

Peninsula Catholic
KNIGHT REPORT
2018-2020





PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL

Janine C. Franklin

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OUR MISSION

Our community develops young men and women into spiritually, intellectually, and morally mature citizens, prepared to lead in a global and diverse society, by providing a supportive and disciplined college preparatory environment rooted in the Catholic tradition.

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ON THE COVER: Michelle Roux '20 as Rafiki in *The Lion King, JR.*

A MESSAGE FROM The Principal



1989-2019...30 YEARS AT PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL. WHEW!

1989-1990 was my very first teaching job and I was so thrilled (and nervous) to teach English to my first group of students at Peninsula Catholic High School. That was 30 years ago! Whew!

I must admit that teaching literature and writing was waaaaay more exciting than teaching grammar and diagramming sentences. Fortunately for me, the 8th graders I taught (you know who you are!) knew more about prepositional phrases and modifiers than I did! Over the years, I slowly branched out to Department Chair in 1991, Assistant Principal in 2001 and Principal in 2008. Thirty years later, 11 of which I have had the privilege of leading this school, it is natural to ponder on the impact that I and all those who have had a hand in shaping this school have hopefully made--always mindful that all things are possible with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I am surrounded by an incredible group of colleagues who are dedicated to the mission of Peninsula Catholic. Most don't see the staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes. In my time as Principal, much needed full-time roles were created in the areas of enrollment, development, marketing, and alumni relations which have helped to place PC on the map in our region. Hiring a second counselor for younger students allowed for the creation of a position focused exclusively on college and career counseling, which has been instrumental in helping students realize and successfully navigate their path to college.

The passion and expertise of our faculty has led us to create new courses such as Introduction to Engineering; Organic Chemistry, Media Studies, Graphic Design, Digital Photography, Technical Theater, and a virtual course (PC Bootcamp) for new students. In 2008, a former counselor established the seeds of the Dual Enrollment Program, developing a partnership with Thomas Nelson Community College. Now, between TNCC, Richard Bland College, and our increased offerings in AP courses, our students have 57 college credit opportunities at their fingertips.

Thanks to the incredible technical knowledge of our IT Specialists, we were able to envision a three-year plan in which we installed wi-fi throughout the building and then went 100% digital, implementing a 1:1 initiative where every student has a Chromebook to use every day. And, it was not just the hardware, we also trained teachers to teach using strategies that appeal to 21st-century students who grew up with technology.

Our Digital Learning Day program was truly inspiring, allowing students to learn from home four times a year and during any inclement weather situations (good-bye Snow Days!). Our technology allows our students to meet as a class and engage with their teachers and classmates (and, yes, they often work in their PJs). Most recently, an online Latin 1 class was taught to students at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Mary Star of the Sea using our Distance Learning Center. Without access to and help from our IT specialists, none of this would have been possible.

An unsung group that is instrumental in so many areas is our School Advisory Board. Their prowess in a variety of areas has allowed the school to flourish in many ways, not the least of which is in our facilities. Energy-efficient lighting, renovations, comprehensive security system, and HVAC projects have all had hands-on support. The most significant, perhaps, of these projects was agreeing to invest nearly \$2 million in outdoor athletic facilities. Nothing gave me more pleasure in the fall of 2014 than to walk out the back doors and find soccer, tennis, softball, and baseball teams all competing! Without the vision of the Athletic Director and assistance by the School Advisory Board, this would not have been accomplished.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our wonderful theology teachers who were tasked with ensuring our Catholic identity was at the forefront of all we did for many years. Fortunately, reinstating the position of Campus Minister and the implementation by the Diocese of a school Chaplain, we have even more focused spiritual guidance for our students.

Yes, the anniversary of 30 years in education at Peninsula Catholic is a cause for reflection. But, most importantly, it is a cause to rejoice and thank God for all those who work to provide the highest quality Catholic education possible along with an unsurpassed high school experience. Another reason to reflect? Next year, we look towards our re-accreditation and in that process, we will determine the vision for the next 5-10 years at Peninsula Catholic. And I, for one, can't wait to get started!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janine C. Franklin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janine Franklin
Principal

SEPTEMBER

8th/9th Grade Retreat **13**
Bill McGough Invitational Race **15**
Junior/Senior Showdown **28**

OCTOBER

Founder's Day - Day of Service **5**
Senior Day of Reflection **10**
Trunk or Treat **26**



Service is an integral part of the culture at Peninsula Catholic. Our day of service provides an opportunity for everyone to unite as one to make a more profound impact in the community. Over 300 faculty, staff, students and volunteers divided into 17 teams to work on projects on the school campus and in the community.

We supported 13 organizations to help them facilitate their mission and further touched countless recipients as a result of our efforts.



NOVEMBER

Career Day **1**
Junior Rite of Passage **28**
Kairos **30**

During Career Day, we welcomed 12 professionals to talk to the students, share information about their chosen profession, explain how they trained for the job, and provide tips on how students can prepare now to create a successful path for their future career.



DECEMBER

PC Day **4**
SCA Winter Dance **8**
PCHS Holiday Classic Basketball **26**





JANUARY

16 Term 2 Begins
27 Catholic Schools Week Begins



FEBRUARY

1 Homecoming Game

Homecoming is a great time for the students. Although the Knights were unsuccessful on the court, the Juniors proudly claimed the Spirit Sword for bragging rights until next year.



MARCH

8 Celebration of the Arts
23 Knight in the Vineyard



APRIL

3 March for Life
4 PC Players Production - *The Lion King, JR.* Opens
12 Sophomore Retreat

Mrs. Franklin joined the students as they traveled to Richmond to show their support and give a voice to the unborn in the Virginia March for Life.



MAY

1 College Declaration Day
4 Prom
24 SCA Picnic

JUNE

1 Graduation
5 Last Day of School

SEPTEMBER

Distant Learning Day **6**
Darrell Brackin Memorial Golf Tournament **13**
College Visits Begin



OCTOBER

Fall Festival **11**
Distance Learning Day **12**

Distance Learning Days started early in the year to help the students and teachers re-acquaint themselves with our online learning platform. Little did we know that it was going to become our lifeline for learning later in the school year.



NOVEMBER

All Saints Day **1**
Election Day **28**
Veterans Day **11**

Students organized a polling site on Election Day to give everyone an opportunity to participate in the voting process.



DECEMBER

Feast of St. Nicholas **6**
Career Day **11**
Fine Arts Holiday Festival **13**

PC welcomed 18 professionals from the community to spend the afternoon with the students. After a brief general open house, each student selected 3 careers to explore further. They learned more about each career and were given advice on how to prepare now to plan for their desired profession in the future.





JANUARY

- 8** First Semester Exams Begin
- 28** Teacher Appreciation Day
- 31** Homecoming Game

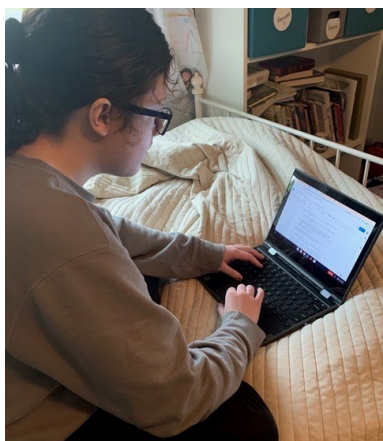
It was a lively competition between the classes throughout Spirit Week. The Junior class came out ahead to win the Spirit Sword. Let's see if they can rally for a back to back win next year.



FEBRUARY

- 21** Distance Learning Day
- 26** Ash Wednesday

Students enjoyed our traditional beans and rice lunch prepared by Chef Candiss for Ash Wednesday.



MARCH

- 18** Full-time Virtual Learning Begins
- 30** Virtual Learning Week Begins



APRIL

- 24** Drive Through Cap and Gown Pick Up

All the social distancing brought about a new appreciation for honoring our seniors. We are not sure if Mrs. Franklin had more fun planning new ways to celebrate our seniors or actually carrying out the events.

MAY

- 1** Knights Fitness Challenge Begins
- 30** Virtual Commencement Ceremony



FALL Sports MVPs

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Varsity: Thomas Himes

Most Improved: Ryan Houlihan

Boys JV: Jack Warner

Most Improved: Callahan Carey

Girls Varsity: Anna Sprott

Most Improved: Christina Rivera

TENNIS

Girls Varsity: Mia Bercasio

Most Improved: Aira Morales

SOCCER

Boys Varsity: Sean Glaüner

Most Improved: Bryant De Vicente-Martinez

VOLLEYBALL

Boys Varsity: Quinn Estlack

Most Improved: Matthew Taleghani

Girls Varsity: Baileigh Edmonds

Most Improved: Audrey Muth

Girls JV: Hailey Goff

Most Improved: Ella Turner



WINTER

Sports MVPs

BASKETBALL

Boys Varsity: A.J. Baker
Most Improved: Seth Baronner

Boys JV: Sean Glaüner
Most Improved: Evan Pan

Girls Varsity: Camille Hopkins
Most Improved: Megan Blanco

SWIMMING

Boys: Samuel Parsons
Most Improved: Michael Cheney

Girls: Anna Sprott
Most Improved: Gracie Harris

WRESTLING

MVP: Dustin Smith
Most Improved: August Basco

SPRING

Sports MVPs

TRACK & FIELD

Boys Varsity: Thomas Himes
Most Improved: Ryan Houlihan

Boys JV: Jack Warner
Most Improved: Callahan Carey

TENNIS

Boys Varsity: Brandon Kwa
Most Improved: Nicholas MacDonald

SOCCER

Girls Varsity: Cristina Adinaro
Most Improved: Diana Ibarra Balderas

SOFTBALL

MVP: Rachelle Stiens
Most Improved: Sumayyah Borders

BASEBALL

MVP: Thomas Himes
Most Improved: Javier Torres-Quinones



PCHS Athletic Honors 2019-20



FALL SPORTS MVPs

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Varsity: Ryan Houlihan

Most Deserving: Timothy Wocjik

Boys JV: Jonathan Mummert

Most Deserving: Wenquiang Yang

Girls Varsity: Shirin Sayani

Most Deserving: Dymphine Nganbonziga

TENNIS

Girls Varsity: Madison Cruz

Most Deserving: Cristina Rivera

SOCCER

Boys Varsity: Joshua Stiens

Most Deserving: Kyle Jackson

VOLLEYBALL

Boys Varsity: Matthew Taleghani

Most Deserving: Jerry Wang

Girls Varsity: Madison Clark

Most Deserving: Juliana Villamizar

Girls JV: Leila Carey

Most Deserving: Leila Yoh



WINTER SPORTS MVPs

BASKETBALL

Boys Varsity: TraVon Gray

Most Deserving: Elijah Stylz Gardner

Boys JV: Antonio Goodman

Most Deserving: Eugene EJ Hendrix, Jr.

Girls Varsity: Azalea Chandler

Most Deserving: Gilesa Patrick

INDOOR TRACK

Boys: Nathan Gillian

Most Deserving: Jonathan Mummert

Girls: Jailyn Jones

Most Deserving: Erica Gillian

SWIMMING

Boys: Samuel Parsons

Most Deserving: Cameron Sprott

Girls: Elizabeth Zillioux

Most Deserving: Elizabeth McCarthy

WRESTLING

MVP: Landon Kissell

Most Deserving: August Basco



Other Athletic Awards

2018-20

2018-19

Scholar-Athlete: Joseph Reinkober
Scholar-Athlete: Lauren Trepp
Coaches Award: Bryson Dorsey
Coaches Award: Francesca Bercasio

2019-20

Scholar-Athlete: Timothy Wojcik
Scholar-Athlete: Jacqueline Haynes
Coaches Award: Cameron Sprott
Coaches Award: Willow Doust-Clark

Tidewater Conference of Independent Schools (TCIS)

2018 Conference Champions

Girls Varsity Volleyball

2018 First Team All Conference

Girls Varsity Volleyball - Baileigh Edmonds
Girls Varsity Volleyball - Taylor Terry
Girls Varsity Volleyball - Kailer Lensch
Boys Cross Country - Ryan Houlihan
Boys Varsity Soccer - Emanuel Akpamagbo

2018 Second Team All Conference

Girls Varsity Volleyball - Madison Clark

2018 Conference Coach of the Year

Boys Cross Country - Russell Williams

2018 Conference Sportsmanship Award

Girls Cross Country Team

2019 Conference Runner-Up

Girls Varsity Volleyball

2019 First Team All Conference

Girls Varsity Volleyball - Madison Clark
Girls Varsity Volleyball - Taylor Terry

2019 Second Team All Conference

Girls Varsity Volleyball - Audrey Muth
Girls Varsity Soccer - Anna Mummert

2019 Conference Wrestler of the Year

Boys Wrestling - Galilee Kissell

2020 Conference Wrestler of the Year

Boys Wrestling - Landon Kissell

Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA)

2018 State Champions

Girls Varsity Volleyball

2018 State Player of the Year

Girls Varsity Volleyball - Baileigh Edmonds

2018 State Coach of the Year

Girls Varsity Volleyball - Tommy Thomas

2018 First Team All State

Girls Varsity Volleyball - Madison Clark

2018 Second Team All State

Girls Varsity Volleyball - Taylor Terry

2019 State Champion

2019 Most Outstanding Wrestler
Boys Wrestling - Galilee Kissell

2019 State Runner-Up

Boys Wrestling - Dustin Smith

2020 State Champions

2020 Most Outstanding Wrestler
Boys Wrestling - Landon Kissell

2020 State Runner-Up

Boys Wrestling - Dustin Smith

2020 State Champions

Boys Swim Team

2019 First Team All State

Boys Swimming - Sam Parsons

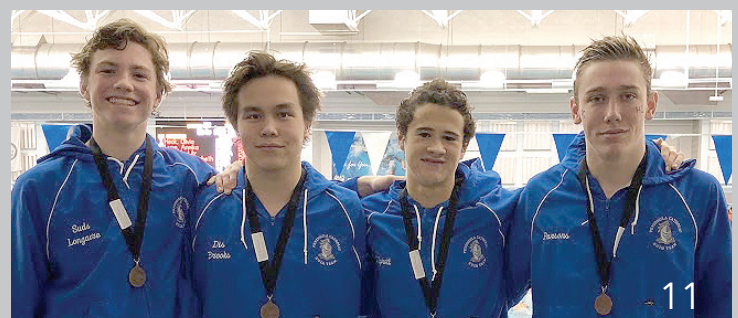
Daily Press Awards

2018 Daily Press All-Star

Girls Varsity Volleyball - Baileigh Edmonds

2019 Daily Press All-Star- 152 lb. class

Boys Wrestling - Galilee Kissell





A GLIMPSE AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP LADY KNIGHTS Behind the Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team

If you were to pass members of the Girls' Varsity Volleyball team in the hallway, you would quickly pick up on their gentle nature and low-key personality. On the court, it is a different story. The Lady Knights of the Varsity Volleyball Team are determined to keep improving their game, perseverant to give it their best through the tough matches, and committed to a sport they love. While the 2019 season had its ups and downs, these girls proved what it means to be on a team. They came together to make it to the VISAA semi-finals this year.

Leading these Lady Knights is Coach Tommy Thomas. His love of volleyball started as a teenager and continues to be an important part of his life today. He has high expectations for each player on the team, pushing them to develop and improve their game. His guidance goes beyond the boundaries of the game into crucial life skills to help his players succeed. The girls are not intimidated by Coach Tommy's expectations, they are motivated to excel past his athletic benchmarks. This mutual respect is the secret sauce that helps the Lady Knights consistently succeed.

For two consecutive years, our Lady Knights Varsity Volleyball Team brought home a State Championship Ring. Although they fell short of a third consecutive win for 2019, the girls had a few thoughts to share about being part of the team. Team Captain Taylor Terry, Madison Clarke, Grace Haynes and Willow Clark take their leadership role seriously. Taylor shared, "Being able to show them (our team mates) what their responsibilities need to be makes us feel better for the future of the team." Willow Clarke continues,

“I enjoyed the team spirit. We just have a lot of fun together as a team, bonding and playing volleyball, a sport we love.”



Coach of the Year ~ Tommy Thomas

Just keep swimming, Just keep swimming....

And that is exactly what our Knights did. Under the guidance of Coach Lori Sprott, this team has proved they have the right synergy of enthusiasm, talent, and dedication to bring home a championship ring. Coach Sprott transformed our Men's Swim Team from dead last place to a first-time State Championship for PC in the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) for the State Meet. What an incredible accomplishment in three short years!

Swimming is both an individual and team sport that demands a significant amount of time and personal commitment to be successful at this meet. Qualifying for finals requires swimmers in both Divisions I and II schools to compete against each other in preliminary heats to earn a spot in the top 16 in each event. The top 16 swimmers then advance to the finals. This meet follows this process for two grueling days.

Peninsula Catholic had swimmers on the Men's Swim Team qualify for individual and relay events in the finals. Individual swimmers, Sam Parsons and Cameron Sprott, in addition to our relay team with Disraeli Brooks, Suds Longacre, Sam Parsons and Cameron Sprott, proudly represented PC in the finals. Sam Parsons earned points individually to qualify for the All-State Team in the 50-meter freestyle. All the points earned by individual and team events contributed to the Men's Swim Team bringing home the State Championship.



Coach Sprott has been mentoring the Men's and Women's Swim Teams for three years with amazing results. Each team has grown under her tutelage and their team records continue to improve each year. The collaborative team dynamic is definitely impacting the results and putting PC on the leaderboard, garnering the attention of swim coaches in higher education. Next year, Cameron Sprott will be swimming at the Maine Maritime Academy, and Sam Parsons has several college coaches watching his performance.

We are proud of both our
Men's and Women's Swim Teams.





Andrew Stallings '06, returned to Peninsula Catholic as our keynote speaker for graduation in June 2019. He spoke about how success, failure, and the determination to keep trying, shaped him into the person he is today. His enthusiasm and charm filled the gym as the class of 2019 listened intently.

When he first came to PC in 8th grade from the public school system, he felt like an outcast because many of his peers had come from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School and had known each other for many years. Showing up on day one in his orange Nike Air Force 1 shoes and a fake diamond encrusted superman chain around his neck with the personality of the court jester, was a sight to behold. So, you can imagine how surprised he was to be contacted by both Jenny Franklin and John Jackowski to be the keynote speaker at graduation. At first, Andrew

thought it was a joke. Accepting such an honor was a no brainer; however, his next thought was, "What could I possibly say to these kids that would be remotely interesting?" He commented, "Let's face it - I am not Mark Zuckerberg."

Andrew recalls thinking, how does one even top the graduation speech that Actor John Krasinski gave at Brown University just hours before he was hitting the stage here in Newport News, Virginia? When in doubt, it's about looking in the mirror and just going with what you know.

When young men and women return to their high school, they are usually measured by their success in life and how they transformed through their accomplishments. Andrew chose to reflect on a more compelling topic that resonates with him since leaving PC - his failures. Failure is something he knows all too well. Many people have praised him for his successes both professional and personal; however, the number of failures that come with those efforts is what formed him into the man he is today. Growing up, everything seemed to be black or white and right or wrong. It was either one way or the other, there did not appear to be an in-between. Through the years, he learned more about adaptability and creating a special place in life that he identifies as the "gray area." Although the gray area is unknown, it is where the magic happens, where true lessons are learned, and where leadership growth takes place. It may not always be a pleasant experience, but it is where you have a blank canvas with one simple tool to solve the situation - your mind.

He believes that you do not have to be the valedictorian of your class to be the most successful in today's world. Success looks different to everyone. It is not about how much money you have or how many awards you receive; although, some of the most powerful people will tell you otherwise. It is up to you to figure out what success means to you. Then, you can focus your energy toward your goals. Once you master how to function more comfortably in the gray area - success is inevitable.

This unknown gray area helped him embrace one of the biggest risks he ever taken in his life, launching his own company almost two years ago. Athelo Group is currently representing 15 professional athletes and working with some of the world's largest brands on their partnership models involving professional athletes. They take pride in working with skilled professional athletes known to embrace the company philosophy of the gray area.

Sharing this message with the graduates was something that Andrew hopes they will remember down the road. It is not crucial to understand it completely at this stage of their lives. The beauty of the gray area is it will always be there when they are ready. He wishes everyone at PC success and challenges us to be more comfortable living in the gray area as we develop into the best version of ourselves. Living in the gray area is a mantra we should all adopt.



James Hines '70 has the magic to carry out his horoscope year round, "You bring big cheer and joy to all you meet."



Lindsey Carney '97 an attorney at Patten, Wornom, Hatten & Diamonstein, was recognized as a Virginia Legal Elite of PWHD.

John Whitenton '08

graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a DO and started his residency at Eastern Virginia Medical School this fall. He celebrated with his wife Rebecca Wilkinson Whitenton '08 and brother Brian '07.

Servant Leadership

Service at Peninsula Catholic is not only part of our mission, but it is also part of everything we do individually and together. Our students are always ready to take action when others are in need due to a natural disaster, an unforeseen circumstance, or a health emergency. PC students are the first to mobilize their resources and encourage the entire school to lend a helping hand or offer prayers of comfort to those who are suffering.

It is humbling and rewarding to hear the total number of hours served in the community. Our students performed 13,083 service hours for the 2018-19 school year and 10,453 service hours for the 2019-20 school year. We are proud to recognize our students who happily serve others in excess of what is required each year. Congratulations to the following students who went above and beyond as servant leaders in our community.

Thank you for representing PC honorably.

Frank Parater Award for Service (over 100 hours)

2019

Jessica Bailey
George Boulos
Kameron Colvin
Haven Crone
Annesley Dwyer
Connor Felix
William Felix
Catherine Fremaux
Sydney Nosil
Isabella Pinedo
Joshua Stiens
Isabel Wiebke
Hope Williams
Saira Yusef

2020

Jessica Bailey
George Boulos
Azaleah Chandler
Kameron Colvin
Madison Cruz
Laura Dwyer
William Felix
Lydia Hughes
Kelsey Mounie
McDaniel Rendel
Lindsay Runyan
Hope Williams

St. Vincent de Paul's Award for Service (between 150-250 hours)

2019

Rebecca Bailey
Madison Cruz
Jacob Fugere
Nikki Lennon
Aira Morales
McDaniel Rendel
Cameron Sprott
Rachelle Stiens
Timothy Zemienieuski

2020

Dalton Harrington
Juliana Kline

Pope Francis Award for Service (over 250 hours)

2019

Kyle Glaüner
Sean Glaüner
Grace Joy
Abigail Levan
Paula ann Robertson
William Robertson
Michelle Roux

2020

Sandra Lennon
William Robertson
Michelle Roux
Timothy Zemienieuski





FORE A GREAT CAUSE The D.B. Memorial Golf Tournament



The 5th annual tournament hosted a modest crowd on a misty morning. Everyone had a great time!
We raised over \$12,500 toward a new bus to support our athletic programs.

Mark your calendar for this September 11, 2020 for our next D.B. Brackin Golf Tournament.
Hope to see you there.

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Charlotte Williams
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Sleepy Hole Golf Club
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Traditions Brewing Company
The Hollows Golf Club
Vinnys Pizza and Pasta
Virginia Beach National Golf Club

A Special Thanks

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Joe Brackin Jimmy Heald Mary and Billy Via
Evangeline Dussault Mike Mann

PARTY WITH PURPOSE

PC's Auction and Wine Festival

Our 2019 Auction and Wine Festival was a huge success bringing our PC community together to make an impact at Peninsula Catholic. The Great Big Raffle generated over \$20,000 toward the PC Impact Fund. Our Fund-a-Need was dedicated to a new sound system in the gym. Thanks to our generous community, we raised nearly \$20,000 toward this project. The new sound system was installed in the summer of 2019 and has improved the quality of our weekly Masses and various sporting events.

Overall, we raised over \$89,000! Thank you!

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Trina Laverty

Meredith McLane

Lisa Borders-

Muhammed

Lauri Nosil

Eric Reinkober

Jim Sumner

Jeanne Simko

Judith Tanner

Becky Tuzzolo

Lisa Warner

Tammy Wartell

Sonnya White



NAMED SCHOLARSHIP Funds

These families established leadership and scholarship funds at Peninsula Catholic to provide financial assistance to make Catholic education accessible for deserving students.

Rose and Sam Foulk Scholarship

*Mrs. Eileen Fields '57, *Mrs. Anna Foulk Hoffman '58,
Mrs. Suzanne Gall and Mr. Brian Field

Hilt Family Scholarship

Captain John Hilt P'80 '81 '85 '88

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Mr. James L. Marks '53 and *Mr. John O. Marks '53

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Mrs. Peggy Yacobi P'78 '82 '83 GP '10 '13

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Knights of Columbus, Walter Pollard Council #5480 Student Assistance Scholarships

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**denotes deceased community member*



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We are grateful to these generous donors who contributed to the Richmond Diocese McMahon Parater Foundation to provide scholarships to Peninsula Catholic High School through the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program.

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Mrs. Shaylyn Baker Wilhelm



In Memory of Bill Hammond

Col. William (Bill) Hammond, began at Peninsula Catholic in 1988 as a government teacher. From there his leadership skills brought him to the administration as the Assistant Principal in 1991 and eventually as Principal in 1992. When the Office of Catholic Schools implemented a President/Principal model of leadership, Mr. Hammond became one of the first Presidents of a school in the Richmond Diocese. While a knowledgeable and devoted teacher and administrator, Mr. Hammond's lasting legacy can be found in the bricks and mortar of Peninsula Catholic, the facility that now proudly stands at 600 Harpersville Road. With his perseverance and the help of many generous supporters of Catholic education in the community,

PCHS began a new chapter in, as Mr. Hammond loved to say, "A State of the Art" facility. In his 15 year tenure, Mr. Hammond not only touched the lives of the students at PCHS during his time, but countless students who have continued to walk through the doors of Peninsula Catholic.

In Honor and Memory of Linda Ellis

Linda Ellis taught science at Peninsula Catholic from 2002-2018. In those 16 years, her focus was on biology and she was the first science teacher to delve into teaching Dual Enrollment biology and anatomy in partnership with Thomas Nelson Community College. Her passion for science and all living creatures, organisms and scientific theories was always viewed through the lens of scripture. Her faith permeated her teaching and she participated in every facet of the spiritual life at PC. Sharing her journey with each junior class during their Kairos retreat was just one way that she expressed her love of God to students. Mrs. Ellis passed away in April, and it is with great respect that we established a new scholarship in her honor: The Linda Ellis Outstanding Science Student Award. This award will be given annually to a graduating senior who has shown a strong interest in the sciences and will further his or her knowledge in that discipline through higher education.

We are pleased to celebrate her life with this award in her memory.



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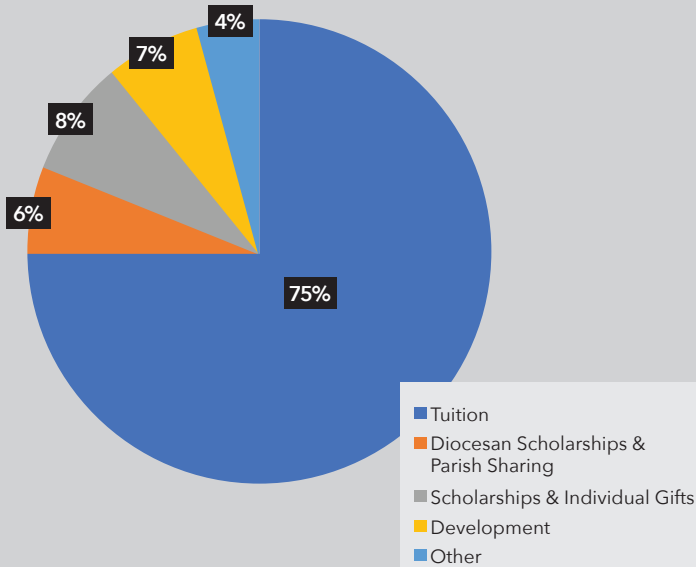
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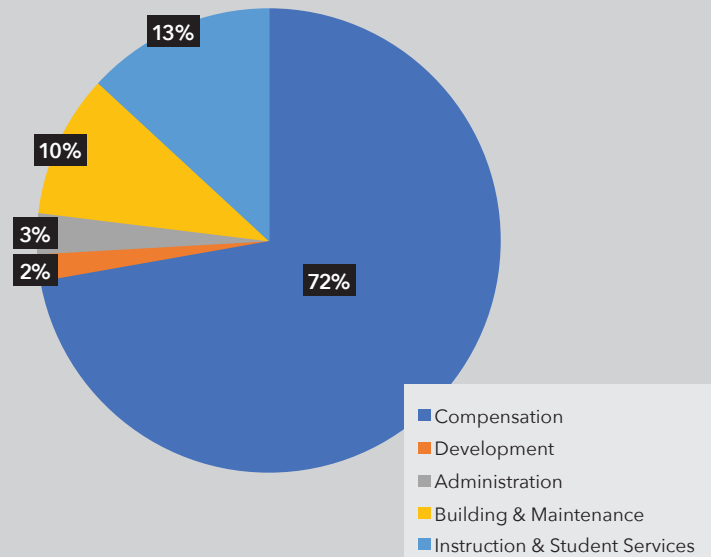
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BY THE NUMBERS Income and Expenses in 2018-19

Total Expenses \$3,666,073.84



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2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS



Purple Star Award

Peninsula Catholic was awarded the Virginia Purple Star Designation for being a military-friendly school that demonstrates a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. PC addresses key transitional issues encountered by military families,

including but not limited to: enrollment, course and program placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation. Provisions in the Compact provide for a consistent policy across state lines for transitioning military students.



Excellence in Education

Melanie Weser received the excellence in Education Award this year for her engaging and innovative teaching techniques. She gets her students to think beyond the textbook to adapt their ideas into projects that create a valuable learning opportunity. Her assistance goes beyond the students to her colleagues. She presents forward-thinking ideas that provide new educational techniques for everyone to use as part of their curriculum. Mrs. Weser was instrumental in launching our Chromebook initiative and Distance Learning Days (DLD). Because of her efforts, technology has become an integral part of our curriculum.



Knights of Columbus Man and Woman of the Year

Congratulations to Kyle Glaüner and Abigail LeVan for being named the Knights of Columbus Man and Woman of the Year.



New Soccer Scoreboard

The Class of 2019 provided the additional funding needed to install a new scoreboard for the soccer field. Thank you!



Shroud of Turin

Special thanks to Dusty and M.E. Rhodes for their donation of this beautiful rendering of the Shroud of Turin, designed by a teenage prodigy artist, Autumn DeForest. It has a special home in our school chapel.



2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS



Best Private School

Peninsula Catholic received the Coastal Virginia Magazine's Readers Choice Award for 2020 as the Best Private School in the GOLD category. We received the highest number of votes for both the peninsula and southside, almost 300,000 votes. We are so honored that you continue to believe in PC and showed it with your votes. Thank you!

Excellence in Catholic Education Tidewater Region Award

Mike Pilola was nominated by his colleagues as Peninsula Catholic's Excellence in Education Award winner for 2020. In May, he attended a virtual ceremony among all the other nominees in the Tidewater, Central, and Western regions. To his surprise (but not ours!), he was named the recipient of the Excellence in Catholic Education Tidewater Region Award.

Mr. Pilola has a natural gift for teaching with the ability to keep his students focused and engaged in the learning process. He is always willing to try something new to keep them inspired. He is not afraid to take on a challenge, especially if the end result is a more creative and innovative curriculum option. Mr. Pilola is a unique combination of laid-back and demanding, which earns him respect from both his students and colleagues. He is a faith-filled teacher, coach, mentor and role model. We are honored to have this PC alumnus as a member of our faculty.



Knights of Columbus Council 5480 Man and Woman of the Year 2020

Congratulations to Charles Longacre and Jordan Anderson for being named the Knights of Columbus Man and Woman of the Year.

NASA Art Contest Winner

Congratulations to Jason Cooke for placing first in the 2020 NASA Langley Student Art Contest. Nearly 1,300 students submitted artwork from around the country with the "We Are Going" theme. The art contest is intended to illustrate where NASA is going next in the realms of research, development, missions and innovations that highlight NASA's human exploration activities which touch aspects of our lives here on Earth.



Regional STEM Fair Winners

Madison Cruz and Parker Cruz participated in the 2020 Tidewater Science and Engineering Regional Fair and were interviewed on Wavy 10 and Fox 43 News by Don Roberts. In the midst of stay-at-home orders, these teens managed to combine science and health in their quests for solving the global epidemic and pandemic crises. Madison won 1st place in the biochemistry category with her project "Ending the Opioid Epidemic: A Novel Non-Opioid Treatment of Chronic Pain After Surgery from Microwave-Irradiated Oyster Shells". Parker also won 1st place in the microbiology category with his project "POTENTIAL Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) TREATMENT: The Antiviral Properties of Chesapeake Bay (Crassostrea Virginia) Oyster Shells".

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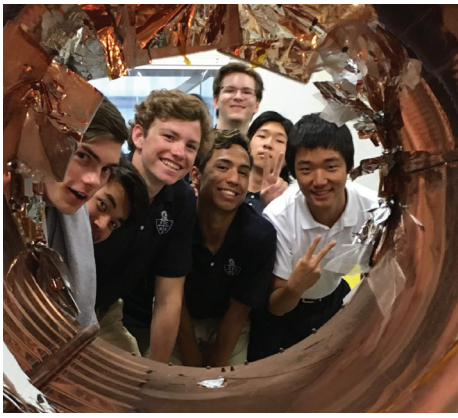
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 Mrs. Shaylyn Wilhellm

ESTATE GIFTS

Bundick Family



IN KIND GIFTS

Ace Peninsula Hardward
 Access Partnership
 Andrew Carney Photography
 Astro Entertainment
 Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Barnes P '17 '20
 Mrs. Mary Kay Barneyback P '00
 Battlefield Golf Club
 Mr. and Mrs. Eric Borders P '23
 Mr. Gary Brocksmith
 Buffalo Wild Wings
 Mr. Jose Cabrera P '19 '21
 Canon Virginia
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cheney P '13 '19
 Chick-Fil-A
 Chili's Grill & Bar
 CNU Department of Athletics
 Colonial Heights Golf Club
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coon
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Curran '88
 Dollywood Theme Parks
 Eastern Data
 Easy Canvas Prints
 Mr. Scott Emry
 Escape Room Virginia Peninsula
 Mr. William Fallen, Jr.
 Ferguson Center for the Arts
 Mrs. Catherine Freel
 Mr. and Mrs. John Gläuner P '19 '21
 Golden Horseshoe Golf Club
 Granby Street Pizza
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gustke P '17 '19
 *Col William Hammond
 Hampton Inn & Suites Newport News Airport
 Mr. David Hansin P '22 '23
 Harpoon Larry's
 Hauser's Jewelers
 Matt Keane Design
 Mr. Sean Kenny P '21
 Keurig Green Mountain
 Kiln Creek Golf Club and Resort
 Lee Hill Golf Club
 Lionsbridge Football Club
 Dr. and Mrs. Robert Mackie P '91 '96 '99
 Masters Mechanical Corporation
 CAPT and Mrs. Robert McKenna P '06 '09 '14
 '20
 Mobile Auto Doctors

Mouse World Travels
 Mr. Robert Munsch
 New Kent Winery
 Norfolk Botanical Gardens
 Nothing Bundt Cakes
 Olive Garden
 One World Observatory
 Outback Steakhouse
 Paper Culture
 Pepsi Bottling Group
 Pierce's Pitt BBQ Restaurant
 Plaza Azteca Mexican Restaurant
 Ms. Karen Reamy
 Mr. Eric Reinkober P '17 '19
 LTC (Ret) and Mrs. Jonathan Rhodes P '97 '02
 Ms. Kimberley Ryan P '21
 Dr. Lisa Samaha
 Mr. Andrew Sandorfi
 Saude Creek Vineyards
 Dr. Tinea Savage-Otey P '22
 Mrs. Candace Schaefer
 Signature at West Neck
 Skydive Suffolk
 Sleepy Hole Golf Course
 Smoke BBQ Restaurant and Bar
 Starbucks Coffee Company
 Mr. James Sumner '91
 The Cheesecake Factory
 The Four Seasons Hotel
 The Hallows Golf Club
 The Jefferson Hotel
 The Williamsburg Winery
 Ms. Robin Thomas
 Mr. Michael Thorne-Begland '87
 Tidewater Team Sports
 Total Wine & More
 Traditions Brewing Company
 Trader Joes
 Mr. and Mrs. David Trepp P '17 '19
 Ms. Melissa Tucker
 Virginia Beach National Golf Club
 Virginia Musical Theatre
 Virginia Stage Company
 Mrs. Shirley Vittorini GP '13 '15
 Walt Disney World Fulfillment
 Dr. Douglas Wall
 Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wartell P '20 P '23
 Wharf Hill Brewing Company





Francesca Bercasio



Grace Joy



Kyle Glaüner

SENIORS OF THE MONTH

2018-2019

Francesca Bercasio

Michael Cheney

Bryson Dorsey

Kyle Glaüner

Ally Hollock

Grace Joy

Titus Lawrence

Claire Potchatek



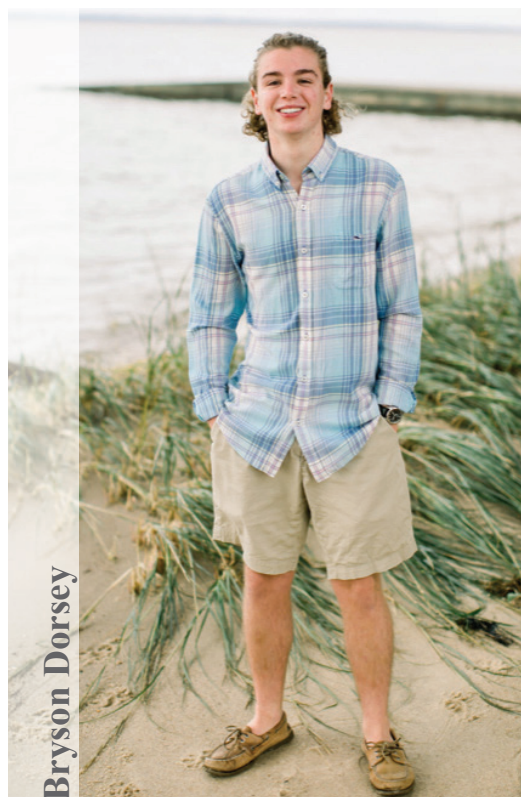
Claire Potchatek



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Jordan Anderson



Suds Longacre

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2019-2020

Jordan Anderson
Juliana Kline
Suds Longacre
Tanner May
Jackie Zhao



Jackie Zhao



Tanner May



Juliana Kline

Honoring the Class of 2020

This graduation isn't the one any of us expected; however, in some ways it is the perfect ending to an unconventional school year. Why? Because by being separated, the Class of 2020, has come together in ways they may have never imagined or had the opportunity to experience. The appreciation for their class and shared journey usually comes after it is too late to turn back and let your friends know how much you love and value them. Instead, our forced social distancing helped us realize how much we truly care for each other.

This graduating class will be forever bonded by ties so strong that when they gather again, they will embrace each other with unimaginable zeal. And that is an unexpected gift. They were not separated by Covid19--they bonded more powerfully than ever--despite Covid19.

A virtual commencement exercise was new to us all and we didn't have months to figure it out. We had weeks, and in those weeks not only did we prepare for the event, we put on a cap and gown drive-thru party--complete with yard signs, music, and balloons; honored each graduate on Facebook; celebrated College Declaration day on social media; learned how to video ourselves lip syncing and upload it, and created another special event to present our graduates with their official diplomas!

It was our pleasure and honor to celebrate the 77 seniors in the Class of 2020 in new and special ways. The faculty and staff are proud of each graduate and look forward to hearing about their accomplishments in the future. Just remember...

We want you to have it all!



Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the first Catholic school in the United States and is our patron saint of Catholic schools. In her honor, the Seton cord was presented for the first time this year to students who have been in Catholic schools for twelve years.

The following seniors were recipients of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Cord.

Ciaran Barnes
Sarah Beavers
George Boulos
Kameron Colvin
Madison Cruz
Helen Driscoll
Annesley Dwyer
Nathan Gillian
Ryan Houlihan
Kyle Jackson
Michael McFadden
Matthew McKenna
Shubana Mohammad
Ana Mummert
Shirin Sayani
Justin Scannel
Matthew Taleghani
Hope Williams





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OCTOBER 17, 2020

THE NEWPORT NEWS MARRIOTT
CITY CENTER

AN EVENT NOT TO MISS!