

# **DIVINE CHILD PLACE SECOND IN DIVISION 2 AT THE RAMBLING ROCK INVITATIONAL**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

**64 Degrees**

Divine Child performed well as they are showing improvement from last week. The Falcon's placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall out of 30 teams but placed second against the D2-3-4 schools that were entered. Winning Division 2-3-4 was Flat Rock with 294 points (10<sup>th</sup> overall) to Divine Child's 378 points. The top three overall team were Oxford with 64 points for first; Livonia Churchill was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 82 points; and, placing third with 86 points was White Lake Lakeland.

Divine Child was led by junior Colin Murray who placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall with a season's best of 16 minutes 2.8 seconds. The top four competitors ran the entire race in a pack after the one mile mark. The winner went to Pierce Grzymkowski (Sr) of White Lake Lakeland who finished with a 15:58.5 as he edged out Oxford's Alexander McArthur (Jr) who was second with a 15:58.8. Riverview's Logan Ruffner (Sr) placed third with a 16:01.0. These three, along with Murray finish with only 4 seconds apart. Rounding out the top seven finishers were, Livonia Churchill's Malclom Speigle (Jr), 5<sup>th</sup> place – 16:08.3; Howell's Jack MacGregor (Fr), 6<sup>th</sup> place – 16:12.60; and, Ottawa Lake-Whiteford's Keegan Masters (Sr), 7<sup>th</sup> place – 16:18.5.



**Tamer Zahr (Jr) – PR'd with a 17:51.8**

Running his personal best for DC was Tamer Zahr (Jr), placing 63<sup>rd</sup> with a 17:51.8. The next five DC varsity runners were: Ethan Lewis (Sr), 117<sup>th</sup> – 19:00.6; Nicholas Nakic (Jr), 120<sup>th</sup> – 19:01.7; Robert Modrzejewski (Sr), 136<sup>th</sup> – 19:26.2; Tyler Kalchik (Sr), 150<sup>th</sup> – 19:46.1; and, Matthew Fuqua (Jr), 157<sup>th</sup> – 20:03.5.

The Falcons were without ten athletes for this invitations. Running shorthand, including two varsity athletes, Maximiliano Juarez and Grant Goodwin, DC couldn't fill a complete team in the Junior Varsity race. Only three Falcons ran in the JV race. Each were able to run their personal best. Christian Howarth (Jr), 103<sup>rd</sup> – 21:42.60; Conor VanBuhler (So), 190<sup>th</sup> – 25:36.5; and, Alexander Thomas (So), 195<sup>th</sup> – 26:11.3.



**Christian Howarth (#766) Sophomore – PR'd, 21:42.6**

Divine Child is scheduled to run Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:10PM at the **MSU Spartan Invitational** at the **Forest Akers East Golf Course** in **East Lansing, MI**. Followed by the **Divine Child Soter-Crane Cross Country Invitational** at **Belle Isle State Park** in **Detroit, MI** on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.