



SAINT PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Saint Patrick,

Thank you for the best four years of my life. Thank you for the teachers who prepared me so well. Thank you for the friends that I was fortunate enough to make over the past four years. Finally, thank you for the unique experiences that I would not have been able to participate in without St. Patrick. Without Saint Patrick High School, I would not be able to recognize how much I have grown mentally and physically over these past four amazing years.

It was August 15, 2019 just yesterday. And just yesterday, I was walking into the doors of 5900 W. Belmont Ave. shaking hands with Principal Baffico, Dr. Schmidt, Brother David, and taking a picture with my dad/future teacher, Mr. Doyle, under the “Welcome Freshmen” banner. I have always wondered in the back of my mind, ‘What if I had gone to a different high school?’ I have always answered my own question with, ‘St. Patrick and the people within it, on top of the experiences it has given me, is special. Without these people, experiences, or classes, I would not be anywhere near where I am today. I would not be as responsible, disciplined, or as strong of a leader without the guidance of Saint Patrick teachers, coaches, or students. Specifically, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Craine, Mrs. Fiorante, Coach McIntee, Dr. Schmidt, Michael Jurek, and Patrick Wright, have all helped me tremendously in achieving my goals. Because of all of them, and others, I would not be President of the National Honor Society, a Chick Evans Scholar, an Eagle Scout, an Illinois State Scholar, or myself.’

As I write this letter, it has yet to “click” that I will be leaving St. Patrick next year. I still feel as if next year will be my senior year. Although I have done so much to prepare for the next chapter of life, including being awarded the Chick Evans scholarship to Marquette, it does not feel real yet to be stepping

down as President of the National Honor Society, and much more. Although I am not ready to say goodbye, Saint Patrick has set me up for success for the next four years and for the rest of my life. Mr. Doyle taught me how to be myself through presentations and papers. Mr. Craine taught me to think outside of the box. Mrs. Fiorante taught me to never give up on anything I do. Coach McIntee helped me learn to slow down in complex situations. Dr. Schmidt guided me to receiving the Chick Evans Scholarship. Michael Jurek helped me strive to be who I am in whatever I do. Finally, Patrick Wright encouraged me to push myself to be the best version of me. Without the help of all of these important people and many others, I would not be where I am today.

In closing, I started at Saint Patrick High School only knowing a few people, but as I leave in May, I will be leaving with a community of brothers who will be with me throughout my entire life.

Sincerely,

Kenton Doyle '23