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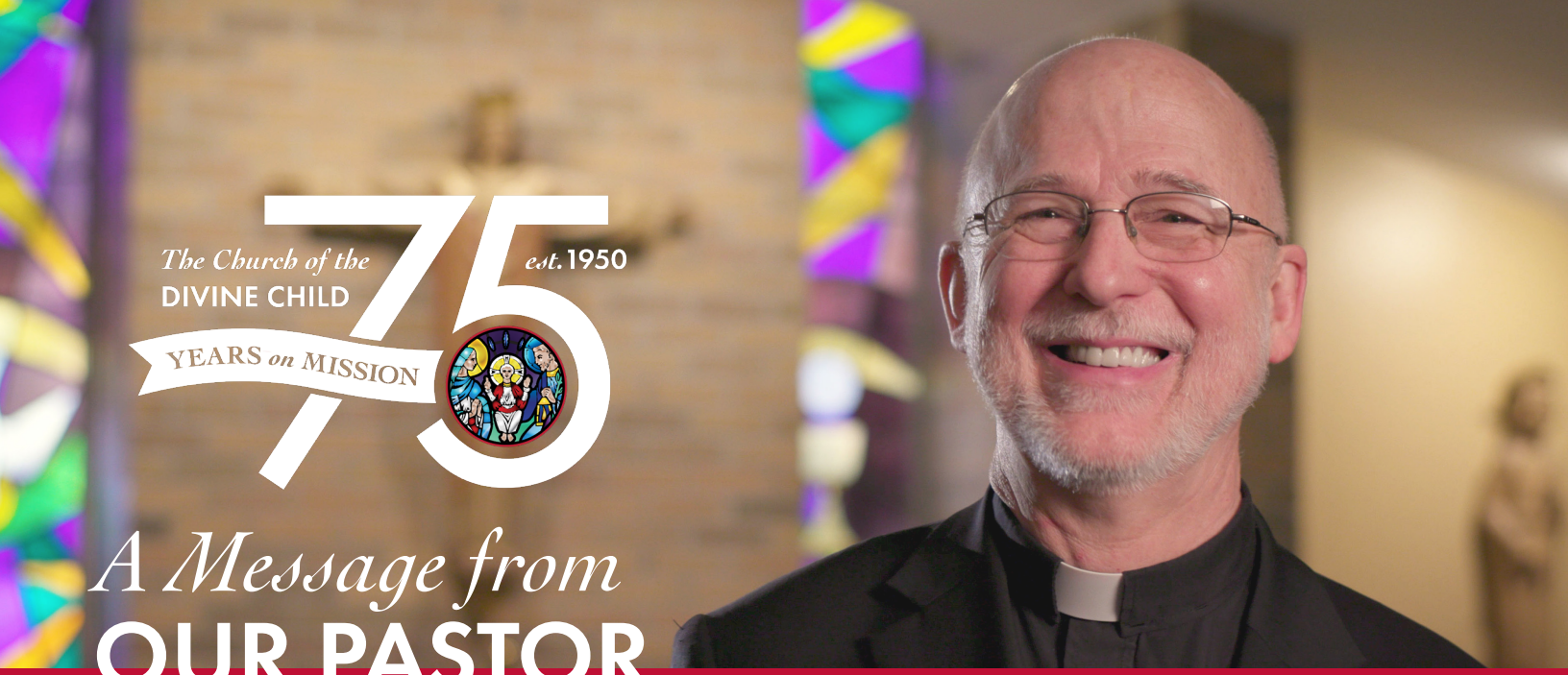


A Note From the Alumni Office

There is something special about being a Falcon and this year our campus has been filled with moments that remind us why. From welcoming more than 180 new Falcons last fall to celebrating a packed Homecoming weekend and hosting milestone reunions for alumni from more than five graduating classes, Divine Child continues to be a place where tradition and new beginnings come together. Our campus ministry program continues to grow, strengthening our mission of forming students in faith, while construction on our refreshed cafeteria marks another exciting investment in the future of our school. Every day, our hallways are filled with energy, purpose and the unmistakable Falcon spirit.

That spirit has been on full display through an extraordinary year of student achievement. Our football team captured the state championship—the program's first title in more than 40 years—creating memories that will be shared for generations. The baseball team advanced to the Final Four, hockey claimed its first regional championship in more than two decades and three of our female student-athletes earned individual All-State honors. We also celebrated the launch of our first men's volleyball team, saw two Falcons recognized as Gatorade Players of the Year, continued the tradition of our state championship pom pon program and applauded our talented student artists whose work was showcased at the Detroit Institute of Arts. These accomplishments reflect not only competitive excellence and artistic talent, but also the dedication, perseverance and character that define a Divine Child education.

As I reflect on another remarkable year, I am reminded that my favorite part of this role isn't simply celebrating these accomplishments, it's welcoming our alumni and their families back to campus. Whether they are returning for a reunion, attending Homecoming, or simply stopping by for a tour, there is nothing quite like seeing generations of Falcons reconnect with the place that helped shape their lives. Every visit is a reminder that Divine Child is more than a school; it is a lifelong community built on faith, friendship and shared experiences. *Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon* — and there has never been a better time to celebrate all that makes our Divine Child family so special.



A Message from OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I have often told people New York is the city that never sleeps and Divine Child comes in a close second! The fast pace on our campus confirms this statement.

Looking back at this past school year, we celebrated a state championship football team and so many other athletic achievements. Our drama department produced magnificent productions! Our art department continues its long tradition of nurturing young artists who bring forth incredible works of art.

If you have not been to our annual Art Gala, it is a must! You will be amazed at the amount of creative talent to be discovered among our student body.

The Detroit Institute of Arts hosted an exhibit from June 18-July 18. It was a county-wide art show. Over 100 schools were invited to submit entries and out of the 85 pieces of art on display, 16 of them were chosen from Divine Child's students! What an accomplishment!

Throughout the history of Divine Child, there have been many associate pastors. Our parish and schools are an ideal place for newly ordained priests to experience nearly ever aspect of pastoral ministry. I tell the associate priests I want them to have the "full Divine Child experience" by the time they leave.

For the past three years, we have had the privilege of having Fr. Jeremy Schupbach serving our parish and school family. He has brought a great deal of faith, energy, creativity and love to his ministry. We have all benefited from his generous service. On July 1st, he started a new chapter in his life, beginning to serve at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Farmington. Our prayers go with him!

July 1 was a new chapter for us with the welcoming of Fr. Dan Whalen. Fr. Dan was just ordained on May 23 of this year. I know he will bring his joyful and prayerful spirit to his ministry at Divine Child. Welcome, Fr. Dan!

There are so many things I could touch on looking back at last school year and looking forward to the next. During a time when our archdiocese is restructuring, it is important that we together keep Divine Child growing even stronger. One way you can do this is for us to pray for one another. Another way is to contribute to our tuition assistance fund. So much has changed in the last 40 years. The cost of educating a student is so much higher and many families struggle to afford sending their children to our school. Please help a student financially so they are able to have the Catholic formation and education that will help shape the rest of their lives. It is our goal to have every student encounter Jesus as they go through our school. Thank you for helping us accomplish this holy mission.

Whether you are near or far away, know that you are always welcome here at Divine Child. After all, like New York, Divine Child is a campus that never sleeps. There is always something exciting to experience at Divine Child.

God's Peace and Joy,

Fr. Bob McCabe

Fr. Bob McCabe

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A Message from OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Falcons,

Four years ago, Divine Child High School renewed its mission, leaving us with a clear vision for the future. Divine Child High School will strengthen its accompaniment with all students, families, faculty and staff, to better support each students' academic, spiritual, social and emotional growth.

This vision has called us to look more deeply at what it means to accompany one another. In a Catholic school, accompaniment is more than support; it is a commitment to walk with each student and family, to know them, to challenge them, to care for them and to help them recognize the gifts God has placed within them. It also means supporting the faculty and staff who make our mission possible each day.

As we reflect on this school year, we can see the fruits of this vision across the full life of our school. Our progress is visible not only in programs and accomplishments, but in the relationships, opportunities, traditions and moments of growth that shape our students. This year-in-review is organized around five pillars of student life: spiritual, academic, creative, social and athletic.

Together, these pillars reveal how DCHS continues to accompany our Falcon students in becoming young people of faith, purpose, character and hope.

Throughout the magazine, I have added notes to each pillar section on how they have shaped our school community this year.

These accomplishments are more than moments of success; they are signs of a Catholic school alive with purpose, where students are known and loved, faculty and staff are strengthened in mission and families remain essential partners in the work of formation. We are especially grateful to our alumni and benefactors, whose faithfulness, generosity, prayers and continued support help make this mission possible for today's Falcons and for generations to come.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to accompanying every Falcon as they grow in faith, character, confidence and hope.

With Trust in The Divine Child Jesus,

Anthony R. Trudel

Mr. Anthony Trudel | Principal

SPIRITUALLY

The Great Adventure: Delivering the Gospel in Creative Ways

Once a month, DCHS students take part in The Great Adventure. This program is similar to school-wide youth group, where the student body splits into groups to listen and participate in talks and games. The goal is to present the Gospel in fresh ways that are more relevant to the everyday lives of our students.

We've covered topics such as our new young saints, St. Carlo Acutis and St. Giorgio Frassati; heard from professional public speakers on faith and adversity; had Christmas trivia with Santa and his elves in the name of joy; and prayed deeply with the message of suffering and the cross at Easter time. Most all of our programming gives the students a chance to hear from their peers about a testimony of how the topic is relevant to them. For example, a senior boy shared on his social anxiety and how the kindness of a few peers helped him see God's presence at work in his life.

The joy is real and palpable at these events and we're grateful for the creativity afforded to our department to share the faith!









Principal Note: *Walking Together in Faith*

At the heart of Divine Child High School is our mission to help students encounter Christ and grow in lives of faith, service and purpose and **The Great Adventure provides students opportunties to reflect on what "faith in action" means.**

One powerful example came during the October Great Adventure, centered on the theme "Overcoming Adversity with Faith." Students heard from Sean English, who, as a 16-year-old junior at University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, experienced a near-fatal accident after being struck by an impaired driver while helping at the scene of a stopped vehicle on I-96. Sean shared how the accident changed his life, including the loss of his right leg below the knee, a shattered left femur and torn ligaments in his left knee. As he faced the loss of dreams he once held for running track and cross country in college, Sean spoke to our students about placing faith at the center and trusting that Jesus was with him through the darkest moments. His witness helped students see that adversity does not have the final word when we allow God to accompany us through suffering.



Following Sean's story, students participated in activities centered on overcoming hardship and then entered into a time of reflection led by Director of Campus Ministry Brennan McHugh on 2 Corinthians 4:13-18. One student captured the message beautifully, reflecting, **"Failing does not stop you from getting back up again. Even though getting up is sometimes not so easy, there is always something in you that can overcome any obstacle."** Through The Great Adventure, our students were reminded that faith does not remove every burden, but it teaches us that we never carry our crosses alone. As St. Paul writes, "slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." In these moments of prayer, reflection and shared witness, Divine Child continued to accompany students spiritually, helping them discover hope, courage and the presence of Christ in every circumstance.

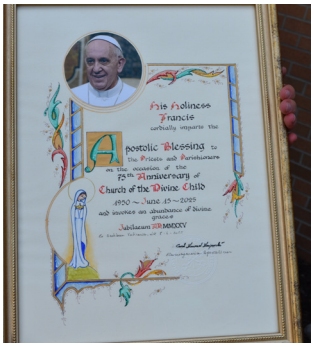


Inaugural St. Joseph Crowning Ceremony

On March 18, 2025 we celebrated our inaugural St. Joseph Crowning. As part of the ceremony, we honored a group of young men who were recognized as "The Lathe of St. Joseph". The symbol of the lathe was chosen as it is traditionally associated with St. Joseph and calls to mind how God carefully crafts all of us and is working through these virtuous young men to build and strengthen our community.

2025 Lathe: Ethan Davis, Sean O'Donnell, Giacomo Paolini, Blake Englert, Callum Broekman, Owen Marchywka, John Bowles-Castillo

2026 Lathe: Paul Bagazinski, Luciano Thomson, Luca Ciavaglia, Joshua Baker, Liam Godin









Celebrating 75 Years at Church of the Divine Child

Divine Child parish celebrated it's Diamond Jubilee in 2025, marking 75 years of mission and ministry. On June 29, 2025 our community came together to honor our past, celebrate our present and embrace our future as a parish family. The joyous event began with a special anniversary Mass. Bishop Quinn concelebrated the liturgy alongside our pastor, Fr. Bob McCabe and many clergy members who have faithfully served Divine Child throughout the years. In his homily, Bishop Quinn reminded us to "open the latch of your faith," sharing that "the real treasure lies within."

Following Mass, our parish family gathered for a joyful picnic filled with laughter, fellowship, food and activities for all ages. Throughout the celebration, themed stations highlighted the four pastors who have shepherded Divine Child through the decades, while another special display honored the enduring legacy of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters.

The parish was honored to share that Divine Child received one of the final papal blessings issued by Pope Francis and humbled to receive official recognition from local government leaders, including a citation of congratulations from the City of Dearborn and a resolution from Wayne County honoring the parish's longstanding impact on the wider community.

ACADEMICALLY



Congratulations Class of 2026

On Sunday, May 18, we said farewell and shared our best wishes with Divine Child High School's Class of 2026 at our Graduation Ceremony & Baccalaureate Mass. We are incredibly proud of this remarkable group of young men and women and are confident they will succeed in all their future endeavors.

CLASS OF 2026 STATS

Average GPA: 3.52
50% of students graduating with honors
- Honors (3.5-3.99 GPA) - 35 students
- High Honors (4.0-4.43 GPA) - 48 students
- Highest Honors (4.44+ GPA) - 18 students

Average SAT Score: 1143
- 20% higher than the Michigan Average
- 11% higher than the National Average

57% of students participated in AP testing
& an elite group of students earned AP Scholar status
- AP Scholar - 20 students
- AP Scholar with Honor - 12 students
- AP Scholar with Distinction - 7 students

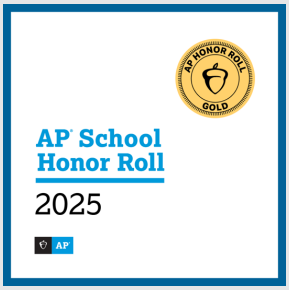
93% college-bound

73% of students earned merit-based scholarships totaling $10 million

22 students signed to play collegiate-level sports in 2026-27

Principal Note: *Learning with Purpose*

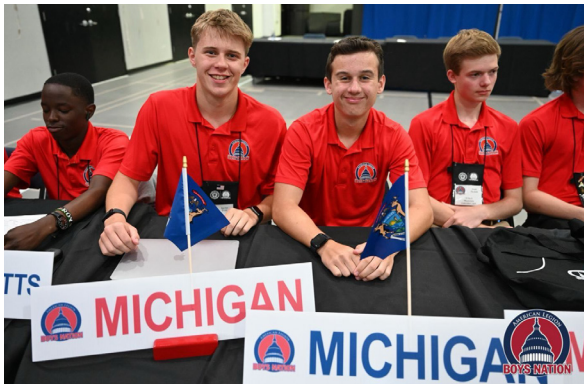
Divine Child High School's faculty and staff were recognized for their commitment to academic accompaniment when the school earned a Gold rating on the **College Board's 2025 AP School Honor Roll**. This honor celebrates schools that expand access to AP coursework, create a college-going culture, provide opportunities for students to earn college credit and support students on the path to college readiness and success. **In 2025, 286 Divine Child students took at least one AP exam, with 511 AP exams completed in total. Of those students, 73% earned a score of 3 or higher, 47 were named AP Scholars, 21 were named AP Scholars with Honor and 34 were named AP Scholars with Distinction.** This achievement reflects a significant school-wide effort by teachers, counselors, administrators, students and families and it affirms the dedication of our faculty to challenging students, supporting their growth and accompanying them toward confidence, opportunity and success beyond high school.



In direct support of our school's vision to strengthen accompaniment with all students, Divine Child High School teachers completed a yearlong intensive professional development experience with Dr. Christie Bonfiglio, Director of the University of Notre Dame's Program for Inclusive Education, school psychologist and national consultant on inclusion in Catholic schools. This formation challenged our teachers to reflect more deeply on their call to serve, understand student variability, identify the essential practices for successful inclusion and apply the principles of Universal Design for Learning. Rooted in the belief that Catholic schools are called to serve justly and inclusively, this work helped DCHS faculty grow in their practice of instruction so that all students can more fully access learning and experience success. **Through Universal Design for Learning, teachers learned to plan curriculum more purposefully and adapt instruction to the learner, rather than expecting every learner to adapt to the same method of instruction.** This professional growth reflects our commitment to building a vibrant Catholic, Christian community that celebrates the God-given potential of every student and continues to accompany each learner academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally.









DCHS Student Represents Michigan at Boys Nation 2025

Recent Divine Child High School grad **Gabriel Lencioni '26** was selected to represent the state of Michigan at the 2025 American Legion Boys Nation program, held July 18–25 in Washington, D.C. Only two students from each state are chosen to attend this prestigious program, where the week is spent immersed in the political process.

Since its founding in 1946, Boys Nation has been a cornerstone of civic education, producing alumni who have gone on to serve as U.S. presidents, governors, legislators and leaders in public service. Through a week of hands-on government training, historical site visits and personal engagement with elected officials, Boys Nation equips young leaders to serve their communities with knowledge, integrity and vision.

As a Boys Nation "senator," Gabriel stepped into the role of a U.S. Senator; participating in mock legislative sessions, party conventions and nominations and meeting with elected officials on Capitol Hill. In addition to representing Michigan, Gabriel was elected by his peers to serve as Chaplain of the Senate. The responsibilities of a Chaplain include opening each daily session with prayer, providing spiritual guidance to members and staff and assisting with theological and biblical research. Gabriel's selection to participate in the 2025 Boys Nation and his role as Senate Chaplain are a testament to his exceptional leadership and commitment to faith, service and country.





Falcon Scholars

Congratulations to our Class of 2030 scholarship recipients! Our Falcon Scholars are Michael Grahor, Noah Hebert, Felicity Soderquist and Penelope Zasa. Awarded to the top incoming freshmen based on High School Placement Test (HSPT) scores and junior high grades, this scholarship covers 50% of tuition and is renewable with an A- average or higher.

Our Falcon Legacy Scholars are Ava Barszczowski daughter of **Tom Barszczowski '97** and Eleanor Kilgore daughter of **Kendra (Domanski) Kilgore '94**. This four-year scholarship awards $5,000 per year to outstanding incoming freshmen who score at or above the 85th percentile on the HSPT plus achieve an A- average or higher in grades and whose parent or parents are Divine Child High School alumni.

Divine Child High School congratulates these exceptional students and welcomes them to the Falcon family!

Marching Band

From band camp, to concerts, plays, musicals and our New York trip, it was a fun filled year. I would like to thank our seniors again for helping with our season and the music selections! Starting with our great Halloween concert and, if I may say, the awesome jokes, performing at the state football championship and celebrating with our varsity football team, to a phenomenal production of *The Play that Goes Wrong*, performed both at DC and at the Thespian State Festival, to a great Holiday tradition... our Christmas concert. Second semester was just as busy with our trip to New York City and about 30,000 steps a day, the Winter concert, the outstanding performances with our spring show, Footloose the Musical, with many of our band members involved either on stage, back stage, in the booth, or in the pit, congratulations to all those involved! We then finished out our year with a performance at a Detroit Tigers game, the spring



concert, graduation and the best looking band in the Dearborn Memorial Day Parade. Next year is set up for another successful year. We welcome 20 freshmen and a few more upperclassmen too and, through the good grace of God, the music will continue to go on! May God continue to bless the Divine Child Bands!











Acting Debut

A group of our Divine Child Thespians, **Blake Bielski '26**, **Jacob Celani '26**, **Marissa Gill '30**, **Noah Hebert '30** and **Ethan Perkins '25**, will be making their feature film debut in the upcoming movie Clay! They're joined by DC Theatre Production Team member Gail Porada, who appears in the film and also served as Associate Casting Director.

Clay tells the powerful story of an underdog fighter who rises from nothing to create his own success. The film is set in Detroit and was filmed throughout the city, with the big fight scene being shot in Flint, MI.

The movie is directed by Alexander Wraith who also stars in the movie alongside Mike O'Hearn, Francesca Eastwood, Bianca Van Damme and Nate Mathers. Keep an eye out for cameo appearances by Dolph Lundgren and Arnold Schwarzenegger!

DCHS Artists Featured at DIA

Nine students from Divine Child High School earned the distinction of having their artwork displayed in the 5th Annual Wayne County High School Art Exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts from June 18-July 19, 2026.

Congratulations to **Asher Englert '26**, **Aya Kadaf '26**, Mila Kokinasidis '29, **Gabriel Lencioni '26**, Cara Madden '27, **Charles Nebus '26**, **Alina Price '26**, **Elizabeth Salinas '26** and Sarah Smith '29.

The prestigious exhibition showcases some of the strongest high school artwork from across the region. This year's applicant pool included students from more than 100 high schools spanning 33 school districts, representing nearly 50,000 eligible high school students. Each student was permitted to submit up to two works for consideration.

From that highly competitive field, only approximately 80–85 pieces were selected for exhibition at the DIA. Among those selected works, Divine Child students earned an extraordinary level of representation. A total of 16 pieces created by DCHS students were chosen for the exhibition, accounting for just under 20 percent of the entire show.
Divine Child was also one of only two Catholic high schools represented in the exhibition, alongside University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy.

While the exhibiton at the DIA has concluded, our students' artwork along with other selected pieces will be traveling to the Guardian Building for a pop-up installation through the end of August.







Principal Note: *Gifts Brought to Life*



The creative life of Divine Child High School gave students meaningful opportunities to discover, develop and share the gifts God has placed within them. In Fine Arts classes taught by **Walt Grysko '07** and **Matt Zemba '94**, **students designed and painted a mural on the wall of the main office in oil paints illustrating the five pillars of school life at Divine Child.** This project became a beautiful visual expression of our shared vision of accompaniment, reminding us that creativity can both reflect who we are and inspire who we are called to become. That same excellence was recognized beyond our campus at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5th Annual High School County Wide Art Show.

The performing arts also continued to thrive this year, with our theater program offering students a powerful way to grow in confidence, collaboration and creative expression. **The Dearborn Area Theatre Association named Bob Bush, DCHS Performing Arts Department Leader, Director of Bands and Theater Manager, as the newest inductee into the Dearborn Theatre Hall of Fame.** He was recognized at the DATA Awards ceremony in May, where he also received several awards for his work on Divine Child's production of *The Play That Goes Wrong*. Our Divine Child thespians and directors also made a strong showing at the DATA Awards, with several Falcon students from the fall production of *The Play That Goes Wrong* and the spring production of *Footloose* earning recognition in outstanding categories for their work in performance, design and stage crew management. Through visual art, music, theater and technical production, our students brought their gifts to light and reminded us that beauty and imagination are essential parts of a Divine Child Catholic education.

Homecoming DIVINE CHILD WORLD TOUR





... EVENT RECAP

Divine Child went international for Homecoming 2025, inviting the entire community to grab their passports and travel through a week of unforgettable events! With a World Tour theme, every stop was filled with Falcon fun, cherished traditions and community spirit! On October 3, 2025 we kicked off the big day with the Falcon Family Tailgate featuring a live mariachi band, followed by our annual parade, we had our second annual Light the Night event before the main event of the football game and halftime performance, where Luca Ciavaglia and Camryn Huhn were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. The celebration continued into the weekend with everyone invited to attend Mass at Church of the Divine Child and come to a K of C pancake breakfast! **Save the date for this year's Homecoming: Friday, October 9, 2026.** Divine Child football team will face off against Unity Christian.







Senior Coffee House

On March 6, 2026, our seniors were joined by their families and friends for a night filled with coffee, talented performances from classmates and celebration of their final year of high school. The entertainment ranged from students singing their favorite songs to playing various instruments. Fr. Bob even made a guest appearance and sang "Hey Jude." Plus, we had a blast with the annual "Freddy Awards" mock election!





Principal Note: *A Community Where Falcons are Known*

This year, the Wellness Club, moderated by couselors Mrs. Post and Mrs. Neale, helped strengthen the social life of Divine Child High School by **cultivating and promoting mental health and wellness and offering students a safe place to feel loved and supported.** With a focus on battling the stigma around mental illness, the club built community through a variety of activities and events, including support for the Bethany Galdes Foundation, participation in Discovery Day, a festive Wellness Club pumpkin patch, "Donut Worry" positivity treats, Wellness Club Bingo, TED Talk discussions and meaningful conversations about the importance of talking openly about mental health. During Mental Health Awareness Month in May, students organized a selfie contest in front of the mental health ribbon and awarded gift cards to participants. The club concluded the year with its Annual Wellness Club Brunch, where a guest speaker shared valuable coping skills and important statistics about adolescent mental health. Through these efforts, the Wellness Club reminded our school community that accompaniment also means creating spaces where students are seen, heard, supported and never alone.





This school year, Divine Child High School continued to **grow its Partnering for Potential peer mentoring program, a beautiful example of what it means to build a community where every student is known, valued and supported.** Through this program, selected high school students provide one-on-one support to peers with diagnosed learning differences, both at Divine Child High School and Divine Child Elementary School. Students interested in becoming peer mentors complete an application and interview with Mrs. Amanda Parker, Instructional Support Specialist and Program Leader for Partnering for Potential. They then complete training and attend an extensive peer mentoring workshop offered by the University of Notre Dame Program for Inclusive Education.



The program strengthens the social fabric of our school by forming relationships rooted in encouragement, patience and understanding. Peer mentors are trained to support, encourage and model appropriate behavior for their mentees during class. They assist their partners with participating in discussions, staying organized, preparing for tests, completing assignments and growing in confidence. Mrs. Parker reminds student mentors that colleges are looking for agents of change and that the experiences gained through peer mentoring transfer into many future careers and life situations. More importantly, students learn how to see the dignity, gifts and experiences of others more clearly. As one Falcon peer mentor shared, **"You get to build a friendship and bond that could last your entire high school career and you gain insight on the experiences of other students and what they go through as they go through the day."** Just as importantly, the students being mentored offer our school community a profound gift of accompaniment, teaching their peers patience, compassion, friendship and the dignity of walking together.

TEAM UPDATES

Fall Sports

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY
- **2024-25:** 23rd in Division 2, Regional runner-up; 4th in the CHSL meet
- **2025-26:** 9th in CHSL

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY
- **2024-25:** 19th in Division 2, Regional Champion; 4th in CHSL meet
- **2025-26:** 7th in CHSL

FOOTBALL
- **2024-25:** (7-4) District finalist; (1-2 CHSL)
- **2025-26:** (13-1) **Division 4 State Champion**; (2-1 CHSL)
  Marcello Vitti '26 recognized as Gatorade Player of the Year

GIRLS' GOLF
- **2024-25:** 17th in Division 2, Regional Champion
  Erin McCormick '2X recognized as Regional Medalist
- **2025-26:** (2-3); (2-2 in CHSL) CHSL runner-up



BOYS' SOCCER
- **2024-25:** (13-8-1) District Champion, Regional finalist; (6-4 CHSL)
- **2025-26:** (16-7-1) District Champion; (4-5-1 CHSL)

GIRLS' SWIM
- **2024-25:** (7-3) 13th in State; (4-3 CHSL)
  Ella Dziobak '26 awarded State Champion in 500 freestyle; 5th in CHSL meet
- **2025-26:** *Ella Dziobak '26 recognized as State Champion in 200, 500 freestyles*

BOYS' TENNIS
- **2024-25:** 1-5 in dual matches, 5th in Region
- **2025-26:** 10-6 (1-4 CHSL), State Qualifier with runner-up finish in Region

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
- **2024-25:** 30-15 (5-0 CHSL), Regional Champion; **CHSL Champion**
- **2025-26:** 27-11 (5-0 CHSL), District Champion; **CHSL Champion**

Winter Sports

BOYS' BASKETBALL
- **2024-25:** 13-11 (6-4 CHSL), District runner-up; 4th in CHSL
- **2025-26:** 22-3 (11-1 CHSL); **CHSL Champion**, district champion

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
- **2024-25:** 114-11 (2-6 CHSL), District runner-up
- **2025-26:** 15-11 (2-6 CHSL), District Champion

BOYS' BOWLING
- **2024-25:** 5th in regional
- **2025-26:** 5-7, 3rd in CHSL

GIRLS' BOWLING
- **2024-25:** 12-0 (12-0 CHSL), 9th in Division 2 State finals; Regional Champion; **CHSL Champion**
- **2025-26:** 8-1 (8-1 CHSL), 3rd in Division 2 State finals; Regional Champion, **CHSL Champion**



COMPETITIVE CHEER
- **2024-25:** Regional qualifier with 3rd place finish in district; **CHSL Champion**
- **2025-26:** Regional qualifier with 3rd place finish in district; **CHSL Champion**

FIGURE SKATING
- **2024-25:** 4th in Michigan High School Skating Championship
  Annalisa Albers '25 and Hope Marshall '27 recognized as State Champions
- **2025-26:** State finalist with 112 points recorded
  Hope Marshall '27 and recognized as State Champions



HOCKEY
- **2024-25:** 16-7-2; runner-up in MIHL; Regional finalist
- **2025-26:** 24-5-1 (9-1 MIHL East), **MIHL Champion**, Regional Champion, record for most regular-season and overall wins; CHSL tournament runner-up

POM
- **2024-25:** Mid American Pom pon 2-Peat State Champion, Mid American Pom pon High Kick runner-up; CHSL Champion
- **2025-26:** Mid American Pom pon 3-Peat State Champion & Mid American Pom pon High Kick Champion; CHSL Champion

BOYS' SWIM
- **2024-25:** (0-13); (0-7 CHSL) only 4 swimmers on team
- **2025-26:** (0-15); (0-7 CHSL) only 6 swimmers

WRESTLING
- **2024-25:** Lost in team districts
- **2025-26:** (3-3 CHSL), 9th in CHSL tournament



Principal Note: *Competing with Character, Rising Together*

This past year at DCHS, **one of the clearest signs of accompaniment could be seen through our athletic programs, where students grew in discipline, perseverance, teamwork, leadership and faith.** The fall season opened with a historic achievement. The Falcon Football Team, under the leadership of Head Coach Chris Laney, in his fourth year at the helm, demonstrated remarkable grit and resilience on its way to a Division 4 State Championship. The victory marked the program's first state title in 40 years. That spirit of excellence continued as the Falcon Pom Pon Team captured its third consecutive State Championship and 16th overall, while the Girls Swim Team and Boys Tennis Team advanced to state competition. **Ella Dziobak '26** added to an extraordinary career by winning her fourth consecutive Finals title in the 500-yard freestyle and also claiming first place in the 200-yard freestyle.



Our Falcon student-athletes continued to thrive throughout the winter and spring seasons. The Boys Varsity Basketball Team won the Catholic League Championship for the first time in 49 years and the Falcon Cheer Team claimed the 2026 CHSL Bishop Championship before placing among the top teams in the state at the MHSAA Division 2 State Finals. The Figure Skating team recorded 112 points at state finals, led by 36 points from Hope Marshall '28. Hope also won an individual state championship in the Excel PrePreliminary Plus Free Skate Division. The Girls Bowling Team qualified for the State Tournament, the Boys Hockey Team advanced to the State Quarterfinals and the Boys Volleyball Team brought home a regional championship trophy in its very first year of competition. Track and Field once again earned a place at the state competition, with junior Aubrey Wilson '27 claiming individual championships in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dash. Boys Lacrosse also brought home a CHSL Championship and went on to compete in the MHSAA Regional Final.

As proud as we are of the trophies, titles and records, **the true measure of this athletic year was found in the character and faith of our students.** During the State Semifinal football game against Goodrich High School, when a beloved longtime game announcer collapsed on the sidelines in the final minute of the game, the Falcon Cheer Team immediately knelt and led the Divine Child section in praying the rosary. It was a beautiful witness of solidarity, prayer and presence. In that moment, our students showed what accompaniment truly means: standing together in celebration, kneeling together in prayer and keeping faith at the center of all we do.

Spring Sports

BASEBALL
- **2024-25:** (23-9) Regional semi-finalist; (11-1 CHSL) CHSL Champion
- **2025-26:** (29-7) Division 2 State semi-finalist; CHSL Champion

BOYS' GOLF
- **2024-25:** 6th in Region; 9th in CHSL tournament
- **2025-26:** (2-5); 9th in CHSL

BOYS' LACROSSE
- **2024-25:** (15-7) Regional Champion; (3-1 CHSL), CHSL Tri-Champion
- **2025-26:** (19-3) Regional Champion; (6-1 CHSL) CHSL Tournament Champion, CHSL Champion

GIRLS' LACROSSE
- **2024-25:** (7-8-1) Regional finalist; (1-4 CHSL)
- **2025-26:** (12-6) Regional finalist; (2-3 CHSL)

GIRLS' SOCCER
- **2024-25:** (12-5-3) District Champion; (1-1-2 CHSL)
- **2025-26:** (13-5-1) District runner-up; (2-2-1 CHSL)
  Camryn Huhn '26 named Gatorade Player of the Year

SOFTBALL
- **2024-25:** (22-7) Regional Champion; (8-2 CHSL) CHSL runner-up
- **2025-26:** (6-22) District Finalist; (0-10 CHSL)



GIRLS' TENNIS
- **2024-25:** (5-7-2) Tied for 3rd in Regionals; (0-3-1 CHSL)
- **2025-26:** (6-2-3); (1-1-2 CHSL) 4th in CHSL tournament

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD
- **2024-25:** 29th in Division 2 State finals, Regional Champion; 5th in CHSL
- **2025-26:** 5th in CHSL

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD
- **2024-25:** 4th in Division 2 State finals; Regional Champion
  Aubrey Wilson '27 recognized as State Champion in 100, 200
- **2025-26:** 3rd in Division 2 State finals; Regional champion
  Aubrey Wilson '27 recognized state champion in 100, 200

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL
- **2025-26:** (12-7-3) Regional Champion





Divine Child Named CHSL School of the Year

Divine Child has been named the 2026 Catholic High School League School of the Year. Presented annually, this distinguished award recognizes the league school that best exemplifies spirit, sportsmanship and cooperation.

In addition to this outstanding honor, Divine Child Track & Field Director and Boys Cross Country Coach Randy Williams was inducted into the Catholic High School League Hall of Fame. This prestigious honor recognizes the lasting impact Coach Randy has made on countless student-athletes through his mentorship. Throughout his career, Coach Randy has inspired countless Falcons to pursue excellence and achieve success through hard work and perseverance. His commitment to developing young people both as athletes and as individuals has left an enduring legacy within the Divine Child community and the Catholic High School League.



CELEBRATING OUR STATE CHAMPS

Three of our student-athletes rose above the competition to capture individual state titles, each reaching the pinnacle of their sport through hard work and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Congratulations to Aubrey Wilson '27 (Track), Hope Marshall '28 (Figure Skating) and **Ella Dziobak '26** (Swimming) on this incredible accomplishment.



Aubrey Wilson '27 is one of the state's top sprint talents. A two-time All-State junior and the defending Division 2 State Champion in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dash, she posted championship-winning times of 11.50 seconds in the 100m and 24.10 seconds in the 200m. Aubrey is an outstanding leader who is fully committed to her team. She competes with confidence and poise, consistently rising to the occasion and achieving personal best performances when it matters most.



Hope Marshall '28 competed in two events at the State Championships this year and had an incredible season. She captured gold for the second consecutive year in Excel Preliminary Plus event, delivering a clean program that included both of her axles along with other strong jumps and spins. She also competed in Artistic Showcase, a Theatre on Ice–style performance, where she brought Donald Duck to life on the ice. Her entertaining program earned her a pewter medal.



Ella Dziobak '26 delivered a remarkable performance in the pool, capturing two individual state titles. She won the 500-yard freestyle with an outstanding time of 4:45.20 and claimed the 200-yard freestyle championship in 1:51.10. Her dedication, determination and competitive spirit have made her one of the premier swimmers in the state. An exceptional athlete and leader, Ella's accomplishments are a testament to her relentless work ethic and commitment to excellence and she continues to represent Divine Child with pride both in and out of the pool.



THREE-PEAT *pom pon* CHAMPIONS

Divine Child's Pom Pon team has long been recognized as one of the state's premier high school programs. Earning its first state championship in 1992, the program has built upon the talent, skill and dedication of DC girls who share a passion for dance. Led by alumni coaches **Jessica Wildauer '20**, **Katie Williams '23** and **Jasmine Liwag '24**, the current team continues to impress and honor the legacy of past athletes with a commitment to high standards that's earned them two state titles in the 2025-2026 school year.

Team Roster
Lochlyn Davis, Victoria Succurro, Gabrielle Davis, Ava Abouarabi, Sophia Armstrong, Ava Ahmad, Sencia Jimenez, Rayna Kokkatt, Francesca Succurro, Stella Nosis, Danica Lentz, Giuliana Ventura

Captains: **Tori DePaulis '26** & **Lucy Nagy '26**

A culture of excellence drives the program. The girls have shown immense dedication to their craft producing routines that wow the crowd and judges. If you've ever attended a Divine Child High School pep rally, you are familiar with the sound of the crowd going wild as the pom team forms its famous kickline. In Fall 2025, the team was formally recognized for this skill as the Mid American Pom Pon Small Varsity High-Kick Champions. The following spring, the girls went on to clinch the state championship for Mid American Pom Pon making this their second Three-Peat Championship in the last decade. Additionally, they captured their fourth consecutive Catholic League Championships, cementing their place among the Archdiocese's elite programs.

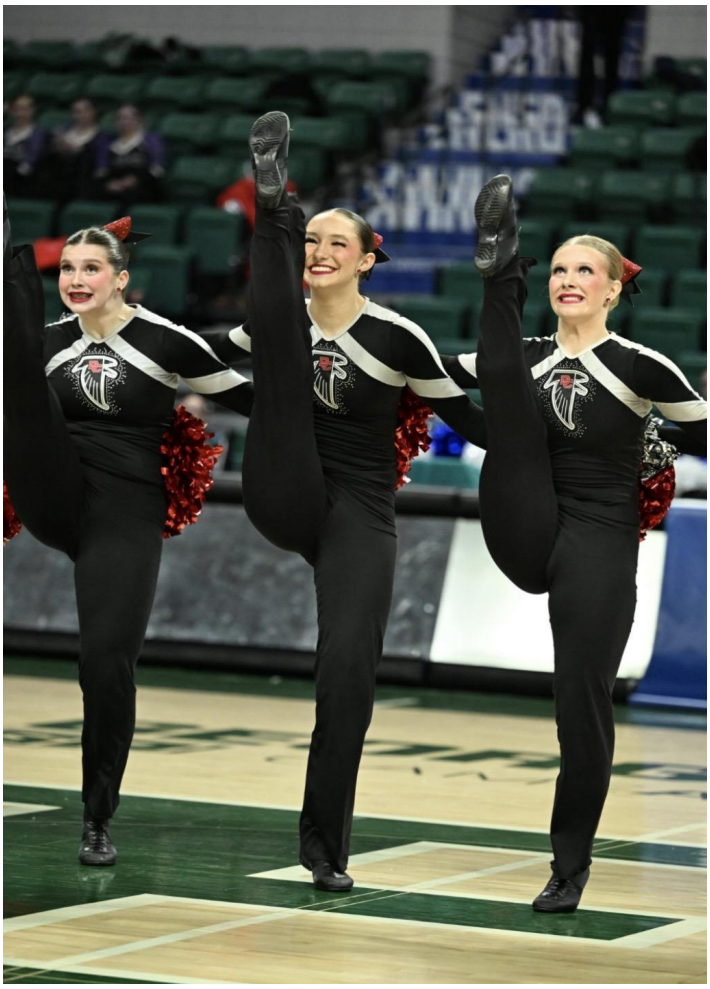
> **"Through hard work, we've made strong bonds as a team that led us to winning State Championships... which makes all the effort worthwhile."**

Beloved senior captains, **Tori DePaulis '26** and **Lucy Nagy '26**, have played a crucial role in building a supportive team that feels more like family than friends. "Being a part of this DC Pom Pon community has been very rewarding. Through hard work, we've made strong bonds as a team that led us to winning State Championships... which makes all the effort worthwhile," Nagy shared.

Beyond competition, the team performed at school pep rallies and sporting events, as well as at the grand opening of Ford Motor Company's NEW Headquarters in Downtown Dearborn. As the only team to perform at this historic event, it was a prestigious honor for the girls to celebrate our shared legacy of excellence and Dearborn heritage with the Ford team.







FIRST FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 40 YEARS

2025 Team Takes Home the Title

On Friday, November 28, 2025, the Divine Child Falcon Football team made history. Under the bright lights of Ford Field—Michigan's biggest stage in high school sports—the team captured the Division 4 State Championship title, ending a 40-year drought and marking one of the most memorable moments in Divine Child athletic history. This was the program's first appearance in the title game since 1985 and thousands filled the stands to witness the long-awaited return.

Divine Child's path to the title was anything but easy—the Falcons had to claw their way past the state's toughest competition. In the Regional Championship, the Falcons stunned the Division 4 favorites, Harper Woods. Head Coach Chris Laney said the team embraced an underdog mentality throughout the postseason, playing with "a chip on their shoulder" and a determination to earn respect. Momentum carried through the state semifinals, where Divine Child edged out defending state champions Goodrich in a 10–7 victory.

The Division 4 Final delivered all the drama a championship could offer. Holding a one-point lead with five minutes remaining, Divine Child fumbled near midfield, giving Hudsonville Unity Christian, whose offense had dominated the second half, a chance to take control. But the Falcons' defense responded, holding the Crusaders to just two yards and forcing a turnover on downs.

> "I knew that my team's got my back."

With the season on the line, senior running back **Marcello Vitti '26** rushed for 20 yards and a pair of first downs on the final drive, including the game clincher, as Divine Child picked up a 23-22 victory. "I knew that I was going to have to make plays to win this game," Vitti said. "I fumbled at the end and I knew that my team's got my back." Divine Child's defense shined as well, including a pivotal interception on a Unity Christian fake PAT that preserved the one-point lead. Big plays from across the roster, including a replay-overturned toe-tapping catch by sophomore Rayshawn Thomas '28 on a pass from quarterback Drew Sheridan '28, helped set up critical scores.



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The excitement didn't end when the clock hit zero. The community welcomed the team back to Divine Child, lining the parking lot and cheering as the buses returned after the game.

Shortly after the victory, DCHS alum and Detroit Lions star **Aidan Hutchinson '18** surprised the team to offer congratulations and words of wisdom.

Then, on Monday, December 8, the City of Dearborn hosted a Victory Parade and awards celebration to honor the 2025 state champion falcon football team, the three-peat pom pon team and our individual state champion athletes: Aubrey Wilson '27 (Track), Hope Marshall '28 (Figure Skating) and **Ella Dziobak '26** (Swimming). Crowds lined the streets as the procession made its way through the neighborhood. The Divine Child marching band, cheer team, campus ministry, student council and even mascots Hooper (Detroit Pistons), several of The Parade Company's beloved Big Heads corps and many dignitaries all joined in the celebration.

> **"This championship reflects the heart and determination of the Divine Child community."**

Mayor Abdullah H. Hammoud addressed the team during the private football awards ceremony that followed: "Dearborn is incredibly proud of the Falcons and their historic victory because this championship reflects the heart and determination of the Divine Child community. You have brought so much pride to this whole city and we can't thank you enough. God does not make mistakes. He put all of you in that position to achieve that success because you earned it and you put your faith not only in one another but also in Him." Each player received an individual trophy, a proclamation signed by the mayor, a commemorative coin from the city and state-championship swag donated by PromoZing USA.

The 2025 Divine Child football team brought home the state championship trophy for the first time in four decades and secured their place in school history — solidifying their legacies and inspiring generations of Falcons.











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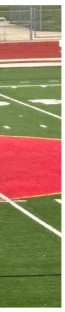

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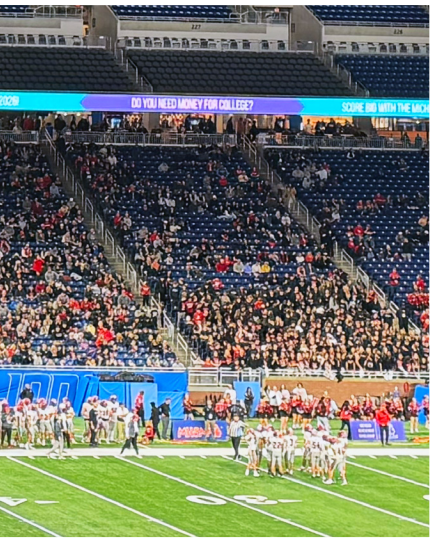
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One School, One Family, One Unforgettable Day

The state championship football game became much more than a game—it was an event that united the entire Divine Child community. Over 5,000 Falcon fans attended in droves. Alumni from every generation, current students, teachers, parents, families and friends came to Ford Field to cheer on a team that had captured the hearts of the entire school community.

40 years is a long time to wait for a championship, making this a moment no one wanted to miss. This team was special and throughout the season, a series of events built excitement and strengthened the connection between past and present. Alumni from the 1975 and 1985 state championship football teams returned for reunions, tailgates and special gatherings. Beloved former players shared stories and words of encouragement with the team, reminding everyone of the tradition and pride that comes with wearing the Divine Child jersey.

On championship game day, the celebration began long before kickoff. The Hanns family—**Donika Hans '96** and **Mike Hans '99**—opened their family-owned establishment, Greenwich Pub in Detroit, early to welcome the Divine Child community. Alumni, families, students and supporters packed the pub, reconnecting with old friends, sharing memories and building excitement before heading to Ford Field.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing members of the Divine Child hockey team arrive in their jerseys before leaving for their own game, demonstrating their support for the football team and the school community. It was a powerful reminder that this was bigger than one sport, it was a celebration of Divine Child.

When everyone arrived at Ford Field, the stands were filled with Falcons from every decade. Alumni reunited, families celebrated together and generations of Divine Child supporters stood side by side to reminisce, cheer and witness history.



A Coach's Perspective: DC Back on Top

submitted by Coach Chris Laney

We are back on top for the first time since 1985. This state championship winning team was led by senior, **Marcello Vitti '26**, who is the son of **Dr. Nikolai Vitti '95**. Marcello went on to win the Gatorade Michigan Player of the Year Award and was named a US Army All-American. The first for Divine Child since **Aidan Hutchinson '18**, was named an All-American.

There were so many highlights during the season, but not one was more memorable than our Thanksgiving morning practice where over 100 DC football alumni players lined the field to wish our current team good luck in their state title game. For our current players to see how many former Falcons were cheering them on, it meant the world to them.

As the head coach, I was actually emotional walking off the practice field to the cheers and high-fives from so many former players. So much work goes into a season like we had and that day truly made it all worth it. After practice, we shared stories while enjoying coffee and donuts in the fieldhouse.

Another lasting memory for me was turning around to face our fans at Ford Field for the National Anthem and to see an amazing sea of red! Over 5,000 Divine Child fans filled our side of Ford Field. The tradition and excellence of Divine Child was on full display that day.

The City of Dearborn was amazing to us as well. From throwing us a parade to being honored by city council and others, it seemed like the celebrations went on for weeks and weeks.

The support of Fr. Bob, along with the administration and the community was so critical in our success. I told the team after the final whistle that they will forever be Divine Child State Champions and nobody will ever be able to take that from them.

The 2026 team is eager to get started this fall and attempt to do something that has never been done before by a DC football team, and that is to go back to back. I promise we will give it everything we have.













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WELCOMING BACK PAST STATE CHAMPS

Friday, September 5, was the true definition of Friday Night Lights! The Divine Child Alumni Association and Divine Child Football proudly welcomed back the 1975 Catholic League and State Championship Football Team, the 1985 State Championship Football Team and the 1985 State Championship Cheer Team for a special celebration.

During halftime, these championship teams were honored for their remarkable accomplishments and the legacy they've left on Divine Child athletics. Alumni enjoyed campus tours, pregame festivities, reunions with former teammates and the opportunity to relive memories from their championship seasons. The evening was made even more special as the Falcons capped off the celebration with a victory over Lake Fenton.

"The event was first-class and had everyone fired up about this year's team," **Thaddeus Sitko '76** shared. **Larry Rygiel '78** noted how impressed alumni were with the school's growth and the special recognition throughout the evening, while **Pat Doyle '76** reflected on reconnecting with teammates, sharing stories and seeing firsthand how much Divine Child has evolved over the past 50 years.

Coach Chris Laney shared what made the evening especially meaningful: "What an amazing game-day experience it was for everyone, including our players. Having **Chad Cunningham '88** speak to the team before the game was truly inspirational. He reminded them that at Divine Child we respect everyone, but fear no one."

One of the night's most memorable moments came when the Falcons recovered a blocked punt for a touchdown and celebrated in the end zone with members of the championship teams—creating a lasting connection between past and present generations of Falcons.

Thank you to these outstanding athletes, coaches and cheerleaders for the pride, tradition and excellence they established. Your impact continues to inspire future generations of Falcons.







SEEKING MOORE

DC Teacher Runs Boston Marathon

submitted by Jennifer (Lenhart) Moore '01



People often ask, "have you always been a runner?" and the answer is quite honestly, no! Although I participated in track my Senior year, it was mostly in an effort to extend what little time remained for me at Divine Child. I ran my first 5K in college but the idea of the marathon came about one night with friends, when we constructed an eclectic "bucket list" of things to do the year of our 21st birthdays - run a marathon was on that infamous list.

Despite being painfully slow and naive as to what training for a marathon actually involved, I worked through the 20+ week plan alongside a deep reading of Marathon Training for Dummies. I arrived overdressed and ignorantly enjoyed an apple before the start of the 2004 Detroit Marathon. I had cramps the entirety of the race, but finished with a time of 4:35:00. I crossed the line vowing to never put myself through that again. But as they say, God had other plans.

Something about that training block kept calling to me and I soon recommitted to another race - a half marathon this time. For the next 15 years or so I really enjoyed training for that distance; it was something I could weave into my regular life after marrying my high school sweetheart, **Michael J. Moore '01** and bringing five bouncing baby boys into this world. We are celebrating 20

years of marriage this summer as our oldest son, Collin enters his senior year at DCHS. Luke follows as a Junior, Jacob into 8th grade, Isaac into 6th and the campus mayor, so to speak, Blake - into 2nd grade. While Mike connects our community serving as a realtor for Real Estate One, I have found myself back home, teaching 6th grade at DCES.
The marathon came calling again in 2024 with a definitive awareness that it was something I wouldn't only be able to survive this time - I could go race it.
A midlife crisis some may say, but I felt this undeniable stirring to qualify for the following year's Boston Marathon. I like to believe that God watched me pour every drop of my being into my duties as a wife, mother and teacher and called me to step back a touch and recenter myself in His abundant grace. Training for a marathon is no picnic, but I relished those moments where I felt unstoppable, timeless and in awe of the gift movement can be.

"God watched me pour every drop of my being into my duties as a wife, mother and teacher and called me to step back a touch and recenter myself in His abundant grace."

While I did make it to the 2025 Boston Marathon, what I initially thought to be a terrible case of seasonal allergies turned out to be Influenza A. I finished with a disappointing 3:37:48 and an ache of what could have been. Refusing to let that training block go to waste, I ran the Cleveland Marathon 4 weeks later to requalify for Boston and set up a chance to do it all over again.

Fast forward through a more confident summer and winter of training, when the calendar turned to April this year, I knew it was my time to shine. It was a cool, cloudy, ideal 40 degree start for the 130th running of the Boston Marathon. What a privilege to be able to move along this iconic and historic course - and healthy this time! Sitting next to people on the bus to Hopkinton from all over the world and talking about our common passion was something I'll never forget. The Europeans wanted to know how it was possible that I didn't have a passport and if I knew Eminem personally. During the race itself, I kept thinking it was the closest metaphor to what the Saints are doing for all of us invisibly every moment of every day. Hundreds of thousands of people wildly cheering and rooting for strangers - pushing them toward their own glory and reward.

When all was said and done, I crossed the finish line on Boylston Street with a negative split and a massive personal best of 3:11:55 (7:19/mile), the top 10% of my division.

I chose to run that day with a different setting on my watch where I could only view the mile I was currently in and feel that has a direct application to our modern lives. Often, we are pulled in a thousand directions, but the truth is that we can only handle things one at a time. Yes, some miles are more challenging than others while some you'll have the wind at your back, but be present for the "mile" you're in right now.

I am confident that God still has lessons for me to learn through running and I will be called to begin again on the next training block. I have found the running community contains some of the most generous, inclusive and supportive people on the planet. Consider putting yourself out there - join a local running group or craft a journey for just yourself; feel free to reach out with any questions about getting started or follow my journey @moore_than_a_run on Instagram! We're ready for you in ANY season of life - celebrate the gift of today and get out there!





RACE STATS

Finish Time of 3:11:55
7:20 min/mile

9,120th Place out of 29,336
Overall

1,829th Place out of 12,764
F Gender

174th Place out of 1,759
F 40 to 44



Building a Community of

BELONGING

A Foundation of Inclusion and Faith

As Divine Child High School prepares to start a new school year, there is a profound sense of celebration surrounding a program that has fundamentally enriched the fabric of our community. Entering its third year, the **Good Shepherd Options Program** continues to fulfill a vital mission: ensuring that a high school education rooted in faith, community and academic growth is accessible to all of God's children. Led by the dedicated Good Shepherd Options Program Director, Amanda Parker, the program has quickly become a cornerstone of Divine Child's commitment to meeting students exactly where they are.

Personalized Path to Success

Made possible through the generous support of The St. Margaret of Castello Grant through the Catholic Foundation of Michigan, the Good Shepherd Options Program provides students with developmental disabilities the unique opportunity to fully engage in the typical day-to-day Catholic high school experience. Instead of a one-size-fits-all approach, students in the Options Program follow a personalized course of study tailored to their unique strengths, personal goals and future aspirations. While students participate in some specialized small-group classes, they are actively integrated into general education classrooms alongside their neurotypical peers. Here, they work on modified materials and coursework designed to help them thrive.







The Heart of the Program

The true magic of classroom integration lies in Divine Child's peer mentoring system. Our Partnering for Potential Peer Mentors provide invaluable one-to-one support, ensuring that students in need of academic, behavioral, or social-emotional assistance have a steady guide by their side. Peer Mentors provide a support system of care, community and friendship. By offering their time and support through this elective course, Peer Mentors exemplify Christ-like values of kindness, responsibility and a spirit of service. These mentors do more than assist with adapted coursework. They build genuine bridges of social interaction. Whether navigating a lesson plan or sitting together at lunch, peer mentors embody the Gospel values that Divine Child holds dear.

A Campus Transformed

The impact of the Good Shepherd Options Program extends far beyond the students enrolled in it. It has beautifully transformed the entire campus culture, teaching young adults how to navigate differences respectfully, while breaking down barriers and stereotypes. The results speak for themselves: new friendships; a profound appreciation for diversity; and a more engaged community of students, educators and families. Inclusion does not stop at the classroom door. Students in the Options Program are fully immersed in Falcon life, contributing their talents to extracurricular activities by serving as football team managers, performing with our Color Guard team and participating in a wide variety of campus events.

As we look forward to year three, Divine Child High School continues to foster a faith-filled community where every student is recognized as a beloved child of God and encouraged to reach their fullest potential.

ADMISSIONS

CONTINUE THE **FALCON LEGACY** WITH YOUR FAMILY!

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HIGH SCHOOL		
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UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENTS & DATES

"FALCON FOR A DAY" SHADOW VISITS
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
Thursday, October 1, 2026
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
Thursday, October 22, 2026
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
Saturday, November 7, 2026 & Saturday, November 21, 2026
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
Tuesday, December 1, 2026

RED CARPET ROLL OUT\FRESHMEN ACCEPTANCE PARTY
Friday, January 22, 2027
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.

The Falcon Legacy Lives On

Every year, we are proud to welcome a new class of students, including legacy freshmen whose families have been part of our school's history. There is something truly special about seeing these students walk the same halls their parents once did, creating a meaningful connection between past and present. Their journey reflects the lasting traditions, values and sense of community that continue to define our school. As they begin this new chapter, they carry forward a legacy that spans generations, continuing a tradition we are honored to celebrate.

CLASS OF 2029

- **Lucy Bustamante** - daughter of Chris Bustamante '86
- **Madelyn Carroll** - daughter of Kelly (Kullman) Carroll '98
- **Jacob Celani** - son of Joseph Celani '88
- **Elliot Clarke** - son of Amy (Condon) Clarke '91
- **Keira Davidson** - daughter of Sean Davidson '93
- **Lochlyn Davis** - daughter of Kevin Davis '98 & Meghan (Mikiciuk) Davis '99
- **Brody DiSalvo** - son of Michael DiSalvo '94
- **Alayna Fitzgerald** - daughter of James Fitzgerald '08 & Andrea (Felps) Fitzgerald '07
- **Michael Geoghegan** - son of Michael Geoghegan '93 & Rebecca (Dent) Geoghegan '98
- **Lauren Grabowski** - daughter of Rob Grabowski '92
- **Samuel Grezlik** - son of Michael Grezlik '00
- **Makayla Jewell** - daughter of Ann (Griffore) Jewell '03
- **Nico Joganic** - son of Natalie (Teuma) Joganic '93
- **Elizabeth Kaniewski** - daughter of Julie (Solmanson) Kaniewski '95
- **Teagan Kelly** - daughter Brian Kelly '96 & Ann (Konczak) Kelly '99
- **Reagan Kelly** - daughter of Greg Kelly '99 & Laura (Urbiel) Kelly '00
- **Ellen Laney** - daughter of Mary (Murray) Laney '95
- **Lucas LeBlanc** - son of Sam LeBlanc '99 & Sarah (Kuch) LeBlanc '00
- **Danica Lentz** - daughter of Jeff Lentz '97
- **Avery McCoy** - daughter of Brian McCoy '00
- **Victor Moore** - son of Katia (Hans) Moore '94
- **Frank Nasal** - son Frank Nasal '01
- **Evan O'Hagan** - son of Chris O'Hagan '90 & Lisa (Marek) O'Hagan '90
- **Hunter Peper** - son of Edward Peper '76
- **Kaden Qussar** - son of George Qussar '96
- **Lola Rancour** - daughter of Jacqueline (Rieth) Rancour '94
- **Lila Sleeper** - daughter of Suzanne (Awal) Sleeper '99
- **Lawson Smith** - son of Kristin (Stanford) Smith '98
- **Sarah Smith** - daughter of Rebecca (Lentz) Smith '98
- **Gavin Stanton** - son of Jeff Stanton '02
- **Gabriel Stratton** - son of Elisa (Hernandez) Stratton '01
- **Francesca Succurro** - daughter of Nicole (Martin) Succurro '97
- **Kingston Troher** - son of Tiffany Troher '98
- **Antonio Tuohey** - son of Daniela (DiRusso)Tuohey '02
- **Sarah Walkuski** - daughter of Julia (Daniel) Walkuski '87
- **Stanley Wieckowski** - son of Stanley Wieckowski '94
- **Blake Williams** - son of Stephanie (Reppenhagen) Williams '98

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- **Sean Anderson** - son of Beth (Diebolt) Anderson '99
- **Ava Barszczowski** - daughter of Tom Barszczowski '97
- **Sophia Blaha** - daughter of Kathleen (Brooks) Blaha '01
- **Anthony Bustamante** - son of Chris Bustamante '86
- **Caleb DeMarco** - step son of Lauren (Vendittelli) DeMarco '00
- **Isabella DeMarco** - step daughter of Lauren (Vendittelli) DeMarco '00
- **Harper Genevich** - daughter of Amber (Lopez) Genevich '98
- **Noah Hebert** - son of Beth (O'Callaghan) Hebert '00
- **Brielle Johnson** - daughter of Jennifer (Dewicki) Johnson '96
- **Eleanor Kilgore** - daughter of Kendra (Domanski) Kilgore '94
- **Giuliana Kopay** - daughter of Lisa (Eijan) Kopay '94
- **Brent Kurek** - son of Jeremy Kurek '93
- **Jack Leich** - son of Patrice (Rapin) Leich '01
- **Mia Malkowski** - daughter of Joe Malkowski '02
- **McCoy Mark** - son of Jacquelyn (Dorosh) Mark '99
- **Cristina Moore** - daughter of Katia (Hans) Moore '94
- **Amelia McCoy** - daughter of Brian McCoy '00
- **Nora Mies** - daughter of Shelby (Carey) Mies '03 & Patrick Mies '98
- **Spencer Nadolski** - son of Torri (Banwart) '96 & Kevin Nadolski '96
- **Lilianna Nasal** - daughter of Frank Nasal '01
- **Everett Peacock** - son of Kathryn (Height) Peacock '03 & Aaron Peacock '03
- **Patricia Perry** - daughter of Elisabeth (Sobota) Perry '95
- **Mia Patton** - daughter of Melissa (Moccia) Patton '99
- **Payten Radwan** - daughter of Ray Radwan '91
- **Andrian Reeves** - son of Mike Waldo '97
- **Julianna Saleh** - daughter of Cristina Marzolo '98
- **William Schultz** - son of Sharon (Ciochon) Schultz '94
- **Elliana Smith** - daughter of Leticia (Romero) Smith '02
- **Danielle Sovinski** - daughter of Kelly (Simonie) Sovinski '00 & Bill Sovinski '00
- **Nicholas Spence** - son of Julie (Rosiek) Spence '93
- **Anthony Vigilante** - son of Renee (Miller) Vigilante '00
- **John VanDerworp** - son of Ken VanDerworp '84
- **Penelope Zasa** - daughter of Jason Zasa '93

Divine Child Elementary School

Check out a few highlights from our elementary school from this past school year!

Franciscan Sisters Gone, But Not Forgotten

At the end of the 2025 school year, Divine Child Elementary School community came together to honor and bid farewell to Sr. Cecilia Bondy and Sr. Marie Gayda, as they prepared to return to the Bernardine Franciscan Motherhouse at the end of the summer, marking the end of the Order's faithful service to Divine Child.

At the final all-school Mass of the year, the Sisters were honored with heartfelt words of gratitude and recognition. Students sang The Blessing Song (May Christ Shine in Your Life) over the Sisters and presented them with handmade cards. After, a special staff luncheon was hosted in their honor, attended by many guests, including past staff members, who returned to celebrate the Sisters' remarkable legacy.

The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters arrived to Divine Child when our parish and schools were still in their infancy and the role they played in its development cannot be overstated. In 1950, the year our parish was established, a group of ten Sisters arrived in Dearborn, Michigan to staff St. Clement School. Three years later, at the request of Monsignor Weier, the Sisters were invited to extend their ministry by establishing their home at Divine Child. This marked the beginning of a long-lasting and impactful relationship between the Sisters and our community.

On August 22, 1953, six Bernardine Sisters arrived at Divine Child to help staff the new elementary school. The Sisters who made this journey were Sisters Ambrosine, Infanta, Evelyn, Henry, Fortunata and Estelle (Superior). For 72 years, their order has been an integral part of the DC family. As leaders, educators and spiritual guides, they nurtured both the academic and moral growth of the students, teaching values and implementing traditions that still resonate within the school community today. Their devotion to fostering an environment of faith and learning has been evident in all they have done.

With Sr. Cecilia and Sr. Marie returning to the Motherhouse, we marked the end of an era, but not the end of their legacy. In recognition of their faithful service, the Peace Pole installations were relocated to the front of both schools surrounded by student-painted peace rocks and the Prayer of St. Francis. These displays will stand as a permanent tribute to the unity, love and peace the Sisters have so faithfully shared with us.

Part of the mission of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters is to "create communities of love and service wherever we are." This goal has truly been fulfilled at Divine Child. Their efforts to create such a community have been seen in their unwavering commitment to providing spiritual and educational knowledge. Through their guidance, countless students have been instilled with the values of serving others and having compassion for all, allowing them to grow into responsible, caring adults. The extraordinary contributions of the Bernardine Sisters will continue to echo through the halls of Divine Child for generations to come. It is a legacy of teaching, service and love one that will never be forgotten.











Science Camp is Back

Science Camp is a cherished rite of passage at DCES and a tradition that has been part of the school community for many years. After a brief hiatus, the program returned in 2024 and its successful revival has been met with great enthusiasm. The school is thrilled to continue this meaningful tradition, giving Grade 6 students the opportunity to learn, grow and discover together!

Throughout their 13-day trip at the YMCA Storer Camps in Jackson, students participate in engaging hands-on science classes, team-building activities and the celebration of Mass outdoors. The adventure also includes a variety of exciting camp activities, such as rock climbing, kayaking, archery and the classic campfire tradition of making s'mores. Surrounded by nature, they deepen their understanding of God's wonderful creation while growing closer to one another and creating memories they will treasure for years to come. Three years into its return, science camp continues to be something to look forward to.



CLASS OF 2025 & CLASS OF 2037

New Tradition Takes Flight: The Falcon Fly Away

The 2025 and 2026 school years ended with the introduction of a new tradition, the Falcon Fly Away. The event brings together the exiting senior class and the kindergarten class. In the middle of the field, two generations of Falcons meet, one preparing to soar into the world, the other just beginning their educational journey at Divine Child.

The symbolic passing of the torch represents the lifelong journey that begins within our school walls. Rooted in Christ, guided by purpose and strengthened by the support of our community, our students grow in faith, knowledge and character every step of the way.

This special tradition reflects the beauty of one chapter closing as another begins. We look forward to celebrating the Falcon Fly Away for many years to come.

Catching Up with Classmates

From career milestones to personal achievements and everything in between — take a look at what fellow Falcons have been up to this year and celebrate the many ways our community continues to learn, lead and make an impact, near and far!

Have an update you want to share? Let us know what is new with you by visiting **bit.ly/DC-OAF**.



Dennis Guerriero '79

Once again, Dennis called upon God as he always does during golf competitions. This time it was during the Virginia State Golf Association 2026 State of Virginia Net Amateur Championship played at the Kingsmill River Golf Course in Williamsburg, Virginia. This event was played in May 2026. "Playing a two day major championship in someone else's backyard is always a little more difficult." The weather during the first day of this event saw highs in the upper 50s with temperatures dropping all day long. It also rained the entire first day making conditions terrible at best. Dennis ended the first day with a 2 shot lead. The conditions improved for the second day of the competition with highs in the low 70s. Dennis extended his lead to 5 shots on the second day of the competition. "It was a well run competition. The VSGA was professional, hospitable and kind to Susan and I. It was also nice to see the historic sites which this country was built on. It was also nice to see God still has an important place in other parts of this country."



Cass Dickey '21

Cass embarked on the Disney Magic cruise ship this past December as a mainstage performer for Disney Cruise Lines. During his last semester at Kent State University, he signed with a NYC based talent agency, Bonafide and Emerging Artists, following his Musical Theatre cohort's Senior Showcase in NYC. Cass graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre and a double minor in Digital Media Production and Dance.



Mike Savinsky '86

Mike resides in Lakewood Ranch Florida with wife Noreen and kids Samantha (31) and Joey (29). Together they have formed The Savinsky Team. They are Realtors working for Re/Max buying and selling real estate on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Any Falcons who are considering moving to the Gulf Coast, including Bradenton, Sarasota and Fort Myers, can contact them.



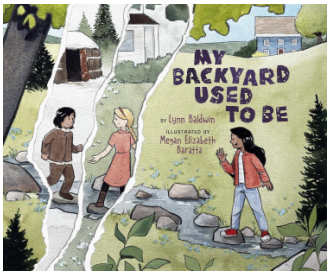
Sylvia Stepien '15

Has been named the Northville City Fire Department Station 1 Firefighter of the Year as well as the Plymouth Rotary NCFD Firefighter of the Year, a well-earned honor celebrating her dedication, leadership and outstanding service to the community. Since joining the Northville City Fire Department in May of 2018, Sylvia has exemplified what it means to serve with purpose and heart.



CJ Breen '17

Since graduating from college, CJ has built a successful career in the sports trading card industry, including creating the first-ever pickleball trading card and developing the 2023 "Trading Card of the Year." He also helped secure multiple licensing deals and business partnerships while working with well-known figures in sports and business.



Lynn Baldwin '84

Divine Child is where Lynn's love of reading and writing started, so she is pleased to share her first children's picture book, My Backyard Used to Be, was be published on September 23, 2025 and is available on Amazon to purchase.





The Belles of Lake Leelanau

Ann (Gheesling) Mulligan '78

As a 1978 alumna, my first inspiration to write was upon taking a creative writing class with Miss Swider, who later became Mrs. Rivard. My interest was piqued again after taking a Children's Literature class at Eastern Michigan University. I became a school teacher in 1982. I taught for 10 years; the final four years were at Divine Child Elementary School! I retired to raise my four children. My desire to write continued, as I loved reading to my students and then to my own children. I found a lack of children's literature about ordinary people, living extraordinary Catholic lives. There are many magnificent books about Catholic saints, but what about all the potential saints that are living in our own neighborhoods and parishes?

While attending an annual women's retreat, a dear and elderly friend, Irene Bruen gave a talk about her faith-filled childhood. As she spoke, I could see illustrations in my mind and was convinced her story would make a beautiful book for children. With her permission and the encouragement of family and friends I got started. The hardest part was finding an illustrator. I really did not even know how to begin and looking on the internet only complicated the search. So I did what I normally do in a dilemma. *I prayed.* I looked up the patron saint of artists and discovered it was St. Catherine of Bologna. I began a nine day novena asking her to intervene. On the ninth day of the novena, as I was walking to my mailbox, I ran into my neighbor Ken, a kind Christian man who was just returning from visiting a friend. He began to tell me about his friend, Dave, an accomplished artist and award-winning children's book illustrator! I could hardly believe it!

In God's providence, Dave Messing is also a prayerful man and felt called to do the illustrations, even though he was hoping to focus the rest of his career on sculpting. It was a great match, as Dave prayed his way through every beautiful illustration.

The book, entitled, The Belles of Lake Leelanau, takes place in that small, quaint village in Michigan. It's a true story about Irene, who had a dire health situation and grandma Isabelle with an enormous heroic heart...so big, that Irene was literally "saved by the Belle" with the help of prayer and a cow named Gladys!

The book is published by Holy Heroes, a small Catholic family business, that promotes children's literature, audio stories and other Catholic teaching aids. They can be found at www.HolyHeroes.com.

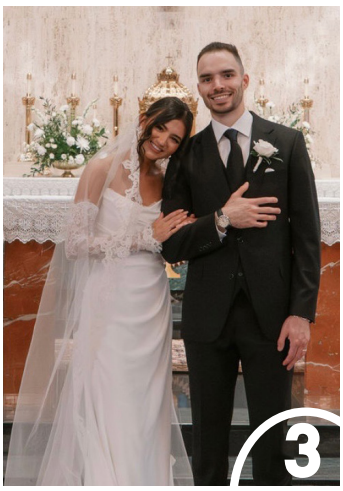


WEDDING BELLS

1. Pearse McCarthy '06 married **Shannon Blicharz '07** at Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 19, 2024.
2. Joshua Plona '07 and Erin Cvengros were married on December 31, 2024.
3. Vincent Micallef '17 and **Elizabeth Bustamante '17** celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on June 20, 2025 at Church of the Divine Child.
4. Peter Micallef '15 and Maddison Davis celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at Church of the Divine Child on August 22, 2025.









ALUMNI BABIES

Congratulations to our alumni who have welcomed a new addition to their family! These precious little ones bring immeasurable joy, hope and love to their families and to our extended alumni community. As we welcome the next generation to our Falcon family, we rejoice in these beautiful beginnings and the enduring connections that continue to unite our community.



Valerie (Felice) Sanders '01 and husband Larry Sanders welcomed son Valentino Mario, born on April 1, 2025, weighing 8lbs 2oz and measuring 21 inches long. Valentino joins siblings Gianna (8), Nico (4) and Marina (2).



Pearse McCarthy '06 and **Shannon (Blicharz) McCarthy '07** welcomed daughter, Sadie Katherine on March 13, 2026, weighing 8lbs 2oz and measuring 21 inches long.



Peter Micallef '15 and Maddison Davis welcomed daughter, Grace Katherine June 1, 2026, weighing 7lbs measuring 20 inches long.



Laura (Moore) Allemon '15 and Tony Allemon welcomed their daughter Clara Dove on October 17, 2025, weighing 6lbs 6oz and measuring 20 inches long.

BAPTISMS

We share in the joy of our alum who have had their child baptized! This beautiful milestone marks the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith, surrounded by the love of family, friends and our extended Divine Child community. God bless these young Falcons!



Valentino Sanders was baptized on May 4, 2025. His parents, **Valerie (Felice) Sanders '01** and Larry Sanders, were joined by Godparents **Joey Felice '23** and **Daniela Tuohey '02**.



Daphne Violette Berkowski was baptized on July 6, 2025. Her parents, **Bill Berkowski '02** and Angela Kim Pham, were joined by Godparents **Brandon Berkowski '93** and **Kimberly Berkowski '95**.



Ari Maynard Swenson was baptized on July 6, 2025. His parents, **Emily Welker '07** and Verner Swenson, were joined by his Godparents **Kevin Welker '09** and Camille Welker.



Brooks Casimer Pachota was baptized on June 1, 2025. His parents, **Elizabeth (Felice) Pachota '04** and **Casey Pachota '06**, were joined by Godparents **Valerie Sanders '01** and **Eric Pachota '09**.

IN MEMORIAM

As we remember members of our alumni community who have passed away, we give thanks for the lives they lived, the friendships they shared and the lasting impact they made on our community.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

- Adam Cinzori '16
- Fr. Edmond DesForges (teacher)
- Joseph Franges '70
- Roxanne (Henrion) Hatty '99
- Betty Hurley (teacher)
- Jason Jonca '97
- Mario Launi '90
- Paul Larose (teacher)
- Michael Liwag '92
- Susan (Giza) Long '99
- Rick Marcyan '81
- Kathy McLaughlin '81
- Conor Newell '21
- Uchenna Osuamadi '20
- Daniel Sczomak '02
- Robert John (RJ) Seaser '67
- Rose Socha (teacher)
- Glenn Willyard '70

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Save the date and join us for these upcoming DCAA events. Learn more at www.DivineChildHighSchool.org/alumni-portal.

- **Falcon 5K:** Saturday, August 8, 2026
- **Tailfeather Tailgate:** Friday, August 28, 2026
- **Homecoming:** Friday, October 9, 2026
- **Sips & Such:** Thursday, November 12, 2026
- **Hall of Fame:** Saturday, December 5, 2026
- **Auction:** Saturday, March 13, 2027
- **Spring Musical Alumni Night:** Saturday, April 17, 2027
- **Art Gala:** Friday, April 30, 2027
- **May Crowning & Legacy Picture:** Tuesday, May 4, 2027
- **Golf Classic:** TBD
- **DC at Camp Dearborn:** July 23-25, 2027

SAVE THE DATE - ALL CLASS REUNION

FALCON FAMILY REUNION



JULY 23-25, 2027

CAMP DEARBORN

CAMPING - FISHING - SWIMMING - TEE TIMES
ALL CLASSES REUNION - BBQ - LIVE MUSIC
KIDS ACTIVITIES - NOSTALGIA - OUTDOOR MASS



MORE INFO COMING SOON









Class of 1984 Reunion | 40 Years

We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of our recent 40th class reunion! It was great to see so many familiar faces and to reconnect with old friends. Sharing stories and catching up on the years that have passed was a wonderful reminder of the strong bonds we share. The joy, laughter and heartfelt conversations were the highlights of the evening and they made our reunion a truly joyous occasion. We are grateful to all who helped in organizing and to everyone who attended, making the event truly special. August 17, 2024.
Organizers: Katie Corrigan-Wnuk, Arnie Muscat, Diane Rago Buckles, Maureen Kelly Neary, Catherine Hodge Jacobs and Gerry Wnuk













Class of 1995 Reunion | 30 Years

On August 2, 2025, the Divine Child Class of 1995 came together at The Bartisan in Plymouth for an unforgettable evening of laughter, great conversations, and reconnecting with old friends. It was amazing to catch up, reminisce about the memories that shaped us, and see how far everyone has come over the past 30 years. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the reunion such a special night. Here's to lifelong friendships, cherished memories, and many more reunions to come!

REUNIONS









Class of 1985 Reunion | 40 Years

On Saturday, September 13, 2025, the Class of 1985 celebrated their 40th year reunion at The Post Local Bistro in Plymouth. It was great to see and catch up with friends from over the years. The night was one to remember.











Class of 1975 Reunion | 50 Years

On Friday, October 3, 2025 the Class of 1975 kicked off its reunion weekend with a special tailgate at the Divine Child Homecoming football game. Alumni then enjoyed a personalized tour of the school, followed by a BBQ and an evening cheering on the Falcons. Saturday, they attended a dinner reception at the IA Banquet Center. The weekend concluded with mass on Sunday. The weekend provided classmates with an opportunity to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate their lasting Divine Child memories.











Class of 2005 Reunion | 20 Years

On September 13, 2025, the Class of 2005 celebrated its 20-year reunion at Laurel Manor in Livonia, followed by a family picnic at Levagood Park the next day. Led by Theresa (Skora) Martin and a dedicated planning committee, Jeff Rabe and Nicole (Groulx) Fick, the reunion welcomed 40 classmates along with spouses and guests. The evening featured a strolling dinner, a photo slideshow, videos from Mr. Falcon 2005 and graduation and a commemorative reunion T-shirt. The family picnic provided another opportunity for classmates and their families to reconnect. Thanks to generous sponsors, donors and support from Aubri McNamara, Director of Alumni & Community Engagement, the weekend was a memorable celebration of friendship, memories and the lasting bond of the Class of 2005.









Class of 1996 Reunion | 30 Years

On January 17, 2026 the Class of 1996 gathered at Greenwich Time Pub in Detroit to celebrate 30 years of friendship, memories and Falcon legacy. Classmates spent the evening reminiscing about their high school days, sharing stories, laughter and plenty of memorable shenanigans. Special thanks go to Donika Hans for her outstanding planning and to her family for graciously hosting the event at their restaurant and pub.

REUNIONS








Class of 1966 Reunion | 60 Years

On Friday, June 12, 2026, the Class of 1966 kicked off its 60-year reunion weekend with a tour of DCHS. More than 40 classmates and guests attended the event. Although Mother Nature left DCHS without power, the outage didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Classmates enjoyed walking the halls, sharing memories and reminiscing about their school days. The celebration continued on Saturday, June 13, with an evening of dinner and fellowship. The dedication and hard work of Marianne (Montgomery) Linderman were evident in every detail, helping make the reunion a memorable and enjoyable occasion for everyone in attendance. Date?

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!










Class of 2021 Reunion | 5 Years

On Saturday, June 13, 2026, the Class of 2021 held an informal reunion at The Brakeman in Detroit. "It was wonderful to catch up with classmates and hear updates about life, careers and accomplishments since graduation. More than 40 people stopped by throughout the evening, making it a fun and memorable night of reconnecting with friends," said Sydney Porada.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

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

1976

50 YEAR REUNION
Friday, September 11, 2026 &
Saturday, September 12, 2026

1986

40 YEAR REUNION
Friday, September 11, 2026 &
Saturday, September 12, 2026

1981

45 YEAR REUNION
Friday, September 18, 2026 &
Saturday, September 19, 2026

2006

20 YEAR REUNION
Friday, September 25, 2026

2001

25 YEAR REUNION
Saturday, October 9, 2026



32ND ANNUAL DIVINE CHILD FALCON 5K & 1-MILE FAMILY FUN RUN

In Memory of Mark Carpenter '68

EVENT RECAP

The 32nd annual Divine Child Falcon 5K & 1-Mile Family Fun Run in memory of **Mark Carpenter '68** took place on Saturday, August 2, 2025. 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. We honored the beloved and late coach Tony Mifsud at this year's event remembering his legacy of selfless leadership in girls' cross country. **Join us on Saturday, August 8, 2026 for the next race!**









































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DIVINE CHILD HALL OF FAME

EST. 2016

EVENT RECAP

On November 8, 2025, Divine Child proudly welcomed Jackie Bacus, **Peggy Knuth '72**, Bill McCartney and the 1973 Boys Basketball State Championship Team into the Divine Child Hall of Fame. The evening began with a wonderful dinner catered by Szegedi's Catering and continued with a beautiful induction ceremony featuring heartfelt speeches and commemorative videos celebrating each honoree. It was a night filled with nostalgia, gratitude and pride—honoring the lasting impact the inductees have made and what it truly means to leave a lasting Falcon legacy. Thank you also to our mistress of ceremonies **Andrea (Bogos) Trapani '00**.



Jackie Bacus



Peggy Knuth '72



Bill McCartney
Accepted by daughter Kristy McCartney

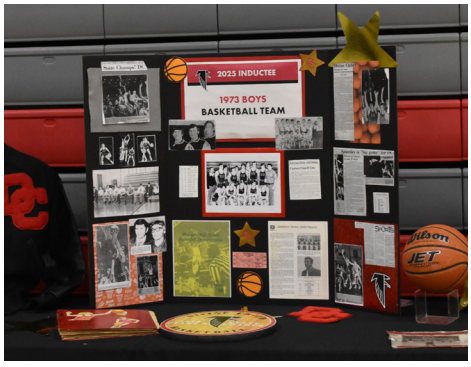
















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35TH ANNUAL DIVINE CHILD AUCTION

AROUND THE WORLD

PASSPORT TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

PRESENTED BY THE DORAN FOUNDATION

EVENT RECAP

We had an amazing trip 'Around the World' at the 35th Annual Divine Child Auction! Thank you to all who joined us on this adventure and helped us create a passport to a brighter future for our students and our entire community! And a special thank you to the Divine Child Advancement Team and the Auction Committee for planning and producing the event and making it such a wonderful evening of fun and fundraising for our schools!

Advancement Team: **Colleen Johnson '00**, **Marie Boyle '07**, **Aubri McNamara '97**, **Meghan Simonie '04**, Olivia Nelson

Auction Committee: **Katie Tate-Baron '06,** Courtney Bretz, Gina DeLand, **Patty Griffin '87**, **Sarah LeBlanc '00**, Leah Mondon, Stacey Mondon, Jennifer Popeney, Michelle Stanton, Kara Torres

















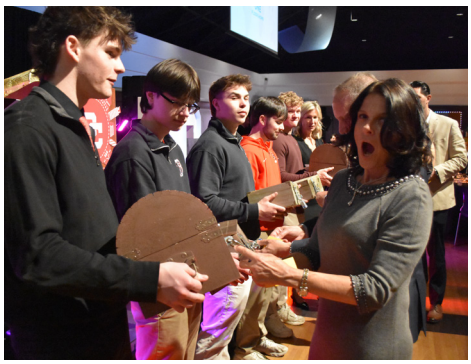












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Divine Child GOLF CLASSIC

The 16th Annual Divine Child Golf Classic teed off at the Links of Novi on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Thank you to our generous sponsors and 45 foursomes for supporting the Divine Child Alumni Association and the Divine Child High School scholarship funds. It was an incredible day full of golf, a delicious steak lunch, raffles and prizes and lots of Falcon pride. Stay tuned for the 2027 date and details!

... EVENT RECAP































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sips & such

EVENT RECAP

The 3rd Annual Ladies Sips & Such proved to be another huge success. Vendors from across the community gathered to help attendees get a jump start on their Christmas shopping. The event has become a favorite Divine Child tradition, bringing DC ladies together for an evening of shopping, appetizers, drinks and fellowship. One of the highlights of the night was the community fashion show presented by Indigo Salon, Spa & Boutique featuring members of the Divine Child family strutting down the runway. **Join us at this year's event: Thursday November 12, 2026.**













2026 DIVINE CHILD
ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME



EVENT RECAP

On Saturday, January 3, 2026, the Divine Child Alumni Association (DCAA) and the current DCHS hockey team welcomed former players back for the annual Alumni Hockey Game. The match-up features the "Old Guys" versus the "Young Guys," and once again, the Old Guys skated away with the victory! Following the game, players and their families enjoyed pizza and stayed to cheer on the current team as they continued their tradition of taking on South Lyon United.

"The support from our alumni means a lot to the current team," said Coach **Mike McNamara '96**. "Having these guys back in the locker room connects our players to the program's history and helps continue the legacy." **Save the date for next year's game: Saturday, January 2, 2027.**













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