# WELCOME!

Click HERE for a video message from President/Principal Jeff Palumbo

We at Pallotti are praying for the health and safety of you and your families.

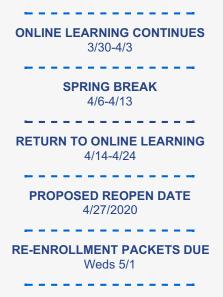
We miss our students!!

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## PALLOTTI CALENDAR



# Thank you to everyone who supported Pallotti's Roaring 20's Virtual Spring Gala!

Even though we were disappointed that we couldn't meet on-campus, we had a successful event online! For those who were winning bidders of only items that are certificates and non-tangible items, your winnings will be mailed to you. If you were the winning bidder and your items included tangible items or baskets, we will keep them safely stored until school reopens. If you'd like to make specific arrangements for pickup of any tangible items, please email <a href="mailto:advancement@pallottihs.org">advancement@pallottihs.org</a> and we will do our best to accommodate.

Thanks also to all who participated in our Raise the Virtual Paddle for Pallotti. Through your generosity, we raised over \$20,000 towards our Raise the Paddle Goal of \$50,000. If you were not able to participate and still wish to do so, please visit our **Gala Website** to participate. You may also purchase a ticket for our **\$10,000 Cash/Free Tuition Raffle.** The drawing has been extended to May 1.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!























#### School News

This month at Pallotti we have chosen the virtue of Perseverance. The student who has won this month has been said to be. "the very definition of perseverance." She has ongoing health issues, but if you didn't know that you would never be able to tell because she remains positive and stays strong so others won't worry. She never hesitates to stop and help others despite her own circumstances. When she misses classes, she is quick to make up the work because letting her grades slip and being behind in class is not "ok" in her book. Everything in the description of perseverance exemplifies this student. We are proud to announce that this month's student of the month for perseverance is sophomore Mia Gonzalez-Jackson. Congratulations to Mia!!

Seniors Matthew Merritt and Michael Merritt were each selected for the AFCEA Central Maryland Chapter John & Angie Skinner Merit scholarship, a \$10,000 scholarship for local area students going to college to study STEM. They each also received a Henry Taub Memorial Scholarship from the ADP Foundation. This is an annual stipend of \$2,000 awarded each of their four years in college.

Distance learning began on March 16 and will continue to April 24. We've received great feedback from both parents and students, and pets are getting in on the fun too! See Ms. Grenchik's assistant, Byron the pup, participating. Video

Mr. Rheam '94 and Mrs. Rheam hosted an at-home spirit week for their students last week. Check out their take on "Crazy Hair Day" with son Andy: photo

Pallotti has two winners in the Prince George's County History Day Contest (in our first year competing). This year's theme is "Breaking Barriers in History." In the Senior Individual Performance, Kaitlyn Robinson placed for "Speaking for the Moving" and for the Senior Group Website, Mia Gonzales Jackson and Faith Singletary won for "The Impact of Ernest Hemingway's Life." They will now move on to the Maryland State History Day on May 2 at UMBC.

Senior Bryce Walker received the Discover Award from Penn State University!

Join us in prayer during school days on Pallotti's facebook page as Ms. Haning live streams prayer of the examen. The examen is a method of prayer developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola in which we reflect on our day, noticing moments of consolation and desolation, with the goal of coming to recognize the ways that God is working in our lives. Join us at 12:00pm every weekday where distance learning is in session.

Congratulations to Amari Nichols and Emily Springer for receiving recognition at this year's Artist on the Rise Show at the Montpelier Arts Center. Amari won 2nd place for her piece and Emily received an honorable mention. Rhily Santanello and Riley Johnston-Napora also had work selected for the show. We're very proud of all of these ladies who had work selected as only 80 pieces were selected from the DC/Metropolitan area.

#### College Corner

Please email your students' college acceptances and commitment to rduckworth@pallottihs.org to be featured in our College Corner

**Anthony Blunt** Cornell University

Joe Jiang

Longy School of Music

#### **Panther Athletics**

#### A message from Lee Ann Elman, Director of Girls' Athletics:

To all of our female spring athletes and their families. There are still so many uncertainties when it comes to Covid-19. An Athletic Directors' meeting for the IAAM is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Board of Governors for the league will meet on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Following these two meetings, I hope to be able to provide definitive information on what direction the league will take with regards to the remainder of the season. I appreciate your patience during this confusing and frustrating time.

A huge shout out to girls' Varsity basketball's **Jasmine Valentine** on her recent commitment to Div.1 Drexel University. Jasmine is now the fourth girls' basketball player from this year's team who will continue her basketball career at the DI level. Also in this elite group are **Jania Hall**, Monmouth University, **Larri Sydnor**, Norfolk State University and **Eniya Russsell**, University of South Carolina.

Senior Shaelyn Yearmal was part of the IAAM's health and safety PSA!video

Congratulations also to senior guard **Eniya Russell** on her selection to 1<sup>St</sup> Team All Met in the Washington Post!

Attention all parents.....let your sons and daughters know that WE WANT THEIR SWEATY SELFIES!! Athletic Directors Coach Courtemanche and Mrs. Elman, along with Athletic Trainer Alli Abell, are challenging our students to email their best sweaty selfies or just pictures working out (no sweat required), to post on our athletics Facebook and Twitter pages. Any kind of physical activity qualifies; yoga, aerobics, lifting, walking the dog and even dancing works!! We want them to have fun with it. Videos would be awesome too! We are using the hashtag #pumpinpallottipride. Our faculty is making sure their minds stay alert, but it's our job to make sure they're keeping their bodies active too, so please help us keep them physically active. Who will be the first to send their picture????

#### From the Parent Guild

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past three years, I have written many an email to you referencing the Pallotti Family and the Pallotti Community. I have asked you to volunteer, donate, and support our school and children for Homecomings, Cookies in the Courtyard, Retreats, and so many other wonderful traditions.

Over the past few weeks, our community has had to come together, not in the lobby or the gym but remotely from our homes to help our students through one of the most difficult transitions of their young lives.

Thank you for being patient with our wonderful teachers, staff, and administration. While other schools are still making plans, our teachers were back in their classrooms, albeit virtually, after missing only two days bringing some normalcy back to our lives. Yes, there were some hiccups along the way. But as with all families, nothing is ever 100% perfect. We adjust and grow together.

Please take a moment to thank your student's teacher.

#PallottiStrong

#### The Pallotti Parent Guild, 2019-2020

President - Adele Merritt Vice President - Lisa Luksic Secretary - Lauren Cummings Treasurer - Greg Smith

Hospitality Chairperson - Jenny Dobbin Book Chairperson - Pam Timus Used Uniforms Chairperson - MJ Bagileo Mentor Chairperson - Cherri Holland

### **Alumni News**

The Classes of 1989 and 1990 are holding their 31 & 30 year reunion at the Pallotti Crab Feast this fall, tentatively set for Saturday, September 19, 2020. Email Michelle Ritchie Mattear '90 (michelle.mattear@gmail.com) or Kelly Hoff Ruddo '89 (kellyruddo@occinc.com) or look out from communications from Pallotti with ticket prices and more info.

Please pray for Kristin Vasauskas '96 who passed away far too soon this month.

**Heather Maumary Boswell '07** and husband Chris welcomed baby #4, Thomas, this month. Congratulations to their growing family!

Maggie Bunge '17 has become a certified helicopter flight instructor!

Please pray for a quick and successful recovery of **Alex Eubanks '19** is recovering from a car accident on March 13, 2020.

St. Vincent Pallotti High School Alumni Association

### In the Community

The City of Laurel is celebrating 150 years as an incorporated city with events all year. Check out their **Facebook** for more information.

Resources for attending virtual mass all around the world can be foundhere.

Information on SAT Prep classes can be foundhere.

Prince George's County Youth Work Summer Enrichment Program for students

The Rockville Catholic Summer program is looking for students to hire this summer. More info

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