



SAINT PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Saint Patrick,

Since 3rd grade, I have always been involved in the St. Patrick community. I attended various camps, like the Sports Camp and the Football camps. I knew as soon as I stepped foot onto 5900 W. Belmont that this would be the place to call “home” for high school. I am so happy that I made this decision. St. Pat’s molded me into the young man that I am today and I am proud to call myself a Shamrock.

The summer going into freshman year, I remember only knowing a handful of kids who were also attending St. Pat’s. I was scared that I would only have those few friends, but that quickly changed when I took a summer class, and even more so with football. Football showed me how true and strong the Brotherhood was here at St. Pat’s. It showed me the connection that Shamrocks have, regardless of where you were from or how you were raised, we are all brothers. It took very little time for me to realize that this place was special.

I made countless lifelong friendships here because I got involved in the school. Another way that I was able to build more lifelong friendships was through the Kairos retreat program. Kairos was easily the greatest experience I had at St. Pat’s. I was able to grow as a person when I went on the retreat as a Junior, but was also able to then develop as a leader when I helped lead two retreats as a Senior.

Along with Football and Kairos, I was a member of various other clubs like National Honor Society, Student Council, and the Liturgy Club. I was told from the first day of Freshman year to join as many clubs as possible. At first, I was unsure why, but soon learned that getting involved is the best thing you can do. Playing football in high school is the best decision I have ever made. Football taught

countless valuable lessons that have helped me in all aspects of my life. Being held responsible for your actions, being a part of a team working toward a common goal, and being a leader are just some of the lessons that football has taught me. These lessons were taught both directly and indirectly. My coaches have always been great role models for me and my teammates. Due to guidance by my coaches, teammates, and teachers, I was able to receive All-Conference and Academic-All State. I cannot thank them enough for pushing me to be my best self.

Everyone at St. Pat's wants to see you succeed. My teachers and fellow classmates always encouraged me to become the best student and person I could be. The positive learning environment at St. Pat's allowed me to receive First Honors every semester. The faculty truly cares about each student and wants them to succeed in life. As a freshman, I was unsure of what I wanted to do after I graduated. However, after taking classes such as Marketing and Economics, I quickly realized that I wanted to attend college as a business major.

Everyone always told me that these four years would fly by. I brushed these comments off. Looking back at it now, they were right. It seems like just yesterday, I was being greeted by Coach Lucas for Freshman Orientation. In just a few short months, I will attend another Freshman Orientation, but this time as a college student playing football at DePauw University. I am confident the friendships I have made here will last a lifetime. I am thankful to the teachers, administrators, coaches, counselors, and friends who have made my four years as a Shamrock the best four years of my life! I am immensely grateful for all that Saint Patrick High School has done for me.

Sincerely,

Patrick Briskey '23