

HOUSE

In 2015, Providence implemented a House System to promote student opportunities for leadership, mentorship, community, and service. Students are inducted into one of the eight Houses upon entering logic school. Dividing students by Houses creates smaller communities within the student body, allowing students to grow relationships across grade levels, interests, and activities.

House of King Alfred

Colors: Gold, green, and red

Mascot: The Royals

King Alfred was the only English ruler to receive the epitaph of "The Great" and was known for his ability to lead his people with compassion, honesty, courage, and vision. His unwavering commitment to the Lord and to his people is what defined him as a great leader. He was not only a great leader spiritually and politically, but also in the realms of military strategy and education. Because of his character and accomplishment, King Alfred is a bold historical figure for which PCS named a House.

Lewis

Colors: Silver, navy, and red

Mascot: Lion

Apologist, critic, and author C.S. Lewis is a big contributor to PCS curriculum. In grammar school, our students read selections from *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Throughout the logic and rhetoric school, we continue to learn from Lewis' theological works and his novel, *Till We Have Faces*. C.S. Lewis is considered one of the greatest modern theologians and plays a big role in shaping our biblical worldview at Providence. C.S. Lewis' permanent stamp on Christian scholarship and his life lived with charity and mercy qualify him as an excellent PCS House representative.

House of Saint Augustine

Colors: Red, gold, and cream

Mascot: Wolf

Saint Augustine is known as the Father of Western Christianity. Saint Augustine exemplified to everyone around him how to love by listening to their needs, seeing their needs, and fulfilling their needs. Saint Augustine stated that we "are the times." He believed and taught that Christians are the ones who will change the culture. Saint Augustine is a worthy figure of a PCS House name due to his pervasive philosophical and theological influence.

Schaeffer House

Colors: Cardinal red, blue, and gold

Mascot: Spartans

Theologian Francis Schaeffer was best known for stressing the importance of absolute truth in a time when the world was riddled by relativism and competing worldviews. He believed that God's truth was the only truth; and he was, and still is, an influential apologist for the truth through his books, letters, and videos. This makes him worthy to have a House named after him because Francis Schaeffer's teachings and example in life remain applicable to our lives today.

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Organizing student life by Houses also provides additional layers of influence and counsel that lead to a stronger sense of belonging and accountability. Providence wants every student to know that they are known and valued, and House is one way PCS works to accomplish this goal.

House of Saint George

Colors: Indigo blue, light green, and white

Mascot: Dragon

In his 20s, Saint George began serving as an imperial guard in Diocletian's army. Diocletian announced that all Christians in the army would be arrested and everyone else should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods. Saint George refused to worship the Roman gods, and Diocletian ordered his execution. Saint George gave all of his money to the poor and suffered several torture sessions, still never renouncing his faith in God. He was decapitated in 303 AD, worshipping God until the end and martyred for faith. His legacy of faithfulness makes him an incredible saint and worthy namesake for a PCS House.

Wilberforce House

Colors: Black, blue, and white

Mascot: Flame

As a Christian in the English Parliament, William Wilberforce spent his entire life advocating for the implementation of Christian principles, resulting in sweeping societal reform. He is most well-known for leading the fight against the slave trade in England and helping to bring about its abolishment. He also sought reforms in education, in the prisons, and in the working conditions for laborers. William Wilberforce's tireless efforts for social justice and the fervor of his evangelical faith make him a wonderful person for which to name a PCS House.

Tolkien House

Colors: Forest green, gold, and white

Mascot: Tree of Gondor

Author J.R.R. Tolkien made a lasting impact on English literature. He permanently and positively changed the genre of fantasy literature through his works *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. His fiction sets the standard for Christian fiction and has an indelible imprint on the Christian imagination taking up the themes of goodness, suffering, perseverance, friendship, faithfulness, and strength. His triumph in giving us characters who will forever occupy our hearts and minds and his ability to movingly portray the triumph of good over evil undoubtedly makes Tolkien a strong PCS House name.

Wycliffe House

Colors: Sky blue, navy, and red

Mascot: Phoenix

John Wycliffe was a theologian and professor at Oxford and is known as the Morning Star of the Reformation for his revolutionary ideas. He believed that everyone should be able to read and interpret the Bible for themselves to guard against corrupt interpretations by irresponsible clergy. He translated the first Bible into English in the 1380s. Wycliffe's beliefs and movement posthumously carried on; years after Wycliffe died, the Pope, in an attempt to finally end Wycliffe's influence, ordered his bones to be exhumed and burned, scattering the ashes in the River Swift. His beliefs never died, and he hasn't been forgotten for what he did for the faith. For this reason, a PCS House proudly bears his name.