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CAREER SPEAKERS NEEDED

The Freshman Focus class offers a unique opportunity for parents, alumni

and friends of Providence to share information about their career with the students as part of the Career Speakers Series. Guest speakers can choose to speak to one session or two back to back, and "virtual" speakers can also be arranged.



The class meets at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on "A" days and 1:30 on "B" days. About 20 speakers are needed each semester, and three have signed up so far, including Indiana Attorney General **Greg Zoeller '73** (see "It Can Wait" story below). Email alumni@providencehigh.net for more information on this opportunity.

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Photo by: Senior Rachel King

The senior class is determined to be models of school spirit, otherwise known as Blue Pride. The students already planned several activities, including a "stay classy" theme by wearing bow ties and suspenders for the first day of school and a Party on the Lot last Friday before school.

Senior **Lincoln Ottersbach**, who will portray the Pioneer at football games this fall, is one of the students helping spread Blue Pride. It started soon after school started when he received the "PHS" flag from former Pioneer

mascot **Jacob Resch '13**. Lincoln decided to wave the flag from the bed of his truck to greet students as they arrived for school the next morning.

Soon, he was joined by a number of seniors who cheered him on. A few days later, he brought a sign that said, "Honk 4 Blue Pride," as students and parents entered the parking lot.



Lincoln said his goal was to build school spirit since there were more than two weeks of classes without an official sporting event. "It was fun to do, and it inspired other students," he said.

Lincoln said he, like many of the seniors, has been inspired by memories of the Class of 2011 and how those seniors made the Class of 2014 feel welcome and valued as freshmen. The goal is to provide the same experience for this freshman class.

The group of seniors standing around talking and listening to music as Lincoln waved the flag or held his sign soon led to the idea for the Party in



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the Lot last Friday. Led by the seniors, students from all grades gathered for breakfast and music before school.

Lincoln also is excited to be reviving a former Providence tradition, the spirit can, inspired by **Mr. Gary Rosenberger '59**, who provides lunchroom supervision. The spirit can is a trash can and lid that "holds" Blue Pride. When the lid is lifted, the students erupt with cheers and immediately quiet when closed.

"We're not trying to break any rules," he said. "We're trying to go as high as we can on the fun meter without stepping over any boundaries."

PHS TO TAKE PART IN CLARKFEST

Providence will be represented at Clarksville's ClarkFest festival and parade on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2. Student athletes from various teams will walk in the parade, which starts at 11:30 a.m. at Brooks Avenue and Eastern Boulevard and continues down Eastern Boulevard to Duke Energy, at 1212 Eastern Blvd. Duke Energy also is the site of the festival from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Art Club will have an event tent in the festival area offering face painting for children. Other festivities include a classic car show and youth art activities.

HOUSE LEADERS CHOSEN

*Information compiled by junior **Kendall Powell***

The House leaders for the 2013-2014 are off to a great start with the theme Brick by Brick and a plan to acknowledge those individuals, groups and teams who go above and beyond to help build up Providence. The senior and junior executive delegates for each House are as follows:

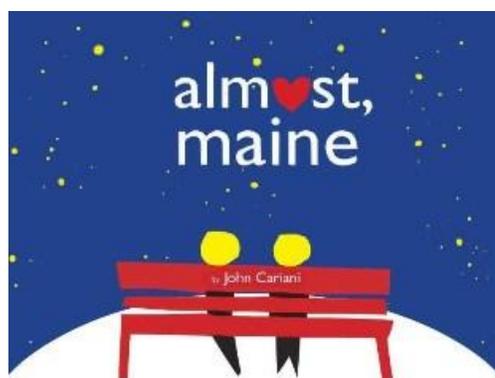
- *Courage:* seniors **Melinda Cochran** and **Brock Hayden**, junior **James Garner**
- *Faith:* seniors **Charmaine Solis** and **Zach Flanagan**, junior **Camille Reyes**
- *Humility:* senior **Chase Koetter** and junior **Ryan Mueller**
- *Honesty:* eighth graders **Will DeVary** and **Sydney Sansbury**
- *Integrity:* senior **Connor Johnson** and junior **Madeline Storz**
- *Justice:* seniors **Erich Day** and **Krystal Graf**, junior **Ashley Bittenbender**
- *Loyalty:* senior **Tanner Mobley** and junior **Sommer Dean**
- *Spirit:* senior **Scott Hoyland** and junior **Erin Embrey**
- *Truth:* senior **Charly Wolford** and junior **Patricia Mattingly**

SAVE THE DATE: FALL SHOW

Information compiled by junior Paige Lorey

The Providence Players proudly announces the Fall Show, "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani, to be presented Sept. 21, 22, 26, 28 and 29. The cast includes seniors **Derek Wenning, Carolyn Swartz, Scott Hoyland, Jenna Merchant, Tanner Mobley, Katie Chrisco, Kendra Kramer, John Oppelt, Sabrina Anderson, Taylor Hoffman, Michelle Zelli, Josh Murner, Peyton Schmidt** and **Catherine Emerson**, and juniors **Wynne Gettelfinger, Emily Coe, Ashlyn Edwards, Taylor Huber, Kendall Powell** and **Paige Lorey**. Assisting Director **Lynne Miller** is senior **Kelsey Rodgers**.

"Almost, Maine" is a collection of nine vignettes centered around the theme of love taking place, according to the official synopsis, "on a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter. All is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. As the Northern Lights hover in the star-filled sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend - almost - in this delightful midwinter night."



Show times will be 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 21, 26, 28 and 29, and 2:00 p.m. on Sept. 22. Information on ticket prices and availability will be published in the next issue.

STUDENT WRITERS JOIN E-VISION

The e-VISION is proud to announce that a group of student writers is providing news stories for the newsletter. Students will gain writing experience and have clips to share should they pursue a degree in communications or journalism in college. Their stories will include their byline.

PHS WELCOMES GREG ZOELLER, TODD YOUNG

On Wednesday, Aug. 28, Providence will host "It Can Wait," an anti-texting and driving campaign sponsored by AT&T, Attorney General **Greg Zoeller '73** and **Rep. Todd Young**. Students are invited to try out the simulator during lunch, and members of SADD will hear Mr. Zoeller, Mr. Young and the president of AT&T speak at 1:30. Mr. Zoeller will then speak to students

taking Freshman Focus this semester as part of our Career Speakers Series.

Providence was selected as the Southern Indiana site of "It Can Wait" because Mr. Zoeller is a proud alumnus.

PARENT CONNECTION

EZSCHOOLPAY HELPS MANAGE LUNCH ACCOUNT

Did you know you can track exactly what your student orders for lunch each day? Create an account on EZSchoolPay.com using your student's ID number, and going forward, you will be able to see every purchase, even cash transactions, thanks to the cafeteria's new POS system. Parents can also make lunch account payments online, or view a student's account to make sure payments have been added to the account.

You can access a link to EZSchoolPay.com from the Providence website under Our Families/Current Parents/Cafeteria. Once registered, you can also find a downloadable app for iPad, iPhone or Android.

GOLF SCRAMBLE REGISTRATION STILL AVAILABLE

It's not too late to register for the 15th Annual Pioneer Golf Scramble, to be held Thursday, Aug. 29, at Covered Bridge Golf Club with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Registration for teams and individuals are still being accepted. Email advancement@providencehigh.net for registration through Friday. Proceeds benefit the Annual Student Assistance Program.

COLLEGE NIGHT SEPT. 3

By **Katie Chrisco**

On Sept. 3, there will be a College Night for parents who are interested in learning about the college application process. The event will take place in the Activity Center from 7-9 p.m., and all parents are welcome to attend, especially parents of juniors and seniors. Speakers Kendra Thompson from Indiana University, Carrie Daut from Bellermine University, and Chris Gage from Hanover College will walk parents through the general admission process and provide tips on comparing schools. The event is free and offers valuable information, so mark it on your calendar now!

DADS CLUB COOKOUT

All current, former and future Providence dads are invited to attend the Dads' Club cookout on Friday, Sept. 6, before the first home football game in the

Activity Center from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (An earlier start time than previously published.) The menu includes burgers, hot dogs and chips. Game time is at 7:00 p.m., and tickets to the game are \$5. Free will offering for the dinner will be accepted.

LIBRARY ON TWITTER

The Providence library has a Twitter account to inform students and parents about new items or helpful information. Follow @phslibraryin or search PHS library Indiana. Items mentioned so far include: a link to "The Mortal Instruments: The City of Bones" official trailer; John Green's thoughts on the movie version of "The Fault in our Stars"; and information regarding PHS ebooks found on Destiny Quest.

DEANERY GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The [Providence Girls Basketball Academy](#) is for girls in Deanery schools in grades fourth through eighth who aspire to play varsity basketball in high school. Tryouts are Sunday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. at Providence. The teams will then compete in the Scottsburg Development League on Sundays from Sept. 2-Oct. 20. Please see the attached flyer for more information and fees.

DRIVER EDUCATION THANK YOU

The Driver Education Department and **Mr. Ben Hornung '75** would like to thank Chris Huber Auto Sales New Albany (**Chris Huber '94**) and Bales Auto Mall Jeffersonville (**David Lewis**) for providing cars free of charge for our program this past summer. We would also like to thank our guest speakers: **Doug Fisher** (State Farm Insurance), **Al Oswald** (Operation Lifesaver), and **Lt. Rusty Settles** (Jeffersonville Police Dept). Thanks so much!

ALUMNI IN ACTION

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT SATURDAY

On Saturday, Aug. 24, the Alumni Association is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Walpole Hall, 1840 E. 8th St. in Jeffersonville. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m., and the buy-in is \$50. Concessions will be available for sale throughout the evening.

Proceeds support the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The public is invited, and alumni are especially encouraged to attend. Charity Gaming Night License No.131880.

ALUMNI NIGHT FIRST HOME GAME

The Alumni Association will hold its fall Alumni Night on Sept. 6 during the first home football game of the season to recognize teams celebrating five- and 10-year anniversary of their post-season victories. Teams to be

recognized include state runners-up 1973 and 1993 Football, state finalist 1968 Cross Country, semi-state runner-up 2003 Girls Soccer, and sectional champs 1998 Boys Soccer and 1978, 1988 and 1993 Volleyball.

All alumni are invited to attend a reception and cookout dinner in the Activity Center from 6:15 to 7:00. Game time vs. Holy Cross is at 7 p.m. Game admission is \$5. A free will offering for the dinner will be accepted. Members of the anniversary teams can RSVP at alumni@providencehigh.net.

REUNION INFO

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- 1963 (50 years): Sept. 21, Covered Bridge. RSVP date was July 31.
- 1968 (45 years): Aug. 30 grad night at Jeff K of C 7 p.m.; Aug. 31 reunion at Don Sperzel's in Arctic Springs 1-5 p.m. Invitations have been mailed.
- 1978 (35 years): Sept. 28, Hidden Creek. Invitations have been emailed and mailed. [Facebook](#) page. Registration deadline is Sept. 1.
- 1993 (20 years): Sept. 7, Horseshoe Southern Indiana. Invitations have been emailed and mailed. [Facebook](#) page. Registration deadline was Aug. 13.

Planning is just beginning for graduation years ending in 4 and 9. Reunion committee chairpersons should contact Christa (Payne) Hoyland '84 at alumni@providencehigh.net. Providence has received word of the following planning committee meetings:

- 1974 (40 years) The next planning meeting is Sept. 12, at Roosters at 8:00 p.m.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

WELCOME, NEW TEACHERS

In these first issues of e-VISION, we are featuring our new faculty members. This issue, Providence welcomes three new faculty members in the subject areas of science, social studies and math.

Samantha Strom, science

Ms. Samantha Strom is passionate about the subject of chemistry and eager to share her love for the subject with her students in her first year teaching high school. She originally planned to teach at the college level but changed her mind after working as a graduate assistant at the University of Louisville, where she received her master's degrees in chemistry with a focus in organic chemistry. She found that many of the college students were missing some of the basic concepts, and she decided to teach high school in order to "catch students at the high school level and prepare them for college," she said. "My goal is to spark students' interest in the sciences and in those who do enjoy it to expand their knowledge."



A member of St. Joe Hill Parish and a graduate of Silver Creek High School, Ms. Strom said she is happy to be able to work in a school where she can also share her faith. "And I like the closeness," she said. "Everybody knows everyone else and everyone is willing to help you if you need anything."

Ms. Strom teaches Chemistry and Honors Chemistry. She lives in Sellersburg and enjoys fast walking for exercise, reading and spending time with her friends. She is attending Bellarmine University to obtain her master of arts in teaching.



Dr. Stacey Yankey, math

Dr. Stacey Yankey is excited to be working with high school students after 12 years teaching math and chemistry at Indiana University Southeast. Most of that time, she taught part time and after teaching full time last year decided she wanted to teach full time in high school in order to be on the same calendar as her children, ages 8, 11 and 13.

Dr. Yankey said adjusting to teaching high school students has been fairly easy, and she especially enjoys the energy of her freshman students. She particularly

likes having more class time with the students and the chance to work one on one with students. "I just love to teach, so it didn't matter whether the students are in high school or college," she said. "My passion is helping people, so anytime I see a student understand a concept it's very fulfilling to me."

Dr. Yankey received her doctoral degree in analytical chemistry from UofL and a bachelor's degree in chemistry with a minor in math from Kentucky Wesleyan College. She teaches Algebra I, Pre-Calculus, and Probability & Statistics and said she really enjoys the positive, family atmosphere at Providence. "The students and faculty seem to really care about each other and want to build each other up," she said.

Dr. Yankey lives in Floyds Knobs and enjoys spending time with her husband, David, and their three children. She also enjoys jogging and being involved in activities at her church.

Todd Read, *social studies*

Mr. Todd Read '96 has always wanted to teach at Providence and is thrilled to finally have that opportunity. "I'm super excited to be here," he said. "It really is a dream come true. It just feels like home."

Mr. Read said one of the best things about teaching at his alma mater is he has been able to get right into teaching without an adjustment period. But even more, he values the positive atmosphere where students expect to learn, especially after teaching 12 years in public schools in Clarksville and Louisville. "It's just a different atmosphere," he said. "Students are here to get an education, and the Deanery elementary schools do a great job of preparing them. Providence students are ready to learn when they get in the classroom. That's a nice thing."

Mr. Read said he has always loved history and enjoys making the subject exciting for his students. His goal is to overcome the stereotype that history is boring because of all the names and dates by teaching problem solving and critical thinking skills and focusing on how the past relates to the present and the future.

Mr. Read teaches Government, Sociology, Honors World History and Freshman Focus. He said he also is glad to be teaching in the same school as his wife, **Mrs. Christy Russell-Read**, who was featured in the last e-



VISION. When not teaching and spending time with his family, he loves to read and runs marathons and is training for his fifth race. He also is working to finish his master's degree in history from UofL to add to his master's in secondary education and social studies and bachelor's in social studies from IU Southeast.

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By *Ray Day '57*

As mentioned in the story above (ALUMNI NIGHT FIRST HOME GAME), the Alumni Association will celebrate several significant sports anniversaries at half-time of the Sept. 6 home game vs. Holy Cross. The football team of 1973 will celebrate the 40th anniversary as state championship runners-up against Mishawaka Marian. Then-junior **Cheryl Denny** wrote the following story for the Nov. 20, 1973, issue of the "Pioneer Post."

"As most of you know by now, our Pioneers were defeated Saturday in the championship game of the Class A finals. It was a close game, and unfortunately we came out on the wrong end of the score.

*Quarterback **Mike Ettel** completed two touchdown passes to **Charlie Elder**, and **Pat Harris** added a two point conversion for our 14 points in the game.*

*Even though we lost, the players, coaches, and fans have no reason to be disappointed. **Mr. Sartini**, his staff, and the team accomplished something that no other team in the south did. They went into the final game of the playoffs undefeated, and they didn't stop fighting until the clock ran out.*

We owe a lot to the team and coaches for their very successful season. For the third consecutive year, they have bettered their record. They were undefeated in the regular season and suffered only one defeat out of their 12 games this year.

The school and the community should be very proud of them for a job well done. Congratulations to the team and coaches and good luck next year!"

Half-time entertainment that year was provided by the 1973-74 Pom-Pom squad pictured below.



Pictured front row, left to right are: Betty Leist, Nancy Piazza, Katie Hutt, LuAnn Conrad, Cherry Filburn, Tina Hammond. Back row, left to right are: Melinda Lankert, Martha Renfroe, Debbie Hoover, Kim Larkin, Mary Ann Kasse, Cindy Burr and Lisa Campbell.

COMING EVENTS

August 24 - Texas Hold 'Em Tournament - 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Walpole Hall, 1840 E. 8th St. in Jeffersonville. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m.

August 25 - Academic Recognition Ceremony (Huber's Plantation Hall - 5:00 p.m.)

August 29 - Pioneer Golf Scramble (Covered Bridge - 1:00 p.m. shotgun start)

Sept. 2 - Labor Day - No School

Sept. 3 - College Night - All parents welcome - Activity Center 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Sept. 4 - Senior Meeting for Graduation Announcements/Caps & Gowns

Sept. 9 & 10 - Grad orders due during lunch

Sept. 13 - Underclassmen Picture Retakes

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And lastly...

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