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## Club Rush Week

by Emma Garza '24 and Savanna Medellin '24

Club Rush at Providence happened on Thursday August 25, 2022. It's a tradition that occurs every year in the second week of school during lunch. Every club that Providence offers sets up a booth in the Ayres Hall and students will go sign up for those activities in which they have interest. Clubs at Providence help our students stay busy and active in our community.

Our school presents different clubs all the way from fashion to gardening. The teacher sponsor for Fashion Club, Ms. Villarreal, spoke on how she plans on helping this club thrive throughout the year. "I definitely want to take the girls to the art museum because there's a fashion exhibit. I want to direct us in a way that's going to flourish the group. I want us to learn the culture of fashion to grow our knowledge as people who love it as an art of its own," she elaborates. Ms. Villarreal seems ready to get this club moving fashionably and creatively.



Ms. Cynthia McDonald introducing the National Art Honor Society during Club Rush.

Alee Pando '25, a member of Ambassadors, describes the club and what it does to help the school. "We are the face of the school," she explains. "We help introduce families to the school by giving tours or shadowing young girls who want to come and join our community of empowering women."

Pando describes that Ambassadors are about learning how to use public speaking as well as social skills.

Clubs help our students work on how to use their voices in this world, whether through clothes or setting up different challenges that can raise money for those in need. Joining clubs at Providence helps students grow closer to sister Provets who have the same interests. Something always blossoms at Providence Catholic School!

## Back-to-School Dance

by Marina Aguliar '25 and Giselle Gonzalez '24

Howdy! Welcome back, y'all. Did you know that Providence had a back-to-school dance? It happened in the Glahn Gym on Saturday, September 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. Students invited their friends from different high schools. This year's theme was western, so refreshments included lemonade, sweet tea, and Big Red.

Sr. Melissa Cessac, CDP, said, "It was a great way to bond with your friends here at Providence, as well as the community in a safe environment." Students enjoyed a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends they didn't get to see over the summer and to make new ones as well. The DJ was Polo Cuellar; seniors commented they would like to have him for prom.



Class of '23 students enjoying the Back-to-School Dance

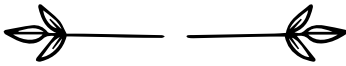
# New to Providence Teaching Staff



## Ms. Hannah Campbell

by Marina Aguilar '25

Ms. Hannah Campbell is one of the new staff members at PCS this year, as well as a teacher. She is the school's athletic trainer and also teaches sports medicine. Ms. Campbell graduated from UTSA. She chose the sports field because as a kid, she and her family were fairly involved with sports growing up. When she graduated high school, she didn't originally want to be behind the scenes, but one of her kinesiology professors convinced her to. How does she feel about Providence? "I feel like it's a really good environment."



## Mrs. Ann Bowe

by Lauren Gonzeles '23

Mrs. Ann Bowe, PCS middle school Science teacher, is a woman of many talents. She came to teaching in 2011, through a life that toured Science and research and caring for people.

Mrs. Bowe says, "I never meant to be a scientist, and science was not my favorite subject in ninth grade. I wanted to be an artist, a writer, a musician..." In college, Bowe wanted to be a child psychologist, but in order to get to graduate school, she felt she needed to learn to do research. One day, she said to herself, "I'm a researcher and I like Science!"

"I love it!" she says about Providence. I like what a tight community it is."



## Ms. Dajah Thomas

by Emma Garza '24, & Savanna Medellin '24

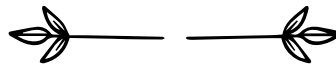
Ms. Dajah Thomas, new Social Studies teacher at PCS, says, "I became a teacher because I enjoy students who are willing to learn. A teacher impacted my life and I would like to do that for others."

Ms. Thomas is becoming a fan favorite at Providence. She graduated from UTSA and decided to pursue her favorite subject, Social Studies.

She teaches World History to sophomores and U.S History to juniors. She makes her learning environment fun and keeps students wanting to learn more about history. She does everything she can so her students understand what she is teaching.

If she weren't a teacher: "I would've been an entrepreneur and running my own business." She enjoys how Providence pushes empowering young women to be the best versions of themselves.

She is a wonderful new face to the Providence community that the girls appreciate.



If she had not become a Science teacher, Mrs. Bowe says she would continue with her other skill, as a national board certified massage therapist. "I like massage. It makes people feel good and learn about their bodies."



## Ms. Marisol Ramirez

by M. Alvarado

Room 223 has a new occupant! Ms. Marisol Ramirez joins the Religion department to teach the middle school. Ramirez was previously in charge of the youth ministry at St. Mary Magdalene Parish and a part time Religion teacher. An interesting fact Ms. Ramirez shares with all her students is that she attended World Youth Day in 2013 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and was able to see Pope Francis. It was at this event that she met the Sisters of the Congregation of Divine Providence. They led the trip to Rio de Janeiro and helped raise the funds for the students to attend.

If she had not become a teacher, Ms. Ramirez may have joined the medical profession as she received training in Certified Nurse Assistant and Pharmacy in high school. Ms. Ramirez was working at getting a Mathematics' degree in college; however, she changed her degree to Theology. She became a teacher because she wanted to learn more about the Church and God. Ms. Ramirez also wants to help bring "God to others." She has loved working with the girls and is having a great experience here at Providence.



Mrs. Marianne Norris



Ms. Marisol Ramirez

## Sports

### Cross Country

by Marina Aguilar '25

The high school cross country team (XC) has been doing fantastic since training started. For their last meet, they attended the Seguin Matador Cross Country Invitational placing sixth overall in the field of 19 teams. The team, as well as Central Catholic, is coached by Mr. Gary Brimmer. Says Coach Brimmer, "Everyone is running well. Everyone on the team has overcome injury or illness this season and is coming to peak fitness at the right time." Ms. Gabrielle Sigala '20, is the head Middle School coach. The girls have faced many bumps in the road but aim to make it past districts going to State. "This team has grown so much, and I am happy to be a part of it and get the opportunities I do," says Avery Parvin '25. Go, Provets!



## Mrs. Marianne Norris

by Giselle Gonzalez '24

Mrs. Marianne Norris, new to PCS math department, currently teaches all levels of Algebra from pre-algebra to college level Algebra, "Algebraic reasoning." Mrs. Norris was inspired to be a teacher by her family history of Catholic school educators - her dad as an assistant principal and math teacher; her mom in multiple jobs around her childhood school. Mrs. Norris followed those footsteps; her goal was to return to her old grade school as an educator, a goal she achieved for eight years until the school closed in 2008.

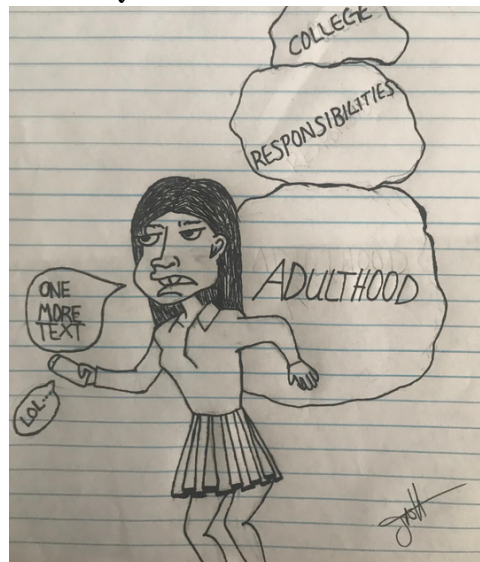
Prior to math she focused on English and Language Arts. Math had always been a favorite, so later in her career she was able to make that switch. When it comes to a back-up job, Mrs. Norris cannot see herself doing anything else.

Mrs. Norris is a double major in Psychology and Elementary education, with a minor in French and a Master's in communications. This being her first year teaching after the birth of her son, Ryan, she really enjoys having the support of the PCS community.

She has been married for four and a half years, and Ryan is two and a half. Provets may know Ryan from volleyball games, the big fan of "section P." Mrs. Norris is from Delaware, a detail she shares with Mr. Faulkner.

## Editorial

by Julianna Hernandez '24



# Providence Volleyball

By: Alexandria Flores '24, and Alyssa Hernandez '24

PCS varsity volleyball team began their second round of district games and has had a good season so far. They hope to make it to the playoffs, so have been working hard to strengthen both their minds and bodies at daily practices and weight sessions. Outside activities aid them in getting closer to their teammates, to build connection and confidence in each other on and off the court. Varsity also strives to be good role models to the JV and middle school volleyball teams in hopes of helping them grow their connections and confidence with each other. The teams love having a rowdy, but respectful crowd to cheer for and encourage them. They can always count on Section P, as they call it, to be there no matter what. Standing alongside a great team and great crowd, is a great coach. Ms. Elise Denoux, head coach, is building her team up little by little each practice to be better than the day before. She encourages everybody on the team through tough love and praise.

# Providence Bowling

By: Juliana Hernandez '24

Bowling season starts in October and lasts till February. The coaches, Mr. Dale Turella and daughter, Ms. Davion Turella '14, and captain Natalie Lewis '23, start the season with a scrimmage - in which two schools compete with one another with a score count - and end with a scrimmage against Central Catholic. Practice meets are every Tuesday and Thursday of the week, Astro Super Bowl from 4:00pm-6:30pm.

Besides the games in New Braunfels all games are at Astro Super Bowl. Every Saturday there is a bowling game that starts from 7:00am-9:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm.

People serious about bowling need bowling shoes and a powder ball. The bowling shoes will make the alleys less slippery and give more grip for better results. The powder ball allows better grip on the ball.

Bowling helps a player get in touch with a competitive side and create close knit bonds with other students.



Fr. Ricardo Ramirez celebrates mass

# All are Welcome at this Table!

The Providence community is hosting weekly masses on campus. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 in the Mullaney Chapel on the 2nd floor, except in months when the entire school has mass. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! Sr. Melissa, Campus Minister, invites all students and faculty/staff to take advantage of this opportunity as well.

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