



## SAINT PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Saint Patrick,

I have loved my time at Saint Patrick High School, and even though I am graduating soon, my time here is never over. I know that in one day, or twenty years I will still be as involved in the “Saint Pat’s forever.”

Saint Patrick High School has offered me the best education I could have asked for. They have offered many classes that most high schools do not offer. I am lucky enough to be going into college with close to thirty credits, a great foundation in math, english, science, and history, and a faith based education that has taught me almost as much as every other subject.

On my first day at Shamrock High, I remember a certain message being repeated enough to where it eventually stuck with me. “*Get involved in the time you have here.*” I took that message to heart, because at that point, alumni had only ever told me that the time you have there is never enough. For most of my years, I was a three-sport athlete involved in Water Polo as well as Golf and Swimming.. These teams have provided memories that stick, as if they happened yesterday. I will always remember the loud locker rooms and bus rides with hilarious jokes, learning polish music from my water polo goalie, and swim meets with the most motivating team ever. I was blessed to have some of the best coaches while in high school including my golf coach. Coach McIntee was a mentor on and off the course and one of the best Shamrocks I’ve ever known.

Sports were not my only extracurricular activities. My senior year, I was Student Class President, and received the honor of delivering the message to the class of 2027 on how to get involved and why it was worth it. I participated in National Honor Society with Ms. Fiorante and Lasaillian

Youth with Ms. Wood. Lastly, I was lucky to be able to join a great group of student and teacher leaders on the Kairos retreat. Mr. Raho led six students and three other teachers on a retreat that is the definition of faith, tradition, and brotherhood. All of the seniors attend this retreat, and they all grow closer to God, learn more about themselves, and most importantly form bonds with their brothers for life.

My time at Shamrock High will never leave me. It is here that I have met my best friends and brothers for life. It is here that I have grown into what Saint Pat's intended for me to become. I have inherited their core values and will carry them on my journey through life. Most importantly, because of this school, I will never be alone on the journey ahead. I love this school and everything that I have received from it. Thank you Saint Patrick for being the best community that I have ever been a part of.

Live Jesus in your heart, Forever!

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