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Since 1950, the Church of the Divine Child has been a strong Catholic presence in Dearborn and today remains one of the largest and most vibrant Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Together, Divine Child Elementary School, founded in 1953, and Divine Child High School, founded in 1958, 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, 850 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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It's the start of a new semester at Divine Child High School, and as our students return to campus, we wish them well on a successful new semester. In January, we also announce the acceptance of the incoming freshmen class - the Class of 2028.

Later this month, over 200 young men and women will receive their acceptance letters and start their *Falcon Legacy* - a legacy of excellence that all Divine Child alumni share!

As you flip through this issue of the *Once a Falcon* magazine and read the features and highlights, I encourage you to reflect on your own experiences at Divine Child and after. Please consider sharing the stories of your own *Falcon Legacy* with us. We would love to highlight your story in the next issue of the magazine.

Please scan the QR Code or visit [bit.ly/DCHS-OAF](https://bit.ly/DCHS-OAF) to submit an alumni feature article, alumni update, marriage or birth announcements, and more.





## *A Message from* **OUR PASTOR**

Dear Friends,

Often, I am in conversations with people, and I wind up saying "I don't want to brag, but there's no place like Divine Child." This is not intended as a boast. Nonetheless, I have never served at a parish that has both an excellent elementary school and high school! Our wonderful schools are part of a beautiful parish. Together, we have many opportunities to have our students grow in heart, mind, and soul.

Our schools are not simply great schools, they are great Catholic schools helping our students to encounter Jesus daily. We want them to know Him personally and desire to follow Him as joyful missionary disciples. Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure which help us more fully accomplish our mission to bring our students to the Lord and answer the call to holiness. Together, we are helping our students to grow spiritually and academically as well as creatively, socially, and athletically.

Since this past summer, Divine Child has been blessed with two new priests who generously share their gifts with our parishioners and students. You can learn more about them below. Together we are all striving to Unleash the Gospel here at Divine Child and beyond.

God's Peace and Joy,

*Fr. Bob McCabe*

Fr. Bob McCabe



**Fr. Jeremy Schupbach** was ordained in the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 27, 2023, and came to Divine Child as an associate pastor in July 2023. Fr. Jeremy felt a call to the priesthood at a young age, but it was not until after his sophomore year of high school that he experienced a clear invitation from the Lord to follow Him in this radical way. He attended the Franciscan University in Steubenville where he pursued a degree in philosophy before entering and completing his priestly formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.



**Fr. John Shi** came to Divine Child as an associate pastor in August 2023. He was born into a devout Catholic family in China and was nurtured in a spiritual environment from his early years. When Fr. John was 18-years-old, he experienced a call to the priesthood. He then had a chance encounter with a visiting professor from the Sacred Heart Major Seminary which paved the way for his journey to the U.S. to he embark on a spiritual and academic journey at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Following eight years of dedicated learning, he was ordained a priest in the year 2019.



## *A Message from* **OUR PRINCIPAL**

As we begin to look in the rearview mirror at 2023, Divine Child High School continues to make extraordinary strides in its commitment to developing young men and women for lives of responsibility, leadership, and faith in action.

Student retreats have evolved to include faith exploration with themes. Falcons pondered the statement, "Love alone creates," over the course of three days. The retreat included musical "jam sessions," iconography writing, painting by the lake, improv, skit making, and an amazing holy hour pulling all of it together.

Falcon Faculty have engaged in monthly professional development on the four essential skills for learning: language, processing, memory, and attention. These meetings use a symposium format with a keynote presentation followed by best instructional practice sharing break out sessions by DCHS teachers and the Hartmann-Eton Center for Teaching & Learning.

Our Instructional Support Center faculty launched work on its "Partnering for Potential" program, which trains current DCHS students to partner with students with more significant learning disabilities in order to welcome and immerse them into our student body and Falcon experience.

Student Council began meeting monthly with school administration to propose and collaborate on creative ways to animate school spirit, which included the "Be the Light" Tangled Homecoming theme and Christmas Spirit Week with return of the festive Christmas pep rally.

Looking ahead in 2024, DCHS will end its five year Cognia Accreditation cycle and engage the DCHS students, parents, faculty, and staff in an extensive self-assessment process to prepare for an external Engagement Review to begin its new cycle. Accreditation helps DCHS to effectively drive improved learner performance and continuous improvement in education. DCHS has engaged in accreditation processes with

Cognia and its predecessors for over 30 years.

The Holy Spirit is present in school life at DCHS! The hallways are alive with smiles, conversation, and encounters with Jesus at every turn. Thank you, Falcon Alumni, for your continued support, encouragement, and lasting legacy!

With gratitude,

Mr. Anthony Trudel

# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## Updates



## Faith in Action Teams

submitted by Mary Wilkerson

As students enter into a new school year, the Campus Ministry Department has a new approach to our student peer leadership. The Faith In Action Team (or FIAT) has expanded to meet the ever increasing demands of our faith-programming. Over 40 students applied to work with Campus Ministry in a leadership capacity, and 31 were chosen for the job. At the end of summer break these students attended an overnight leadership retreat where they were led through training on Witness, Welcoming and Faith Leadership. Christopher Leach, who works with the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry was a guest speaker. Students were encouraged to discern how God wants to use their unique gifts in service to the entire DC community. Upon completion of these exercises, our students were broken up into five groups to serve the needs of our campus.

**Catechesis and Evangelization** is the FIAT component that oversees our retreat program. From advertising and planning retreats, to leading small groups and activities, this group serves the spiritual needs of DCHS and DCES students on retreat.

The **Prayer and Worship** team focuses on our daily prayer as a community. This component consists of members who choose morning prayers, read the daily examen and tend to the work of our weekly liturgies. Possibly most significant is how this component engages our student population for the various liturgical ministries during our Tuesday all-school Masses.

The **Justice and Service** group is centered on service in our community. They host monthly service events for our community, and invite students to get involved with intentionally meeting Christ in those around us, particularly those who are suffering.

**Community Life** is the FIAT component that is responsible for responding to fellowship needs of our student population. Through creating events and activities centered on building community, these student leaders help strengthen the bonds of our DC family.

The **Advocacy** group focuses on advocating for and advertising the various Campus Ministry activities. Students, staff and alumni have so many wonderful faith opportunities around them, and this group of students will work toward campus-wide awareness.



## Embodying the Blessed Mother

One of Divine Child High School's longest-standing traditions is May Crowning and the May Crowning Court. Each year the girls of the senior class vote and select six of their peers who evoke the traits of our Blessed Mother to the May Crowning Court. The lady with the most votes receives the great honor of crowning the Blessed Mother during our annual May Crowning service. Congratulations to the Class of 2023's May Crowning Court: Bernadette Castillo (Crowned Mary), Audrey Scott (Carried the Crown), Mary Bustamante, Maya Ferracciolo, Hannah Kramp and Cecilia Vitti.

## Campus Ministry Team

For the 2023-24 school year, the Campus Ministry Team grew and its members stepped into different roles. Mrs. Mary Wilkerson was named the Director of Campus Ministry in July. Mr. Ted Devine was hired as the new Campus Minister, working with high school and grade school students. Mrs. Mary Pat O'Malley will continue in her role as Campus Ministry Coordinator, handling the logistics of service and retreats. Lastly, Mrs. Stephanie Smith has joined the team and will coordinate special projects, including a monthly faith gathering (The Great Adventure) and the daily examen in addition to her current responsibilities as Theology Department Leader.



**Ted Devine**  
*Campus Minister*

My name is Ted Devine, and I'm the new Campus Minister at Divine Child Catholic Schools. I grew up in a religious home and attended Catholic schools my whole life. While recovering from a surgery at 18, I had a moment of encounter with the presence and reality of God, and everything seemed to change in the best possible way. I quickly devoted myself to following the Holy Spirit wherever he led, especially in youth ministry. This brought me to Camp Sancta Maria where I served as a counselor for close to a decade. I also spent three years at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit as a seminarian for the Archdiocese. I am deeply grateful for my time in seminary formation as it gave me a solid ground in the Catholic faith and long lasting, holy friendships. I lived in two different households of community upon leaving the seminary and worked at various churches doing praise and worship or music for Masses. My work in schools began at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School in Plymouth, serving in their campus ministry department. It was during this time when I met the love of my life, Lauren. We began dating on the Feast of the Annunciation, became engaged on the Solemnity of All Saints, and Married on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We feel very at home at DC parish and schools and look forward to serving within the community.



**Stephanie Smith**  
*Special Projects Coordinator*

Hi, my name is Stephanie Smith, and I am the new Special Projects Coordinator for Campus Ministry at Divine Child High School. I am thrilled to be stepping into this role, and I am looking forward to a great year of spiritual programming for our students, families, and faculty. In addition to my work as a theology teacher and the theology department leader, this new position will allow me to develop content for the Great Adventure and write the prayers for the Daily Examen, along with providing other support for our many retreats and programs. The Great Adventure is a once-a-month opportunity for students to hear from engaging speakers and choose from various sessions that meet them where they are at in their faith journey and invite them into a deeper relationship with Christ and his Church. This year, the Daily Examen, a short three-minute prayer that takes place towards the end of the school day, will guide students through a reflection of the daily Gospel. It is my hope that these prayers will allow students to enter more deeply into Sacred Scripture and to hear how God is speaking to them through his Word. Our plan is to use the DC Godcast to make these prayers available to our families and wider community, so stay tuned!

# ACADEMICALLY



## *Congratulations* **CLASS OF 2023**

Things are moving and shaking at DC, including the Class of 2023! This stupendous group of 188 seniors gathered with family to celebrate their highly anticipated Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises in the Church of the Divine Child on Sunday, May 21. Thanks to Divine Child's exceptional yet challenging spiritual, academic, creative, social and athletic programs, these young men and women have grown exponentially in their faith, knowledge and character. Each of them is a model of our school motto, "Virtus cum Scientia" or "Goodness with Knowledge."



*"Divine Child has provided me with many ways to excel academically, grow spiritually and express myself socially over the last four years. Even in challenging times, I had mentors to guide me and close friends to support me. Some of the activities that I had the opportunity to be involved with included setting up student events through campus ministry, trying out new sports, taking AP courses and exploring new and interesting classes. I couldn't have completed these difficult endeavors without the immeasurable support of the entire Divine Child community."*

**Nathan Marchywka '23**

*Salutatorian & Falcon Scholar Award Recipient*

**188**  
GRADUATES

**97%**  
COLLEGE-BOUND

**\$12.3m**  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS

**117**  
AP STUDENTS

**291**  
AP TESTS TAKEN



## **Teacher of the Year 2023:** *Karah Cheek*

Nominated by DCHS Faculty and enthusiastically endorsed by students, **Karah (McPhail) Cheek '05** was selected as the 2023 Teacher of the Year. Karah joined Divine Child's faculty in 2011, and during her tenure has taught English to students in grades 9 -12.

Karah serves students with wholehearted attention. She is hard working, empathetic, solution-oriented, kind, innovative, inclusive, patient, compassionate, and consistent. She embraces growth, and always focuses on creating opportunities for students. This school year, she is implementing a reading intervention program to help struggling students develop their skills.

Congratulations, Karah!





# All-Star Student Scholars

It is with great excitement that we share two members of Divine Child High School's Class of 2024 - Zachary Lukaszek and Aidan McVean - have been named with the prestigious honor of semifinalists in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program while seniors Alexander Billecke, Peter Celani and Karol Lesnick have been named Commended Students in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®), which conducts the program, was presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors. As semifinalists, Zachary Lukaszek and Aidan McVean have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered this spring.

Additionally, students Michael Esparza, Maximiliano Juarez, Iliana Soi, Rachel Carravallah and Mickenzy Crowder have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs for their hard work and strong academic performance. The academic honors for rural area, African American, indigenous, and/or hispanic students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.

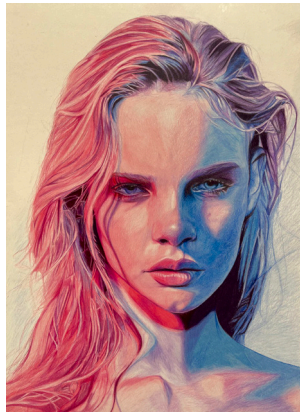
Congratulations to all!

**National Merit Semifinalist**  
Zachary Lukaszek '24  
Aidan McVean '24

**National Merit Commended**  
Peter Celani '24  
Karol Lesnick '24  
Alexander Billecke '24

**College Board National Hispanic Recognition Award**  
Michael Esparza (2022 Awardee) '24  
Maximiliano Juarez '25  
Iliana Soi '24  
Rachel Carravallah '25

**College Board National African American Recognition Award**  
Mickenzy Crowder '25



## Cultivating Creativity

submitted by Walter Grysko '07

Having the state's largest and most robust Fine Arts program, sometimes the best way to take steps forward is to be reflective over the program we have built since 1958. Currently, we offer 20 different studio classes including: Drawing, Design, Ceramics, Woodworking, Photography, Yearbook, Digital Art, Video Technology, Commercial Illustration, Printmaking, Watercolor Painting and Oil Painting to name a few. With support from our alumni and community benefactors our plan for this summer is to replace the entire Art Room ceiling, adding studio quality track lighting for painting and drawing classes, and adding digital projectors to two of our classroom spaces. These updates will help keep our program strong and provide an appropriate studio environment for our students to continue to produce industry level work.

We annually put on a spring Art Show with over 1000 pieces representing the department's top fifth of what is produced by students throughout the school year. Enjoy the sampling of images from the 2023 Art Show. You're invited to the 2024 Gala and Art Show on Friday, May 3rd at 7 p.m.



^ The current DC marching band was joined by band alumni at the 2023 Homecoming Parade.

## The Band Comes Marching In

submitted by Robert Bush

The DC bands, in its 57th year, had a busy start to this school year with three home games in the first three weeks! The 80 member marching band had a great band camp which helped get through these three games with three great performances. We were honored to change things up a bit on our second home game honoring our military with a medley featuring the five branches. This year we had another great turn out of band alumni who joined us in playing at the homecoming parade and game. We had our annual Halloween concert on October 29, 2023 which featured songs of the season and our symphonic band students.

The full music department Christmas concert was held on December 3, 2023 at 2 p.m., featuring the high school jazz band, choir and symphonic band. It was a great performance!

We are looking forward to the second semester of great performances, our band trip to Washington D.C. and Shrek the Musical. We hope to see you at the next concert.

## Taking Center Stage

The Divine Child Theatre Program is ready for another year of wonderful performances. Last spring they performed *Music Man*; in November, they put on a rousing performance of *Clue On Stage*; and in March they will be performing *Shrek the Musical*. We hope to see you there!

### *The Music Man*

Headed by seniors Natalie Nikolajevs, Noah Trapp, and Joey Rea, Divine Child's spring musical, "The Music Man," brought together the entire Divine Child community from Alumni on the production staff and in the band, to grade school students in both leading and ensemble roles. Several new faces brought their talents to our stage. Rebekah May choreographed the show and Gail Porada and Kori Bielaniac '06 assistant directed. We welcomed back participation from the grade school students for the first time since "Fiddler on the Roof" in 2015, and their energy and joy brought the energy levels up for our high schoolers too. Our audiences left singing "76 Trombones" and "Shipoopee." Bravo cast and crew!



### *Clue On Stage*

The Theatre Program performed *Clue on Stage* in November and it was a hit! The play is based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game. The hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery had the crowd laughing out loud.

The play unfolded with six mysterious guests assembling for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail were on the menu. When their host turned up dead, they all became suspects. Led by Wadsworth the butler, the guests raced to find the killer and figure out WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

The show featured Senior Alex Tar as Wadsworth, Junior Katja Honkanen as Yvette, Junior Alana Nowlan as Mrs. Scarlet, Sophomore Ella Postl as Mrs. Peacock, Senior Leah Katers as Mrs. White, Sophomore Paul Bagazinski as Col. Mustard, Senior Allysha Potts as Prof. Plum, Freshman Colin Miller as Mr. Green and Senior Jillian Oleski as Mr. Boddy.



### 2024 SHOW TIMES

Friday, Mar. 15 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Mar. 16 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Mar. 17 - 2:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Mar. 22 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Mar. 23 - 7:30 p.m.\*  
 Sunday, Mar. 24 - 2:30 p.m.

\*Alumni Night



## Lady Falcons Take the Field

Our junior and senior girls faced off in an intense Powder Puff game on October 23, 2023. The two grades ran out onto the field through painted paper banners, wielding giant Falcon flags in true football game fashion. A handful of their male classmates took on coaching roles, while others enthusiastically waved pompons to cheer the ladies on and rally the crowd.

It was a fierce competition, but in the end the juniors emerged victorious with a final score of 19-16! To recognize their triumph, the junior team was awarded a massive, pink "DC Varsity Club Powderpuff" trophy. They will have the opportunity to defend their champion title next year as seasoned seniors!



## DC Discovery Day

Every year we invite 8th graders interested in experiencing life as a student at Divine Child High School to attend Discovery Day at DCHS. During our Discovery Day, 8th graders get to experience the Divine Child difference and learn what we're all about!

Our awesome Link Crew students help guide the visiting grade schoolers through the day. This year, the 8th graders began their day with a welcome session with Fr. Bob and Principal Trudel, attended three mini-classes of their choice, experienced a prayer service with Campus Ministry in the church, enjoyed lunch provided by DC and finished the day off with an energizing Falcon pep rally.





# leveling up esports

submitted by Eric Heinz

Since 2017, the Divine Child Esports program has been setting the bar for program growth and student engagement in Michigan. From hosting the state's first interscholastic League of Legends tournament in the Fall of 2018, to garnering national attention this past Spring in AVGL's Intel Inspires tournament, our Falcons have been blazing a trail through the high school esports world.

For those new to the term, esports refers to a group of student activities centered on interscholastic video game competitions. Students are engaged in roles ranging from players to graphic design, and from broadcasting to competitive event management. With over fifty students involved across four competitive titles, DC's esports program is one of the larger programs in the school, and in the state of Michigan on the whole.

Our Falcon esport teams have found a great deal of success over the last couple of years, stacking up a number of accolades and championships. Beginning with the Fall of 2022, DC's Smash Ultimate team placed in the top 10 programs in the state in the Michigan High School Esports League. In that same league, DC earned its first championship, bringing home a State Championship for Rocket League. That same team, composed of players ranking amongst the highest in the nation, went on to earn national titles in three separate leagues: HSEL, PlayVs and AVGL Intel Inspires.

2023 is proving to be another successful year for DC Esports,

with student-led initiatives leading the way. Through the interest of a number of students, and the leadership and drive of one student-coach, DC added Splatoon to its list of titles. Not to be outdone, the Valorant team claimed the first prize of the season, securing first place in a back-to-school tournament sponsored by Scholastic and League OS. The Fall season started in September, and DC Esports is on it's way to another strong year.

The program is always in need of new players, designers, creatives, and tech-savvy individuals. For parents and/or donors, opportunities for involvement are diverse and numerous. The program is growing rapidly, so the need for volunteers at events, or updates to software and equipment, will always be in high demand. For anyone wishing to get involved, please reach out to the program director, Eric Heinz, or one of the many coaches, including alumni **Johnathan Horeczy '19** and **Jacob Marchywka '21**, for more information.



# TEAM UPDATES

## Winter 2022-2023

**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING** team, new this year, had an amazing season. The team consisted of six freshmen, one sophomore and one senior. At their season opening meet, the team took first place, beating other local teams in the Crestwood Invitational and setting high expectations for the entire season. Every swimmer improved considerably over the course of the season and they poured their heart and soul into building their personal successes and the success of the team. At the Catholic League Meet, Divine Child placed 8th in the league.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** led by Miss Basketball Finalist, Kennedy Blair `23, along with seniors Sydney Bourdon `23, Bernadette Castillo `23, Hannah Glowzinski `23, Audrey Scott `23, Grace Steffes `23 and Cecilia Vitti `23 began the 2022/2023 campaign 9-0 in non-league play. The CHSL Central Division was as challenging as ever as the team finished in third place. After a tough loss in the CHSL semi-final, the team made a great run in the state playoffs, winning a District championship at home before losing in the Regional semi-final to a tough Detroit Edison team and ending the season with an overall record of 17-7. Several players received individual recognition led by MSU bound Blair `23 who was named All-Catholic as well as earning countless All-State accolades including the Associated Press Division 2 Player of the Year. Bourdon `23, Glowzinski `23 and Vitti `23 all received All-League honors, while Scott `23 was named All-Academic. Lastly, and most important, with an impressive team GPA of 3.8, the team was named Academic All-State for the 2022/2023 season.

**BOYS WRESTLING** worked extremely hard and won a district title. They had one regional qualifier, Owen Gibbons `25. Team captains were Isaiah Ploucha `23, Owen Gibbons `25, Alec Fredericks `24 and Cody Szotek `25. Regional qualifier was Owen Gibbons `25.

**HOCKEY** had a successful season finishing over 500. Having graduated 10 seniors the prior season, captain Dylan Ross `24 and Assistant Captain Carter Zielke `24 stepped up to lead the team on and off the ice. Earning All-State second team and All-League first team was sophomore Braeden McNamara `25. Other deserving awards were given to Ross `24, Colin Tomasczyk `24, and Alessandro DiDomenico `24. The 2023-2024 team welcomes back a large number of seniors, and a great amount of young talent. Coach **Mike McNamara `96** and the team are excited to celebrate 30 years this year!



**BOYS BASKETBALL** finished tied for second place in the division with a 7-3 conference record. The Falcons were the only team in the division to beat the conference champs Gabriel Richard (twice). The Falcons led the conference in scoring. The team had three All-League awardees; Devin McMorris `24, Liam Young `24 and Matt Gladd `23; an All-Catholic awardee, Jackson Reynolds `23; and an All Academic awardee, Stephen Balash `23.

**COMPETITIVE CHEER** had a season of many successes. Led by seniors Abby Krizmanich `23, Elena Solomon `23 and Ava Sulak `23, the team won their 20th consecutive Catholic League Title, a feat unknown to any other DC athletic team. The girls competed weekly at area invites, achieving the highest scores in DC cheer history. At the district championship, the team pulled off a runner-up finish and at the regional championship they came away in the top 3. Finally, at the MHSAA State Championship, the DC girls team finished with 3 great rounds of play and earned a final placing of 3rd in the state. It was an incredible season and looks strong for the next year with 18 returning athletes.

**BOWLING** brought the heat this season by finishing undefeated in season league match play. The girls team won the League tournament Bishop Division (CHSL) championships. Both teams finished 3rd overall in the MHSAA Division 2 Regional Championship, which qualified them for a shot at the State Championship that took place at Century Bowl in Waterford. The Varsity boys team, co-captained by Andrew Carl `23, Sean Kasprzyk `24 and Joshua Lee `24; finished 8th in the state overall. The Varsity girls were co-captained by Gracie Fundaro `24 and Amber Legenza `23. Ligenza finished with an All-State Individual honor while many others finished with All-Catholic and All-Academic honors. Girls Varsity, co-captained by Gracie Fundaro `24 and Legenza `23, finished a successful season as undefeated, Catholic High School League (CHSL) champions (Bishop Division). The team finished 3rd overall in Regionals and qualified for both Team and Individuals for States.

## Spring 2022-2023

**GIRLS SOCCER** finished with 8 wins, 6 losses, and 6 draws. The team was able to qualify for the CHSL playoffs and capture a District Championship with a 5-0 win over Garden City. This was the third straight District Championship. The team was led by Senior captain and two-time All-State player, Sydney Bourdon `23. Sydney tallied 21 goals and 9 assists during her Senior season. Sydney is currently playing at Ferris State University. In total the 2023 team had 12 seniors who were a huge part of the team's success. In addition, Camryn Huhn `26, was second on the team with 7 goals and recorded 10 assists. The Falcons will return 12 players from the 2023 team who will help shape the 2024 team.



**GIRLS SOFTBALL** finished in Division 2 Final Four for the State of Michigan, Catholic League runners up, and had a 28-8 winning record with most losses to ranked teams. Three seniors accepted positions at the collegiate level to continue their careers: Savina Olada '24 at Schoolcraft College, Avery Schellenberger `24 at Siena Heights University, and Isabella DePaulis at Northwood University. Divine Child Varsity Softball had nine seniors Avery Schellenberger, Isabella DePaulis, Savina Olada, Hannah Kramp, Allison Surella, Grace Riha, Claire Edgell, Keira Nadolsky, Amanda Solferino (manager), and who were huge contributors to the season's success. Even though the program lost a lot of seniors, the Falcons remain strong and excited for the 2024 softball season. Nelson `26 who commanded on the mound for the Falcons will be returning for her junior year. Madison Mosier `24 and Adrianna Johnson `24 will lead the helm as seniors. Hansen will lend her speed to the Falcons being named the "fastest in the nation" by CBJ sports recruiting. In addition the Falcons are excited to have Natalie Hansen `26 and Breanna Morrison `26 take on larger roles for the field and lineup. According to coach **Regina Dunn `88**, "We are incredibly proud of all the accomplishments that the 2023 Varsity Softball team has achieved! We are grateful for all those that laid the foundation to develop a winning program. We will continue to work hard on providing our girls with a faith-filled environment that competes at the highest levels to foster the mindset of a champion. Together we can do anything."

**BOYS LACROSSE** had their most successful season in program history this past Spring. What a fun and exciting run, the team finished 18-4, won the Catholic League, were first time State Regional Champions and made it to the final 8 in Division 2. From a power ranking perspective, DC finished 15 overall in the State of Michigan and 5th in Division 2! The team was led by a strong group of 8 seniors including goalie Dylan Ross `23, midfielders Jack Furton `23, Shane Marion `23, Nick Cibor `23, Carter Zielke `23 and Garrison Gardner `23 along with defenseman John Veach `23 and Noah Thomas `23. The team scored a program high 293 goals (adding 226 assists) and only gave up 132 goals (67% save percentage). 18

different players scored goals with 8 scoring more than 13. The team was well represented in individual honors. Five players earned All-State awards including seniors, Furton `23, Marion `23 and Ross `23. Tyler Traub `24, and David Harrison `23 were the other two All-State Players. Additionally, other key members earned All-Region or Catholic league honors including: John Veach `23, Nick Cibor `23, Alessandro DiDomeico `24, Braeden McNamara `25 and Blake Englert `25. DC will return a strong core in 2024 and look to build upon the great success from 2023.



**GIRLS TRACK & FIELD** Team experienced yet another successful season in their storied history, once again earning the Regional Championship en route to a 12th place finish at the MHSAA Finals. The team captured the Michigan Catholic Indoor Track Championship and followed that up with a win at the Lapeer Lightning Invitational. A competitive showing at the MSU Spartan Invite was followed up with a pair of runner up finishes at the Mark Carpenter `68 Invitational and the CHSL Championships. Individually, Meghan Koss `24, Olivia Velazquez `24, Kathryn Kurtinaitis `25, Isabelle Barone `25, Izzy Cogswell `26, Kate Paluszewski `25, Katie Deisler `25, Kayla Slade `25, Bernadette Castillo `23, Regan Dudek `24, Katherine Koss `24, Samantha Black `24, Kirsten Koss `24, Ella Slade `23, Grace Steffes `23, Emery Budz `23, Elizabeth Salinas `26, and Erika Sanders `23 earned All-Region honors. Detroit Mercy bound Steffes `23 earned All-State honors in both the Shot Put and the Discus, to cap off a stellar senior season. Representing the Class of '25, Kurtinaitis earned All-State honors in the 400 meter dash. The 4X400 Relay Team, perennially among the state's elite teams, once again earned All-State Honors among an incredibly competitive field. That team featured Class of 2023's Slade, Class of 2024's M. Koss and K. Koss, along with Kurtinaitis '25. M Koss also broke the school record in the 100 meter dash, with a time of 12.42 seconds, besting class of 2013's Paige Patterson's mark of 12.46 set in 2013. Off the Track and Field, our Falcons excelled in the classroom as Steffes `23, Slade `23, and Kathryn Kurtinaitis `25 also earned Academic All-State Honors, while the team GPA was a collective 3.89, good for a top 8 finish in the state.

**BOYS GOLF** was excited to build upon the success of the 2022 season. After finishing in 3rd place at the 2022 Regional Finals and qualifying for the State tournament as a team for the first time in seven years, the players set individual goals to support the 2023 team goal of shooting 340 at Regionals in hopes of returning to the State Tournament. Players worked hard before and during the season on the established goals under the theme of Winning is Unusual (winning requires one to make uncommon decisions and to go the extra mile). The program welcomed back Varsity

Head Coach and DCHS Theology teacher Jason Jackett and Varsity Assistant Coach Ben Loisel '90: the student athletes benefited greatly from Coach Ben's expertise as a professional swing instructor, including his son Lincoln who was a Junior on the Varsity team. The program also welcomed DCHS alumnus and four year Varsity golfer Jacob Law into the Boys Golf family as JV Head Coach and Dr. Robert Meehan as a Varsity Assistant Coach: Coach Law did a great job running the JV team and our program is very blessed to have him and Dr. Meehan. The Varsity team competed in 7 matches and 12 invitationals building much skill and confidence, highlighted by shooting 324 and 337 at the Huron Meadows Invite, and winning our first CHSL match in seven years, beating U of D 172-180. All the hard work coalesced at Regionals where the team shot 341 to achieve its goal but unfortunately it was not good enough to qualify for States again. The JV team competed in 6 matches and 8 invitationals showing much team spirit, fraternity, sportsmanship, and future promise. The program ended their season on a successful and fun note by hosting a golf camp for 43 fourth through eighth graders from the local community at Lakes of Taylor and is working hard to make the 2024 season another great success.

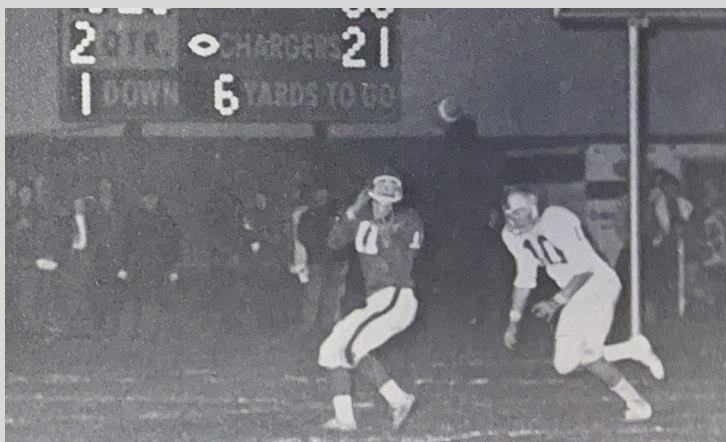


**GIRLS TENNIS** finished with their best performances of the year, taking first place in the Livonia Patriot Tournament, finishing a solid 3rd in Catholic Leagues and a strong 4th in Regionals that included three schools ranked in the top 5 in the state. They also qualified for the State of Michigan Tennis All-Academic Team Award. In a season that started with a good mix of freshmen, sophomores and juniors along with four seniors and most of them being new to tennis, they were able to blend in well with the returning players and add great depth to our roster. Captains Mia Hammer '23, Zaynah Saraya '23 and Kylar Hansen '23 led with their energy, positive attitudes, commitment and work ethic that spread throughout the team that resulted in a total team success. This team developed their game quickly taking 2nd in Catholic Leagues and reaching the quarterfinals at Regionals.





# Celebrating 50 YEARS



## 1973 Football State Championship Team Returns to Divine Child

On Aug. 24, 2023, Coach Chris Laney, the Divine Child football team and Alumni Association welcomed back the 1973 Class B State Championship Football team. The hot, stormy evening didn't stop the Falcons from coming out to see old teammates. Memories of the glory days and historic triumphs were shared as a group of about 20 former players reminisced about "that season!" The team, led by quarterback **Gary Forystek '74**, captain **Dave Swoish '74**, and end **Ed Kasperek '74** had an undefeated season. The man responsible for the team's success was Coach of the Year, Bill McCartney, rounding out one of the best seasons DC football fans have ever seen!

"It was an honor to welcome back the 1973 state championship team for our season opening game this fall. To have them back on campus was a tremendous honor as they celebrated their 50th anniversary of that undefeated season. For our current team, I think it is so important for them to appreciate the tradition that Divine Child has in football and to be able to hear the stories from the past. The 1973 team was led by eventual national champion coach, Mr. Bill McCartney. Again, a testament to the names and tradition that make up the foundation of Divine Child Football," said Coach Chris Laney.



"Thank you for the 1973 DC Football Title Celebration. There were a lot of great memories during the walk-through of the high school and tour of the athletic complex. Very impressive and a lot of hard work has gone on through the years in putting together such a high class complex. I was honored and humbled to be in the room with the team, to hear Coach Laney's pregame talk, and to be honored at half time. It has been a long time since I have been with my teammates from that 1973 Championship Team."

**Colin Carrier '73**

# HOMECOMING

## ... EVENT RECAP

At last we see the light! The Divine Child community came together for a Tangled-themed Homecoming celebration on Friday, September 29, 2023. The Falcon Family Tailgate, sponsored by the Divine Child Alumni Association, kicked off the event. Then, the marching band led the Homecoming parade around Levagood Park and through the neighborhood. The parade included floats made by each grade level, our cheer and pom teams, CYO athletes, young bike riders, and horse-drawn carriages carrying the Homecoming Court members. The varsity football game followed with the 2023 Homecoming Queen, Milana Batayeh, and Homecoming King, Charles Murray, crowned at halftime.





# DCES

## ... EVENT RECAP



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! On May 10, 2023 our grade school hosted a Clean Up Parade in partnership with the City of Dearborn Government and the Dearborn City Beautiful Commission. Our students along with Mayor Abdullah Hammoud marched around campus carrying signs and chanting messages promoting environmental responsibility. Afterward, our City Beautiful Junior Commissioners and the Mayor gave a brief presentation and announced that our newly planted swamp oak tree, which was planted for Arbor Day, has been named after everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek!





## Meet Our New Director of Enrollment & Retention

**Meghan Simonie (Sarab) '04** now manages the enrollment process for Divine Child High School and Divine Child Elementary School from application through acceptance and develops strategies for retention of current students. She and her husband **Matt Simonie '03** are parishioners and have three children, their youngest will start Kindergarten next fall so all three of their children will be enrolled in Divine Child Catholic Schools.

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## "FALCON FOR A DAY" SHADOW VISITS | Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

Our "Falcon For A Day" program is an opportunity for 8th graders to spend a school day at Divine Child High School. The student will be paired up with one of our sophomore or junior Falcon Ambassadors whose job it is to showcase what it's like to be a student at DCCHS. Schedule a shadow visit today!

## 8TH GRADE DISCOVERY DAY | Third Friday in October

Every year we invite 8th graders interested in experiencing life as a student at Divine Child High School to attend Discovery Day at DCCHS. During our Discovery Day, 8th graders get to experience the Divine Child difference and learn what we're all about! There is a welcome session, three mini-classes, a prayer service, lunch and a Falcon pep rally.

## OPEN HOUSE | First Sunday in November

Come meet staff and students, learn about our five core pillars and mission, participate in classroom activities, complete a scavenger hunt to be entered to win prizes, and experience life as a Falcon!

## HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT) DATES | Offered in November & December

After applying, make sure to sign up for the High School Placement Test to help us place you into a curriculum that best fits your academic needs! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) is an admissions test given to eighth graders who are seeking entrance into specific Catholic high schools. At Divine Child High School, we use the HSPT results to assist with admissions decisions, determine curriculum placement, and offer scholarship awards. While it is a required step in the admissions process to be eligible for academic scholarships, the HSPT is only a part of the application review.

## 1ST ROUND ADMISSIONS DECISIONS APPLICATION DEADLINE | December 1

Get your Admissions Application in by December 1, 2023 to be included in our first round of acceptance decisions.

## RED CARPET ROLLOUT\CLASS OF 2028 ACCEPTANCE PARTY | Friday, Jan. 26

After receiving their acceptance email, incoming freshmen are invited to come walk the red carpet to pick up their acceptance letter and enrollment packet. While here, enjoy complimentary hot cocoa, check out The Falcon's Nest for 20% off merch, get a free t-shirt and meet your future classmates.



# Detroit Barbers

Walking into Detroit Barbers feels a bit like time traveling. You are transported into the past by the vintage light fixtures, the antique furniture, and of course the classic barbershop pole. The unique atmosphere draws you in and the quality service keeps you coming back. The masterminds behind this peek into the past are **Jami (Przekop) Buchanan '98** and her husband Chad Buchanan.

Jami grew up in Detroit and attended Divine Child High School from 1994-1998. She remembers her time at Divine Child and her classmates fondly. "They were like family. We still are like family." After high school she met Chad who was originally from northern California. As the two progressed in their relationship and eventually

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got married, they would often travel to California to visit family and friends. It was during these trips and while traveling to other large cities, such as San Francisco and Chicago, that they noticed there were a lot of old school traditional barbershops in these areas. Chad would visit the barbershops, sometimes having to wait in line to get in the door. But the wait was well worth it to see the unique character that each shop had.

They fell in love with the old-school charm that many of the barbershops possessed and felt

that Detroit needed its own classic barbershop. At the time, the couple was already making and selling men's grooming products so opening a barbershop seemed like a perfect next step for their business. Jami's mother, Loretta Przekop, a well-established hair stylist and salon owner who has been doing hair since she was 14, agreed that there was a need for a high-quality men's barbershop in the area and helped convince the couple to take the leap and open their first shop in Ferndale in 2016. The business took off and only continues to grow. Jami and Chad now operate seven locations in Metro Detroit.

Each location has been carefully curated to have that old-school barbershop feel. The couple has a passion for collecting antiques and love to use their found treasures from all over the country to adorn their shops. Jami has an eye for design and makes sure every detail, from the barber chairs to the wall art and neon signs, adds to the archaic atmosphere.

## DETROIT BARBERS LOCATIONS

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Ferndale  
Corktown\*  
Grosse Pointe\*  
Plymouth  
Southfield  
Birmingham\*  
Rochester

\*Lucky Detroit  
Locations





At their Corktown location, where we joined the couple, the shop originally was only on one half of the lower level of the building. Eventually, Jami and Chad expanded into the whole lower level, and when the upper level became available they decided they wanted the whole building to themselves. With the new space, they had to decide how to use it since they agreed they didn't need 40 barber chairs in the building.

The couple had always wanted to open a coffee shop together, but they weren't sure if it would work to combine with a barbershop. In 2018, they decided to go for it and started selling coffee and locally sourced baked goods ,out of the Corktown location. They found their two passions to be a surprisingly great fit. Some people come just for coffee, some just for a haircut, while many take advantage of both services. When discussing branding for the coffee shop side of their business, they landed on a speakeasy feel as it melds perfectly with the vibe they had already developed in their

barbershops. They had lots of ideas for the name, but ultimately decided to pay homage to the Corktown building. The lower level had been a pub in the 1950s called Lucky Clover Bar so they went with "Lucky Detroit" as the name of their coffee brand. As they have expanded to Grosse Pointe and Birmingham, the name has stuck.

Their coffee goes directly from farm to shop and is roasted in-house in small batches to ensure fresh, quality coffee. The coffee is actually roasted in their Oak Park facility where they also make all their barbershop products! They even make their syrups from scratch, with some being menu staples, like their signature vanilla bourbon, while others are seasonal like pumpkin spice.

The couple is always working on growing their product line and hinted at continuing to expand locations for both Detroit Barbers and Lucky Coffee. They both love the various aspects of owning and operating the business, but agreed their favorite part is the customers. Chad

## LUCKY DETROIT DRINKS

Jami's favorite:  
*Matcha Latte  
with honey*

Chad's favorite:  
*Nutella Latte*

Lucky Detroit's  
signature drink:  
*Vanilla Bourbon  
Latte*





explained, "Whether it's a father and son coming in for a haircut together, or a wedding party all getting ready together, our goal is to make it an experience."

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Jami said they see plenty of Divine Child alumni come to their various locations and even if she doesn't know the person, there is an instant connection. Jami expressed her appreciation for the sense of community that Divine Child cultivates and the love and support she and Chad receive. Jami went on to explain how attending

Divine Child High School prepared her for the real world, "It gave me structure, it gave me formality, and I feel like those are important things that not all kids are taught." Chad agreed, adding that he went to public school and "There's a huge difference between private and public and it's very obvious." He compared the dramatic difference in class sizes and how that has a major effect on the quality of education and preparing students

for college and beyond. Chad pointed out that "out of the couple hundred kids [that graduate each year from Divine Child], 90% of them are successful. I graduated in a class of 500 and it's 50/50 maybe." Jami concluded, "Divine Child most definitely laid the foundation for my success – through academics, the loving and supportive community, faith and service. I am extremely grateful and proud to be an Alumni."

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# DC Hockey celebrates 30 years



## Alumni Hockey Game & Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, December 30, 2023 over 25 alumni hockey players laced up their skates and took the ice for an evening of fun at the Alumni Hockey Game. The event was held at the Taylor Sportsplex with two teams - older alum versus younger guys. These alumni hockey players and their families enjoyed a meal sponsored by the DC Alumni Association and Varsity hockey team. Some of the guys stayed after and took advantage of the open ice to skate with their families.

## How DC Hockey Started

In the winter of 1993, members of the Dearborn Sabres hockey team were discussing where they would skate next season. Five of them would be entering Divine Child High School as freshmen the following year and the boys lamented the lack of a hockey program at the school. Two of the boys' fathers, **Joe Krupa** and Sabres Coach **John Owens**, decided to investigate the situation and see if starting a team was possible. Joined by another father, **Tim Hoen**, an organizing committee was born to bring the program to life at DC.

The Krupa, Owens and Hoen families went to **Fr. Kucyk** for approval and were met with his enthusiasm. He referred them to **Wes Wishart**, the athletic director, as the next step to coordinate the entry of the proposed team into the school's programs. Wes was supportive, but funding would have to be obtained from other sources as the school's athletic budget was already stretched to the limit.

The next step was to look for a coach. The committee approached former NHL all-star **Robert Picard**, who lived locally, and he enthusiastically accepted. **Brian Dallas** was then added as his assistant. Local businesses were recruited to assist in the purchase of uniforms and a contest was held among the DC students to design a logo for the uniforms. Rink rental fees and the purchase of personal equipment were left to the families of the players.

The rink at U of M –Dearborn was secured as the team's home ice and tryouts were scheduled. It was now mid-October and a schedule had to be finalized and the players selected. The school stipulated that this would be a no-cut team, so after

several sessions, Coaches Picard and Dallas chose nineteen players who would be able to safely compete at this level. With the addition of **Father Ed DesForges** as team chaplain, all the pieces were falling into place.

The team's inaugural game arrived on Friday, November 19, 1994 with a sold out arena and an overwhelming crowd of fans to cheer on the Falcons. The team managed a .500 won-loss record that first year and were eliminated from the state tournament in a one goal loss by eventual champions, Cranbrook. But the hard work, friendships formed and successes of that first year provided a strong base for DC hockey eventually winning the state championship in 2002.

"I would safely say that the first game we played is still the most memorable one to me in my life! The fans on the glass, the music and walk-out, the energy in the arena was like nothing else," shared **Jim D'Antonio '95**, former player on the first team.

John Owens, contributor

# ALUMNI UPDATES

## CATCHING UP WITH CLASSMATES:



**Olivia Wofford `06** of Ann Arbor, announces her engagement to Rickey Hayes. Olivia is employed as a buyer with Toyota in Ann Arbor and Rickey is studying for his Master Degree in IT at Eastern Michigan University. A "royal" wedding is planned for August at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit with a reception to follow at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle! They are so excited to begin their lives together!



**Dr. Jeff Rabe `05** married his college sweetheart Dr. Filiz Rabe in 2017, and last year welcomed their son, Jem, into this beautiful world. Jeff, Jem, and Filiz have been to both Italy and Chile in their first year as a family. Currently living in Columbus, OH, Jeff loves coming to visit his sister **Laurie (Rabe) McNamara `98** and her family. Jeff is the Director of Pharmacy Operations for Oscar Health - A Healthcare Tech company based out of NYC. Lastly, Jeff still loves rock 'n' roll, and has been to Bonnaroo Music Festival 13 times and counting. Pictured - The Rabe family on a wine tour in Casablanca, Chile.



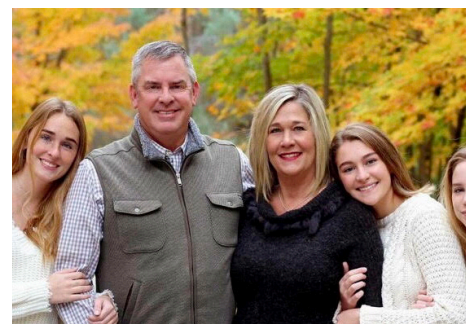
**Sydney Porada `21**, has just been cast in the upcoming feature film, Tweed. She will be starring alongside Alexander Wraith (star of The Mandalorian, Orange Is the New Black, Westworld) and Bianca Van Damme, daughter of actor and martial artist Jean-Claude Van Damme. The movie is produced by Francesca Eastwood, daughter of legendary actor Clint Eastwood. The upcoming thriller is currently in production and is set to be released next year. Sydney stars as Alexander's girlfriend, Chloe. She is currently a Senior at Michigan State University and will be graduating a year early (spring of 2024) with a degree in Creative Advertising.



**Katie Virag `08** earned her BFA in Sculpture and a BS in Psychology from Louisiana State University in 2013, later she studied art education at SUNY - Buffalo State, and then earned an MFA in Studio Art from Syracuse University in 2021. I've had several solo art exhibitions in Western and Central New York and in Paonia, CO. Her large-scale artworks have been exhibited at The Burchfield-Penney Art Center in Buffalo, NY and on Governor's Island in NYC, and her smaller works have been included in group shows nationwide. She currently splits her time between Buffalo, NY where she is a resident artist at Buffalo Arts Studio and Syracuse, NY where she is an

Adjunct Professor at Syracuse University in the sculpture program. When she's not making art, she is typically out running. She is preparing to run her first 24 hour ultramarathon this July. She married her husband Will in May 2018 and together they have 5 cats and a dog that thinks she is a cat.

**Marcus Owens `18** was awarded first prize "Equitable Paradise," for his student work in the Weitzman School of Design. Founded in 2006 in memory of Philadelphia's renowned urban planner, Edmund N. Bacon, the award annually recognizes excellent student work focusing on an area in Philadelphia. This year's student competition, "Designing For an Equitable Future in Chinatown," asked students to elevate and prioritize low-income and LEP communities of Chinatown and leverage open space (parking lots, sidewalks, streets, and existing parks) to facilitate equitable development and neighborhood preservation. Weitzman School of Design MCP students received first and second prizes for their proposals, reimagining the Chinatown neighborhood with an equitable future that continues to serve the existing community.



**Dennis O'Leary `88** left his career in the industrial manufacturing industry after almost 24 years to purchase, renovate and rebrand an existing restaurant with his wife Paige. Their new establishment - The Happy Troll Deli & Pub - opened on May 1, 2023, right next to the famous bascule bridge in Charlevoix. Their daughters - Mackenzy, 24; Madison, 22; and Kyle, 20 - have also been involved, making the restaurateur business a family affair. In just the (6) months since they opened the restaurant doors, they have been blessed to catch up with several DC alumni who have stopped in - which always brightens their day. This new/last venture for Dennis has been equally challenging and rewarding. Dennis and Paige have been engrained in the Charlevoix community since they were married and moved there in 1997. They enjoyed the prior experiences of multiple downtown business locations for Paige's Cottage Pottery studio.



**Reem Fawaz '19** graduated with a BS in Public Health Sciences from the University of Michigan last spring and was selected to be the commencement speaker at her school-wide graduation ceremony on April 27, 2023, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. "I was the first undergraduate student to speak at the School of Public Health graduation since our ceremony includes both Masters and Doctoral students," Reem shared. "It was both exciting and bittersweet to represent the entire Public

Health Class of 2023 and share my reflections with my peers, professors, Dean Bowman, our families, and the United States Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, our guest speaker." During undergrad, Reem was a member of the student government, the Undergraduate Journal of Public Health, and the Lebanese Student Association, among others. She is currently taking a "gap year" before embarking on a new journey into medical school.

## WEDDING BELLS | Congrats to these Falcon newlyweds!



- 1 **Kevin Landwehr '13** married his wife Emily (Arthur) on September 25, 2021 at the Church of the Divine Child.
- 2 **Cameron Bardelli '14** and **Sara Forystek '14** married at the Church of the Divine Child on Saturday, June 3, 2023.
- 3 **James O'Brien '13** and **Kristyn Finley '11** were married at the Church of the Divine Child on July 14, 2023.
- 4 **Casey Pachota '06** married his wife **Elizabeth Felice '04** on August 4, 2023 at the Church of the Divine Child.

# FUTURE FALCONS

## Welcome to the world, Future Falcons!

From tiny toes to infectious giggles, these precious bundles of joy bring an extra dose of happiness to our tight-knit community. As we proudly showcase the next generation of our alumni, each photo captures the joy and love that these little ones have brought into the lives of their parents. Join us in cherishing these sweet moments, as we celebrate the continued growth and interconnectedness of our alumni community. Congratulations to these Falcons on the birth of their children:



**1 Liz Walkowiak '99** and Jason Heth welcomed daughter Grace Bernadette Abigail on August 28, 2022, weighing 3 lbs 2 oz, measuring 15.5 inches. Gracie was born 2 months early! Despite an arduous pregnancy and traumatic delivery, through God's love and tremendous family support, Gracie continues to flourish and thrive.

**2 Casey (Schroeder) Bishop '11** and husband Frankie welcomed daughter Olivia Megan on October 1, 2022, weighing 7 lbs 12 oz and measuring 21 inches.

**3 Kaylyn (Belmore) '09** and Jebbediah Doebel welcomed daughter Kennedy Jean on November 15, 2022, weighing 6 lbs 10 oz and measuring 19 inches.

**4 Franny (Kornacki) Toothman '07** and husband Mason welcomed their son August James on Dec. 4, 2022, weighing 7 lbs 14 oz and measuring 20.5 inches. August joins big sister Mavis (4).

**5 Kari (Belmore) '04** and William Smith welcomed daughter Evelyn Josephine on December 15, 2022, weighing 8 lbs and measuring 22.25 inches.

**6 Chrissy (Pliska) Heintz '00** and husband Brian Heintz welcomed daughter Gwennie Rose on March 2, 2023, weighing 7 lbs 5 oz and measuring 19.5 inches. Gwennie joins sisters Elliana (14), Delaney (12), and Joleigh (4).

**7 Elisa Noeske '00** welcomed son Nico Walter on March 28, 2023, weighing 6 lbs 4 oz and measuring 18.9 inches.

**8 Paige (Schroeder) '10** and husband Richter Erich welcomed daughter Emma Grace Richter on June 8, 2023 weighing 6 lbs 5 oz and measuring 19.5 inches.

**9 Kelly (Mrzyglod) Sparks '07** and husband **Ryan Sparks '06** welcomed daughter Genevieve on Sept. 23, 2023 weighing 6 lbs 15 oz. She joins big brother Ryder (2).

**10 Bethany Stawasz '04** and husband Andrew Donovan welcomed their second son, Peter Daniel on Oct. 28, 2023, weighing 9 lbs 12 oz and measuring 22.25 inches long. Peter joins big brother Joseph (6).

## EXPECTING A BABY?

We invite you to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism here at the Church of the Divine Child. To get a Baptism information packet and sign up for a 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.

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**AUGUST 10, 2024**

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# Gifts of Education & Legacy

One of the most meaningful ways your contributions to Divine Child can make an impact is by providing tuition assistance to deserving students in need through our **Scholarship Funds**, an **Endowed Fund**, or a **Four-Year Scholarship**. Every year, our Freshman class of almost 200 new students receives approximately \$120,000 in scholarship money - need based and merit combined. That is only 10% of the class's actual tuition costs. Every year, at least 100 of our school families apply for some form of financial assistance. We do our best to share the financial aid scholarships and tuition assistance we have available with all our families in need. We never want a student to decide against pursuing a Divine Child education because of financial reasons, and your support secures a world of possibilities for students whose families would otherwise be unable to afford a Catholic education at Divine Child High School.

*We invite you to prayerfully consider joining other parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and community supporters in making a Divine Child education possible for a student in need.*

**Endowments** allow you to provide funding as an individual or family, often in honor or memory of a loved one. Establishing an endowed fund with Divine Child Catholic Schools requires a minimum commitment of \$10,000. These funds are then invested in a diversified portfolio that protects the principal and generates interest which is used as an annual scholarship distribution, creating a longterm impact.

**Scholarships** are directly expendable funds that make an immediate impact in the full amount of the gift. A contribution to our high school or elementary school scholarship funds provide immediate tuition assistance for families in need.

1. Give to our Divine Child Scholarship general account. Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/DC-AnnualFund](http://bit.ly/DC-AnnualFund) to give now.
2. You can establish a four-year scholarship by making an annual donation that contributes to the cost of a student's tuition and fees for his or her four years at Divine Child High School.
3. You can sponsor a student to the level of full tuition, half tuition, \$5,000 per year (\$20,000 total commitment), or \$2,500 per year (\$10,000 total commitment).
4. Donate directly to our Divine Child High School Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund via [catholicfoundationmichigan.org/give-now](http://catholicfoundationmichigan.org/give-now).

**Celebrate a teacher or loved one with an endowed fund named in their honor!** Or, name a fund in honor of your favorite saint, religious order or religious figure!

**A Four-Year Scholarship** is a commitment to support the financial need of a student during his or her time at Divine Child High School. Through your annual giving each year, your full gift makes an immediate impact.

**Learn More & Give**  
 Contact Colleen Johnson, Director of Advancement, at 313-216-0893 or [cjohnson@divinechild.org](mailto:cjohnson@divinechild.org) to learn more and establish a scholarship or an endowed fund today.

You can contribute to our high school and elementary scholarship funds to support existing scholarships too. Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/DC-AnnualFund](http://bit.ly/DC-AnnualFund) to give now.

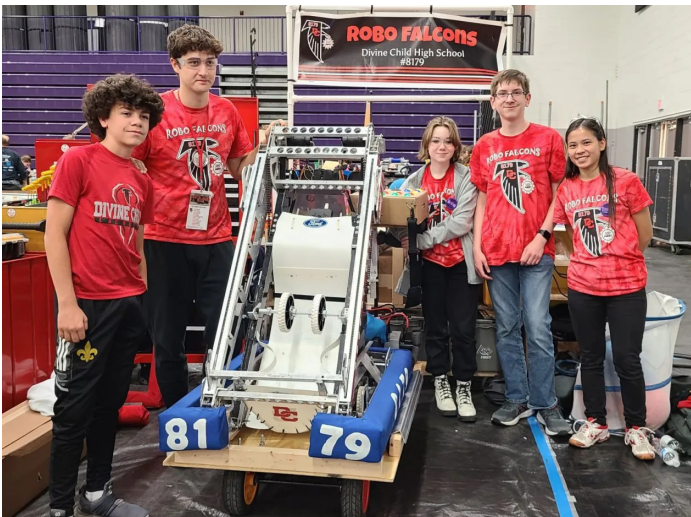




# YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

## SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI GIVING

Your contributions to Divine Child Catholic Schools make a positive difference in the day-to-day of our students and faculty. Thank you to the many supporters of our Falcon family, including the generous alumni donors highlighted below!



### Robotics

This season, our Robo Falcons Team 8179, made an incredible run at the State meet, advancing to the playoffs! In the end, they were eliminated just one match away from qualifying for the world competition!

As a young team of only 4 years, and despite having less than a third of the funding of some of their competition, like Catholic Central, they accomplished a tremendous amount with limited resources. Thank you to these very generous sponsors who supported our team throughout the season and made it possible for them to enter tournaments, pay for robot parts, maintenance and repairs, and travel to the state finals: Adient, Argosy Foundation, **Mike Alcalá '82**, **Mariah Berryman '17**, **Ken '76 and Diane Ciarelli**, Day Electric, DCES Parent Guild, Department of Defense, Ford Motor Company, Imperial Laser, **Cindy (Nemcok) '75 and Kurt Schreiber**, St. Sabina Catholic Church, and Sonic EDM.

### New School Bus

Our fleet of school buses needed to be upgraded, especially two buses that were almost 20 years old. With safety as our number one priority, we began researching new buses, prices and options to obtain at least one new bus before the year's end! **The Yost Family, Mark Yost and Tricia (Segedi) Yost '90**, heard about our research and stepped up offering to purchase the new bus as soon as one was available. On November 3rd, we received and blessed our 2024 Thomas 77 Passenger School Bus. All of our students will experience this new ride, as we put her to the test for games, field trips, community service events, retreats and more! What a tremendous gift from the Yost Family! Three weeks later we were able to obtain an additional bus to add to the fleet - a gently used 2021 Thomas 77 Passenger School Bus!



### VIP Golf Cart

Thank you to **Paul '86** and **Brenda Marcyan** who generously donated a brand new golf cart for our schools! On a campus our size, with a full athletic field, practice field and the use of Levagood Park, our crews need quick access across the grounds for management and maintenance of our facilities and to attend to the needs of students and staff. We are grateful to the Marcyans for such an impactful gift!



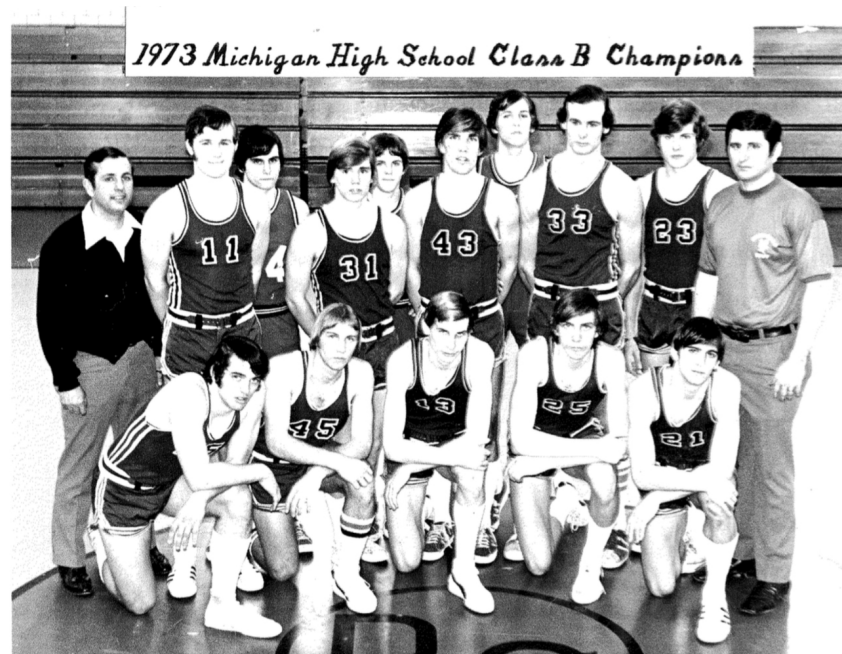
## Instructional Support Program

Our ever growing Instructional Support Program (ISP) needed more space in the high school and elementary school. Thanks to a generous donation by **The Tomilo Family**, in memory of **Matt and David Tomilo**, we were able to devote and transform two new classrooms, one in each building, for the program.

In addition, our generous and faithful **Knights of Columbus - Bishop Foley Council** have continued to support the program in both schools through their annual fundraising measures. These donations help provide for new resources, materials and professional development expenses that arise annually.

# 1973 Boys Basketball Champs

*1973 Michigan High School Class B Champions*



Every once in a while, a team emerges and possesses a certain element enabling them to exceed everyone's expectations. The 1973 team, led by Coach Bill McCartney, defeated the odds winning The FIRST ever Class B State Championship title at DC. In order to reach Ann Arbor's Crisler Arena, the Falcons defeated Aquinas 49-43 and the Bay City All Saints 68-53 before beating Hudsonville Unity Christian in the final game. They finished the season 11-4.

On December 12, 2023, we recognized the 50th anniversary of this team's incredible accomplishments and welcomed back players **Dean Faletti `73**, **Ken Sadek `73**, **Dave Wojtanowski `73**, **Bob Wenson `74**, **Ed Kasperek `74**, **Gary Forystek `74**, **Dave Swoish `74**, **Rick Brewis `75**, **Jim Wenson `75** and **Tim Graham `75**. The players and their guests enjoyed a light reception in the new weight room, took in the game, and were recognized at half time for their outstanding achievement!





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# REUNIONS



## 1971 REUNION RECAP

The Divine Child Class of 1971 celebrated its 50 + 2 Golden Reunion on August 18, 2023, at the Tournament Players Club in Dearborn. They had excellent attendance with grads coming from all over Michigan, Florida, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Texas. It was a fun evening with a beautiful venue. The group shared wonderful memories of their time at DC with lots of laughs and stories. Everyone enjoyed catching up with each other and meeting spouses. Divine Child truly did help them create a community, one that is still growing 52+ years later. It was a very special night seeing everyone mingling with wonderful classmates. **Paul Seaser '71** remarked, "The reunion reminded me of how wonderful the DC Class of 1971 was and continues to be! It was a night filled with love, joy, laughter and good people!" The Class of 1971 had such a fun time, they are already planning a Golden 50 + 3 reunion in Fort Myers, Florida for all classmates who are Florida residents and winter Florida travelers. It is sure to be another fun and memorable gathering in February 2024.



## 1973 REUNION RECAP

Members of The Class of 1973 started their reunion on Friday, September 8, 2023, with a tour of the high school and were joined by more classmates the next day to celebrate their 50th reunion at Park Place in Dearborn. 46 classmates and many spouses came in from all parts of Michigan, as well as Illinois, Washington, California, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Georgia and Virginia. The night was described as magical and 50 years seemed to melt away during conversations as friendships were rekindled. Jim Jacek acted as both DJ and photographer and he did a tremendous job. Everyone had fun with the Class of 1973 trivia quiz and the stories attached to the questions brought rounds of laughter. Dinner was excellent, and special DC cookies made by **Kathy Quinn '73** were enjoyed by all. All attendees were gifted a "DC Class of 1973" remembrance glass, donated by **Kathy (Muir) Matusz '73**, as a keepsake.

Following their class reunion, the Class of 1973 donated over \$1,600 to Owen Gibbons '25 who continues to battle for his health following a serious diving accident. The donation was made to his father, **Timothy Gibbons '96**, to be used toward current significant medical and travel expenses associated with Owen's care in Colorado.



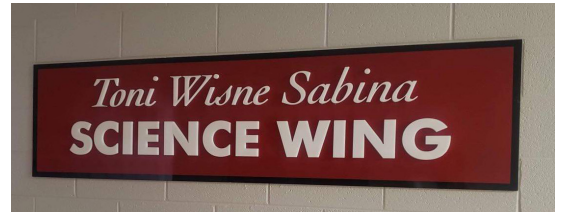
## 1982 REUNION RECAP

The Class of '82 commenced their 40-year reunion celebration by taking a tour of their high school, reminiscing about the teachers, classes and all the memories they had created.

A visit to the French classroom brought back memories of uniform checks and correctly pronouncing "Oui Oui." The tour continued through the Alumni Hallway and into the "Toni Wisne Sabina Science Wing." The Wisne family's donation was given in memory of Toni, who passed away in 2013, a dearly beloved classmate to all who knew her. The final stops were the new sports field and gymnasium, where the group couldn't resist taking a photo on the Falcon floor.

The nighttime celebration was held at Tin Cup at the Whispering Willows Golf Course. Over 50 attendees traveled from near and far to enjoy each other's company. Special guests Mr. Stann and Mr. Lesnau couldn't resist participating in the fun and memory-making.

A special thanks to the planning committee, who went above and beyond to ensure photo props were on hand for all the pictures. The classmates eagerly anticipate their next get-together and celebration!



## PLANNING A REUNION? Here are a few helpful ideas:

- Reach out to other classmates and start a committee
- Start a class reunion Facebook page
- Have one point person reach out to the Divine Child Alumni office to get the most updated class roster
- Once a date is chosen, send info to Alumni office to include on school social media outlets and in the church bulletin
- Order DCAA shirts through the Alumni office at a discounted rate
- Schedule a tour of the school as part of your reunion festivities

**Questions?** Contact Aubri McNamara at [amcnamara@divinechild.org](mailto:amcnamara@divinechild.org)



Fifty-two foursomes joined us at Links of Novi for the 13th Annual Divine Child Golf Classic on Saturday, June 3, 2023. The weather was perfect for enjoying a day of golf, steak lunch and fellowship. We continue to thank our many sponsors for their support and generosity. **Save the date for the 14th Annual Golf Outing, Saturday, June 1, 2024 with an 8:30 AM shotgun start.** The entire DC community is invited to attend.

... **EVENT RECAP**





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# 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DIVINE CHILD FALCON 5K & 1-MILE FAMILY FUN RUN In Memory of Mark Carpenter '68

## ••• EVENT RECAP

On Saturday August 19, 2023 we hosted our 30th annual Divine Child Falcon 5K held in memory of alumnus **Mark Carpenter '68**. Over 250 runners of all ages made their way to the Divine Child Alumni Athletic Complex to participate in and compete for the best times in the Tot Trot, the 1-Mile Fun Run and the Falcon 5K. **Save the date for the 31st Annual Falcon 5K scheduled for Saturday, August 10, 2024.**







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## WELCOME CLASS OF 2027

*The Falcon Legacy lives on! 34 Current freshmen are continuing their family's legacy at Divine Child High School, walking the same halls that their parent(s) did years ago. Welcome to the DCHS family:*

**Shane Anders** - son of William Anders '93 · **Evan Anderson** - son of Beth (Diebolt) Anderson '99 · **Katelyn Bardelli** - daughter of Jeffrey Bardelli '88 · **Patrick Bushrow** - son of Andrea Cassidy-Bushrow '94 · **Lucy Carapellotti** - daughter of Nancy (Coury) Carapellotti '88 · **Ava Cooper** - daughter of Andrea (Baritche) Cooper '90 · **Gabriella Davis** - daughter of Brian Davis '96 and Erin (Desmond) Davis '96 · **Keegan Davis** - son of Kevin Davis '98 and Meghan (Mikiciuk) Davis '99 · **Bernard Desjarlais** - son of Cheryl (De Guzman) Desjarlais '83 · **Michael DiSalvo** - son of Michael DiSalvo '94 · **Liam Fischer** - son of Jennifer (Dziedzic) Fischer '93 · **James Fitzgerald** - son of James Fitzgerald '08 and Andrea (Felps) Fitzgerald '07 · **Charlotte Harrison** - daughter of Jeff Harrison '97 · **Gianni Joganic** - son of Natalie (Teuma) Joganic '93 · **Samantha Kalchik** - daughter of Scott Kalchik '92 · **Brenden Kelly** - son of Brian Kelly '96 and Anne (Konczak) Kelly '98 · **Isaac Kilgore** - son of Kendra (Domanski) Kilgore '94 · **Claire LePage** - daughter of Lisa (Falkowski) LePage '97 · **Madalynn Levy** - daughter of Lisa (Marker) Levy '89 · **Henry Maliszewski** - son of Jessika Dlugosz-Pietsch '94 · **Brody McNamara** - son of Mike McNamara '96 and Aubri (Marchetti) McNamara '97 · **Collin Moore** - son of Michael Moore '01 and Jennifer (Lenhart) Moore '01 · **Finnian Murray** - son of Elizabeth (Schous) Murray '00 · **Katheryn Murray** - daughter of Elizabeth (Schous) Murray '00 · **Lauren O'Hagan** - daughter of Christopher O'Hagan '89 and Lisa (Marek) O'Hagan '90 · **Kinga Perry** - daughter of Elisabeth Sobota-Perry '95 · **Gavin Qussar** - son of George Qussar '96 · **Lucas Rancour** - son of Jacqueline (Rieth) Rancour '94 · **Zoe Ryan** - daughter of Gregory Ryan '95 · **Ellyana Smith** - daughter of Kristin Stanford-Smith '98 · **Julia Sovinski** - daughter of William Sovinski '00 and Kelly (Simonie) Sovinski '00 · **Lauren Spence** - daughter of Julie (Rosiek) Spence '92 · **Victoria Succurro** - daughter of Nicole (Martin) Succurro '97 · **Natalie Veach** - daughter of Anne (Thomas) Veach '82



## FREDDY THE FALCON'S *Freshmen Luau*

### ●●● EVENT RECAP

Over the summer, Freddy hosted our second annual Freshmen Luau to welcome the Class of 2027 to Divine Child High School. Incoming freshmen got to meet their fellow classmates while enjoying pizza, games, music and giveaways! This event helps students entering our high school to already be familiar with the space and their classmates before school even starts.





## CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2023!

**Congratulations to the following 2023 graduates and their Divine Child alumni parents!**

**Stephen Balash** - son of Cheryl (Ciarelli) Balash '87 · **Sydney Bourdon** - daughter of Stephanie (Gach) Bourdon '89 · **Mary Bustamante** - daughter of Chris Bustamante '86 · **Luke Celani** - son of Joe Celani '88 · **Amanda Chizuk** - daughter of Jacquelyn (Oros) Chizuk '84 · **Samuel Ciarelli** - son of James Ciarelli '86 · **Nicholas Cibor** - son of Greg Cibor '89 · **Benjamin Corak** - son of Frank Corak '80 · **Jack del Rosario** (not pictured) - son of Armand del Rosario '81 and Anne (Coyne) del Rosario '83 · **Isabella DePaulis** - daughter of Scott DePaulis '90 · **Katie Duffany** - daughter of Brian Duffany '89 · **Abigail Duncan** - daughter of Karen Cole '94 · **Genevieve Fischer** - daughter of Jennifer (Dziedzic) Fischer '93 · **Aidan Joganic** - son of Natalie (Teuma) Joganic '93 · **Shane Marion** - son of Melissa (McFee) Marion '90 · **Robert Meehan** - son of Lucia (Scarpace) Meehan '90 · **Ryan Read** - son of John Read '91 and Michelle (Przybylowicz) Read '92 · **Jackson Reynolds** - son of Kathleen (Brewis) Reynolds '80 · **Grace Riha** - daughter of Elizabeth (Kristensen) Riha '92 · **Gabrielle Rodriguez** - daughter of Derrick Rodriguez '90 · **Spencer Shinske** - son of Felicia (Gach) Shinske '91 · **Grace Steffes** - daughter of Jonathan Steffes '91 · **Ava Sulak** - daughter of Steve Sulak '96 · **Allison Surella** - daughter of Carol (Wisniewski) Surella '90 · **Noah Trapp** - son of Kevin Trapp '90 and Carol (Gerstner) Trapp '90 · **John Veach** - son of Anne (Thomas) Veach '82 · **Cecilia Vitti** - daughter of Nikolai Vitti '95



### CLASS OF 2023 - DOUBLE LEGACY

**Jack del Rosario** (not pictured) - son of Armand del Rosario '81 and Anne (Coyne) del Rosario '83 · **Ryan Read** - son of John Read '91 and Michelle (Przybylowicz) Read '92 · **Noah Trapp** - son of Kevin Trapp '90 and Carol (Gerstner) Trapp '90

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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](http://www.divinechildhighschool.org/alumni-portal/alumni-directory) to update your contact info, or contact [amcnamara@divinechild.org](mailto:amcnamara@divinechild.org).



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### MEMORIAL PLAQUE

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

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## BECOME A CLASS AGENT

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

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**LEARN MORE** | Contact Aubri McNamara at [amcnamara@divinechild.org](mailto:amcnamara@divinechild.org) or call 313-216-0892

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