious.

When she returned to her small village school, The Infant Jesus High School outside of Cape Coast, she sent a picture of smiling students all holding their very own pencils. These students were elated that they no longer had to share pencils, all made possible by a small fifty-dollar gift to Sister Agatha from Divine Child.

And so our mission began!

Prior to COVID many of our students were pen pals with students of The Infant Jesus High School, even though their computer access is very limited. Friendships grew and as a result we were able to send more financial assistance to Sister Agatha for not only the school, but also the surrounding community. One of the biggest needs was for a water purification system so that water would no longer need to be boiled prior to consumption. Through the very generous



"We just started the school seven years ago. The principal, staff and all the sisters are grateful to everyone at Divine Child. May God richly bless everyone at Divine Child." - Sr. Agatha Christie



donations of Mr. Patrick Murphy and others at Divine Child, the system was supplied.

After a year on COVID hiatus, we now have a new club at Divine Child High School, the **DC For Ghana** club. Students of this new club will connect with students in Ghana as well as fundraise to supply the essentials to not only students but also members of the surrounding villages.

Sister Agatha's community is in need of the many things we take for granted: food, clean water, indoor plumbing and electricity just to name a few.

The cost for a student to attend The Infant Jesus High School is approximately \$900 per year which includes room and board, uniforms, textbooks, and supplies. These

students attend school twelve months per year. Many families simply cannot afford the tuition as the average yearly salary in Ghana is a mere \$1200. Many students in attendance are being sponsored through donations that the Society of the Infant Jesus receives.

The students at both Divine Child and the Infant Jesus High School are excited

about this partnership as it opens the floor to learn about each other's lives and culture. DC for Ghana looks to live out the message of the Good Shepherd!

You can help support Sister Agatha and The Infant Jesus Schools by sending donations to Divine Child High School. Checks can be made payable to "Divine Child" with "DC for Ghana" in the memo line.



CATCHING UP WITH CLASSMATES:

Jason Varlesi '97 received his MBA in April 2021 from the University of Detroit Mercy. Since then, he recently accepted a position as an Associate Director of Development-Southeastern Michigan for the Michigan State Athletics Spartan Fund.



Rebecca (Rutkowski) Spinks '06 has followed through on her long-time dream to found a consulting business in late 2020. Helm Management Partners, LLC provides strategic Human Resources and Organizational Development partnership to small to mid-sized companies. Rebecca specializes in helping her clients save money and time with tailored processes, policies, and initiatives. When she's not helping her clients, you'll likely find her sailing on Lake St. Clair with her husband, Jacob and their dog, Lou.



Mary Higgins-Chen '07 attended Yale internship and residency in general internal medicine and then accepted a year position as Chief Resident of her department the following year. To qualify for a chief position, you must first receive nominations from your peers, and then be

selected by a committee. The pandemic began her last year of residency and the following June she took over with 3 other chiefs. She took a special interest in the under served and spent a lot of time at the clinic at St. Raphael's Hospital. Yale owns all the hospitals in New Haven but kept them with their missions. As Chief, she helped move the clinic to a federal building where many more services were available for the homeless and poor. At the end of her year as Chief, they offered her assistant professor status.



Claire-Marie Brisson, PhD '09 graduated from the University of Virginia with a Ph.D. in French, with a focus on North American French-speaking populations in Canada, New England, the Great Lakes, and Louisiana, after successfully defending her dissertation - *The Francophone North Atlantic: Identity, Religiosity, and Trauma in French Canada*. This fall she became a faculty member at Harvard University as a Preceptor (Professor) in French in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. Claire-Marie is teaching two courses per semester, plus taking on an administrative role serving as Course Head for French 30 (Upper Level French) and French 40 (Advanced French I).



Dominic Policicchio '11 has been hired by the University of Michigan-Dearborn as the new men's basketball head coach. Prior, he most recently served as an assistant coach at Orchard Lake St. Mary's and helped guide the team to a 14-1 record, a Catholic High School League co-divisional championship, and the first state quarterfinal appearance since 2012.



Eric Haase '11 felt the support of his Falcon family when on a beautiful summer night in August, more than 350 Falcons attended a Tiger game to cheer him on! Before the game, Eric signed autographs and posed for pictures with fans. To cap off a wonderful evening, Eric hit a homerun into left field where the DC Falcon community was sitting.

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 and baptism announcements
- Feature stories
- In Memoriam announcements

Email amcnamara@divinechild.org & include photos!

On Saturday, October 23, the Catholic High School League honored the Catholic League Champions of 50 and 25 years ago at Prep Bowl XLIX at Ford Field. They invited the 1971 Catholic League Football Championship team and the 1996 Football Catholic League Football Championship team to attend. Coaches and players attended a banquet dinner, halftime introductions, and club level seats to watch the high school championship game.



Congratulations to **Liam Soraghan '17** and Northern Illinois, MAC Champs and **Aidan Hutchinson '18** and the Michigan Wolverines, Big Ten Champs. Earlier in the season, these two former teammates played against each other. It was great seeing two Falcons on the field together! Liam is the son of **James Soraghan '82** and **Cheryl (O'Donnell) Soraghan '89** and Aidan is the son of **Melissa (Sinkevics) Hutchinson '90**.



Pete Didyk '98 receives prestigious Sarns Innovative Excellence Award

Pete Didyk '98 was presented with the Sarns Innovative Excellence Award, from the American Heart Association. The award is given to an individual who has been an exemplary health-care professional involved in the field of cardiovascular disease. The recipient must have provided significant contributions and/or breakthroughs towards achieving the American Heart Association's mission for a world of longer, healthier lives.

Pete has 15 years of commercial leadership experience in the global healthcare sector with a focus on transforming businesses and building sustainable value. His experience in the life sciences industry spans from OEM manufacturing and spine to cardiothoracic disciplines, where he is a recognized inventor among multiple product lines. His latest invention, the Valkyrie Thoracic Fixation System is a radiolucent sternal plating system that offers clinically proven bioactive hydroxyapatite treated screws in conjunction with a PEEK (polyether-ether-ketone) plating material used to close the chest after open heart surgery.

The system's bioactive screws generate faster bone growth and their double lead thread pitch makes insertion easier and quicker.

Previously he invented the Thorecon Rigid Fixation System for anterior chest wall reconstruction and he co-created Tritium SCP, a metal plating system used for the sternum. His inventions have been implanted during surgery treating infants to elderly adults.

Currently Pete is the Managing Director of Cardiothoracic at Able Medical Devices located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He has been with the company since March 2019.

Pete is passionate about the importance of STEM education and credits Divine Child for his career success: "Helping more people today than we did yesterday is what drives us, and that spirit is embodied in our DC roots."

FUTURE FALCONS

Congratulations to these Falcons on the birth of their children:



EXPECTING A BABY? Start planning now for the most significant event of your child's life – receiving the Sacrament of Baptism! We invite you to celebrate this beautiful sacrament here at the Church of the Divine Child. To get a Baptism information packet and sign up for preparation class or select a Baptism date, call the Rectory Office or **Jodi Ann (Zahra) Micallef '83**, the parish Baptism coordinator, at 313-277-3110, ext. 222.

1. **Whitney (Bauer) Cords '08** and her husband David, welcomed their first baby, Henry David Cords, on May 10, 2021, weighing 7 lbs 10 oz and measuring 21 inches.

2. **Andria (Scappaticci) Hazergian '01** and husband Gregory welcomed son Dominic weighing 7 lbs 10 oz and daughter Victoria weighing 6 lbs and 5 oz born on September 25, 2021. The twins join big brother Luca (2).

3. **Maria (Iaquaniello) Nowak '07** and husband Drew welcomed son Rocky Garrison weighing 9 lbs 6 oz on July 8, 2021.

4. **Ashley (Loftus) Mastroianni '03** and husband **Mike Mastroianni '02** welcomed son Mario Thomas weighing 8 lbs 6oz measuring 21.25 inches on September 29, 2021. Mario joins siblings Liliana (5), Angelena (3) and Marco (1.5).

5. **Renee (Cser) '07** and husband **Tim Sarb '07** welcomed daughter Stella Veronique in early April 2021. Stella joins brother Leo (5).

6. **Kate (Mitchell) Sutton '07** and husband Kevin welcomed daughter Elliotte Jean on July 6, 2021, weighing 7 lbs 5.5 oz and measuring 20.75 inches. Elliotte joins big sister Annmarie (5) and Graham (2.5).

7. **Rosanna (Reynolds) Nadeau '12** and husband **Ryan Nadeau '12** welcomed twins Carter and Brody on March 17, 2021, weighing 4.4 lbs and 3.8 lbs.

8. **Kelly (Mrzyglod) '07** and **Ryan Sparks '06** welcomed son Ryder Jonathan on June 27, 2021, weighing 7 lbs 13.9 oz and measuring 21.5 inches.

9. **Stephanie (Sanostasi) Johnson '09** and husband Luke Johnson welcomed daughter Lola Gene on November 1, 2021 weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces.

10. **Megan (Hamilton) '00** and husband Joe Madge welcomed son Everett Lincoln on June 20, 2021, weighing 7 lbs 2 oz.

11. **Heather Klucka '01** and **Mike Pierce '01** welcomed son Jonah on November 14, 2020.

12. **Emily (Drinan) '11** and **Joel Press '09** welcomed son Carson Joseph Press on March 6, 2021, weighing 8 lbs 1 oz.

13. **Colleen (Byrne) Butler '09** and husband Matthew Butler welcomed son Liam Thomas Butler on October 22, 2021, weighing 6 lbs 7 oz and measuring 19 3/4 inches.

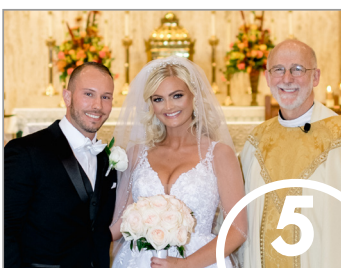
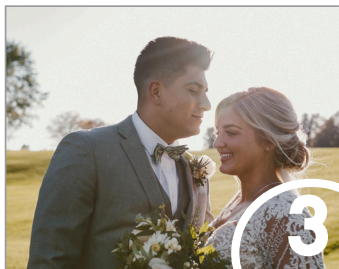
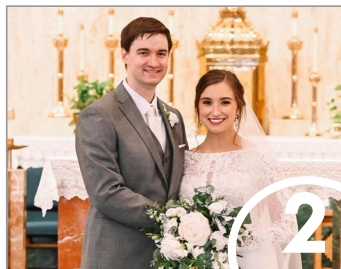
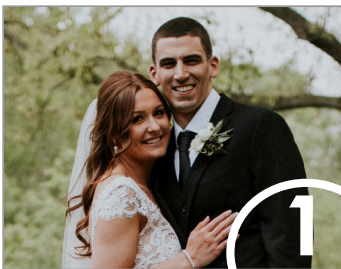
14. **Megan (Myler) '09** and husband Aaron welcomed daughter Mia Marie on September 28, 2021 weighing 7lbs 13 oz, measuring 19.5 inches long. Mia joins big sister Emma (2).

15. **Johanna (Sovinski) Zwally '05** and **John Zwally '05** welcomed their fourth child, Edward Thomas, on February 22, 2021 weighing 8 lbs 7 oz, and measuring 20.5 inches long. Edward joins his big brothers Sam (6), Mike (4), and Jay (2).

16. **Caroline (Mrowka) Claypool '09** and **Stephen Claypool '09** welcomed Madeline Ray on February 19, 2020. Much to their surprise and by the blessing of God, they also welcomed twins 11 months later on January 10, 2021! Bodie John Claypool & Amelia Jean Claypool were born a little early at 33 weeks but lovingly welcomed into the Claypool home. Mom & Dad can't wait to share the Falcon legacy with their children!

17. **Daniel Boyle '05** and wife Elena Boyle welcomed twins Max Francisco and Everett Richard on May 7, 2021 in Toledo, OH. Both weighed 6 lbs 13 oz, and measured 19 3/4 inches long. They join older siblings Leo (4) and Claire (2).

WEDDING BELLS | Congrats to these Falcon newlyweds!



1. **Mallory (Myler) '13** married CJ Mifsud on May 15, 2021 at the Church of the Divine Child. 2. **Hannah (Schwartz) '16** married classmate **Martin Brown '16** on June 19, 2021 at the Church of the Divine Child. 3. **Brianna (O'Connor) '13** and Rene Mejia married on October 8, 2021. 4. **Angela (DiMarco) '13** married Corey Cummins at the Church of the Divine Child on November 5, 2021. 5. **Brianna (Guido) '11** married Brian Wrobel at the Church of the Divine Child on November 20, 2021.

REUNIONS



◀ 1981 REUNION RECAP

The Class of 1981 celebrated their 40th reunion with a gourmet picnic. Diane Taglioli Hura sang Amazing Grace as a tribute to the Falcons who have gone before us. Thanks to Tony Morabito, Sandy Podgorski vanRhee, Shaun Soraghan and Suzette Husted Heathcote who helped plan the event.

2001 REUNION RECAP

The Class of 2001 held its 20th reunion on Oct. 23, 2021 at the Detroit Beer Company. Over 40 classmates attended.



◀ 1986 REUNION RECAP

The Class of 1986 held its 35th reunion on Sept. 18, 2021 at the Post Bar in Downtown Plymouth.

2006 REUNION RECAP ▶

The Class of 2006 held its 15th reunion on September 25, 2021 at HopCat in Detroit.





**DIVINE
CHILD**

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Save the date and join us for these upcoming DCAA events.

We can't wait to see you there! *Dates subject to change.

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

TRAVELING FALCONS - COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS | 5 PM*

Grab your fellow Falcon classmates, and take a break from studying to enjoy pizza and salad hosted by the Divine Child Alumni Association. Please RSVP by emailing amcnamara@divinechild.org.

Commuter & Metro Detroit Schools | March 23, 2022 @ TBD

University of Michigan/Eastern | March 24, 2022 @ TBD

Western | April 6, 2022 @ University Roadhouse (1332 W. Michigan)

Michigan State | April 7, 2022 @ Pizza House (479 S. Hagadorn Rd.)

SPRING MUSICAL ALUMNI NIGHT | Saturday, March 19, 2022

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

AUCTION | Saturday, April 2, 2022

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

MAY CROWNING & LEGACY PICTURE | Tuesday, May 3, 2022*

Coffee and picture with your senior legacy child

ART GALA | Friday, April 29, 2022

Art show preview, awards ceremony, refreshments and more

GOLF CLASSIC | Saturday, June 4, 2022

All are welcome to golf at Links of Novi, shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING REUNIONS:

50 YEAR REUNION

Save the Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022
Evening Dinner at Eagle Crest Resort
Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest
Eagle Crest Golf Club

More information to come!

REUNION RESOURCES

CONTACT THE ALUMNI OFFICE FOR REUNION IDEAS INCLUDING:

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

Aubri (Marchetti) McNamara '97
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amcnamara@divinechild.org

Once a Falcon, always a Falcon.



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The 11th Annual DCAA Golf Outing was held on June 5, 2021, and proved to be our largest golf outing yet! With 48 foursomes, all three courses at the Links of Novi were packed with our Falcon community! Everyone enjoyed the morning and afternoon outside golfing and catching up with old friends and classmates. Thank you to the many sponsors who continue to support DCAA. We look forward to seeing you again on June 4, 2022 with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start! The entire DC community is invited to attend. A golf package is \$150 and includes breakfast and lunch!

... EVENT RECAP





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PRESENTING SPONSORS

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In Memory of Robert L. Anders
The Anders Family
Packaging Concepts & Design
Tom Barszczowski '97

LUNCH SPONSOR

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CLOSEST TO PIN SPONSORS

Detroit Barbers - Jami (Prezkop) Buchanan '98

HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR

Jack Demmer Ford - Jim Demmer '75

LONGEST DRIVE SPONSORS

Alliance Catholic Credit Union

PUTTING GREEN SPONSOR

Brian Booza
Best Buy - Evan Chopp '99

GOLFER GIVE AWAY

State Farm - Katie (Zakar) Jones '99
State Farm - Bob Zakar

HOLE SPONSORS

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Murphys Consulting LLC - John Murphy '72
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Patrick Murray '84
Neiheisel Family
Novastar - Josiah Klaus '99
Real Estate One - Michael Moore '01

Remax 2000 - Joseph Darwin '10
Rodan & Fields - Sarah (Kuch) '00 & Sam LeBlanc '99
Sabre Steel - Ray Shinney '67
Sam Adams - Jeff Bancroft '00
Savone Cement - Mario Savone
Stanley Turowski Funeral Home
Scott Boleski '02 & Todd Boleski '04
The Nicholl Family
Uncle Ray's - Jason Thomas
Promo Zing - Larry Bird
Western Wayne Physicians - Dr. Don Welker '76



The Divine Child Alumni Association and Falcon Athletic Club honored **Mike Opiela '72**, Patricia Poirier, Wes Wishart and the late Guido "Chief" Madaleno for their years of dedication and service to Divine Child Catholic Schools during the 6th Annual Divine Child Hall of Fame celebration. The event featured a "TasteFest" strolling dinner made possible by more than 20 local restaurants. Proceeds from the event directly benefited the elementary and high school athletic programs and the Divine Child Alumni Association. Please visit the below restaurants or caterers that support the Hall of Fame. Many of the generous donors are alumni, parishioners or have children in the school's. Please join us next year for the 7th annual Hall of Fame event.

... **EVENT RECAP**





THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 SPONSORS

- Alchile Mexican
- Absopure Water
- Al Ameer
- Bangkok 96
- Benny's Pizza - Louis laquinta '79
- Biggby - Dearborn Heights
- Brome
- Broasted Brothers
- Cantoro Italian Market
- Capri Bakery
- Culinary Innovations
- DC Culinary Arts
- DC Concessions/HS Cafe
- Dearborn Meat Market
- Dominos - Aaron Dolkowski '07
- Donutville USA
- Fusion Flare
- Hacienda Mexican Foods
- Jolly Pumpkin
- Loaf and a Pound - Carlo Greco '85
- Picnic Basket
- Sam Adams - Jeff Bancroft '00
- Salute Taverna
- Srodek's Quality Polish Food
- Stefan's Banquet
- Uncle Ray's Place
- Shatila Bakery - Nada Shatila '07
- Park Place
- Szegedi's Catering - Szegedi Family
- Senior Lopez
- The Great Commoner
- Packaging Concepts & Design - Tom Barszczowski '97
- Promo Zing - Larry Bird
- St. Sabina Catholic Church

DIVINE CHILD
AUCTION
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

There's No Place like Home!

a return to Divine Child

April 2, 2022 | 31st Annual Auction

Divine Child High School | Dearborn, Mich.

SAVE THE DATE & SUPPORT DIVINE CHILD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We are coming home to Divine Child for our 31st Annual Auction in support of Divine Child Catholic Schools. We cannot wait to once again launch our biggest fundraiser inside the halls of our high school. See firsthand the beautiful upgrades past Auction funds have made possible by attending the auction on April 2nd, and touring the newly renovated weight room, or stopping for a sample in the state-of-the-art home ec room!

Your contribution to the auction translates into real financial support for our schools, as 100% of the proceeds are divided between the high school and the elementary school. That means every sponsorship, every item donation, every admission purchased is helping us exceed our net profit goal of \$160,000! We rely on the auction to support the important

academic and building upgrades that keep our schools top of the line, and help our students reach their full spiritual and academic potential!

And this is an investment in DC, in which we hope you, our generous donors will benefit tremendously! Please glance at the sponsorship options for the perks of your contribution!

Last year, during unprecedented times and with a unique virtual approach to the event, we were able to raise \$160,000. That is a testament to the support of all of you who gave of your time and resources so that the pandemic did not slow Divine Child's progress!

**SUPPORT
THE AUCTION**
Sponsor, Bid & Celebrate!





There's No Place like Home

a return to Divine Child

April 2, 2022 | 31st Annual Auction

At Divine Child High School

To support our students with your generous sponsorship, please print, complete and return this form with payment (via email or USPS) no later than March 14, 2022. Sponsorships and mobile bidding access may also be reserved online at URL. Send mail to Divine Child Auction, 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128, or email cjohnson@divinechild.org.

Sponsorship Levels

Platinum Sponsor: \$7,500

- » Your logo or name on invitations (Jan. 15 deadline)
- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 10 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on Divine Child's auction website, the auction registration form and the silent auction website + 3 social media posts and in the Once a Falcon Alumni Magazine
- » Distinctive signage on Auction Night (April 2), including exclusive event banner and in program
- » Event Admission for 20: Includes dinner, 3 bottles of champagne, 3 bottles of wine and mobile bidding access for up to 20 guests.

Gold Sponsor: \$3,000

- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 5 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on Divine Child's auction website, the silent auction website, social media and in the Once a Falcon Alumni Magazine
- » Distinctive signage on Auction Night (April 2), including event banner and in program.
- » Event Admission for 6: Includes dinner, 1 bottle of champagne, 1 bottle of wine and mobile bidding access for up to 6 guests.

Silver Sponsor: \$2,000

- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 4 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on Divine Child's auction website, the silent auction website, social media and in the Once a Falcon Alumni Magazine
- » Distinctive signage on Auction Night (April 2), including event banner and in program.
- » Event Admission for 4: Includes dinner, 1 bottle of wine and mobile bidding access for up to 4 guests.

Bronze Sponsor: \$1,000

- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 3 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on the silent auction website, the Divine Child auction website, social media and in the Once a Falcon magazine
- » Distinctive signage on Auction Night (April 2), including event banner and in program.
- » Event Admission for 2: Includes dinner and mobile bidding access for up to 2 guests.

Falcon's Club: \$500

- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 3 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on Divine Child's auction website, the silent auction website, social media and in the Once a Falcon Alumni Magazine

Digital Advertiser: \$250

- » Your logo on the silent auction website and on social media

Bar Sponsor: \$7,500 (only 1 available!)

- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 10 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on Divine Child's auction website, the auction registration form and the silent auction website + 5 social media posts and in the Once a Falcon Alumni Magazine
- » Distinctive signage on Auction Night (April 2), including exclusive event banner, program, prominent signage at the 4 bars, and custom cocktail napkins with your logo at all bars.
- » Admission for 20: Includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, premium coffee service and dessert sampler, 3 bottles of champagne, 3 bottles of wine, and mobile bidding access for up to 20 guests.

Live Auction Sponsor: \$7,500 (only 1 available!)

- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 10 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on Divine Child's auction website, the auction registration form and the silent auction website + 4 social media posts and in the Once a Falcon Alumni Magazine
- » Distinctive signage on Auction Night (April 2), including exclusive event banner, in the live auction program and slideshow + guaranteed recognition by auctioneer throughout live auction.
- » Admission for 20: Includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, premium coffee service and dessert sampler, 3 bottles of champagne, 3 bottles of wine, and mobile bidding access for up to 20 guests.

Coffee & Sweets Sponsor: \$4,500 (only 1 available!)

- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 7 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on Divine Child's auction website, the auction registration form and the silent auction website + 2 social media posts and in the Once a Falcon Alumni Magazine
- » Distinctive signage on Auction Night (April 2), including event banner, program, prominent signage and custom cocktail napkins with your logo on them at the coffee and dessert stations.
- » Event Admission for 10: Includes dinner, 2 bottles of champagne, 2 bottles of wine and mobile bidding access for up to 8 guests.

Hors d'Oeuvres Sponsor: \$4,500 (only 1 available!)

- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 7 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on Divine Child's auction website, the auction registration form and the silent auction website + 2 social media posts and in the Once a Falcon Alumni Magazine
- » Distinctive signage on Auction Night (April 2), including event banner, program, prominent signage and custom cocktail napkins with your logo on them at the hors d'oeuvre stations.
- » Event Admission for 10: Includes dinner, 2 bottles of champagne, 2 bottles of wine and mobile bidding access for up to 8 guests.

DJ Sponsor: \$4,000 (only 1 available!)

- » Inclusion in Divine Child's weekly eblasts for 6 consecutive weeks
- » Your logo on Divine Child's auction website, the silent auction website, social media and in the Once a Falcon Alumni Magazine
- » Distinctive signage on Auction Night (April 2), including event banner and in program + guaranteed recognition by the DJ throughout evening.
- » Event Admission for 6: Includes dinner, 1 bottle of champagne, 1 bottle of wine and mobile bidding access for up to 6 guests.

TOTAL SPONSOR FEES \$ _____

Item Donation

Consider donating valuables and antiques, timeshares and cottages, season tickets, gift cards for your business, etc. and earn recognition as an item sponsor. I would like to donate: _____

Item sponsor business/individual name: _____

Event Admission

Single Admission: \$100 (\$110 after Jan. 30)

Includes:

- » Includes dinner, two hours of open bar, dessert and coffee.
- » Access to the mobile bidding silent auction website (includes one bidder number) beginning Sunday, March 27, 2022.

Admission for 2: \$190 (\$200 after Jan. 30)

Includes:

- » Includes dinner, two hours of open bar, dessert and coffee.
- » Access to the mobile bidding silent auction website (includes two bidder numbers) beginning Sunday, March 27, 2022.

Young Alumni Admission: \$90

Classes of 2013-18 - must be 21 or older:

- » Includes dinner, two hours of open bar, dessert and coffee.
- » Access to the mobile bidding silent auction website (includes two bidder numbers) beginning Sunday, March 27, 2022.

Mobile Bidding Access only: \$25

Includes:

- » Access to the mobile bidding silent auction website (includes one bidder number for two cell phone numbers) beginning Sunday, March 27, 2022.

TOTAL AUCTION FEES \$ _____

DISCLAIMERS: Registration for mobile bidding will be open through COB Friday, March 31, 2022. * Each bidder number may be shared by a household.

Contact & Payment Info

Family and/or Company Name _____

Business Contact Name _____

Billing Address _____

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Email _____ Cell Phone _____

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- Method of payment:
- Check (make payable to *Divine Child Auction*)
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Signature _____ Date _____

TOTAL EVENT Fees

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fees \$ _____

+

AUCTION

access fees \$ _____

EVENT

total \$ _____

DIVINE CHILD FALCON 5K

EVENT RECAP

The 28th Annual Falcon 5K presented by Jack Demmer Ford Automotive Group (Jim Demmer '75), Packaging Concepts & Design (Tom Barszczowski '97), the KC Foundation (Tony Conniff '95), Jeff Stone '91, the Dearborn Track Club, Superior Electric Great Lakes Company and Absopure was held on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2021 in memory of former Divine Child Track Coach Mark Carpenter '68. Proceeds from the run benefit the Divine Child High School Girls' Cross Country team and the Divine Child Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.





WELCOME CLASS OF 2025

The Falcon Legacy lives on ... 49 Divine Child Alumni enroll their children in our Class of 2025
Our current freshmen class of 190 students includes 40 students whose mom and/or dad were Divine Child students themselves!

- **Arden Anders** - son of Julie (Walters) `92 and Shane Anders `91
- **William Anders** - son of William Anders `93
- **Callum Brokeman** - son of Mary Margaret (Early) Brokeman `86
- **Clare Bustamante** - daughter of David Bustamante `87
- **Peter Bustamante** - son of Chris Bustamante `86
- **Luke and Rachel Carravallah** - son and daughter of Ann-Marie (Abundis) Carravallah `86
- **Amber Cooper** - daughter of Andrea (Baritche) Cooper `90
- **Ethan Davis** - son of Erin (Desmond) `96 and Brian Davis `96
- **Katelyn Dixon** - daughter of Christie (Rosiek) Dixon `92
- **Matthew Esparza** - son of Jennifer (O'Callaghan) `95 and Lance Esparza `93
- **Paige Forrest** - daughter of Carolyn (Dziadzio) `92 and Timothy Forrest `97
- **Isabelle Fronczak** - daughter of Carly (Walters) Fronczak `94
- **Owen Gibbons** - son of Timothy Gibbons `96
- **Aidan Griffin** - son of Patricia (O'Donnell) `87 and Dennis Griffin `88
- **Luke and Alexis Hansen** - son and daughter of Dawn (Barszczowski) `93 and Matt Hansen `93
- **David Harrison** - son of Jeff Harrison `97
- **Katja Honkanen** - daughter of James Cairns `73
- **Luke Jordan** - son of Mark Jordan `88
- **Massimo Launi** - son of Antonia Launi `92
- **Dominic Lentz** - son of Ann (Gallagher) `88 and Michael Lentz `88
- **Olivia Lohmeier** - daughter of Stacey (Kos) Lohmeier `85
- **Matthew Marusak** - son of Lisa (Scarpace) `89 and James Marusak `88
- **Braeden McNamara** - son of Aubri (Marchetti) `97 and Mike McNamara `96
- **Ruby Morrow** - daughter of Michelle (Bosak) Morrow `94
- **Cecilia Murray** - daughter of Elizabeth (Schous) Murray `00
- **Sean O'Donnell** - son of Brian O'Donnell `91
- **Emma Peper** - daughter of Edward Peper `80
- **Giuseppe Persiconi** - son of David Persiconi `88+
- **Sophia Santeiu** - daughter of Peter Santeiu `85
- **Ceceilia Scalf** - daughter of Matt Scalf `89
- **Jillian Sharp** - daughter of Erica (Delk) Sharp `93
- **Sean Slusser** - son of Ann (Murray) Slusser `85
- **Colin Soraghan** - son of Cheryl (O'Donnell) `89 and James Soraghan `82
- **Saverio Succurro** - son of Nicole (Martin) Succurro `97
- **Emma Varga** - daughter of James Varga `93
- **John Wejroch** - son of Susan (Dziadzio) `89 and Eric Wejroch `89
- **James White** - son of Sheila (Gallagher) White `93
- **Adriana Yost** - daughter of Tricia (Segedi) Yost `90



CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2021!

Congratulations to the following 2021 graduates and their Divine Child alumni parents!

Emma Baran - daughter of Marianne (Kowalewski) `92 · **Gavin Bourdon** - son of Stephanie (Gach) Bourdon `89 · **Victoria Brey** - daughter of Cheryl (Gruchala) Brey `91 · **Jessica Bustamante*** - daughter of Dave Bustamante `87 · **Brooke Cibor** - daughter of Greg Cibor `89 · **Ryan Cicala*** - son of Stephen Cicala `85 · **Shannon Clark** - daughter of Brenda (Guenther) Clark `87 · **Daniel Cooper** - son of Andrea (Baritche) Cooper `90 · **Jordyn Coury*** - daughter of Jack Coury `85 · **Rosanna Damuth** - daughter of Ronald Damuth `90 · **Brandon DePaulis** - son of Scott DePaulis `90 · **Casper Dickey** - son of Scott Dickey `85 · **Brooke Dolkowski** - daughter of Jeff Dolkowski `80 · **Keara Duffany** - daughter of Brian Duffany `89 · **Haley Eby** - daughter of Todd Eby `88 and Andrea (Gabriele) Eby `94 · **Maria Esparza** - daughter of Lance Esparza `93 and Jennifer (O'Callaghan) Esparza `95 · **Mark Filiatraut** - son of John Filiatraut `87 and Janice (Canavan) Filiatraut `87 · **Emma Fox** - daughter of Patricia (Thomas) Fox `86 · **Abigail Galanty** - daughter of Suzanne (Kowalewski) Galanty `86 · **Julianna Hickey** - daughter of Veronica (Varga) Hickey `92 · **Thomas Kalchik** - son of Scott Kalchik `91 · **Adam Kuczajda** - son of Chris Kuczajda `85 and Donna (Marchetti) Kuczajda `88 · **John Lentz*** - son of Michael Lentz `88 · **Audrey Mazurek** - daughter of Allen Mazurek `84 and Kendal (Phillips) Mazurek `87 · **Jacob McMichael** - son of Amy (Fadler) McMichael `88 · **Aldo Mejia-Hans** - son of Donika Hans `96 · **Armen Nazarian** - son of Susan Grabowski `91 · **Marcus Neumann** - son of Julie (Kerry) Neumann `89 and Kevin Bingham `88 · **Conor Newell** - son of Jennifer (Ervin) Newell `89 · **Kate Olis** - daughter of Dennis Olis `88 · **Dylan Ostafin** - daughter of Bob Ostafin `85 · **Courtney Ostrowski** - daughter of Christopher Ostrowski `85 · **Kristina Persichetti** - daughter of Kelly (Zerilli) Persichetti `90 · **Melina Rodriguez** - daughter of Derrick Rodriguez `90 · **Rebecca Saladin** - daughter of Karen (McGovern) Saladin `85 · **Clifton Scalf** - son of Matt Scalf `89 · **Olivia Selewski** - daughter of David Selewski `85 · **Nolan Shinske** - son of Felicia (Gach) Shinske `91 · **Griffin Steffes** - son of Jonathan Steffes `91 · **Sabrina Sugg*** - daughter of Michelle (Whalen) Sugg `88 · **Marco Thomson** - son of Monica (Gallaso) Thomson `89 · **Amber Traub** - daughter of Dina (Marchetti) Traub `87 · **Alina Uicker** - daughter of Paula (Saliba) Uicker `85 · **Christopher Van Antwerp** - son of Loretta (McCarthy) Van Antwerp `86 · **Erin Veach** - daughter of Anne (Thomas) Veach `82 · **Luke Walewski** - son of Larry Walewski `80 · **Ray Wejroch** - son of Eric Wejroch `89 and Susan (Dziadzio) Wejroch `89 · **Julia Zurenko** - daughter of Suzanne (Sieczka) Zurenko `95 · **Michael Koss** - step son of Brian Dziadzio `84

*Denotes he or she is not pictured



CLASS OF 2021 - DOUBLE LEGACY STUDENTS

Mark Filiatraut - son of John Filiatraut `87 and Janice (Canavan) Filiatraut `87 · **Haley Eby** - daughter of Todd Eby `88 and Andrea (Gabriele) Eby `94 · **Marcus Neumann** - son of Julie (Kerry) Neumann `89 and Kevin Bingham `88 · **Audrey Mazurek** - daughter of Allen Mazurek `84 and Kendal (Phillips) Mazurek `87 · **Adam Kuczajda** - son of Chris Kuczajda `85 and Donna (Marchetti) Kuczajda `88 · **Maria Esparza** - daughter of Lance Esparza `93 and Jennifer (O'Callaghan) Esparza `95 · **Ray Wejroch** - son of Eric Wejroch `89 and Susan (Dziadzio) Wejroch `89

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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.



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 or the Divine Child Legacy Garden.

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

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