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Mike Prato - President

“ Prepare with something ordinary done in an extraordinary way ”



➤ Advent, by definition, calls us to some kind of action. As Catholic Christians, it is a time to ‘clean house’ as the Centurion reminds us in the Gospel reading a few weeks ago; “ I am not worthy that you should come under my roof...”. For the Prato family, we strive for consistency in our preparation by taking part in weekly service as a family, nightly affirmations of Christ in our lives and by making reconciliation a priority. “The house needs a little tidying,” my eldest daughter commented.

As a school, our Campus Ministry team has pushed themselves to exhaustion as they create opportunities for encounters with Jesus; Sophomore Solidarity retreats, Search retreats, faculty retreats, liturgies and countless spontaneous faith encounters that happen daily in their offices.

In addition to that incredible work, the invitation to join us in ‘cleaning house’ this Advent was extended to all members of the Lancer Family with Triple Shot Fridays. The point was to create a moment when our collective prayers would be joined, sending them, as St John Vianney suggests, “as a column of fire straight to heaven.” The first Triple Shot Friday featured Chloe D., Kayla N. and Mary Grace C., sharing their story of what it is like to live an authentic life with Christ in a Catholic high school.

Inspirational? I left the chapel inspired with conviction to push ‘cleaning house’ to another level; to truly prepare for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas. These Triple Shot events are only possible because of the foundation and faith formation happening as a direct result of the hard work of our Campus Ministry team. Each of these featured speakers mentioned members of that team by name, citing them as personal mentors who inspire them.

Encuentro is the Spanish word for encounter, or in the context of the Church, a profound and intimate meeting with the joyful presence of Christ in our lives; not unlike the message of Chloe, Kayla and Mary Grace. Let your remaining days of preparation include something ordinary, done in an extraordinary way. Make it simple, but with the knowledge that a very special house guest is coming soon.

Happy Advent!



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Nancy Bradish - Principal

► Blessings and abundance, hope and waiting. These are the words that best describe our Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons here at Kennedy Catholic. We have so many reasons to give thanks.

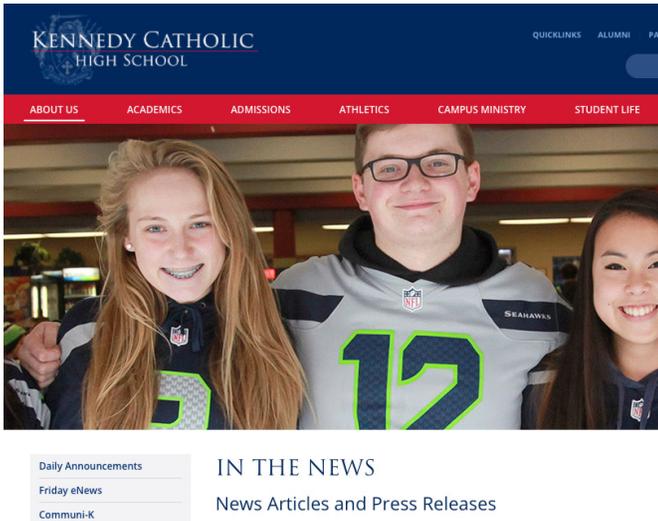
Our fall athletics celebrated the end of another successful season with a Fall Sports Banquet in November. All of the teams came together to honor the athletes and celebrate individual and team accomplishments. We are wishing our winter sports athletes equal success as they begin their season.

Our performing and fine arts departments had many successes as well. Our students performed in the fall play, *The Crucible*, to packed houses each night. Art students exhibited and won awards for their pieces at the Washington State Fair. Our Marching Band has performed in parades and halftime shows. Our Choir participated in the Fall Chorale Classic. The annual Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 13.

Our Retreat season has also begun. We have completed our Fall and Winter SEARCH retreats, and our Girls and Boys Sophomore Solidarity Retreats. It is during these retreat events, and in spending time with our students, that the presence of God is truly felt. Our entire community is committed to the retreat program. More than 80 of our faculty and staff either attended a retreat with our students, or subbed in classrooms to support the teachers who were on the retreat. Many parents also supported the retreat activities. Whether it is washing dishes, making burritos, driving to service, or praying together, the time spent with our students on retreat is blessing in abundance.

"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of Christmas which is love."

Ada V. Hendricks



In the News:

News and Press Releases.

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Biotech Class Studies Antibodies

This last week the Kennedy Catholic Biotech classes learned how to detect the presence of specific antibodies using a test called ELISA; enzyme-linked immunosorbant assay. This diagnostic test can be used to detect the presence of antibodies in blood serum from patients, among other medical uses. The lab was part of a SEP (Science Education Partnership) grant through Fred Hutch. Students successfully identified the presence of antibody to the H5 antigen in two of the four patient samples tested.



Christmas in the Lancer Library

The Kennedy Catholic Library is all decked out for the joyous holiday season. From trees and wreaths made from books and recycled pages, to an upcoming visit from St. Nick himself, students and faculty enjoy the warm spirit of the season in the stacks. On December 13, National Hot Chocolate Day, everyone is invited to stop by the library for a tasty cup of cocoa topped (of course!) with marshmallows and candy sprinkles. We hope to see you! Merry Christmas from our library staff and happy winter reading!



Los Dias de los Muertos - November 2017

Respectfully celebrating Los Dias de los Muertos in November with our Mexican neighbors, Spanish 3, 4, and 5 students honored our beloved family members and friends who have passed. Spanish 3 students created personal altares (altars) displayed in our classroom. Spanish 4 and 5 students decorated altares in our chapel. This lesson gave us the opportunity to take extra time for prayer and mindful thoughtfulness for our family, friends and dear ones. Thank you for allowing your students to bring in their framed photo of their beloved one. This annual celebration is truly a memorable lesson for all of us.



Student Social Media Committee

Kennedy Catholic has introduced a new Student Social Media Committee! The purpose of the Lancer Student Social Media Committee is to create a space where students have a voice on all official school social accounts. These students will work to incorporate new content and facilitate expansion of the school's social audience. Students have a unique perspective on Kennedy Catholic that cannot always be captured by faculty and staff; this committee will pinpoint those angles and share with the school's social media audience. Students accepted into the Social Media Committee will perform a number of tasks such as capturing stories and photos for clubs, classes and activities. These students will be instrumental in creating new initiatives for Lancer social media accounts. We are excited to begin this new committee, and bring our Lancer Community fresh stories on social media daily! To stay up to date, follow the official Kennedy Catholic social media accounts.

Northwest Catholic Students of the Month



Sam Colgan - Senior

A 4.0 student, Sam is the vice president of the school symphonic band and is involved in Knowledge Bowl and the National Honor Society. A member of Seattle's Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, he also tutors kids from low-income and immigrant families in math and grammar through the Youth Tutoring Program. He considers the work a blessing and said it's as if he has gained new siblings.

Congratulations Sam!



Giving Tuesday

We are so incredibly grateful and humbled by the extraordinary generosity of our community on #GivingTuesday.

Over \$11,000 was raised in one single day – all of which will support the student experience in many ways.

Gifts were made by current and past parents, current faculty members, former faculty members, alumni, grandparents and friends of Kennedy Catholic. Gifts were made to the Annual Fund, the Paynton Scholarship fund, the Meagan E. Smith memorial scholarship fund, the Patrick Witkowski memorial scholarship fund and the John M. Goodwin endowment. Each and every gift is a tangible endorsement of our mission and affirmation of our collective work to support Catholic education.

Did you miss #GivingTuesday? It's not too late! Please consider a gift to Kennedy Catholic this holiday season.

As we wrap up the 2017 year and look ahead to 2018, please consider including Kennedy Catholic in your year-end giving plans. Our Annual Fund campaign is a vital part of our school's fundraising efforts and support from our entire community is essential to our success, today and in the future. Participating at an amount meaningful to your family is at the heart of this annual appeal. Your gift, no matter the size, has the power to inspire others to give.

Donate **online** or if you prefer to make a donation by phone, please call us at 206.957.9718 anytime. All gifts are 100% tax deductible. You don't have to make a major gift to make a major difference. Thank you!



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#GivingTuesday



St. Vincent de Paul Adopt a Family, Juvenile Detention Center Gifts

SVdP is once again supporting the annual adopt-a-family and juvenile detention center gift giving programs for Christmas. Gifts are being collected in homerooms until Tuesday December 19 when they will be shared with the agencies at the Advent gift giving prayer service at 9:30am. All are welcome to donate or join the prayer service!

2017 Sophomore Solidarity Retreats

Throughout the month of November our Sophomore Class participated in the annual Sophomore Solidarity Retreat. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, the Sophomore Solidarity Retreat is a daylong retreat with students reaching out in our community to serve the poor and vulnerable. During this retreat students were given the opportunity to explore issues of poverty through direct service, small group activities, challenges, and reflection. The sophomore class, chaperones, and student leaders served twelve service agencies, a total of 1,681 men, women, and children.

Our students were able to live out the meaning of solidarity - taking a day to commit themselves to the common good of all. Throughout the day we witnessed this commitment. From Diana J. and her mom, Gabby, Erik E., and Mr. Sparks giving their witness of what it means to be a Woman/Man for Others, to hearing the realizations about poverty our students had after participating in the poverty simulation, to the unifying



experience of grating 50 pounds of cheese and rolling over 200 burritos in 10 minutes, to hearing the names of those our students served lifted up in prayer, our students aligned themselves with the 1,681 folks we had the gift of serving. In the words of one of our student leaders, Chloe D., "Service is not about ourselves at all, it's about giving what we have in abundance to those who are not as fortunate. And in those selfless actions of love, we find God right at the center. God was with us [on

this retreat]." A huge thank you to all the faculty, staff, student leaders, and parents that were able to make this year's Sophomore Solidarity Retreat a success.

Dormitory Thanksgiving Feast



On Wednesday, November 15, the dormitory staff and family, friends, faculty and other Kennedy Catholic High School staff joined dormitory resident students for their annual Thanksgiving feast. Luke Janicki, Joanne Demarinis, Elisabeth and Lorin Smith, Teri and Frank Crosswhite, and Johnny Reitz, retired dorm staff member, came together for a fabulous dinner complete with ham, turkey, gravy and pecan pie. Mia I. and Kelly C. and Lucy L. were international students who also attended. This traditional event has been held annually for many years. Most

international students do not travel all the way back home during the Thanksgiving break, so this event provides a special and valuable opportunity for them to experience a glimpse of American culture and food.

International Students Experience Point Defiance Zoo Lights

Last Saturday, December 2, ten international students joined Teri Crosswhite and Fil Tribble of the International Program along with Felie Lagazo, the tour's bus driver, for an evening filled with laughter and lots of stories (some in Vietnamese and Chinese) as they walked the paths of Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium aglow in twinkling lights. In December, the zoo is transformed into a colorful winter wonderland with more than a half-million lights featuring animal light displays which include hammerhead sharks and sea turtles, carnivorous



plants and their insect prey, a whimsical 30-foot-wide underwater landscape, a majestic polar bear family, and a gorgeous giant Pacific octopus. To pass time during the bus ride, students even taught staff how to play a new card game.

Each month the International Program staff lead an outing for students to experience the beauty of the region. January's event will be an ice skating trip.



ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni Profile: Jackson Diller '13

Jackson Diller '13 spent his time at Kennedy Catholic trying a little bit of everything. He immersed himself in the band program, participating in the marching, symphonic, and jazz band, for all four years. Through retired Band Director Jim Paynton's patience and encouragement, Jackson gained faith in his own abilities. He still remembers his mentor's impressive musical knowledge and ability to empower his students. When he wasn't fine tuning his musical skills, Jackson gave his time to the athletic fields, running endless miles for Coach McMillen in Cross Country, and helping to establish the Kennedy Catholic Lacrosse program.

That intensity and involvement stayed with him after he graduated, and began college at the University of Washington. With so many interests, Jackson took a wide variety of classes, quickly leaning toward computer programming and film. While both were interesting paths, Jackson ultimately decided to pursue his studies with film. He was also able to give his time as a published editor for the University of Washington Undergraduate Law Review. His entrepreneurial nature has kept him trying new things, and helped him have an open mind with any opportunity that came up. Throughout the past few years, he has worked with several production companies in Seattle, mostly technology focused. Jackson also had the opportunity to work with media production last summer, strategizing with companies about how best to utilize video communication. When the opportunity came up to intern with Disney and ABC Television Group, he knew he had to jump on it. It's given him the chance to apply his analytical skills and knowledge of audience engagement. Having big dreams has always paid off for Jackson, and he plans to continue dreaming big, hoping it will one day lead to the opportunity to direct a feature film himself.

Attention Classes of 1978, 1988, 1998, and 2008!

We look forward to celebrating your class reunions in 2018 with you. If you are interested in joining a planning committee, or if you have already formed a planning committee and have not been in contact with us, please contact **Rebecca Nuffer** (nufferr@kennedyhs.org).



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to our December alumni! We wish you a wonderful year ahead!

Click here for the full list. To make sure your name makes it in this section, head over to our **Alumni Page** and fill out the form under, "Help Us Update Our Records."



Throwback Thursday

Members of the Class of 1972 came together with plans to form a team for the inaugural Lancer Turkey Bowl. News of a postponement didn't deter this group from gathering recently to throw the ball around on the William F. Eisiminger athletic field, reliving days gone by and serving notice that this bunch of 'young at heart' Lancers still got serious game!

SAVE THE DATE - CRAB FEED

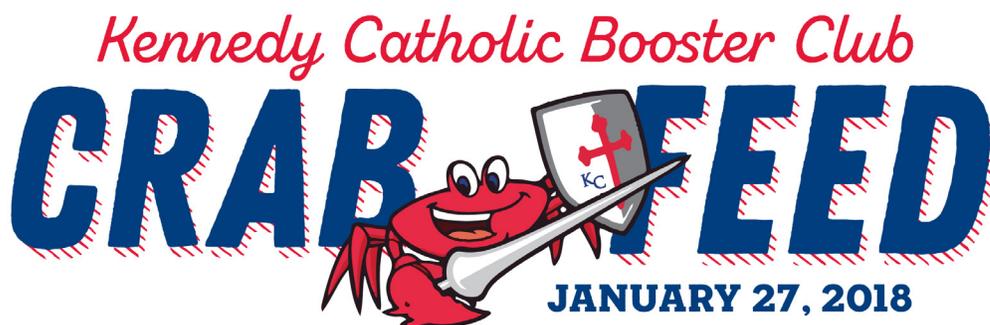
Mark your calendars! This year's Crab Feed will feature a wine raffle, photobooth, great food, and butter kits available for purchase. Also new this year, the Crab Feed will be an open seating event.

January 27, 2018 | 5pm

\$60/person \$65/person after Jan. 1

Buy your tickets now [here!](#)

Contact crabfeed@kennedyhs.org with questions.





FINE ARTS NEWS

Elementary Band Program

Music plays such an important role during this beautiful time of Christmas. The Kennedy Catholic Elementary Band Program will be sharing the sounds of the season in many venues. From school liturgies, assemblies to the traditional and joyous all school programs, the bands at nine schools will be there! Christ, Our Light shine on us!

Four Lancer Students Named to All State Choir



Congratulations to Kalina C., Jaclyn S., Louis N. and Emily D. (not pictured) for their outstanding achievements in choir this year! The four Kennedy Catholic students have been named to the Washington Music Educators Association All-State Performing Choir, which will meet in Yakima, WA February 15-18, 2018. They were picked among 2090 applicants to this prestigious event that will be directed by world-renowned conductors. Many well-known musicians, including jazz saxophonist Kenny G., credit their experience at this event as essential in choosing music as their career path.

Christmas Concert

Please join the fine arts department in celebrating the Christmas season at our Christmas Concert, **Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm** at the Highline Performing Arts Center.

This event is free and a great idea for families this time of year.

Christmas Grams

Members of the Excalibur Choir delivered Christmas carol grams throughout the school this December, providing Christmas cheer, all while raising money for Adopt-a-Family. Students worked in mixed quartets, one person per voice part, to make this happen.

Thank you for supporting their endeavors!



Veteran's Day Parade and Field Show



On November 11, our Lancer Marching Band and Colorguard performed in the annual Auburn Veteran's Day Parade and Field Show Competition in downtown Auburn. This is the first year the band participated in the field show component. The band did an outstanding job! They received 8th place out of 23 bands in the parade. And after performing their field show in "exhibition" received some great feedback

and comments from the judges. Thank you to those who came out to support our band. Traditional marching with cadences and the playing of the march "Semper Fidelis" composed John Philip Sousa was especially popular. Look for us in the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Parade on May 5, 2018.

Western International Band Clinic

At the beginning of October, band students across the Western States (WA, OR, CA, ID, UT, NV, and even Canada) had the opportunity to audition for the prestigious Western International Band Clinic. WIBC - is an honor band festival made up of the top high school musicians in our region. They are split into four honor bands that work with six of the top conductors and composers in our nation. This year we had two students selected for this prestigious honor: Corey Z. (trombone) and Kelly C. (flute). They both had a wonderful time meeting other high school musicians around our region and working under the direction of some of the top conductors in our nation!

"This has been one of the best experiences of my life, hands down. Meeting so many great people and new friends while playing new music with such an exceptionally talented ensemble and amazing guest conductors has been life changing!" - Corey Z.



Sports News

Find all the latest sports news [here](#).

Check out our winter sports program [here](#) for team information and schedules!

Catholic Schools Week Cereal Drive

Please join us this Catholic Schools Week to help those in need in our community through the second annual "Stuff the Bus" Healthy Cereal Drive. We encourage all students and their families to participate in this effort by bringing at least one box of healthy cereal to school on or before Tuesday, January 31, 2018. Students will pack the bus before- Catholic Schools Week mass for delivery to food banks in the community. We welcome everyone's involvement in this school-wide project. For more information, contact Sam Crawley (crawleys@kennedyhs.org).

Save the Date NOLA Cribbage Tournament

Mark your calendar for the 2018 NOLA Cribbage Tournament!

February 9 in the Library

5:30pm

\$20 suggested donation, pay at the door

5:30pm doors open

6:00pm refreshments

6:30pm 1st cards are played



KINSHIP by Ruth Z.

This month, Lancer student-artist, Ruth Z., created an amazing and beautiful artwork display that spells “kinship.” Each letter represents and celebrates different cultures in the world, which was inspired by books Ruth read in her Community Service class. “I hope through this piece, we can remember the humanness of those outside of our families and communities. The poor, marginalized, and oppressed groups in our country deserve to be seen as human. Through our kinship with one another, we can achieve peace and unity with compassion and empathy towards all those who cross our path.”

Click [here](#) to read Ruth’s full interview.



Kennedy Catholic 2018 KATCH Auction Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for this year’s KATCH Auction on April 21, 2018.

Ignite your sense of adventure with a new hobby, a family trip, or a unique experience. How will your adventure begin?

Make sure to remember other important auction dates. **The procurement deadline is February 8, 2018 and the online auction will take place March 9 - 18, 2018.**

Interested in making a donation? Contact Karen Cascio at casciok@kennedyhs.org