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PCA TENNIS TEAM '25-'26

The PCA Tennis Team has been a vital part of Providence Classical Academy and the community of Northwest Louisiana for the past six years. In the beginning only a few athletes participated, but we have seen such growth each year primarily due to the team's unity and camaraderie.



What began as a young PCA Knight's dream to create a team around a sport that he loved became so much more. The PCA Knights tennis team began as a small group, some just learning the game. A family was formed. The teammates have formed bonds beyond the court - camaraderie and a safe haven to enjoy afternoons; working, striving, competing for a common goal and in the process, looking for ways to help others.

The PCA Knights tennis team has had such a great impact on the lives of the athletes who have participated. These student athletes have formed friendships, but also learned to compete as a team gaining character traits that will equip them for life. They learn the importance of integrity, perseverance and kindness in the most heated of circumstances.

As a team, PCA tennis has always strived to give back to the community. These service projects have impacted others, and perhaps had an even greater impact on the athletes themselves. They include packaging meals for families in Haiti through the Simple Church, as well as helping out with programs, such as Tennis Apprentice at the Bossier Tennis Center and supporting many local tournaments. One of the most impactful ministries the tennis team participated in was hosting tennis clinics for the Community School, which is a remarkable program impacting children with specific needs.



Many of the accomplishments and contributions the team has achieved could not have been without the help of the local pros at Bossier Tennis Center. Our local pros consider the PCA team as a valuable resource when putting on fundraisers and other tournaments that support numerous causes. Their influence goes beyond local contributions as when we hosted Regionals which included players and coaches from throughout Louisiana as well as Mississippi.



The PCA Tennis team is truly a kind group of athletes. After the devastating tornado which ripped through Tallulah, LA the team wanted to find a way to encourage them. We offered to host the match and then gave them a cookie cake, hoping to offer joy and comfort. It was a privilege to pray over their team. PCA tennis has always been about creating good sportsmanship both on and off the court and using tennis as a platform to honor God and serve others.





In 2023, a group of PCA parents, also tennis players, approached Providence Classical Academy administration about a tournament to raise funds for the athletics department and the PCA tennis team. That same group of parents have raised more than \$220,000 through the annual PCA Fall Classic over the past 3 years. In 2025, the PCA Fall Classic grossed more than \$99,000 with 123 participants over 9 events. The funds are raised from sponsorships from community businesses and individuals, player entries, and silent auction proceeds. The 4th annual PCA Fall Classic will take place October 2026 with plans to be bigger than ever!



More than just a tennis tournament, the committee behind the PCA Fall Classic has also focused on making this a family event. The first night of the tournament offers hit for prizes for juniors, snow cones and cotton candy, and teacher exhibition matches. The Providence tennis team also volunteers at the tournament at the check in desk, cleaning up throughout the weekend, and assisting the committee with keeping the tournament running smoothly.





The proceeds from the PCA Fall Classic have supported the tennis team with uniforms and equipment, while also purchasing a van for the athletics department to transport athletes to matches and sporting events. Providence Classical Academy's athletics have been growing and developing year after year and the tournament proceeds also are used to support that growth. The tennis community of PCA has made a powerful contribution financially as well as developing relationships throughout Northwest Louisiana.



While the Providence Classical Academy Tennis team and the PCA Fall Classic Tournament are still relatively new and still growing, the impact both have made within the walls of the school, the tennis courts, and the community are substantial. It is quite the honor to be nominated for the ACE Award. The PCA Knights and the PCA Fall Classic committee are very grateful for the opportunity to share what we are doing with this program.

