

# LEO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2017-2018



## WHERE YOUNG MEN LEARN

Each school year Leo High School highlights include academic and athletic achievement, alumni visits and events, special visitors and field trips. 2017-2018 is no different.

## TO BE LEADERS

Leo students are educated inside and outside of the classroom preparing for their graduation when they will join the brotherhood of Leo Men.

### LEO BY THE NUMBERS

- Enrollment: 140
- Growth in last two years: 16%
- Number of Faculty: 14.5 FTEs
- Number of faculty with advanced degrees: 6
- Number of Gates Millennium Scholars: 1
- Number of Leo Men (A lifetime of Brotherhood) since 1926: 10,000
- Number of Championships since 1926: 61
- Number of Granola Bars dispensed by President Dan McGrath in a Year: at least 1000

### A LEO EDUCATION: PRICELESS



### LEO BY RESULTS

- Graduation Rate: 100% of senior class has graduated each of the last 8 years
- College Acceptance Rate: 100% of seniors accepted into a college of their choice
- Scholarships to College: Graduating seniors in 2018 received over \$2 million in college scholarships
- Teaching Awards: 2017 University of Nevada-Las Vegas Outstanding Teacher: Ms. Latifi
- WVON 2017 Education and Community Service Award: Mike Anderson
- Heroes in the Classroom through Bears Care Foundation: Ms. Latifi 2015, Ms. Garcia 2017



### RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES INCLUDE

University of Illinois, UIC, DePaul University, Marquette University, Illinois State, University of Kentucky Michigan State University, Xavier University Cincinnati, University of Cincinnati, Xavier University New Orleans, University of Missouri, Western Illinois, Eastern Illinois, Northern Illinois, University of Wyoming, University of Nebraska, Fiske University

### OTHER EXCITING NEWS

- Leo purchases a new activity bus to expand the school's transportation capabilities
- Campaign Leo and 21st Century Society fundraising drives generate more than \$500,000 in donations to Leo's Scholarship Fund
- Funds from the 21st Century Campaign will also underwrite a courtyard beautification project along 79th Street this summer







## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



## BY MONTH

### AUGUST

- School opens to largest freshman class in 10 years, with more than 60 alums on hand to greet students on Opening Day
- Leo football team visits Bears training camp in Bourbonnais as guests of Bears Care
- Lions beat Lane Tech in their first appearance at Soldier Field since 1974

### SEPTEMBER

- **Ms. Latifi** wins UNLV Teacher of the Year award
- BSF Carrigan Scholars travel downtown to attend the Broadway hit play play Hamilton
- Democrat **Chris Kennedy**, running for governor, joins area principals and pastors at **Principal Rawls'** Back-to-School Breakfast

### OCTOBER

- Lions defeat St. Joseph in Homecoming football game
- Junior **Jalen Harris**, a Canning Scholar, speaks on behalf of Big Shoulders Fund scholars at a Metropolitan Planning Council ceremony honoring **Mr. John Canning**
- Freshman **Rich'ard Coleman** is the White Division champ at the Chicago Catholic League frosh-soph cross country meet.

### NOVEMBER

- Junior **Jabril Spruell** is named Defensive MVP for the Catholic League Red Division
- Leo juniors and seniors resume visits to local elementary schools for the Leo Men Read program, interacting with younger students and encouraging to read
- Annual Veterans Day observance attracts more than 70 Leo alumni veterans
- Second annual Scholarship Benefit honoring Lifetime Achievement Award Winner **Bill Conlon '63** and draws a crowd of 300-plus

### DECEMBER

- Leo Choir performs Christmas carols at Millennium Park
- **Bears Chairman George McCaskey** and wife **Barbara** headline a Bears Care holiday party that supplies Christmas gifts and food baskets to 150 Auburn-Gresham families
- Leo beats St. Rita in Catholic League basketball opener and finishes second to eventual state champ Morgan Park in Big Dipper holiday tournament

### JANUARY

- Leo kicks off Catholic Schools Week by serving Cocoa on the Curb to Auburn Gresham neighbors along 79th Street
- Senior **Jalen Robinson** qualifies for the IHSA state bowling tournament
- Leo basketball team is undefeated for the month, putting together a 13-game winning streak and achieving No. 6 area ranking from Chicago Sun-Times
- **Kwame Raoul** visits Leo during successful primary campaign for Attorney General

### FEBRUARY

- All-school field trips travel downtown to see Thurgood Marshall movie and Broadway hit play Hamilton
- Hip Hop Detox conducts a Black History assembly for Leo students
- Leo finishes basketball season with 20-6 record and Catholic League White Division championship. **Shawn Frison** is White Division Coach of the Year, junior **Fred Cleveland** wins Lawless Award as White Division Player of the year and junior **DaChaun Anderson** joins Cleveland on all-Catholic League first team
- Three years after restoring wrestling program, Leo wins Class 1-A regional championship. Senior **James Foy** goes on to take second in the state at 138 pounds
- University of Chicago Medical Students of Color speak to Leo students about career opportunities in health care

### MARCH

- Leo students and their moms revisit the 1920's at annual Mother-Son Dance
- **Principal Rawls** appears on Fox 32's "Good Day Chicago" program to discuss Catholic Schools as an alternative to CPS selective-enrollment schools
- Leo's participation in the National Peace March to raise awareness of gun violence draws coverage from MSNBC and the New York Times
- Auburn-Gresham Science Fair comes to Leo
- The Drumline leads Leo contingent at annual South Side Irish Parade

### APRIL

- Leo seniors travel to New York for annual Senior Trip
- **Principal Rawls** and **Mr. Horton** take students on a tour of southern colleges on a grant from Better World Foundation
- Attorney **Joe Power '70** is named Man of the Year as the Alumni Banquet draws a capacity crowd of 600-plus
- Leo **President Dan McGrath '68** is inducted into Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame

### MAY

- Senior activities include Prom at Swisshotel and Senior Luncheon at Oak Lawn Hilton
- Seniors graduate from St. Margaret of Scotland on Mother's Day. **Antoine Wheeler Jr.** is valedictorian and **Derrick Blakley** from CBS 2-Chicago is commencement speaker
- **President McGrath** receives Heart of the School award from the Archdiocese
- Leo's track team wins Class 1-A sectional. Ten Lions qualify for state meet, and junior **Devin Flakes** (triple jump) and senior **Vidal Cargo** (high jump) place fourth in their respective events
- The Leo Choir draws a standing-room crowd for its annual Spring Concert, then performs at Big Shoulders' annual fundraising gala