



# PALADIN PROUD

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*The Paladin Proud newsletter celebrates God's goodness within the Providence Classical School community.*



## MLK Day of Service

Thank you to everyone who donated to our school-wide MLK Day of Service in January and came out to assemble shelf-stable lunches for Houston-area preschool children in partnership with Kids Meals Houston. With your help, we surpassed our goal and assembled more than 2,200 lunch bags! Thank you also to the PCS National Honor Society and parent volunteers who organized this service day so that our school family could impact our culture for Christ. To God be the glory!



## Mock Trial 5th in State!

Congratulations to the PCS Mock Trial team on a fantastic weekend at the State Championship in Dallas! This group of talented and hard-working students placed 5th out of all schools public and private in the entire state of Texas! Thank you to our amazing coaches, Daniel Chrosniak, Josh Fuchs, and Amy Brink along with our many faculty and parent volunteers and dedicated PCS fans. To God be the glory!

Pictured: Ayin Marusik (12th), Annelise Parker (11th), Susanna Brink (12th), Andrew Williams (12th), Price Jenkins (10th), Sam Bachelder (10th), Hannah Kleppel (11th), Avery Crowley (12th), Mark Williamson (12th), Jack Adkins (12th), Coach Daniel Chrosniak

Not Pictured: Alternates William Bruce (9th), Jacob Faucett (12th), Alex Fuchs (9th), Savannah Goodwin (9th), Ryan Wentz (10th), Luke Williamson (10th), Hannah Wylie-Young (11th), & Turner Young (9th), and Coaches Amy Brink & Josh Fuchs



## Middle School Soccer District Championships

Congratulations to the PCS Middle School Soccer teams who both competed in the HAPS District Championship games! Our girls defeated Woodlands Christian and finished District Champions in their inaugural season. Our boys' team lost to Cypress Christian, taking 2nd place in District in only their second season as a team. What phenomenal growth for these 5th-8th graders! Thank you to Head Coach Chip Bachelder and Assistant Coach Matt Vorst for their hard work and dedication to building an excellent soccer program at PCS. To God be the glory!

### Girls Team

Back Row: Patience Towers (8th), Fynley Farbe (8th), Coach Chip Bachelder, Sara Bachelder (8th), Alyson Pitre (7th)

Middle Row: Kiki Donahue (6th), Brinley Stratton (8th), Luci Ruffing (8th), Ella Witherspoon (8th), Ava Witherspoon (7th), Ellery Farbe (7th)

Front Row: Susanna Bachelder (6th), Hadley Witherspoon (5th), Selah Birch (5th), Grace Kleppel (5th), Cate Wimberly (5th)

### **Boys Team**

Back Row: Sawyer Farbe (8th), Caedmon Rose (8th), Sebastian Punhong (7th), Coach Chip Bachelder, Xavier Birch (8th), Alex Vorst (8th), Everett Mahler (7th)

Middle Row: Abram Googer (5th), JT Hickman (7th), Jackson Rose (6th), Charlie Cunningham (6th), James Wimberly (7th), Riley Wang (8th)

Front Row: Christian Punhong (5th), Charlie Adkins (6th), Dylan Aiken (5th), John Kottenstette (5th), Drew Witherspoon (5th), Kendrick Aiken (7th), Keller Gray (7th)



## **Swim Team State Championships**

Well done and congratulations to our Varsity swimmers who advanced to the TAPPS State Championship in February! All twelve team members qualified to compete at State, which is quite a feat as our region is the toughest in the state. Our girls' team finished 3rd overall at Regionals and 8th at State. Thank you to Coach Kyle Scott for another excellent season!

Back Row: Kaeden Beno (9th), Garrett Mahler (10th), \*Thomas Cross (12th)

Middle Row: Brandon Ohmes (10th), Cambry Wick (9th), Savannah Goodwin (9th), Gianna Radvansky (12th)

Front Row: Lottie Benthem (9th), \*Sydney Hay (12th), Alex Wylie-Young (9th), Peyton Smith (10th), \*Hannah Wylie-Young (11th)

*\*TAPPS Academic All State*

### **Top-10 Finishes:**

Sydney Hay: 10th place 100y Breaststroke

6th place Girls 200y Medley Relay: Savannah Goodwin, Sydney Hay, Gianna Radvansky, Cambry Wick

7th place Girls 200y Freestyle Relay: Lottie Benthem, Savannah Goodwin, Peyton Smith, Cambry Wick

6th place Girls 400y Freestyle Relay: Lottie Benthem, Sydney Hay, Gianna Radvansky, Peyton Smith





## TAPPS Basketball All District and All State Awards

Congratulations to the following PCS Varsity Basketball players who earned TAPPS All District and Academic All State Awards! Your hard work and dedication make us Paladin Proud!

### TAPPS All-District Awards

1st Team: Luke Zuniga (12th)

2nd Team: Nardeen Bekhit (11th), Ayin Marusik (12th), Drew Whipple (12th)

Honorable Mention: Kennedy Lynch (11th), Preston Sheldon (12th), Luke Stratton (12th)

**TAPPS Academic All-State Award:** Luke Zuniga (12th)



### Mark Williamson: National Merit Scholar

Congratulations to senior Mark Williamson on earning the title of Merit Scholar in the National Merit Scholarship Program! More than 1.3 million high school students take the PSAT/NMSQT test at the beginning of their junior year to enter this academic competition for recognition and scholarships. Fewer than 1% of high school seniors nationwide are selected as semi-finalists and go on to complete a detailed scholarship application. Fewer than half of the finalists selected from these applications receive National Merit scholarships. Mark was accepted into the prestigious [University of Oklahoma Pre-Law Scholars program](#) and will attend on a generous scholarship. Well done, Mark!

### Austin Wick: Camp Enterprise

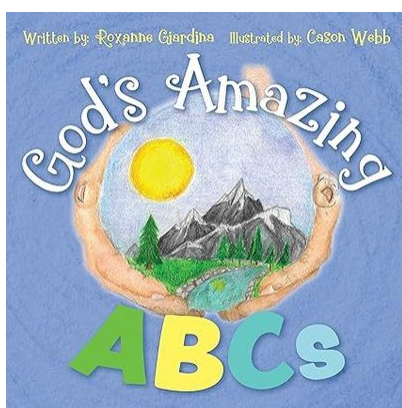
The Rotary Club of Houston has selected PCS Junior Austin Wick to attend Camp Enterprise in April. Camp Enterprise is a three-day, all-expenses-paid experience designed to teach high school juniors about leadership, teamwork, economic principles, and business trends. Participants can earn partial scholarships to the college of their choice. Candidates for the program are selected based on their academic record, service to the community, interest in business and entrepreneurship, and personal values. Congratulations, Austin!





## Texas Boys & Girls State

American Legion Boys & Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs for high school juniors that focus on exploring American government and politics. This participatory educational program allows students to run for office and become part of the operation of local, county, and state governments. Congratulations to PCS 11th graders Matthew Farmakis, Annelise Parker, Henry Stevens, and Austin Wick who will participate in Texas Boys & Girls State this summer!



## Roxanne Giardina: New Children's Book

Providence 5th grade teacher Roxanne Giardina has written her fifth children's book! Her latest work, *God's Amazing ABCs*, is a beautifully illustrated book that cleverly connects each letter of the alphabet to a specific Bible story, introducing young children to biblical tales through the familiar format of the ABCs. It is available for presale now on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/iThqsye>. Congratulations, Ms. Giardina!

## Dr. Joe Ontiveros: Weightlifting Champion

On December 9, Dr. Joe Ontiveros, PCS parent and husband of Dean of Academics Dr. Dawn Ontiveros, competed in the United States Powerlifting Association (USPA) Bend the Bar competition in Cove, Texas. Joe deadlifted 519 pounds for the win! He is now the state deadlift record holder in his age range (masters division) and weight class (220 lbs). Congratulations, Joe!



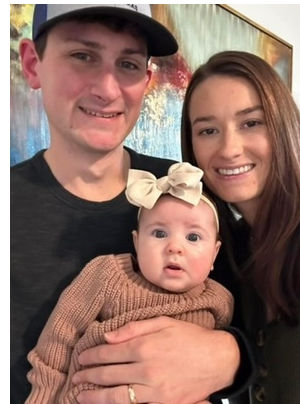
## The Providence Family is Growing!

Our extended PCS family has been blessed with many new additions, and we're thrilled to share some of these precious future Paladins!

**Rebekah Sophia Curto** was born to **Stephen and Hannah Curto** on December 8, 2023, at 1:22 a.m. weighing 6lbs 8oz and measuring 20.75". Mr. Curto teaches Hermeneutics and Logic to 7th and 8th graders here at PCS. He also assists Mrs. Gatlin with IT issues and



frequently volunteers to run the PCS soundboard. You might have met Mrs. Curto, who sometimes serves as our substitute nurse in the front office. Welcome, Baby Rebekah!



Former PCS teacher Sherilyn Lewis and husband Risher shared these recent photos of their darling grandchildren. The first photo above shows **Robert (c/o 2010)** and **Jenny Lewis** with their two sons, **Tripp (4)** and **Beckett (2)**. The second photo shows **John (c/o 2013)** and **Jessica Lewis** with their first child, **Audrey Grace**, born on August 1, 2023. What treasures!



**Maren Blair Martin** was born to **Landon (c/o 2012)** and **Meg Dhonau (c/o 2013) Martin** on October 6, 2023, at 3:05 p.m. weighing 7lbs 8oz and measuring 20.25". Landon and Meg are the son and daughter-in-law of Grammar School Principal Melissa Martin and her husband Steve. Welcome, Baby Maren!

**Tate (c/o 2012)** and **Kamran Hemeyer (c/o 2013) Martin** are the proud parents of **Tatum Marie (5)** and **Knox Alan (2)**. The family lives in Lubbock, Texas, where Tate works as a commercial real estate agent and developer, and Kamran fulfills her God-given calling as a stay-at-home mom to their beautiful children. Tate and Kamran are the son and daughter-in-law of former PCS teacher Kristie Martin and her husband Brett.







Former PCS staff member Alice Norman and husband Mark sent us these precious photos of their grandchildren. **Matt (c/o 2011)** and **Jessica Norman** welcomed **Veronica Catherine** on January 29, 2024. Big siblings **William** (7), **Michael** (6), **Thomas** (4), and **Teresa Jane** (2) are loving their sweet little sister!



**Carter Post (c/o 2011)** and his wife, **Jodi**, are the proud parents of **Connor Howard** (4) and **Madelyn Grace** (2). The family lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, where Carter serves as an RPA pilot and Weapons Officer for the USAF, and Jodi works as a physician's assistant. Carter is the son of PCS College Advisor Tonya Post and her husband, Christian.

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