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A Note From the Alumni Office

Here we are again with the next issue of *Once a Falcon*! Every year, I am amazed by our school's growth. This year, we welcome 180 freshmen and 40 of them are legacy students. Legacy families are vital to Divine Child, and welcoming alumni back to campus is one of the best parts of my job.

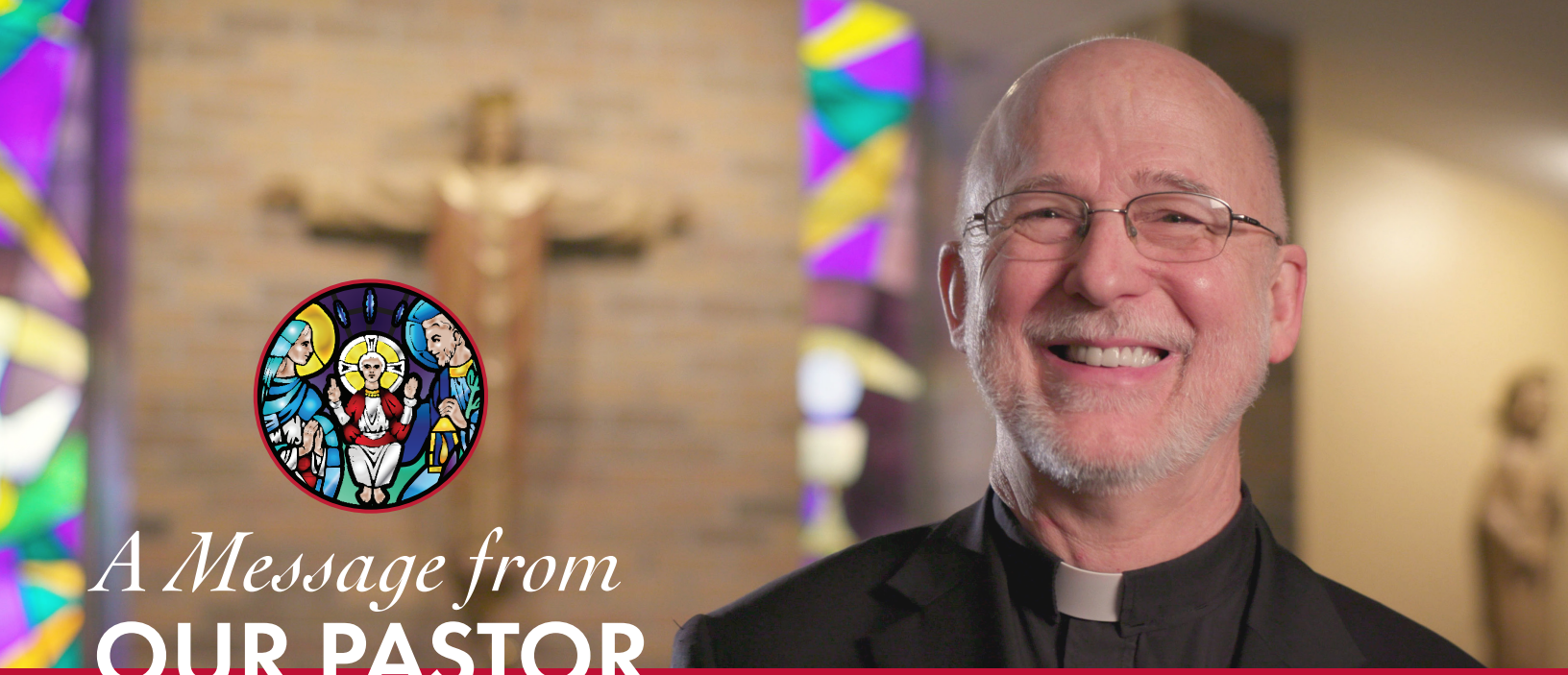
This magazine celebrates our Falcon community, from student achievements and school advancements to updates from fellow alumni. To continue our traditions and success, we need YOU—your support keeps our legacy strong. *Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!*

Meet the New DCAA President: *Derrick Rodriguez '90*



Fellow Falcons,
I am honored to represent you as the new president of the Divine Child Alumni Association. I have been a Falcon since first grade, both student and parish member, graduating with the Class of 1990. My wife and I were proudly married at The Church of the Divine Child in 1995, by 2016 Divine Child Hall of Fame Honoree, Msgr. Kucyk. I have been a DCAA Board member since 2020, serving as a member at large, and as the VP.

The Divine Child Alumni Association strives to preserve and carry forward the Falcon Legacy, fueling scholarships and programs that ensure and maintain our Falcon network. I know a little bit about this legacy myself as I am the proud father of two recent Divine Child graduates, my daughters who both became Alumni with the classes of 2021 and 2023. I am truly grateful for the DC community, the foundation it has given me, and the family connection it has provided. Thank you, Falcon alumni, for your support and encouragement of the DCAA, helping us continue our traditions, values and legacy. I look forward to serving our community as your president.



A Message from OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Back during our school days, we had the opportunity to make a good number of new friends. I know many of you have made lasting Divine Child friendships! I recently saw some of our alumni who were celebrating 50 years since their graduation (the Class of 1974)! Even those who had not seen each other in years seemed to pick up right where they left off. There was joy and excitement in the air that confirms the saying, "Once a Falcon, always a Falcon."

As years pass, we might find that new friends come into our life less frequently. If we make it a priority to attend Mass every weekend, the likelihood of meeting new, wonderful friends increases dramatically.

In C.S. Lewis' book titled "The Four Loves," he has a chapter dedicated to friendship. Lewis quotes Jesus speaking to his apostles when he told them, "You did not choose me, but I chose you..." (John 15:16) Lewis takes that quote a step further and imagines Jesus telling us about all the people we have come to love dearly, "You did not choose each other, but I chose you for one another." It is a beautiful thought that it was the Lord who artfully and intentionally placed all our family and friends into our lives. The fact that we have the friends we do, and that many of you first met at Divine Child, is because it was all lovingly orchestrated by God!

I have a couple of favorite quotes pertaining to friendship. The first has St. Teresa of Avila as its author. "What a great favor God does to those He puts in the company of good people." Attending Divine Child certainly placed you in the company of good people!

The second quote is a beautiful reflection on the value of friendship as described by St. Thomas Aquinas. "There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship." True authentic friendship is the gift that keeps on giving. A strong friendship is something that gets better with age. There are many things we have that need replacing with the passing of time: cars, clothes, computers, phones, to name a few. However, faithful friends, as it is written in the Bible, "are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them." (Sirach 15-16)

We bring so much more to our friendships when we continue to grow in our friendship with the Lord. Jesus is in fact our Lord and Savior, but he also wants to be our friend. That relationship can grow deeper and deeper if we pursue Him who has always been pursuing us. Encounter Him in prayer, at Mass and while reading the Bible. Our friendship with the Lord equips us to be the best friend we could possibly be for others.

I want to thank each of you for the generous ways in which you still support Divine Child Schools. Many of our students started their DC journey beginning in kindergarten. What we have here at Divine Child is an opportunity for our students to encounter the Lord in a way that we pray will stay with them for a lifetime. We strive to meet the needs of our students' heart, mind, and soul.

I appreciate all your support! In a special way, I want to thank those who are able to provide tuition assistance for our students who otherwise would not be able to attend Divine Child Schools. There are many students whose families are struggling with health or financial difficulties. Your support can provide the needed assistance to secure their ability to continue their education at our wonderful Divine Child Schools.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us so we can bring to our students the incredible gift of an excellent, faith-filled, Catholic education. In so doing, we develop young men and women for lives of responsibility, leadership, and faith in action.

God Bless You Always,

Fr. Bob McCabe

Fr. Bob McCabe



A Message from OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Falcons,

In Fall 2022, Divine Child High School set forth a three-to-five-year vision to strengthen our accompaniment with students, families, faculty, and staff, supporting their academic, spiritual, social, and emotional growth. Guided by Christ, we have made great strides in this mission.

School Safety Improvements
With student safety as a priority, DCHS secured grant funding from the State of Michigan and enhanced security through:

- Emergency call buttons and telephones in all classrooms
- Ballistic security film on all windows
- Upgraded security cameras
- New classroom door locks with deadbolts

Academic Growth & Support
Recognizing diverse learning needs, we dedicated monthly professional development time for faculty, expanded instructional coaching, and strengthened our **Instructional Support Program**, now serving over 100 students. Additionally, the Divine Child **Good Shepherd Options Program** now provides students with developmental disabilities the opportunity for a Catholic education, supported by peer mentors.



Spiritual, Social & Emotional Growth
To meet students where they are in faith and well-being, we expanded opportunities through:

- Faith In Action Team (FIAT), offering Rosary gatherings, retreats, and sacraments during lunch
- A renewed school schedule, allowing students more time to eat, socialize, and receive academic support
- The DCHS Wellness Club, promoting mental health awareness and best practices

Thank you for your continued support—financially, in person, and in prayer—to strengthen Falcon accompaniment. Please keep us in your prayers, as we keep you in ours throughout the year!

Anthony R. Trudel

Mr. Anthony Trudel | Principal

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Updates submitted by Mary Wilkerson



Students Connect with God through *Specialized Retreats*

Over the course of the last three years, DCHS Campus Ministry has worked intentionally to revamp our retreat program to better meet the needs of the student population. Instead of day-long retreats that take place in the context of a school day, and usually in a school gym — we are now able to offer students a chance to encounter God in their specific interests. We have an athletic retreat, where students are encouraged to bridge their love for competition into a better understanding of the walk of faith. We have an art retreat, where students are able to contemplate how creation draws us into the divine. And, this year, we are debuting a gaming retreat, where students who love to play video games or board games will have an opportunity to consider how this hobby can build their relationship with God. Creatively addressing the different needs of each student has helped pave the way of providing relevant and authentic ways to encounter the Lord. We find that when the teens feel seen, they better see God.





Growing Grade School Retreats

The Grade School Retreat program continues to expand and bear fruit. Ms. Dawn Dwyer organizes retreat for our littlest falcons at DCES, and Campus Ministry in collaboration with Ms. Dwyer plans and executes retreats for 4th-8th grade. Some of these retreats bring in our high schoolers to help guide the elementary students. Helping students to understand their faith from a personal perspective is bearing fruit and helping to form disciples on fire for Christ!

FIAT Focuses on Missions

50 DCHS students have committed their time and talent to serve on Campus Ministry's Leadership Team, FIAT (Faith In Action Team). In addition to attending a leadership retreat this summer, students meet twice a month to plan for a variety of activities meant to impact the faith life on our campus. Using the United States Bishop's document, 'Renewing the Vision — A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry' the students have been divided up into five different components. Students who serve on the leadership team were asked to develop a mission statement for their particular component, these statements provide inspiration and motivation for the work we will do this year!

Prayer & Worship Component
Prayer and worship will connect the youth to the Church through diversity in prayer, different styles of music, and a regular exposure to scripture to encourage participation in the community.

Justice & Service Component
We strive to serve those in need; fight injustice; and protect the life, dignity, and rights of our neighbors and pursue peace.

Community Life Component
Community life should generate a welcoming environment for all students not just in the events we put together but the relationships that we develop. Our ultimate goal is to portray a deep understanding of our faith through our fun events.



Catechesis & Evangelization Component
The Catechesis and Evangelization component strive to promote healthy catholic education and instill virtues within the youth.

Advocacy Component
Our Mission as the Advocacy Component of DC FIAT is to aid and provide voices for the voiceless, specifically the youth community and to empower the community to use their God-given gifts and take action. We strive to help those in need receive the resources that they lack.

ACADEMICALLY

191 GRADS

Average GPA: 3.57
55% of students graduating with honors
- Honors (3.5-3.99 GPA) - 48 students
- High Honors (4.0-4.43 GPA) - 36 students
- Highest Honors (4.44+ GPA) - 21 students

Average SAT Score: 1170
- 22% higher than the Michigan Average
- 14% higher than the National Average

71% of students participated in AP testing, collectively taking 279 AP tests in 2024

The Class of 2024 is eligible to earn college credit in nearly 220 courses and an elite group of students earned accolades as AP Scholars:
- AP Scholar - 17 students
- AP Scholar with Honor - 9 students
- AP Scholar with Distinction - 10 students

93% college-bound
3% pursuing a skilled trade
3% entering the workforce
1% entering the military

69% of students earned merit-based scholarships totaling $18.5 million





Congratulations Class of 2024

Divine Child High School's Class of 2024 was surrounded by their family and friends on Sunday, May 19, as they celebrated their accomplishments during the highly anticipated Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Ceremony. Over the last four years, this extraordinary group of 191 young men and women were committed to their studies and growing in faith. Now as they prepare for the next chapter, we know our graduates are ready to take on the world as strong, driven and empathetic leaders thanks to the superior Catholic education we are able to offer at Divine Child Catholic Schools.

"Through the hard work and dedication of teachers and coaches, Divine Child has helped me to receive scholarships in order to pursue higher education and be successful after high school."

Connor Neiheisel '24
2024 Salutatorian & Falcon Scholar





2024 Grad Receives Multiple Scholarships to attend Michigan Tech

Congratulations to recent Divine Child High School graduate **Aiden McVean '24** on receiving the National Merit Michigan Technological University Scholarship for his exceptional academic performance in the classroom and on college assessments.

The national Merit Scholarship Program is entered into junior year through qualifying PSAT/NMSQT scores. Semifinalists are then selected based off the highest-scoring program entrants in each state and represent less than one percent of the nation's seniors! To advance before a Finalist, a detailed scholarship application must be submitted, which includes writing an essay and providing information about extracurricular activities, awards and leadership positions. Semifinalists also have to have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm the qualifying test performance. Aiden was able to advance to Finalist standing and became a College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winner. Michigan Technological University has also awarded him their Excellence Award and their Platinum Level Presidential Scholars Award. Aiden plans to pursue a degree in Data Science.

DC FIRST Robotics Team Qualifies for States

The Divine Child FIRST Robotics Team #8179 competed at Belleville High School in the FIRST in Michigan (FIM) District Belleville Event that ran from March 7 through March 9, 2024. The Robo Falcons, as the team calls itself, beat out three other alliances and made it to the last round of the competition earning the title of District Event Finalist.

Two weeks later, from March 22 to March 24, they competed in the FIM District Livonia Event at Churchill High School, this time defeating four alliances to again make it to Finals. The team also won the Creativity Award for their unique robot design and programming features. The team's success qualified them for the State Championship at Saginaw Valley State University.

The Robo Falcons are no strangers to earning impressive titles. In 2020, the team's inaugural year, they won the Rookie Award for their outstanding performance as a brand new team. Then in 2022, they were awarded the title of Most Eco Friendly for constructing their control board out of cardboard and also won the Creativity Award for their original and distinct design.

The team builds a new robot each year, as materials cannot be reused and the robot must serve a different purpose. They use Java coding language to program their robots, as well as many of the WPI and National Instruments programs. The team also designs, calibrates and creates path trajectories for the robots. This year, the team built and programed "Falcon 5," the robot that secured them a spot at the State Championship competition. Way to go, Robo Falcons!





DCHS Teacher of the Year 2024: *Lauren Spalding*



Each year the Divine Child High School faculty nominates an outstanding colleague to receive the recognition and honor of being named teacher of the year. This year Lauren Spalding, who is in her eighth year as a member of the Divine Child English faculty, was selected.

Lauren is a student-centered educator who combines natural relationship-building with best-practice teaching to support the needs of every learner. Her work in spearheading Link Crew ensures all incoming freshmen have the support from upperclassmen mentors to find success. Lauren also serves as an instructional coach and is a leader in guiding her peers toward exceptional teaching practices. She is always pushing herself—and Divine Child—to the next opportunity for growth.



Marching to the Beat

submitted by Robert Bush

More than 70 students are enrolled in the 2024-25 Divine Child High School Marching Band and Color Guard, allowing for the students to put on a really great show! This year's half-time show features some pop rock hits including Mr. Blue Sky by ELO, Counting Stars by OneRepublic, and the iconic Thriller by Michael Jackson. The band is looking forward to entertaining DC fans and the community throughout the season!

Our DCHS Symphonic Band has some great concerts planned for the year, including the annual Halloween concert on October 27, 2024, and the Music Department Christmas concert (including choir) on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Band alumni will also remember the annual band trip to perform across the country. Over winter break, we traveled to Chicago, Illinois, to perform at the Field Museum. It's shaping up to be another incredible year of music at DCHS!

Shrek-tacular Performance

In Spring 2023, the Divine Child Theatre Department dazzled sold-out audiences with a spectacular production of Shrek, The Musical! Based on the hit animated film, the show brought beloved characters to life, including Shrek, Donkey and Princess Fiona, among others. Audiences were treated to a heartwarming story of an unlikely hero on a quest to save a princess, challenging expectations and learning that beauty comes from within. Filled with laughter, memorable songs and dazzling choreography, the production left viewers cheering and delighted by the magical world of Far Far Away.

In the Fall, our students presented William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet, re-imagined with a vibrant 1920s New York twist! Audiences were captivated by the timeless love story set against the backdrop of jazz, flappers, and city lights. Some of Shakespeare's most iconic lines, including, "But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks? It is the East, and Juliet is the sun," and "For never was a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo, were all part of this rendition.

We're excited to announce our Spring 2025 uproarious musical, The Addams Family! This comical feast will embrace the quirky and delightful weirdness in every family. With show-stopping numbers, endearing characters, and hilariously spooky antics, The Addams Family is sure to leave you smiling. Performances will be held from March 28 to March 30, and again from April 4 to April 6, 2025.

For tickets and more information, visit: **dchstheater.ludus.com**













Art Room *Makeover*

Over the summer, the high school art room underwent a remarkable transformation to increase its functionality and breathe new life into the space. Made possible by a generous anonymous donation, this $200,000 project included fresh paint, new floors, and energy-efficient LED lighting. The updated space is brighter and more conducive to artistic exploration.

The renovation included dividing the art room into multiple specialized areas, each catering to different artistic disciplines. The main room, now focused on drawing and painting, features new track lighting to enhance visibility. A projector was installed in the back workshop, making it a more functional teaching space for printmaking and woodcarving. These enhancements have made the art room both a versatile studio and a dynamic classroom.

The ceramics room saw the most dramatic expansion. A previously underutilized storage room was reimagined, with its back wall removed to create a much larger space. New ceramics wheels and tables were added, providing students with the resources and room to work on more ambitious projects.

A key aspect of the renovation is the tribute to the art room's nostalgic value. While the murals that once adorned the walls were removed, alumni art teachers Mr. Grysko and Mr. Zemba—both former students—understand the deep connection alumni feel to the space. To honor that legacy, they plan to have students create new murals reminiscent of the originals. These murals will feature sketches of famous artists, including modern ones, and will pay tribute to the school's Catholic identity with depictions of the patron saints of art. This blend of tradition and innovation will ensure that the art room remains a cherished space for years to come.

Thanks to the vision and generosity of the anonymous donor, these updates have breathed new life into the art program, creating a vibrant and multifunctional environment where students can explore their creativity in a space that respects the past while embracing the future.

UNDER DC
HOMECOMING 2024

... *EVENT RECAP*

The Divine Child community made a splash at our "Under DC" themed Homecoming celebration on Friday, October 11, 2024. The evening was filled with cherished traditions, including the annual Falcon Family Tailgate, a lively parade, and the Varsity football game, where the 2024 Homecoming Queen and King were announced at halftime. This year, we also introduced some exciting new events, such as the inaugural Light the Night prayer event and a serene after-game rosary at the Marion Shrine. **Save the date for next year's Homecoming: Friday, October 3, 2025.**

Falcon Family Tailgate

The Falcon Family Tailgate, sponsored by the Divine Child Alumni Association, kicked off the night with a BBQ, yard games, kids activities, fellowship and even a real life mermaid!









Light the Night

All were invited to stop into The Church of the Divine Child to take a moment of quiet, light a candle and offer a prayer before the big game. The alter was beautifully lit up by the end on the evening.





Parade

The DCHS marching band, joined by band alumni, led the way as the parade circled Levagood Park. Following close behind were "Under DC" themed class floats, the cheer and pom teams, the homecoming court, the DCES bike parade and more!











Football Game

The DC community turned out to support our Varsity football team, shop The Falcon's Nest pop-up shop, enjoy the half time performance and see the Homecoming Queen, Cecilia Murray, and King, Owen Gibbons, be crowned.









Rosary at the Marian Shrine

After the game, many gathered to pray the Rosary together at the Marian Shrine. Participants were encouraged to stop by for as long as they had time — whether that was one decade or the whole prayer.



TEAM UPDATES

Fall 2023-2023

FOOTBALL | The 2023 football season was summed up in one word... perseverance. Our falcon team overcame a very difficult schedule, coupled with some injuries, to finish with a winning record leading them to compete for a District championship. The 2023 seniors won three playoff games in two years, a feat that had only been accomplished by one other senior class since 2003. We are proud of the standard that the 2023 seniors set for this program.



VOLLEYBALL | Mark Grenier's first year as coach proved a good one. Led by **Kate Reising '24**, the volleyball team improved steadily throughout the season and wound up winning district and regional titles before falling in the quarterfinals. The season saw an injection of youth as two freshmen and a sophomore found their way into the starting lineup.

GIRLS' SWIM | Ella Dziobak '26 repeated as state champion in the 500-yard freestyle and also earned All-State honors in the 200 freestyle by placing third in the state finals. Amelia Hubbard '27 and Bridget Williams '26 also qualified for the state finals.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY | The girls had a successful season under first-year coach Brian Dziadzio. The Falcons were runners-up in the regionals and qualified for the state finals, where they finished 16th. The Falcons also were second in the Catholic League's Bishop Championship and first at the Wayne County, Dearborn and All-Area meets.

BOYS' TENNIS | The Falcons finished fifth in the Division 2 regional in which they scored three points. Top DC players were **Dane Gertsen '24** (No. 1 singles), Ryan Kokkatt '25 (No. 2), **Connor Godin '24** (No. 3) and **Greyson Nicholl '24** (No. 4).

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY | We had a young team this year that started the season trying to get their own identity. The previous season, the team was one of the top ten teams in the state of Michigan. This year the team was missing depth as we had only eight runners performing under 19 minutes. This team was led by Colin Murray '25 who earned All-State honors in 2022. Murray was listed as one of the top 25 cross country runners in the entire state, regardless of division, at the beginning of the season. The team consisted of only three seniors, **Robert Modrzejewsk '24**, **Ethan Lewis '24** and **Charlie Murray '24**. Ten of the team's top eleven runners were underclassmen, including Grant Goodwin '27, Joseph Arriola '27 and Brendan Miller '27. Goodwin ran well enough to earn the right to participate in the top seven and ran at the State Championship.

GIRLS' GOLF | The girls golf team had another challenging season. With losing top senior, **Mary Ronayne '24**, the season was definitely going to be another rebuilding year. The team finished the season with an overall record of 2-6 and a Catholic League record of 3-4. They finished fourth at the Catholic League Championship with a score of 376 and finished sixth at the State Regional with a score of 441. Although the team did not qualify for the state championship, freshman Sophia Harris '27, qualified as an individual with a score of 96. Sophia played very well at the state championship shooting a two-day total of 190 and finishing 72nd out of 108 golfers in very tough conditions. Overall, it was a season that had many success stories and encouraging moments to build on for next season.



Winter 2023-2024

HOCKEY | The team finished with a 12-13 record and graduated nine seniors. The Falcons received many team awards including All State honors and All League First Team for junior Braeden McNamara '25, all league first team for **Alessandro DiDomenico '24**, **Brock O'Connell '24** and **Colin Tomaszycki '24** and all league honorable mention for **Christopher Welch '24**, Nate Stevens '25 and Luke Jordan '25. McNamara broke the record for all time leading goals (67), originally held by **Ian Juszcyk '18** (55), and the record for points earned (142), previously held by **Austin Pearson '12** (122). Coach **Mike McNamara '96** said he is excited for the upcoming season with strong senior leadership and impressive freshmen talent.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL | Our girls basketball team won another District trophy this year bringing the total to 27 District titles for this program since 1985. Led by captains, **Addie Bauer '24**, **Olivia Velazquez '24** and junior captains, Lexi Hansen '25 and Erin McCormick '25, the young squad made it to the sweet 16. Their season came to an end in a tough Regional loss to Fr. Gabriel Richard. Individual recognition was received by junior Lexi Hansen earning All-League honors and Jessica Nelson '25 was named All-Academic. Most importantly, with an impressive team GPA of 3.7, the team was named Academic All-State for the 2023-24 season! The girls basketball team continues on to the very competitive CHSL Central Division and is excited about the upcoming season as they return a solid core of their players.

FIGURE SKATING | Figure Skating had a successful season finishing second overall at States. Having a total of three competitions held at the DISC, Figure Skating won their districts overall. Led by **Bridget Mikiciuk '24** and **Jillian Gerus '24**, all members of the team were able to compete and were an asset to the overall performance in their district title. Coaches **Leticia Romero '02** and **Caterina Rea '17** took the team to states. All skaters not only skate with the team for the season, but put in additional practice time with their coaches, and many hours of off ice training in order to improve both their jumping and spinning techniques. We are hoping for another great season, and again winning the district title!



GIRLS' BOWLING | A very successful year for both varsity girls and junior varsity girls Bowling. The varsity girls were Catholic League Champs and MHSAA Champions with one of the varsity girls making it to State Finals. Our team had five seniors who will be greatly missed. Excited for new talent to join so we can gear up for a repeat of last season.

BOYS' BASKETBALL | The boys basketball team lost two close games to start the season then rallied versus Imlay City on a half-court buzzer beater by **Devin McMorris '24**! The team lost the next eight games and limped into the midway point at 2-10. DC started well in the second half of the season. District wins versus Garden City and Canton Prep set up the Falcons for a final versus Robichaud only to see the boys lose a heartbreaker 77-74. The DC boys finished the season 9-15, which was a vast improvement over such a rough start. DC carried a senior-heavy squad. Owen Marchywka '25 and Sean Slusser '25 were the only non-seniors who averaged 10-plus minutes per game. McMorris and fellow seniors **Joe Krawczak '24** and **Liam Young '24** led the team in scoring all with double figures.



POM | It was a banner season for the pompon team, which took home the 2024 Class B State Championship at EMU and won the Catholic League title at home. The Falcons also earned a runner-up finish at the annual Mid American High Kick competition (performing a Shrek-themed routine).

WRESTLING | A year ago, the Falcons reached a Division 2 district final, losing to Melvindale, 51-24. The Falcons did not boast any individual regional or state qualifiers but had several wrestlers excel in the regular season, including Max Juarez '25 (36-15 record), Lucas Kurzyniec '25 (24-15), Cody Szostek '25 (31-15), Nick Elliott '26 (32-16), and Dez Lefebvre '27 (37-11).

BOYS' BOWLING | The Falcons finished seventh in a Division 2 regional. **Sean Kasprzyk '24**, who was 20th individually with a 1,063 in the regional, had a stellar season and earned All-Catholic honors. **Josh Liparoto '24**, who took 23rd (1,048), was an All-League selection.

COMPETITIVE CHEER | The competitive cheer team placed third in the Division 2 state finals, finishing just a fraction of a point out of second place. The finish was the best the team has sported since 2014 when it placed second. The Falcons, who were senior-heavy, also captured the Catholic League for the 21st straight year, were runners-up in the districts and fourth in the regionals.

BOYS' SWIM | In their first year in the Catholic League, the Falcons placed eighth. While the team didn't have any state qualifiers, the season was a positive one, setting the foundation for future seasons.

Spring 2023-2024

BOYS' GOLF | The golf program was excited to build upon the success of the previous season. After shooting 341 and finishing in seventh place at the 2023 Regional Finals, which DC hosted at Lakes of Taylor, the players set individual goals to support the 2024 team goal of shooting 340 or less at Regionals. The program welcomed back Varsity Head Coach Jason Jackett and Varsity Assistant Coach **Ben Loiselle '90**. The team was led by **Lincoln Loiselle '24** who was a two year captain, and four year varsity letter winner. The program ended their season on a successful and fun note by hosting a golf camp for 51 fourth through eighth graders from the local community at Lakes of Taylor and is working hard to make the 2025 season another great success.

BASEBALL | The baseball team had a successful year. Overall the team ended with a 24-14 record with a lot of returning players coming back for the 2025 season. They were regular season champions for the Catholic League and made it to the regional finals, but ended up losing to a tough Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 2-1 in 8 innings. We were led by P/OF Cameron Niehaus '25, SS Andrew Ryan '26, Dallas Terski '26, and **Connor Rayah '24**. We look to come back stronger next year with returning 15 of our 20 players. We will look for Ethan Davis '25, Matthew Esparza '25, Mason Bush '25, Aidan Griffin '25, Ethan Perkins '25, William Anders '25, and Luke Hansen '25 to lead our team this upcoming season.



SOFTBALL | The softball team captured district and regional championships before falling in the quarterfinals. The Falcons, who placed third in the Catholic High School League, were led by three All-Staters: Lexi Hansen '25, Jessica Nelson '25 and Katie Modrzjewski '25.

BOYS' LACROSSE | The boys lacrosse 2024 season followed up on their success from 2023. For the second time (and now back to back) the boys were Catholic League Champions as well as Regional Champions. Making the final eight in the MHSAA playoffs two years in a row. The team's final record was 16-6 which was good for 16th in Division 2, but down from the 2023 final season ranking of 5th. Individually, the 2024 team had a record six players earn All-State recognition including **Jack Ostain '24**, **Tyler Traub '24**, **Alessandro DiDomenico '24**, Braeden McNamara '25, David Harrison '25 and Blake Englert '25. Traub also set school records in career goals (171), assists (193) and total points (364). The 2025 outlook is promising. While the team is losing 13 talented seniors to graduation, we return a young core of players.

GIRLS' LACROSSE | The 2024 girls lacrosse season was the toughest we have had by far but the girls rose up to every challenge that they faced along the way. The varsity team finished with a 5-13 record playing against some of the toughest competition in the state. The theme of the year was "we don't lose, we learn" and the girls took that attitude in stride and got better every single game that they played in. The girls learned how to play together as a team and how to make use of every opportunity that they had. This season was full of growth, especially in the younger players, and the team is excited to see what they can accomplish over the next few years.

GIRLS' SOCCER | The team finished with 10 wins and nine losses. The team was able to qualify for the CHSL playoffs and capture a District Championship with a 4-0 win over Garden City. This was the fourth straight District Championship and seventh of the last nine years. The team was led offensively by Camryn Huhn '26 (Western Michigan commit), and Sophia Schaeffer '27 who combined for 44 goals and 19 assists during the season. Defensively the team was led by Erin McCormick '25 in the backline and Samira Jraiche '26 in goal, as the team earned nine shutouts. The 2024 team graduated three seniors: **Lilli Ammar '24**, **Madeline Kujansuu '24**, and **Bella Haynes '24**, who were a huge part of the team's success. The Falcons return 19 total players who will help shape next season's roster.

BOYS' SOCCER | The boys soccer team had a successful season, finishing with a 12-8-1 final record and placing third in the Catholic League AA division final standings with a 5-4-1 league record. The Varsity soccer team captured its fifth straight District Championship, its seventh in eight years. The Junior Varsity team finished in second place for the season. For the first time in school history, Divine Child had a player be named to the MHSAA Dream Team. Captain **Salvatore Thomson '24** broke the school record for single season goals, career goals, career points, and was named to the MHSAA Dream Team as one of the top 11 players in the state. The Falcons will return many key players for a strong next season.

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD | The girls track and field team finished the season on top, winning the Division 2 state championship. The Falcons scored 45 points, 10 more than runner-up Yale. Aubrey Wilson '27 led the Falcons, winning the 100-meter dash and placing second in the 200. Katie Kurtinaitis '25 also earned a runner-up finish, coming in the 400, while the 4x200 relay team of Wilson, Kurtinaitis, **Meghan Koss '24** and **Olivia Velasquez '24** also placed second.

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD | The season had several great moments with a young squad and a brand-new coaching staff. This year's team didn't have much depth, but they competed very hard against some of the top teams in the Metro Detroit area. Led by Colin Murray '25 who showed he can run with the best in the state. With all his successes, Murray was selected as the "Most Valuable Performer" for this year's team. We will be losing several seniors who have contributed to our program: **Ahmad Fawaz '24** (Mid-Distance), **Connor Godin '24** (Thrower), **Drew Lepage '24** (Thrower), **Karol Lesnick '24** (Thrower), **Ethan Lewis '24** (Distance), **Robert Modrzejewski '24** (Mid-Distance), **Conor Morrow '24** (Hurdler), **Greyson Nicoll '24** (Sprinter), and **Arlind Sidiku '24** (Thrower). The team's successes include winning the Dearborn All-Area Championship, and winning the 10th Annual Courageous Invite in Detroit. Other achievements include being runner-up in both the Regional Championship and the Wayne County Championship. Overall, with this young team, the athletes performed well. The 2025 season looks very promising and we are expected to make noise at the Division 2 State Championship.



ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

EVENT RECAP

On Saturday, January 4, 2025, the DCAA and current DCHS hockey team welcomed past hockey players to participate in the annual alumni hockey game. About 40 players and their families attended. "It's always great to have these guys back at the rink to interact with our current team. The players love hearing the stories and seeing old teammates," said Coach **Mike McNamara '96**. Many of the alum stuck around after the event to cheer on the current team to a victory against South Lyon United 4-3.













GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD TAKES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The girls track team won Regionals on May 18, 2024 at Divine Child High School, advancing them to the MHSAA Finals. The group traveled to Hamilton, MI to compete on June 2 against 65 other schools. Through a display of incredible talent and teamwork the girls team secured the title of Lower Peninsula Division 2 Champions.

Leading the point earners was freshmen Aubrey Wilson whose performance was nothing short of extraordinary, earning all-state honors in four different events. In the 100m dash, she blazed across the finish line in 12.33 seconds, clinching the individual championship. Wilson also showcased her prowess in the 200m, claiming the runner-up spot (25.15). **Meghan Koss '24** earned points in the two events as well, placing fourth in the 100m (12.54) and seventh in the 200m (26.13) contributing to her four all-state honors.

Wilson and Koss teamed up for two all-state relays. Together with junior Kathryn Kurtinaitis and senior **Olivia Velazquez '24** they finished runner-up in the 4x200m (1:42). In the 4x100m Wilson and Koss joined Velazquez and freshman Aleesia Parker to claim fifth place (49.99).

> **"They are a talented group, dedicated to what we do, to what we believe."**

Kurtinaitis and Parker joined **Kirsten Koss '24** and **Samantha Black '24** in the 4x400m and took eighth (4:07). Kurtinaitis also took second in the 400m race (57.92) bringing her to a total of three all-state honors and adding crucial points to Divine Child's score. The team ended up with a 46 point total, beating the runner-up, Yale by seven points.

Fourteen boys also traveled to States to represent Divine Child including Colin Murray and Bryce Borgus who both earned all-state honors. Murray placed 8th in the 1600m (4:17) and 8th in the 3200m (9:19) while Borgus earned the 8th place spot in the long jump (21').

Head coach Danny Foster praised his athletes for their unwavering dedication and commitment to excellence, and attributed their accomplishments to hard work and teamwork. He reflected on his team's remarkable journey to victory, "To understand and know what they go through, it's awesome. They are a talented group, dedicated to what we do, to what we believe. The girls team, the boys team, we're all one team and that's how they've worked all year. They come to work."



DC ESPORTS PROGRAM NAMED 2ND BEST IN THE NATION

Esports (electronic sports) continues to be a rapidly growing industry for both organized high school, collegiate and professional competitive video game play. Since 2017, Divine Child High School has been setting the bar for program growth and student engagement in the state of Michigan. With over fifty students involved across six competitive teams, DC's esports program is one of the larger programs in the school, and in the state of Michigan on the whole. Students are engaged in roles ranging from players to graphic design, and from broadcasting to competitive event management.

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.

2024 was another exciting year for our esports program. **Colin Gribble '24** and **Connor Neiheisel '24**, accepted scholarships and committed to play Rocket League at Michigan State University. Both student-athletes were part of the DCHS Rocket League team that won the High School Esports League National Championship in May 2023.

The team returned to Nationals this past year, making it to the quarterfinals and placing 7th in the nation. As a program overall, Divine Child was ranked 2nd best in the nation by USA TODAY High School Sports and PlayVS. Schools were ranked by the average match-win percentage of their top-performing team within each esports title. Divine Child Esports program has an impressive winning match percentage of 83.33% and a winning game percentage of 72.37%.

Director of Esports Eric Heinz, who co-founded Divine Child's esports program was also recognized for his talent. He was named 2024 Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Esports League based on his team's outstanding performances as well as his leadership and mentorship skills, relationships with students, and contributions to both Divine Child esports program and the greater esports communities.

2024 NATIONAL PROGRAM RANK	2
TOTAL ESPORTS LEAGUES/TEAMS	6
WINNING MATCH PERCENTAGE	83%
WINNING GAME PERCENTAGE	72%

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CONGRATULATIONS, INCOMING CLASS OF 2029!

On Friday, January 24, 2025 our admissions department was proud to announce the acceptance of the next class of DCHS Falcons — the Class of 2029. Students received a personalized acceptance video via email and were invited to celebrate by joining us at our Red Carpet Roll Out event that evening to pick up their acceptance letter and enrollment packet and meet their future classmates. It was a night filled with lots of excitement as we welcomed our newest Falcons to the family. Their Falcon Legacy starts now, and we can't wait to see all that they'll accomplish! *Check out the acceptance video!*

UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Save the date and join us for these upcoming Admissions events!
Learn more by visiting www.DivineChildHighSchool.org/admissions.

"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 DCHS. Schedule a shadow visit today!

8TH GRADE DISCOVERY DAY | Annually 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 DCHS. 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, two mini-classes and two chosen electives, 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 to be included in first round acceptance decisions.

RED CARPET ROLL OUT\FRESHMEN ACCEPTANCE PARTY | Fourth Friday in January

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.



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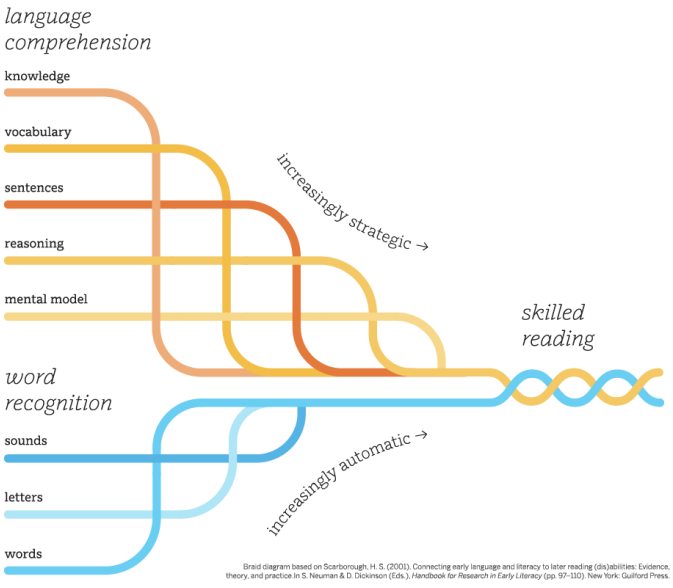
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Comprehensive Curriculum: CKLA provides a robust and comprehensive approach to language arts, focusing on building strong foundations in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Content-Rich Learning: CKLA's carefully sequenced curriculum ensures that students are exposed to a rich array of content, fostering a love for learning and knowledge across various subjects.

Interactive Technology: Amplify's integration brings a dynamic and interactive element to our classrooms. Students will have access to engaging digital resources, fostering a modern and enjoyable learning experience.

Support for Teachers: The combination of CKLA and Amplify equips our teachers with valuable tools, resources, and professional development opportunities to enhance their instructional practices.



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HOLE IN ONE

Divine Child GOLF CLASSIC

It was a beautiful morning for golf at the 14th Annual Divine Child Golf Classic on June 1, 2024 at Links of Novi. Divine Child alumni and friends came together for a day of friendly competition. Among the participants was **Brennon McCusker '18**, who, alongside his group of friends, experienced a day that would go down in history.

On the group's second hole of the day, Brennon was the last of his foursome to tee off. With his 6-iron in hand, he struck a clean shot with a little fade — sinking a hole-in-one! This remarkable feat marked his first-ever hole-in-one, and he couldn't have picked a better hole to make it in. The celebration that erupted among Brennon and his friends was amplified when his buddy **Ian Juszczyk '18** announced, "That was the $10,000 hole!"

Each year Jack Demmer Ford & Lincoln generously sponsors a $10,000 "Hole-In-One" prize that no one had won until now. **Jim Demmer '75** and his wife Linda attend the event every year and expressed their delight at finally having a winner for the coveted prize and are excited to continue sponsoring it for next year's event.

"I could not stop smiling and laughing," Brennon shared. "It was a very surreal moment. I was so grateful to be with all my friends and at an event like the DC Golf Outing." Once the initial celebration settled down, Brennon couldn't wait to share his triumph with his family. A quick text to the family group chat resulted in an immediate FaceTime call from his mom, who was still in her pajamas, but had to hear the news for herself because she and his father couldn't believe he had done it.

When asked how he planned to use his winnings, Brennon expressed a heartwarming intention: "I decided to give some money to my parents for a vacation."

Join us at our 15th Annual Golf Classic on Saturday, May 31, 2025 to see if someone will claim the prize again; it could be you!

As for Brennan, when asked if he would be attending next year's event, he responded, "Yes, I will absolutely be going next year!" *See page 36 for more pics from the outing.*



Brennan pictured with prize sponsors Jim and Linda Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford & Lincoln.



Brennan and fellow alum at the 14th Annual Divine Child Golf Classic.



LEGACY, LEADERSHIP & LACROSSE

FROM DIVINE CHILD TO UM-DEARBORN

After **Mike Wagner '97** graduated from Divine Child High School, his academic journey led him to University of Michigan Dearborn (UM-Dearborn). Seeking a sense of community at his new school, one of Mike's first actions was to join a fraternity. It was there that his path took an unexpected turn, thanks to his big brother in the fraternity, who was interested in starting a lacrosse team at UM-Dearborn and enlisted Mike's help. Although Mike had never played lacrosse before, he was athletic and had a love for sports. His big brother encouraged him to use lacrosse as a recruitment tool for the fraternity.

However, what began as a means to an end quickly turned into a passion. Mike dedicated himself to the sport, working hard for four years and eventually becoming the team captain and earning All-Conference honors his senior year. His dedication to lacrosse didn't stop at playing. When a new coach took over in his senior year, Mike saw an opportunity to stay involved with the sport after graduating. He approached the new coach, expressing his desire to help, and thus began his coaching career in 2005. The program transitioned from a club to a varsity team in 2014, and has continued to grow and expand since then.

Today, Mike's primary focus is on recruitment, although he still coaches on the field. Under his guidance, the UM-Dearborn lacrosse program attracts players from across the country, including areas as distant as Los Angeles and Toronto and areas as close to home as Divine Child. Mike shared that when a recruit is from DC it makes his job easier because he feels like he automatically knows a little bit about the student. "Because I went to Divine Child, I know what type of character I am dealing with, what kind of person I should expect. I know what kind of values they have and that I am not going to have to worry about anybody's character or disciplinary issues."

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Regardless of where the recruits are from, many of them are drawn to UM-Dearborn by the promise of a prestigious Michigan degree at an affordable cost and the opportunity to play right away, rather than waiting years to see significant time on the field, as is common at many other schools. One of Mike's players and a DC alum, **Shane Marion '23**, shared that one of the major things he values about UM-Dearborn is the community he found, even extending beyond the lacrosse team. **Colin Garner '19**, another player and DC alum, praises the university's strong academic support, which helps students secure internships and job offers before graduation. The lacrosse program itself offers additional resources, such as a nutritionist, to support the players' overall well-being.

Through the lacrosse team, players also learn important skills including time management, discipline and a strong work ethic, all principles that Mike attributes to his education at Divine Child. His coaching philosophy is grounded in the idea that meeting basic expectations is essential for building a successful team. He requires that all his athletes arrive at practice on time and in uniform. If a player is not dressed appropriately or is even five minutes late, they don't practice that day. Mikes explains that they are rather strict from a disciplinary standpoint, but they have seen teams that are not and those teams are not successful on the field. "If a player can't dress himself, he is not going to be able to run the play that we put in. It is a baseline, structural, foundational mentality that requires you to be prepared," Mike shares. "You have to do the bare minimum before we can build upon that to achieve success on the field." This structured, disciplined approach has been instrumental in shaping the lacrosse program and athletes at UM-Dearborn. Mike's commitment to athletic excellence, that he attributes to his time at DC, helps prepare student athletes for success both on and off the field.

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CATCHING UP WITH CLASSMATES



Timothy Briody '67 currently operates an Etsy Shop with all of his own creations. This custom shop features specialty items such as pen and ink prints, and beautiful 15 oz ceramic mugs of the Church of the Divine Child and of Divine Child High School. Check it out at TimothyMBriodyArt.etsy.com.

Patrick Doyle '76 is recently retired after a 42 year career in the steel industry specializing in the technical and managerial field. During his career, Patrick has resided in the states of Minnesota, Ohio and Michigan. Patrick is a proud parent of five children and eight grandchildren, most of whom have chosen careers in the medical profession.



Dennis Guerriero '79 called upon God once again during his golf competition, this time at the Senior Amateur Tour National Championships in October 2024 where he and his golf tournament partner Scott Holland successfully defended their Senior 2-Man Challenge National Championship. This two day event was held at Port Royal Golf Club at Robber's Row and the Palmetto Hall Country Club Hills Golf Course on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. "I am always in awe how God continues to work through me. I am not sure I deserve my part in this accolade, but good hard work and assistance from God continues to be a successful recipe."

Christopher Marano '85 is delighted to share that his daughter, Megan, was married on October 19, 2024, in a beautiful ceremony in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Her twin brother, Kyle, recently received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy as a Nuclear Machinist Mate Petty Officer 2nd Class, after serving aboard a nuclear submarine. His eldest son, Angelo, now manages a gas station in Idaho Springs, Colorado. In July, Christopher and his wife will celebrate an incredible 33 years of marriage.

Adrienne Matthews '74, now retired from banking, is a part-time freelance writer with stories published in three Chicken Soup for the Soul books, Guideposts, Angel's on Earth and Mysterious Ways magazines. Adrienne writes about God's blessings in her life and observations of His handiwork all around us. Adrienne and her husband, Greg, have recently downsized to two condominiums. A new home in Farmington Hills during the warmer months and their coastal condo in Florida during the winter months. Two great views of God's creation!

Jonathan Sadler '20 graduated from Eastern Michigan University and was hired at Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills to serve as a music teacher this past fall. Additionally, Jonathan serves as the Assistant Director of the marching band at Troy Athens High School.

Michele Santillan '89 recently celebrated her 21st anniversary to husband Dennis! They are proud parents to daughter, Julianna, currently a junior with a major in Computer Science Engineering at University of Michigan, where Michele also works as a Communications Manager in Biomedical Engineering. Michele and family live in Plymouth Township and are members of Resurrection Parish in Canton.

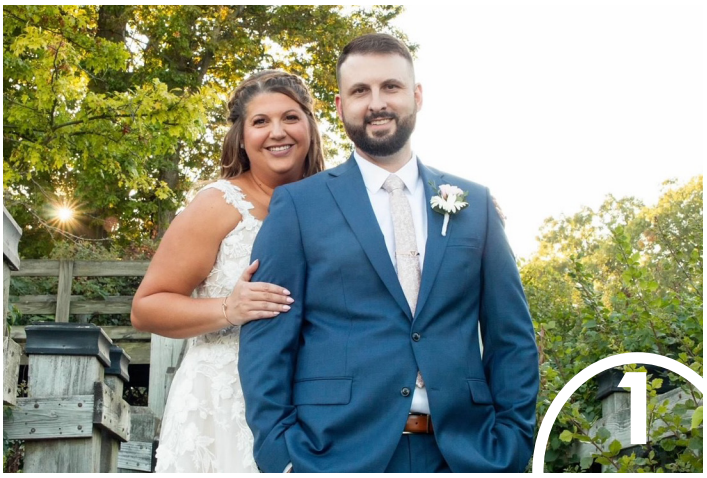
Madeline Tripp, '19, was crowned the 2024 Queen of the Detroit United Irish Societies. As Queen, Maddie will be representing the Irish community at various events throughout the year. These events include the Detroit St. Patrick's Parade, Paul W. Smith St. Patrick's Day Radio Show, the Motor City Irish Fest, and other speaking events. Maddie will also participate in the Irish Heritage Night at Comerica Park in the fall and even gets a trip to Ireland to learn more about her heritage and visit the land of her ancestors. She will be the guest of County Cork and attend a lunch in her honor where she will meet the Mayor and Council members, along with other planned events by the Council.





Mike Alcala '82, Chairman of the Divine Child Executive Advancement Committee, has transitioned from CEO to Vice Chairman of the Board and CEO Emeritus at GNS North America. In his new role, he will oversee C-suite leadership team executives; business planning processes; market and customer strategy; and leadership development. Alcala previously led a successful restructuring of the company in 2020, implementing a business operating model, financial reporting approach, and performance-oriented culture that transformed the company. The new CEO, Eisenhart, will continue to report to Alcala and previously served as GNS NA COO. Eisenhart played an instrumental leadership role in improving operations and in the development and enhancement of business processes. He has also worked to further develop the organization, resulting in sustainable performance at all levels. This role completes the transition that started one year ago. "Under Mike's direction, GNS NA has greatly strengthened its leadership position in the automotive industry," said M.G. Kong, Chairman, Board of Directors. "We are pleased that his guidance will continue in his new role for the years to come."

WEDDING BELLS | Congrats to these Falcon newlyweds!









1 **Allison (Staley) Sowards '07** married James Sowards on September 30, 2023 at Chateau on the River in Trenton, Michigan.
2 **Ashley (Gutowski) Smigiel '06** and Nicholas Smigiel were married on October 7, 2023.
3 **Elizabeth Blazo '01** and **Joe McGrail '03** were married at St. Kenneth in Plymouth on Saturday, June 8, 2024. The wedding party consisted of several DC alumni, including **Sarah (Blazo) Mericsko '03**, **Jessica (Blazo) Rademacher '03**, **Steve Rademacher '03**, **Bridget (McGrail) Beaudoin '05**, **Shannon (McGrail) McKee '06**, **Mike McGrail '08**, **Jimmy McGrail '13** and **Danny McGrail '15**. There were several other DC alumni in attendance, including Elizabeth's dad, **Richard Blazo '69**, and several aunts and uncles and friends who attended DC!
4 **Katie O'Callaghan '06** married Tom Lanfear at St. Paul on the Lake in Grosse Pointe Farms on October 4, 2024. Fr. Jim Bilot officiated the ceremony. Bridal party included **Megan (O'Callaghan) Dye '02**, **Keith Dye '02**, **Kevin O'Callaghan '03**, **Stephanie (Childs) O'Callaghan '03**, and **Brittany (Fitzpatrick) Tillman '06**.

IN MEMORIAM | Gone, but not forgotten.

- Anthony "Tony" Antonio '89
- Ralph Bach '89
- Patricia (Roggendorf) Bean '67
- Jim Bergman - Previous HS staff
- Lisa (Kobylinski) Clark '83
- Richard Blazo '69
- Vince Boccarossa '85
- Gail (Poshadlo) Henroin '66
- Darin Johnson '81
- Michael Kalem '78
- Michael Kieltyka '70
- Sandy MacDonald '80
- Bill McCartney - Previous HS Coach
- Anthony Mifsud - Previous HS Coach
- Edmund Muir '69
- James "Andy" Andrew O'Gorman '62
- Judy Opiela '69
- Barb (Felska) Place '66
- Mike Rotella '79
- Ken Sadek '73
- Robert Staroscik '96
- Keith Surmacz '78
- Monsignor Daniel Trapp '76
- Sandra Lee (Therrian) Phillips '78
- Meredith (Brennan) Weiss '96
- Eric Wells '89
- Mike Zelek '80

FUTURE FALCONS























EXPECTING A BABY?

We invited you to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism here at the Church of the Divine Child. To get a Baptism information packet, sign up for a preparation class or select a Baptism date, call parish Baptism Coordinator **Jodi Ann (Zahra) Micallef '83** at 313-277-3110, ext. 222.

ALUMNI BABIES | Welcome to the world!

Congratulations to our alum who were blessed with the birth of their child! These precious little ones bring an extra dose of joy to our close-knit community and each photo captures the love and happiness they have brought to their parents. As we celebrate the next generation of our alumni, let's cherish these special moments and honor the continued growth and bond of our alumni family. *(See photos on opposite page.)*

1 **Emily (Walkowiak) Calabro '01** and her husband Frank welcomed their second daughter Mary Annabella on April 3, 2024, weighing 6 lbs 11 oz, measuring 20 inches. Mary joins big sister Claire (2).

2 **Ashley (Matusz) Fisher '07** and her husband Joe welcomed their son Gavin William on May 11, 2024, weighing 6 lbs 13 oz and measuring 20 inches. Gavin has two big brothers - Graham and Dylan.

3 **Shelley (Popiel) McClorey '11** and her husband Brendan welcomed their daughter Charlotte Ann on May 18, 2024, weighing 6 lbs 3 oz.

4 **Angela (DiMarco) Cummins '11** and husband Corey welcomed their second son Carmine Nunzio on June 22, 2024, weighing 7 lbs 5 oz and measuring 19.5 inches. Carmine joins big brother Paulie (2).

5 **Ashley (Gutowski) Smigiel '06** and her husband Nicholas welcomed their son Nicholas Craig on August 17, 2024, 6 lbs 11 oz and measuring 19.75 inches.

6 **Caitlin (Manga) Fliss '08** and **Matt Fliss '06** welcomed their son Roman Michael on September 19, 2024, weighing 7lbs 2.8 oz. Roman joins big sister Charlie (5) and big brother Dominic (3).

7 **Lia (Bertucci) Stewart '16** and her husband Brad welcomed their son Reid Alexander on November 6, 2024, weighing 8 lbs 14 oz and measuring 20 inches.

8 **Kari (Belmore) Smith '04** and her husband William welcomed their second daughter Cecelia (Cece) Danielle on November 26, 2024, weighing 7lbs 5 oz and measuring 21 inches. Cecelia joins big sister Evelyn (2).

9 **David Matusz '09** and his wife Erin welcomed their daughter Riley Ann-Marie on January 9, 2025, weighing 6 lbs 11 oz and measuring 20 inches. Riley joins sisters Dakota and Taylor.

10 **Kelsey (Blicharz) Rawlins '11** and her husband Jacob welcomed their son Conner Dean on January 9, 2025, weighing 7 lbs and measuring 20 inches. He joins his big brother, Walker (4).

11 **Elizabeth (Felice) Pachota '04** and husband **Casey Pachota '06** welcomed their son Brooks Casimer on January 10, 2025, weighing 7lbs 13 oz and measuring 20 inches.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Save the date and join us for these upcoming DCAA events. (Dates subject to change.)
Learn more by visiting www.DivineChildHighSchool.org/alumni-portal.

DIVINE CHILD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AUCTION | Saturday, March 22, 2025
Enjoy dinner, cocktails, live and silent auctions, raffles, dancing and more at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 6pm!

SPRING MUSICAL ALUMNI NIGHT | Saturday, April 5, 2025
Come see the Divine Child High School production of The Addams Family musical comedy. We will have a pre-show reception with wine and cheese in the high school atrium — all are welcome!

MAY CROWNING & LEGACY PICTURE | Thursday, May 1, 2025
Join us for coffee and donuts and to get your picture taken with your senior legacy child before May Crowning Mass.

ART GALA | Friday, May 2, 2025
Art show preview, awards ceremony, refreshments and more.

GOLF CLASSIC | Saturday, May 31, 2025
Join us at the 15th Annual Divine Child Golf Classic at Links of Novi, shotgun start at 8:30 am. Enjoy 18 holes of golf, a hot dog at the turn, steak lunch, an open bar, and raffles and prizes!

FALCON 5K | Saturday, August 2, 2025
Lace up your running shoes for our 34th Annual Falcon 5K & 1-Mile Family Fun Run. We will be honoring coach Tony Mifsud at this year's event.



Football & Cheer State Championship Anniversary Celebration | Friday, September 5, 2025
You're invited back to campus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the state title winning 1975 football team, the 40th anniversary of the state title winning 1985 football team, and the 40th anniversary of the state title winning 1985 cheer team. Past team members will have the opportunity to go on a school tour, meet with the current team and coaches, watch the game against Lake Fenton from a tent in the south end zone (along with select guests), enjoy food and drink on the field, and be recognized in a half-time tribute. Each athlete will also receive a commemorative t-shirt. See you there!

REUNIONS



1974 REUNION RECAP

The Class of 1974 recently celebrated their milestone reunion with a fun-filled weekend of reminiscing, reconnecting, and cheering on the Falcons. The festivities kicked off on Friday, September 20, with a delightful wine and cheese reception in the BFLC (DCHS Library). Alumni had the opportunity to tour the school that evening, sparking nostalgic conversations as they revisited familiar hallways and explored the many new updates to the campus. Later, classmates headed out to cheer on the Varsity Football Team under the Friday night lights. The celebration culminated on Saturday night at Park Place, where the official reunion took place. The evening was marked by an incredible turnout, laughter, and the joy of reconnecting with old friends.



1979 REUNION RECAP

Thanks to all who came out to celebrate our 45th reunion! So great to catch up and reminisce!

Pictured from left to right, back row: Bob Malinowski, Cathy-Jo Ponzi, Louie Iaquinta, Shawn Adams, Dave Matuszewski, Steve Guerierro, Jeff Chadwick, Ken Stanecki, Ed Rosol, Bill Grabowski, Sue (Blazo) Shaver, Suzanne (Mincek) Brousseau, Laurie (Sweich) Ireland, Pat McCarthy, Greg Skruch.
Middle row: Matt Hatty, Nancy Weber, Mary Lynn (Lozowski) Thomas, Lisa (Bifano)Capatina, Lori (McGuckin) Stanley.
Seated: Bob Bilkie, John Rice, Sean Quinn, Bob Carson, Tony Zimbalatti, Dave Yesh













2004 REUNION RECAP

On November 30th, 2024, the class of 2004 had their 20-year reunion, but you would have thought they all just graduated. With over 100 attendees, 60+ being '04 alums, they packed Ford's Garage and had to be forced to leave at closing! #OnceAFalconAlwaysAFalcon

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 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

CONTACT THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Reach out to our Director of Alumni & Community Engagement, Aubri McNamara by email at amcnamara@divinechild.org or call 313-216-0892 for more reunion ideas including location, themes, DC Giveaways, school tours, and Masses!

UPCOMING REUNIONS

1965
60 YEAR REUNION
Wednesday, August 14 &
Thursday, August 15, 2025

1975
50 YEAR REUNION
Friday, October 3 &
Saturday, October 4, 2025

1985
40 YEAR REUNION
Planning in progress.
Stay tuned for updated!

DIVINE CHILD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS'

33RD ANNUAL AUCTION

THE GREATEST SCHOOL ON EARTH



EVENT RECAP

Over 450 guests gathered under the big top at the 33rd annual Divine Child Auction - The Greatest School On Earth - on Saturday, April 20, 2024. This was the second year raising funds to support the "Souper" School Kitchen Renovation and the event brought in an additional $200,000 to help get us to our $1.3 million goal. **Save the Date for next year's auction - Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the Ford Performing Art Center.** Proceeds will benefit Phase 2 of the project, renovating the cafeteria!

Many thanks to the Advancement team and the Auction Committee for planning and producing the annual auction and making it such a wonderful evening and successful fundraiser for our schools.

Advancement Team: Colleen (Beard) Johnson '00, Marie (Stawasz) Boyle '07, Aubri (Marchetti) McNamara '97, Meghan (Sarb) Simonie '04, and Olivia Nelson

2024 Auction Committee: Peter Cogswell, Gina Deland, Sandra DiDomenico, Patty (O'Donnell) Griffin '87, Sarah LeBlanc '00, Leah Mondon, Colleen Niemara, Jennifer Popeney, Michelle Stanton, and Kara Torres

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Divine Child GOLF CLASSIC

... EVENT RECAP

The 14th Annual Divine Child Golf Classic took place on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Fifty-two foursomes came out to Links of Novi and enjoyed a day of golf, steak lunch and fellowship. We had our first ever Hole-in-One winner, **Brennan McCusker '18** who won the $10,000 prize sponsored by long time supporter **Jim Demmer '75** with Jack Demmer Ford! *See page 24 to read the Hole-in-One feature story.* Thank you to our many sponsors for their generosity. **Join us for our 15th Annual Golf Classic on Saturday, May 31, 2025 with an 8:30 AM shotgun start**. **Register at bit.ly/DC-Golf-Classic.**

































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31ST ANNUAL

DIVINE CHILD FALCON 5K

& 1-MILE FAMILY FUN RUN

In Memory of Mark Carpenter '68

EVENT RECAP

The 31st annual Divine Child Falcon 5K & 1-Mile Family Fun Run in memory of **Mark Carpenter '68** took place on Saturday, August 10, 2024. The weather was perfect as runners of all ages gathered at the Divine Child Alumni Athletic Complex to compete in the Tot Trot, the 1-Mile Fun Run and the Falcon 5K. **Join us on Saturday, August 2, 2025 for the next race!** We will be honoring coach Tony Mifsud at this year's event.





























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EVENT RECAP

We celebrated the 2024 Divine Child Hall of Fame on Saturday, November 9. We inducted two distinguished alumni: dedicated Divine Child faculty member (1979-2020) **Cheryl Oros Nelson '75** and legendary quarterback and broadcaster **Gary Danielson '69**. For the first time ever, we also inducted two athletic teams: The 1975 Girls Softball Team which was our first girls' team to win a state championship and the only softball state title in school history along with our 1961 Varsity Football Team which won our first football state championship. The evening included a delicious dinner catered by Szegedi's Catering, a touching induction ceremony, and lots of catching up and reminiscing.





















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DIVINE CHILD
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1975
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Softball




STATE CHAMPS
1961
FOOTBALL TEAM
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WELCOME CLASS OF 2028

The Falcon Legacy lives on! 37 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:

- **McKenzie Bilbrey** - daughter of Michelle Bilbrey '00
- **Teagan Baird** - daughter of Karissa (Mosley) Baird '99
- **Zachary Barszczowski** - son of Thomas Barszczowski '97
- **Kole Boike** - son of Lauren (Vendittelli) DeMarco '00
- **Chloe Cytacki** - daughter of Daniel Cytacki '98
- **Joseph Dinnell** - son of Rebecca (Marquette) Dinnell '92
- **Michael Dixon** - son of Christie (Rosiek) Dixon '92
- **Brianna Eby** - daughter of Todd Eby '88 & Andrea (Gabriele) Eby '94
- **Luke Fellrath** - son of Patrick Fellrath '89
- **Daniel Geoghegan** - son of Daniel Geoghegan '95 & Christine (Ervin) Geoghegan '95
- **Claire Griffin** - daughter of Dennis Griffin '88 & Patricia (O'Donnell) Griffin '87
- **Adelynn Jones** - daughter of Dustin Jones '04
- **Anthony Kopay** - son of Lisa (Eijan) Kopay '94
- **Michael Kopay** - son of Lisa (Eijan) Kopay '94
- **Ryan Kujansuu** - son of Bridget (O'Connell) Kujansuu '93
- **Ella Mack** - step daughter of Keri (Gutekunst) Mack '04
- **Rachel Marion** - daughter of Melissa (Capler) Marion '90
- **Carter McNamara** - son of Robert McNamara '99 & Laurie (Rabe) McNamara '98
- **William Meehan** - son of Lucia (Scarpace) Meehan '90
- **Luke Moore** - son of Michael Moore '01 & Jennifer (Lenhart) Moore '01
- **Catherine O'Donnell** - daughter of Brian O'Donnell '91
- **Lucas Patton** - son of Melissa (Moccia) Patton '99
- **Veronica Perry** - daughter of Elisabeth (Sobota) Perry '95
- **Avalina Saleh** - daughter of Cristina (Marzolo) Saleh '98
- **Madelyn Schumacker** - daughter of Lynn (Lapshan) Schumacher '01
- **Brystol Schuster** - daughter of Keri (Gutekunst) Mack '04
- **Kylie Schuster** - daughter of Keri (Gutekunst) Mack '04
- **Jacob Smith** - son of Rebecca (Lentz) Smith '00
- **Gianluca Solares-Vitti** - son of Natasha Vitti '98
- **Leah St. Andrew** - daughter of Timothy St. Andrew '01 & Bernadette (Michalik) St. Andrew '01
- **Aiden Stec** - son Randall Stec '90 & Cheryl (DiNatale) Stec '92
- **Jameson Steele** - son of Megan Dunne '97
- **Dante Thomson** - son of Monica (Galasso) Thomson '89
- **Chelsea Tiano** - daughter of Franca Tiano '86
- **Maria White** - daughter of Sheila (Gallagher) White '93
- **Alyssa Yu** - daughter of Sarah (Gibbons) Yu '02
- **Joseph Zyskowski** - son of Michelle (Borchanian) Zyskowski '87



CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2024!

Congratulations to the following 2024 graduates and their Divine Child alumni parents!

Luke Armelagos - son of Annette (Micallef) Armelagos '88 · **Markus Armstrong** - son of Jeffrey Armstrong '95 and Debra (Howe) Armstrong '95 · **Nora Asleh** - daughter of Melissa (Flezzanis) Asleh '99 · **Isabella Baran** - daughter of Marianne (Kowalewski) Baran '92 · **Cole Bartnick** - son of Brett Bartnick '92 and Lesley (Rhodes) Bartnick '94 · **Mathieu Bourdage** - son of Maureen (Beatty) Bourdage '83 · **Emma Brewis** - daughter of Michael Brewis '78 · **Caroline Carapellotti** - daughter of Nancy (Coury) Carapellotti '88 · **Peter Celani** - son of Joe Celani '88 · **Garrison D'Andrea** - son of Crystal (Dorosh) D'Andrea '01 · **Jani Dickey** - daughter of Scott Dickey '85 · **Alessandro DiDomenico** - son of Quirion DiDomenico '90 · **Tyler Eby** - son of Todd Eby '88 and Andrea (Gabriele) Eby '94 · **Michael Esparza** - son of Lance Esparza '93 and Jennifer (O'Callaghan) Esparza '95 · **Jeffery Hickey** - son of Veronica (Varga) Hickey '92 · **Tyler Kalchik** - son of Scott Kalchik '92 · **Katherine Koss, Kristen Koss & Meghan Koss** - step daughters of Brian Dziadzio '84 · **Madeline Kujansuu** - daughter of Bridget (O'Donnell) Kujansuu '93 · **Drew LePage** - son of Lisa (Falkowski) LePage '94 · **Jasmine Liwag** - daughter of Michael Liwag '92 · **Lincoln Loiselle** - son of Ben Loiselle '92 · **Emery McCusker** - daughter of Marla (Decina) McCusker '88 · **Aidan McVean** - son of Karen (Williams) McVean '87 · **Donovan Meyers** - son of Mark Meyers '89 · **Charles Murray** - son of Elizabeth (Schous) Murray '00 · **Luke Nazarian** - son of Susan (Grabowski) Karnak '91 · **Jack Ostafin** - son of Robert Ostafin '85 · **Anthony Persichetti** - son of Kelly (Zerilli) Perichetti '90 · **Isabella Reale** - daughter of Lynn (Uy Ben Dee) Reale '95 · **George Rockwell** - son of Joanna Kalis '92 · **Alexander Rudzinski** - son of Michael Rudzinsi '89 · **Salvatore Thomson** - son of Monica (Galasso) Thomson '89 · **Tyler Traub** - son of Dina (Marchetti) Traub '87 · **Matthew Van Antwerp** - son of Loretta (McCarthy) Van Antwerp '86 · **Elyse Varga** - daughter of James Varga '93 · **Peyton Wysocki** - daughter of Leon Wysocki '83



CLASS OF 2024 - DOUBLE LEGACY

Cole Bartnick - son of Brett Bartnick '92 and Lesley (Rhodes) Bartnick '94 · **Mathieu Bourdage** - son of Maureen (Beatty) Bourdage · **Tyler Eby** - son of Todd Eby '88 and Andrea (Gabriele) Eby '94 · **Michael Esparza** - son of Lance Esparza '93 and Jennifer (O'Callaghan) Esparza '95

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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.



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