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Mangino and Pazzia Receive Augustinian Scholarships

Seniors Maddie Mangino and Ava Pazzia have both received prestigious Augustinian scholarships from partner institutions that recognize students who exemplify the values of veritas, unitas, and caritas. Mangino was awarded the Augustinian High School Scholarship at Villanova University, a full four-year academic scholarship granted annually to one student nominated by Austin Prep. Following a review by faculty and school leadership, Head of School Dr. James Hickey nominated Mangino for the honor, which was officially approved by Villanova President Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D. Pazzia was selected by the Merrimack College Office of Admissions to receive an Augustinian scholarship in recognition of her leadership, academic achievement, and commitment to the Austin Prep community. This full academic scholarship is renewable for four years. Both students were recognized for the way they represent Austin Prep through service, character, and dedication both inside and outside the classroom. Their achievements reflect the strong connection between Austin Prep and fellow Augustinian institutions, while continuing the tradition of students carrying Augustinian values into the future.



Austin Prep Hosts SAVI

Austin Prep recently welcomed students and faculty from Augustinian schools across North America for the Student Augustinian Values Institute (SAVI), an annual gathering centered on faith, leadership, and community. The event brought together representatives from fellow Augustinian schools to reflect on the values of veritas, unitas, and caritas while building connections with one another. Throughout the program, students participated in discussions, activities, and presentations focused on Augustinian spirituality and leadership. Hosting SAVI gave Austin Prep students the opportunity to share their own experiences while learning from peers with similar educational and spiritual foundations. The event highlighted the strong sense of unity that exists among Augustinian schools and reinforced Austin Prep's commitment to forming students who value service, reflection, and community. By bringing together students from across the country and Canada, SAVI strengthened the relationships that continue to connect the broader Augustinian educational tradition. Representing Austin Prep were sophomores Sammy Gallant, Theo Goldsmith, Gavin Huntress, Sydney Klein, Laney Putney, and Peter Trowbridge.



Partnership Brings Community Together for Evening of Service

On the Wednesday of Holy Week, Austin Prep students partnered with The Movement Family (TMF) and Sage Dining Services to help host a special community dinner centered on service and gratitude. TMF was founded by Michael Gorman, a social entrepreneur and community advocate from Methuen, Massachusetts. Through TMF, Gorman has spent more than a decade supporting individuals experiencing homelessness, addiction, and other challenges while promoting the organization's guiding philosophy: "It's a family." His work and message have continued to inspire Austin Prep students through examples of compassion, consistency, and authentic relationships. While Sage Dining Services prepared the meal, Austin Prep students spent the evening serving guests, talking with attendees, and building connections with members of the community. The event focused not only on providing a meal, but also on creating a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone involved. The event also served as a way for the Austin Prep community to give back to Gorman and TMF for empowering students through opportunities for leadership, service, and outreach. The dinner reflected the Augustinian value of caritas through its emphasis on generosity and care for others. Especially during the Lenten season, the event reminded students of the importance of serving the community and supporting those who make a difference in the lives of others.

News

Writing by Ava Savino / Layout by Sofia Cataldi

Grand Opening of the Center for Integrated Learning Brings Big Smiles and Big Futures



The opening of the Center for Integrated Learning marked the exciting beginning of a new view on Austin Prep. It was a special day on campus as we welcomed donors, Augustinian Friars, and Saint Ambrose Fellows for a ceremony filled with joy. Richard J. Meelia '67, along with Michael and Renee Minogue P'27, P'31, cut the ribbon to officially open the space. The ceremony was held in the hallway in front of the center and was officially opened to students grades 6-12. The Center for Integrated Learning is a welcoming resource open to all students, fostering growth, collaboration, and success in an environment guided by Augustinian values. Father Armano blessed the space with holy water as Dr. Hickey and Mr. Pollard delivered heartfelt speeches about the purpose of the center. Refreshments and appetizers were available as attendees exchanged conversation. The morning was a moment to remember and continue to embrace what the future entails.



From Pyramids to Power: Austin Prep Showcases Student Brilliance



Austin Prep took academics to a new level of engagement this year during the annual 6th Grade Egyptian Museum and the 8th Grade Science Fair. The 6th graders created replicas of Egyptian pyramids, towns, cities,

and buildings. Parents and supporters were able to come and see it for themselves and witness a true Egyptian experience. Amazing job 6th graders!

In addition, the 8th grade showcased their talent

at the 8th Grade Science Fair. Frankie Bates '30 reflected, "My favorite part of the night was working with other students and seeing what other projects entailed." Within the fair, multitudes of ideas were underway. From weighing

waterboats to turning lemons and potatoes into electricity, the projects were a hit! Teachers, parents, siblings, and peer students admired all of the hard work that led up to the special night.

Cougars Give it All in the NEPSAC Playoffs

After a season of intense competition, the Austin Prep Boys Basketball team earned a berth in the Class B Large Team NEPSAC Tournament, marking the first tournament qualification in program history. A challenging regular-season schedule that featured some of the top teams in both Class A and Class B helped prepare the Cougars to secure the No. 6 seed. The Cougars took on The Rivers School in the quarterfinals. The boys came out with a bang to take the rallying lead for the first half. The matchup was strong for both sides with some of the best

players in all of NEPSAC. Similar to earlier in the season, the team competed at a high level of basketball, embracing themselves for the sport they love. Coach Ryan P'29 P'30 remarked, "Although our team is still relatively young, over the course of the year we really matured and I was surprised with how well the team competed with such a young group in a competitive NEPSAC environment. It is really encouraging to see the team coming back next year." While they fell short of their ultimate goal, the team fought to the end, and the brotherhood they built along the way was a victory in itself.





One Crew, Many Strengths

Writing and layout by Naomi Kerrigan

The Kaleidoscope Crew was started this year at Austin Prep to assist people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) find jobs and become a meaningful part of the school community. The program works with BrightBridge Neurodiversity Workforce Partners to give members opportunities to work in places around campus like dining services, arts, athletics, and technology.

The idea for the program came from visits to Bitty & Beau's Coffee, a café formerly in Melrose that hired people with disabilities. After practices, Austin Prep baseball players would go there and talk with employees, including

one in particular named Brady, whose personality and knowledge impressed everyone.

"Watching students interact so naturally showed us how talented and capable these individuals are," said Maryanne O'Donnell P'20, '22, '23, '25, '29, who helped bring the program to Austin Prep through BrightBridge. "So many people just haven't been given the same opportunities."

The program started developing in November and officially launched shortly after. One of the main goals was to help people with IDD find work while also showing how much they can contribute in

a workplace. The organizers also wanted the program to help students build real relationships through everyday interactions.

The name "Kaleidoscope Crew" represents how everyone brings something different and special to the community. Like the pieces of a kaleidoscope, each person helps create something better when they come together. Every person has something important to offer and when everyone is included the whole community becomes stronger.

This year's members included Patrick Mahoney, Whitman Mamayek, Casey O'Donnell, Mia Kruppa, Leia Brown, Jacob Goldlust, and

Austin Lee. Crew members help with jobs around the school while also getting to know students, teachers, and staff members.

The Kaleidoscope Crew has already made a positive impact at Austin Prep. Students see crew members around campus every day, which helps create natural friendships and a more welcoming environment. The program has also helped participants gain confidence, independence, and a stronger sense of purpose.

By bringing people together through everyday experiences, the Kaleidoscope Crew is helping make Austin Prep a more inclusive and connected community.



kaleidoscope
crew



Meet the Fish!

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Yo,
what's good? I'm Drake
Maye, **Clownfish #1** in this tank
and the king of New England. Yes, I'm
orange with white stripes, shocking, I know. I
blend in with the squad so well that sometimes even I
don't know which one I am.

Beyoncé is **Clownfish #2**. She's serving looks with that orange
and white combo, but let's be real... she looks exactly like me.
We're all just expensive copies of each other.

Ed Sheeran over here is **Clownfish #3**. Same orange vibes, same white
stripes. This guy probably writes sad songs about how nobody can tell
us apart.

Dr. Seuss is **Clownfish #4**. One fish, two fish, red fish... nah, just
more orange fish. I swear every time I see him, I think I'm
looking in a tiny underwater mirror.

Napoleon is **Clownfish #6**. Little
man acts like he's in charge of the
tank but he's literally the same size and
color as me. Acts like the emperor, rules
absolutely nothing.

Pythagoras is **Clownfish #5**. This genius still hasn't
figured out the theorem for why we all look
identical. Same orange, same stripes,
same identity crisis.

St. Augustine is that big, flashy **Imperator
Angelfish** with the bold stripes. He's out here
looking like a baroque painting while the rest of us
are stuck in the standard-issue clownfish uniform.

Dory is the bright blue
Hippo Tang. She's stunning, super
colorful, and probably the only fish
people actually remember. Must be nice
not being orange and forgettable like me.

Waldo is the **Long-Nosed Hawkfish**. Good luck
finding him, wait, actually he's pretty easy
to spot because he's the only one with
a nose that looks like it lost a fight
with a pencil sharpener.

Oui Oui is **Mono #1** fish. She's silver and
shiny. Honestly, they all look like fancy dinner
plates swimming around. Elegant, but zero
personality.

Dumpling is **Mono #3**.
She's round, silver, and kind
of cute in a 'I might get eaten with
soy sauce' way.

Caecilius is **Mono #2**. Same silver look.
I swear these guys multiply when
I'm not looking.

Taco is **Mono #4** fish. Silver, basic,
probably delicious. Moving on.

Then there's Swim Shady, the **Foxface
Rabbitfish**. Yellow with dark markings,
looking like he's about to drop
the hottest track in the tank.
Definitely the edgiest
fish.



LONG-NOSED HAWKFISH



EMPEROR ANGELFISH

MONO



FOXFACE RABBITFISH

MONO



HIPPO TANG



CLOWNFISH

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

Ms. Carly Cavanagh

Writing by Kylie Gagne / Layout by Kristen Manzione



Mrs. Cavanagh's P'28 P'29 story is not tied to a single hometown, but to change and the memories that stayed with her through it all. Growing up in a military family, she lived in different places across the country, always adjusting to something new. But each year, no matter where life brought her, her family returned to the same place: Disney World. One memory has stayed with her over time: "Walking down Main Street, U.S.A. in the Magic Kingdom, holding my mom's hand." In a childhood that was always shifting, that tradition gave her something steady and familiar.

Along her journey, she found Austin Prep. The school stood out to her right away because the mission felt real and lived out each day. She saw it as more than just a job, but a place where she could grow and be a part of a community. Over 15 years in education, Mrs. Cavanagh has taught every

core subject, building a strong understanding of how students learn in different ways. As an astrophysicist, she enjoys helping students think beyond the classroom and understand how the world and the universe work. With her range of experience, science has always been where she feels most at home.

Her students might be surprised to learn that she has been skydiving, something that she describes as one of the most exciting experiences of her life. Still, what matters the most to her happens in the classroom each day. Whether it is a message from a former student or the energy she feels during a lesson, those moments remind her why she teaches. She finds motivation in the curiosity and excitement her students bring, and in the chance to actually make a lasting impact. As she says, "They bring so much energy, enthusiasm, and joy... [it] is what keeps me coming back with a full heart."

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

Mr. Jack Huntress

Writing by Gavin Huntress / Layout by Kristen Manzione

Hailing from the small town of Hardwick in the middle of Massachusetts, Mr. Huntress P'28 P'31 is one of the newest members of the Austin Prep Science Department. With a background in geology from Boston College and experience in business, Mr. Huntress pursued careers in environmental consulting and entrepreneurship, founding a real estate software company before coming to Austin Prep. When asked what motivated him to join Austin Prep a mere 17 months ago, he replied, "I've thought about teaching for a number of years... The faith-based value system that AP has and being able to teach chemistry really aligned with values and interests that I have. Further, I fundamentally believe that the most valuable asset that society has is the next generation, and I desire to be able to (hopefully!) have an impact."

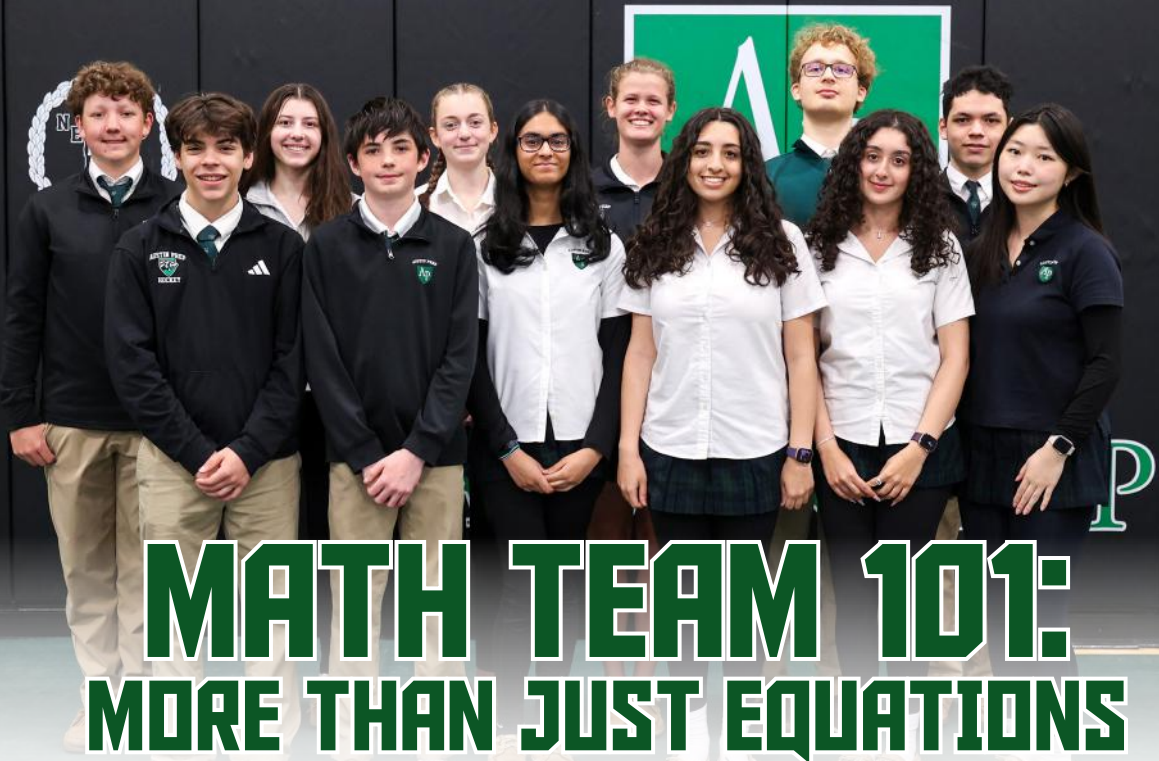
Mr. Huntress has dived right into his teaching, conducting a Chemistry course that is constantly being tweaked and improved with the help of his co-teacher, Mr. Donati. His most rewarding moment as a teacher was when, "Last fall, I had a parent share with me that her daughter, a former student of mine,

was inspired to go into the field of science because of her time in my classroom." Showing that the impact teachers can have transcends the classroom. Thus far, his favorite school tradition is Senior Sunrise and Senior Sunset, which he sees as a meaningful representation of the seniors' final year of high school. Like many students, Mr. Huntress counts lunch among his favorite parts of the Austin Prep experience. He enjoys the quality of the food, especially compared to most school lunches, and values the chance to gather with colleagues while watching students relax, connect, and simply be kids.

Mr. Huntress also understands that being a teacher is much more than just lecturing to students. It's about forming real connections, letting them apply what they learn, and supporting his students, not just in the chemistry classroom. To future students he recommends, "Make sure to take advantage of what AP has to offer. Try something each year that makes you a bit uncomfortable because at AP you'll find a great support system that will help you navigate whatever it is you are trying. As you'll know more as you get older, the



biggest growth in our lives comes in those moments when we are stepping out of our comfort zone and AP provides some very supportive environments to let that happen." Through his commitment to shaping the next generation and encouraging students to embrace new challenges, Mr. Huntress exemplifies the spirit of the Austin Prep community.



MATH TEAM 101: MORE THAN JUST EQUATIONS

Writing and layout by Aanya Metpelly

The Austin Prep Math Team, founded in the 1970s, is a part of the Massachusetts Mathematics League (MML). Every Wednesday after school, the members of the Math Team gather to practice problems before the monthly meet, which is typically held on the first Thursday of every month from October to March. At the end of the season, the state final is held in mid-March. This year, our Math Team was ranked third for small schools in the state, and in previous seasons, the team has regularly attended the state final.

Math Faculty member Mr. Jason Sun, the Math Team coach for the past 4 years, spoke about his experience, sharing, “My favorite part is seeing that aha moment.” Explaining how ‘the final click’ of understanding is his favorite, he goes on to describe the importance of the community that the Math Team creates, reflecting on how, “It’s not just about math, it’s the collaboration and teamwork

and the encouraging everyone does for each other.” The community of the math team is very meaningful, as there is continuous bonding within the team, whether it be collaborating when working through practice problems, chatting on the van rides back and forth to meets, or talking about the questions encountered during the meet. As Mr. Sun puts it, “We have a good friendship, and food, drinks, and snacks, every time we go to competitions.”

Whenever people think of sports competitions, they may think of different athletic sports that involve physical activity. However, Mr. Sun explains, “We are not a sports team, but it is a sport. It’s a brain sport. It’s not training your body, but training your brain.” Math Team, he highlights, will improve, “problem solving skills, and will have a lot of different skill sets that you can build. In the regular classroom, you might not see that, so here is the

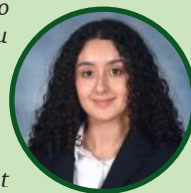
place you can improve your solving skills.”

As Austin Prep closes up the 2025-2026 school year, the community looks toward another school year on the horizon, and with that, a new season for the Math Team. “Joining math team is low pressure, high reward,” Mr. Sun says, and is, “open to anyone who wants to try it out or is passionate about math.” As four of the team’s seniors graduate this year and head off to college, there are plenty of open spots for new members, and Mr. Sun expressed his hope to, “build up a good roster. Then, we can have a strong team to compete with other schools.” As Mr. Sun emphasized, anyone is welcome to try out for and join the team, and all they have to do is either email Mr. Sun at jason.sun@austinprep.org or let him know in person. Once the 2026-2027 school year starts, the team will be looking forward to meeting any and all new members, and to work towards having a great season!

Q + A WITH THE MATH TEAM

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD SAY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NEW TO THE TEAM?

“Make sure to have fun! You don’t need to be a genius at math to contribute to the team; just try your best and make memories!”



Danielle Zaza '26

“Live and learn. Don’t be afraid to fail.”

Connor Lynch '27



“I would tell new members to not feel discouraged if the problems seem difficult and if they are not performing well during competitions. You improve a lot with practice, and over time the problems become easier and consequently the scores increase. Consistency pays off!”



Mark Tokarev '28

Where Many Voices Become One

Writing by Noah Rivera / Layout by Gavin Huntress

The Austin Prep Choir is not just an after-school program for talented singers; it's a community with excellent music and strong bonds. The choir maintains a busy schedule of two to three rehearsals weekly, and more than 25 performances throughout the year, including school Masses and special events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting and Lessons and Carols. Within this structured schedule, however, the atmosphere remains positive and uplifting. When discussing the rehearsal environment, Director of Music, Dr. Jessica McCormack, responded, "Our goal is to take the music seriously without taking ourselves too seriously. Rehearsals are focused, but there is always a sense of joy, plenty of laughter, and strong support among students. When it is time to work, we do so with purpose, as we are a performing ensemble and rehearsals are an important

space to prepare, grow, take risks while staying connected as a group. And, as those in the know can attest, occasionally indulging in a Heav'nly donut does wonders for the sound."

Members of the choir also shared meaningful experiences of their own. Musical Advisor Cecilia Goldsmith '26 shared her memories, "The choir is a super important part of AP that helps to animate school-wide Masses and events and performs several concerts throughout the year. Rehearsals are a great time to connect with friends, learn new music, and realize how amazing a chorus of voices can sound when it comes together! One of my favorite moments from this year was singing at my last Convocation Mass at Austin Prep and having fun with all of the new and returning members of the choir."

Beyond rehearsals and electric performances, the



Spring Concert

choir shared memorable moments throughout the year. When Julia Coelho '27, the Student President of the choir, was asked to reflect on her favorite choral adventures, she replied, "One of my most memorable moments this year was singing at St. Augustine's Church in Andover for Lessons and Carols. I attended St. Augustine's School from Kindergarten through eighth grade, so being able to sing in the church where I began my musical journey was a beautiful experience.

Another reason this moment was so memorable is that we learned we will be singing in Italy during the 2026–2027 academic year!" With exciting opportunities on the horizon, like their trip to Italy, the Austin Prep Choir looks ahead with enthusiasm and excitement to perform and make more unforgettable memories together. Additionally, if anyone is interested in learning more about choir, please don't hesitate to reach out to a choir member, a choral officer, or Dr. McCormack!



Lessons & Carols



Convocation



AUSTIN PREP ATHLETES SWING INTO THE SUNSHINE STATE

Writing by Ava Savino

Marking the third year of Austin Prep's Florida trip, spring training was in full swing where athletes from the golf, softball, and girls tennis teams prepared for the upcoming season. All of the teams stayed in Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort, where there was plenty of time for bonding at the arcade, meeting athletes from other states at the Shake's Malt Shoppe, or waking up early to beat the Starbucks line. Although unexpected flight cancellations created a chaotic start to the trip, the Cougars quickly adjusted their plans. With buses booked as a last-minute solution and plenty of airport snacks consumed during the long delay, the teams stayed positive and eventually made

the journey down to Florida, ready to begin their spring training experience.

Starting the trip off in high spirits, the Golf team headed to the most prestigious courses in Orlando. They had state-of-the-art coaches to instruct their swings, mentality, and fundamentals of the match. Following these hardworking days, the team journeyed over to Universal, which had three parks to choose from: Epic Universe, Islands of Adventure, and Universal Studios. The sunny and cool weather made for perfect greens and a fun time to relax and enjoy each other. Gabe Guerra '27 remarked, "The trip was a highlight of my break. It was an amazing opportunity to develop my



game and get close with my teammates. I can't wait to do it again next year." All in all, the trip proved to be a perfect balance of hard work, improvement, and team bonding.

The Upper School Softball program sent 21 athletes to represent Austin Prep. The Cougars were divided into two teams and each played four games, competing against teams from all around the country. It was an amazing opportunity for the athletes to get some time on the dirt before season hit and for the coaches to see the full potential and ability of each individual. After the girls hit the field, they got a chance to experience Universal as well. Whether it was grabbing Voodoo Donuts at the Boardwalk or waiting in line for Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure, the team formed new friendships and life-lasting memories. Brooke Voica '26 reflected on her final Florida trip, "It was a fun time, connecting on and off the field."

Girls Tennis was the new edition to this year's roster of teams, and it proved to be a blast! The program took athletes from a variety of grades which allowed them to create new friendships and experience top-tier tennis complexes. The USTA National Campus provided cutting-edge training to advance their skills. Not only did the squad have the opportunity to learn, they also got a chance to apply the new mechanics to single and doubles matches. To finish up the long day of hard work, they headed to the parks, dinners on Boardwalk, and the pool to soak up the sun. Zinnia DeAngelis '28 remarked, "My favorite moment was getting our first win together against Green Farms Academy."

Spring Break training provided a meaningful and enjoyable escape from the everyday routines, and as the spring season has come to a close, the memories and preparation from the trip remain an important part of each team's journey.

2025-2026

STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Week of 9/8



Alyssa Soave
Competition Cheer



Jay Wang
Golf

Week of 10/6



Ellie Poulos
Soccer



Nolan Pitta
Golf

Week of 11/10



Kenna Sullivan
Field Hockey



Lukas Koustomiris-Bressette
Soccer

Week of 9/15



Keira Gagne
Cross Country



Drew Tisbert
Football

Week of 10/13



Katarina Burke
Volleyball



Owen Wills
Soccer



Seniors
Football

Week of 9/22



Gia Rizzo
Field Hockey



Offensive Line
Football



Doug Connor
Soccer

Week of 10/20



Stella Masciarelli
Field Hockey



Girls Varsity
Soccer Team



Competition
Cheer Team

Week of 9/29



Klara Masterpol
Volleyball



Michael Caruso
Cross Country

Week of 10/27



Julia Droggitis
Soccer



Mark-Henry Novas
Football

Week of 12/8



Ruby Thompson
Basketball



Alex Herbert
Hockey

Week of 9/29



Cassidy Cannistraci
Field Hockey

Week of 11/3



Niamh Reidy
Cross Country



Olivia Neal
Volleyball



Reid Sterling
Soccer

Week of 12/15



Gabby DeNardo
Indoor Track & Field



Will Nunes
Basketball

Week of 12/22



Claire Connelly
Swimming



Warren Dubois
Hockey

Week of 1/5



Sarah Sampson
Hockey



Marvin L'Italien-Avery
Basketball

Week of 1/12



Maggie Gove
Ski



Rose Sperling
Swimming



Jacob Mirick
Swimming

Week of 1/19



Celina Hwang
Dance



Lucas Lilley
Hockey

Week of 1/26



Austin Chisholm
Basketball



Klara Masterpol
Indoor Track & Field

Week of 2/2



Lukas Janusis
Basketball



Talya Mariani
Basketball

Week of 2/9



Grace Buser
Indoor Track & Field



Izzy Wane
Basketball

Week of 2/16



Markus Faust
Ski



Katelyn Krogh
Basketball

Week of 2/23



Caitlin Simmons
Basketball



Charlie Hickey
Indoor Track & Field

Week of 3/2



Samantha Riley
Swimming



Aiden Goodwin
Hockey

Week of 3/30



Gabriella McLaughlin
Lacrosse



Brady Andrews
Baseball

Week of 4/6



Dylan Rich
Lacrosse



Shane Miller
Lacrosse

Week of 4/13



Brooke Bazylinski
Softball



Landon Bentley
Lacrosse

Week of 4/20



Olivia Neal
Outdoor T&F



Zach Oliver
Outdoor T&F

Week of 4/27



Avery Balfe
Lacrosse



Nolan Abbott
Lacrosse

Week of 5/4



Caleigh Murphy
Outdoor T&F



Gabriella Leo
Lacrosse

Week of 5/11



Luciana Igoe
Softball



Noah Florence
Lacrosse

Week of 5/18



Victoria Trojer
Tennis

Before We Go: The Advice We Leave Behind

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Steven
Reyes

“Be more outgoing. Specifically, talk to people as if they already were your friend. That has helped me connect with people a lot easier, even if it seems like we don't have much in common.”



Grace
Buser

“Don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone—meet new people, talk to teachers and administrators, and get involved in any activity you can.”



Buddhini
Perera

“Be kind to yourself and others, and try new things. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Strive to be the best version of yourself.”



Mark-Henry
Novas

“You can only control what you can control, so don't worry about anything else.”



Brooke
Voica

“Let it all work out and don't over-stress.”



Jack
Coffey

“Never doubt yourself, if someone else can do it why can't you.”



Lucas
Ortiz

“Get involved in as many things as possible and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone.”



Mia
Dahlman

“Step outside of your comfort zone, participate and go to everything, and don't care what anyone else thinks about it!”



Cecilia Goldsmith

"I think becoming a part of the AP community as much as you can is really important for building connections and having a great time. I would have never met some of my best friends if it weren't for all of the activities I got involved with along the way. Don't let others discourage you from trying new things!"



Derek Langeran

"Don't be afraid of change. Sometimes it's better to just embrace it."



Lizzy Megaloudis

"Take each day one step at a time and everything will work out."



Danielle Zaza

"Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it, even if it feels uncomfortable.

Your teachers and classmates want to see you succeed and are there to support you."



Sydney Thua

"Be yourself and always try new things."



Marcus Villarroel

"Just be yourself and it'll all work out in the end."



Catherine Antonelli

"Always stay true to yourself! Don't be afraid to take risks! Don't ever let the fear of failure stop you or hold you back! Your mind is powerful, always believe in yourself especially on the days that are the hardest!"



Mikey Brosnan

"Don't be afraid to embarrass yourself, you grow the most in the moments where you make a mistake, look silly, or step out of your comfort zone."



Noah Rivera

"Let yourself branch out more and don't be afraid of who you truly are."



Kylie Gagne

"Say yes to things that make memories, and no to things that mess with your peace."



After 41 years of inspiring students, shaping minds, and building a lasting legacy, **Ms. Celia Barletta** closes an extraordinary chapter at Austin Prep.

Her dedication, kindness, and passion for education have left an unforgettable impact on generations of Austin Prep students and colleagues. Congratulations on your retirement, and thank you for four decades of excellence, wisdom, and heart!

