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**Pius XI Catholic High School Announces Partnership with Children’s Wisconsin  
*Pius XI to begin offering on site school-based mental health services this semester***

**(MILWAUKEE, WI)** Pius XI Catholic High School is excited to announce that it will be offering school-based mental health services in partnership with Children’s Wisconsin. Thanks to the generosity of The Charles E. Kubly Foundation, Pius XI is in the process of adding a dedicated mental health professional to serve Pius XI students on site during the school day beginning this semester.

“It feels very timely to announce this important addition to our mental health resources on World Mental Health Day,” said Assistant Principal LaKendra Brown. “Our mission is to prepare students to achieve their highest potential as they grow into the leaders of tomorrow. This means not only providing a high quality educational opportunity, but also providing access to the mental health support they need.”

This school-based mental health (SBMH) partnership is one of several that Children’s Wisconsin has developed with other Wisconsin schools over the past few years. SBMH programs increase the ability of students to access quality care by decreasing potential barriers such as transportation and time spent out of the classroom. Mental health support within the school setting also helps to normalize the therapy experience and reduce stigma associated with seeking services

Funding for this partnership was provided, in part, by a grant from The Charles E. Kubly Foundation. School President Jack Herbert stated “We are incredibly grateful to the Kubly Foundation for their generosity. Many Pius XI students will now have improved access to quality mental health resources, which they may not have had access to before.”

Pius XI has been focused on meeting student mental health needs in a variety of ways, including participation in the National Alliance for Mental Health (NAMI) Southeastern Wisconsin Lighthouse Project, which provides an outreach/support coordinator to guide and assist parents and guardians. Featured earlier this year on national news, Pius XI also has a very active student-led REDgen Chapter, which advocates for youth mental health and well-being by fostering resiliency.

***About Pius XI Catholic High School***

Founded in 1929 by the School Sisters of St. Francis and the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, Pius XI Catholic High School offers a values-based education of extraordinary breadth and quality that is grounded in the traditions of those founding orders. Today, Pius XI is Milwaukee’s and Southeastern Wisconsin’s most diverse co-educational Catholic high school, serving a student body of approximately 705 students. Pius XI’s college preparatory programming provides students with Advanced Placement courses; a nationally-recognized, four-year Fine Arts program; a four-year Project Lead the Way Engineering program; and a Special Studies program with certified special education teachers for students with learning disabilities. Pius XI offers 24 athletic programs and more than 24 co-curricular activities. For more information visit <http://www.piusxi.org>.

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