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The fall show, "Almost, Maine," opens Saturday.

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## FALL SHOW ALL ABOUT LOVE

By **senior Michelle Zelli**

Soon, audiences will have the chance to be transported to Almost, a quaint small town in northern Maine. Along with being unusual and a little odd, this fictional town is the namesake and setting of the 2013 Providence fall show "Almost, Maine."



Directed by speech and theatre teacher **Mrs. Lynne Miller**, "Almost Maine" is about the trials and joys of modern love and stars about 19 juniors and seniors. They have been rehearsing for about four weeks now and are excited for people to see the show. With its format of nine short plays within a play, the show will not only be different for the public but for the actors as well.

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"This experience has been different to me from other productions because I learned new ways of acting," said cast member junior **Wynne Gettelfinger**. "We used different forms of push-and-pull motion in our body language to show how love can sometimes be back and forth."

"Almost, Maine" is a realistic portrayal of love that will entertain all audiences. Each scene features a different couple dealing with love ending, beginning, or anything in between. The show will remind everyone what it's like to find that special someone.

"As people in the audience watch the show they each will experience different feelings as they watch each scene, and that's what love is about," said senior **Peyton Schmidt**.

"Almost, Maine" will be presented in the Ray Day Little Theatre. Evening performances September 21, 26, 28 and 29 will begin at 7:00. The matinee performances on Sept. 22 will begin at 2:00. Tickets are \$10 at the door, or in advance by calling Ms. Kerry Jones in the main office. See [ALMOST, MAINE flyer](#). Refreshments will be offered at intermission. We hope to see you there!

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

### SENIOR STARTS FAITH SHARING GROUP

By senior **Katie Chrisco**

A new activity was introduced to Providence last Tuesday. Ignite the Passion is a way for students to get more involved in their Catholic faith. The group was created by senior **Sera Craig**, who first pitched the idea to the school in the spring.

Sera said she wanted to create a group where students could grow further in their faith. Even though Providence provides students with an exemplary Catholic education, Sera thought it would be beneficial to have a place where students could be involved in their faith by interacting with others in a relaxed setting. She hopes that the students who attend will have an improved love and passion for Jesus they may not have had before.

The group first met last Tuesday during BLUE Days in the Activity Center with 10 students in attendance. They plan to meet during every other Tuesday BLUE Day session or at least five times this semester. **Mrs. Donna Burden** will supervise most meetings, but the group will be student led.

Students interested in joining the group can attend the next meeting on Sept. 24 during BLUE Days.

### GAME CANCELLED, HOMECOMING RESCHEDULED

Due to opponent Indianapolis Emmerich Manual forfeiting because of a lack of eligible players, the Homecoming football game has been cancelled. The new date for the crowning ceremony and school assembly is Friday, Sept. 27.

The 2013-14 Fall Homecoming Court includes freshmen **Bayley Wade, Taylor Williams, Juston Betz** and **Kevin Chrisco**; sophomores **Colleen Geldermann, Taylor Hunton, Nicholas Long** and **Erik Osare**; juniors **Maddie**



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Bivens, Camille Reyes, Josh Frost and Tyler Simms; and seniors Kenzie Balmer, Melinda Cochran, Mary Kate Meyer, Peyton Schmidt, Evan Conder, Erich Day, John Oppelt and Lincoln Ottersbach.

## HOUSE OF SPIRIT HOSTS MR. PHS PAGEANT

On Sunday, the *House of Spirit* hosted the second annual Mr. PHS Pageant, featuring two seniors from each House in a light-hearted competition in the categories of interview, church wear, talent and spirit wear.



Winners were seniors **Connor Johnson** from the *House of Integrity* in third place, **Lincoln Ottersbach** from the *House of Humility* in second and **Erich Day** from the House of Justice in first. The *House of Spirit* earned the most points for attendance followed by the Houses of Courage and *Justice*.

## SPANISH CLUB ENJOYS FIELD TRIP

By junior Alex Dowland

The Spanish Club went on its first field trip of the year on Sunday, Sept. 8. The trip consisted of attending a Catholic Hispanic Mass, celebrated entirely in Spanish, and then going out to eat at local Cuban restaurant Habana Blues.



Members of the Spanish Club were excited to attend, and many were happy to immerse themselves into Hispanic culture. While some described the Mass as confusing, many students felt as

though they learned a lot from the experience. Juniors **Camille Reyes** and **Josh Frost** both enjoyed the Mass and found some of the cultural differences to be very interesting.

"It was a really cool way to learn more about Spanish, and I hope that we do it more often," Josh said.

The meal at Habana Blues offered another chance for Spanish Club members to test out their language skills as they found themselves ordering in Spanish. Some

dishes included chorizo, queso, and a particularly interesting one, bacon-wrapped dates.

**Mr. Alan Mathews '88** said he believes the Mass and restaurant visit really allowed students to have a fun and an educational experience that was also culturally enriching.

This year has been great for the Spanish Club; they have more members than they had in past years, which eased Mr. Mathews' mind as so many senior members had graduated. Also, bake sale numbers are at an all-time high possibly in thanks to students being able to make purchases through their lunch account. This past bake sale raised so much money that it broke all previous records, and most of it was donated to the Hispanic Ministries of New Albany. It seems that the Spanish Club has a very bright year ahead of it.

### **SAVE THE DATE: HOUSE OF HONESTY COLOR RUN**

By junior **Ashley Bittenbender**

On Saturday, Nov. 16, the *House of Honesty* will host Blue Pride Stride, a 5K color run. The run will be held at the New Albany Amphitheater at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 for an individual or \$30 for a family. The proceeds will go towards the Hispanic Catholic Charities and the *House of Honesty*. Signup information will be available in school and on the school website. If you have any questions, contact **Mr. Walt Dries**.

### **STUDENTS TRY RUGGED MANIAC RUN**

At least two students competed in the 5K steeplechase-style race Rugged Maniac at Paoli Peaks. Freshman **Nicholas Tomlin** ran with his father, **James Tomlin '90**, when one of his registered team members couldn't make it. Sophomore **Maria Schmidt** ran with her mother, **Toni Sartini-Schmidt '78**, because it was something her mother wanted to do on her birthday.

James said the run was fun but tiring. "There was a lot of mud," he said, adding that the course also included barricades, hills and a net on a wall as well as a muddy pit under barbed wire. James ran cross country when he was a student at Holy Family but health issues kept him from joining the Providence team. Being able to compete and beat his father's time in the process was especially rewarding.

Maria said the Rugged Maniac was her first race, and she found it to be "a fun and challenging experience....I really liked the race because it tested my mental ability as well as my strength. The most challenging thing was probably the hills. The race was in Paoli Peaks, so we were pretty much running up and down ski slopes. It was very hard to do because we were very exhausted from the obstacles, and it was pretty difficult having to run up hill after putting your body to the test."

### **SADD MEMBERS RAISE AWARENESS WITH 5K**

SADD members will be participating in the [Tragedy to Triumph 5K run/walk](#) Saturday, Sept. 28, to help raise awareness and scholarship money in the area of prevention. Last year two of our seniors received \$500 scholarships from the Grassroots Prevention Coalition of Clark County, which sponsors the walk.

SADD members are collecting donations and seeking participants to join them. For more information, email **Mrs. Melissa Jackson** at [mjackson@providencehigh.net](mailto:mjackson@providencehigh.net) or **Mrs. Jaimie McRae** at [jmcr@providencehigh.net](mailto:jmcr@providencehigh.net).

## JR HIGH FORMS OWN BOOK CLUB

By junior **Ashlyn Edwards**

A new spin on an old club has started at Providence. The Book Club has been an institution for many years, but until recently it was only open to senior high students. On Wednesday, Sept. 11, this changed with the first meeting of the Junior High Book Club. Several seventh and eighth grade students met in the library to institute this club and choose their first book. The selection made was the award-winning science fiction novel *House of Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer. The club will read this book individually over the next few weeks then meet again in the library to discuss this book. The students are excited to begin their first book and their membership in a club that can last through their entire career at Providence, said sponsor **Mrs. Connie Scharre**.

## JUNIOR HIGH FIELD TRIP



Junior High students learned acting skills as they prepared for a field trip this morning to Actor's Theatre to see the production "Dracula." Last week, the students participated in workshops put on by **Mr. Jeffrey Sachs** from Actor's Theatre.

## IHSAA STUDENT/ATHLETE TIP OF THE WEEK

Every Monday, the IHSAA offers a Tip of the Week on its website to encourage students to do their best. Last week, student-athletes were encouraged to put forth their best effort. This week, players are encouraged to make wise decisions. To read the full Tip of the Week, click below:

[Tip of the Week - Sept. 9](#)

[Tip of the Week - Sept. 16](#)

## PARENT CONNECTION

### HOUSE CUP SPECIAL SCHEDULE

The annual Pioneer House Cup competition is Friday. Students are to arrive by 8:00 a.m. and report to designated areas by House. Students should dress in their House colors or T-shirt or the House's theme of the day. Dismissal is at noon. Students must be picked up no later than 1:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIR AT NEW ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL

By **junior Madeline Storz**

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. New Albany High School will host the Southern Indiana College Fair. This event is geared towards high school students (mainly juniors and seniors) looking to go to college. It will feature representatives of more than 75 colleges and universities from across the nation. Representatives from the military will also be present. The fair is a good way for prospective students to talk with representatives from various schools and have their questions answered. Any high school student and parents are welcome to attend.

## PICTURE RETAKES NOW SEPT. 27

Picture retakes have been rescheduled to Sept. 27 after a conflict with Lifetouch.

Retakes will be taken in the Activity Center on Friday, Sept. 27, during lunches. Students who did not have their photo taken during registration must have their photo taken at this time, and order forms are available in the main office. Students unhappy with their original photograph can have retakes but must bring the complete, original packet of photos. Students having retakes made may dress up and must follow the guidelines in the handbook. No jeans allowed.

## MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND 2013 ASAP DINNER

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, Providence will kick-off the Annual Student Assistance Program (ASAP) with a special dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Huber's Orchard & Winery. Providence alumni **Dr. Michael A. Evans '61** and **Ms. Emily Back '09** will speak on how the gift of their Providence education impacted their lives. Eighth grader **Eli Lucas**, a keyboard prodigy, will provide entertainment.

The Advancement Office is in need of volunteers to serve as table hosts. It's an easy way to volunteer, and it's a great way to help Providence! Hosts are asked to fill a table of eight or 10 for this free event. Please consider joining us for this special dinner and bring along your friends!

If interested in attending or being a table host, please contact **Mrs. Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84** at [812-945-3350 ext.224](tel:812-945-3350) or email at [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:dmarshall@providencehigh.net).

## PARENT SURVEY REMINDER

All parents were recently emailed a survey regarding the school's strategic planning. The survey was sent as a test of the SchoolReach notification system, so your participation in the survey acknowledges your receipt of the email and helps with the school's planning. Phone call reminders were sent last week.

The emails were sent from the address [noreply@providencehigh.net](mailto:noreply@providencehigh.net), just as the school's email notifications are sent. If you did not find it in your inbox, please check your spam folder. You may also want to add that address to your contact list in order to receive email alerts from school.

If the email is not in your spam folder or you need to update your email address, please contact **Mrs. Vicky Edelen** at [vedelen@providencehigh.net](mailto:vedelen@providencehigh.net).

## DEANERY NIGHT OCT. 4

All Deanery students and their families are invited to attend the Oct. 4 varsity football game vs. Mitchell. Deanery students accompanied by an adult and wearing a Deanery t-shirt or jersey receive free admission. Deanery football teams from flag to 3rd/4th, 5th/6th and junior high will be recognized at halftime. The 5th/6th grade teams will scrimmage at halftime as well. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### REUNION INFO

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- 1960 (53 years) annual mini-reunion brunch, Dec. 14, Clarksville Holiday Inn, 11:00 a.m. - ?
- 1962 (51 years) annual mini-reunion brunch, Dec. 7, Clarksville Holiday Inn, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. No reservations are required; information will be mailed closer to the event.
- 1963 (50 years): Sept. 21, Covered Bridge. PHS tour 10 a.m. Meet in the main lobby.
- 1978 (35 years): Sept. 28, Hidden Creek. RSVPs due Sept. 20. [Facebook page](#)

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](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).

## GATHERING FOR PHS ALUMNI IN INDY

Providence Alumni living in the Indianapolis area are invited to a Colts viewing party on Monday, Oct. 14, at Scotty's Brewhouse downtown location. Join us for a chance to connect or re-connect with PHS graduates in the area.

We will meet at 8:00 p.m. at Scotty's Brewhouse, 1 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. Kickoff of the Colts vs. Chargers game is at 8:40 p.m. Please RSVP to **Jimmy Cox '05** at [james.cox9686@gmail.com](mailto:james.cox9686@gmail.com) by Oct. 4.

## SEPTEMBER SENIOR RETREAT CANCELLED

The September Senior Retreat has been canceled. The next retreat is scheduled for Oct. 22-25. Contact **Mr. Dale Durham (Hon. '06)** at [ddurham@providencehigh.net](mailto:ddurham@providencehigh.net) for more information.

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

### MS. SONNER RETURNS FOR SPECIAL GATHERING

**Ms. Betty Sonner** decided over the summer break to retire from Providence after 40 years teaching in the Business Department. She returned to Providence earlier this month for a gathering with teachers and staff to allow them to wish her well.



Ms. Sonner began teaching at Providence in 1973, teaching shorthand, transcription and accounting and later business math, and business English. As technology advanced, her courses evolved to keyboarding, business law, marketing, personal finance and junior high computer classes. Over four decades, she worked with manual typewriters, electric typewriters, word processors, personal computers and finally, iPads. But one thing never changed

- her love of teaching.

"I love teaching," she said. "I love computers. And the kids were good kids to work with. I especially enjoyed teaching the children of my former students."

Ms. Sonner said her main goal always was to prepare students for college and the working world. She also enjoyed leading the Nike Club, which she sponsored from 1973 until 2009 when the school transitioned to the House Leadership System and a separate service organization was no longer needed.

Ms. Sonner said it was a difficult decision to leave and will miss teaching here. "I've met lots of nice people over the years," she said. "It was a good experience."

## WELCOME, NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Providence welcomes new part-time business teacher **Mr. Jacob Julius '04**. Mr. Julius teaches Personal Finance and Junior High Computers and serves as a part-time substitute teacher the remaining blocks. In the spring, he will assist **Coach Scott Hornung '81** in coaching the Pioneer Baseball team.



Mr. Julius spent five years playing minor league baseball for the Baltimore Orioles system and recently graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in business. He planned to return to the area and had offered Coach Hornung to help coach baseball but wasn't planning on teaching until he heard about **Ms. Betty Sonner's** retirement. He then received a one-year emergency teaching license to allow him to teach.

Mr. Julius said he is happy to be back in the area and at Providence. "I like being back home," he said. "I like being around the kids."

He also said he is excited about the opportunity to work with Coach Hornung and **Assistant Coach Scott Hutchins '91**. "Baseball has been what I've known best," Mr. Julius said. "I don't miss the long bus rides and the bad hotels (when playing minor league ball), but I do miss the camaraderie and the team aspect."

Next semester, Mr. Julius will teach Business Personal Law and Web Design as well as Junior High Financial Literacy. In December, he will marry Megan Morrissey of Floyds Knobs.



New maintenance staff member **Mr. Pat Payne** isn't exactly new to Providence. He is the father of alumni **Sara (Payne) Smith '98, Athletic Department Assistant and Softball Coach Sean Payne '03 and Zach Payne '08**. His wife is **Kim (Capehart) Payne '78**, and his mother-in-law is **Joyce (Lindquist) Mathena '58**.

Mr. Payne said he always wanted to attend Providence, but his family couldn't afford it. He now is proud to be part of the Providence family doing all the required facility maintenance work from light electrical and plumbing to heavy lifting.

"I love this place," he said. "I always wanted to work here or be involved."

Mr. Payne also works part time as an official of baseball, softball, basketball and volleyball games. Some of those games have involved Providence teams, and he said he has always been impressed by the quality of the student-athletes. "They are some of the best kids," he said.

## **BLUE NEWS - OF OLD**

By **Ray Day '57**

Our lead story today covers the pending opening of *ALMOST, MAINE* in the Ray Day Little Theatre. This current offering is the latest in a long line of Little Theatre productions over the years, beginning in 1969 with *THE GLASS MENAGERIE*.

Back then, Room 209 was a classroom with raised seating for students. It was designed to serve as a "lecture" room, connected to the biology lab in Room 211. Because it was seldom used for that purpose, permission was granted to transform it into a small theatre. During the summer of 1968, windows and walls were painted black, a shallow carpeted platform stage was constructed, and eight theatre lights were installed along with a small hand-made dimmer-control box. "Theatre 29," as it was called then, was home to the theatre curriculum for the next 37 years. *DRACULA*, in fall of 2005, was the final production staged in Room 209.

During the summer of 2006, Room 209 reverted to a basic academic classroom when the total renovation of the core-'51 building occurred. Between fall 2006 and summer 2008, five "little theatre" productions were mounted on the new main-stage in the Robinson Performing Arts Center. Finally, in October 2008, the new *Ray Day Little Theatre* opened with a production of *TWELVE ANGRY JURORS* and continues to provide Providence with a state-of-the-art performance venue.



Forty years ago, in 1973, for the little theatre fall show, I directed the classic musical **YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN**.

Cast members pictured are **Brian Combs '76**, **Bob Douglas '76**, **Mike Andres '74** (double cast with **Gordie Young ex-'75**), **Paul Oberhausen '74**, **Tina Leone '74** and **Melinda Lankert '74** (double cast with **Monica Aloisio '74**). **Mr. Dan Atkins '66** was assistant director and **Sr. Jean Hyland** (PHS 1969-74, since dec.) was music director. Instrumentation was provided by **Robbyn Nein '76** - piano, **Marlene Goodman '76** - celeste, **Lisa Ingle** (NAHS) violin, **Nancy Alton** (Louisville Youth Orchestra) - bass, and **Joe Boesing '76** - percussion.

Thirty years ago, in 1983, the fall show was **OUR TOWN** directed by **Mrs. Kerry Jones** (1981-present). A decade later in 1993, **CLOSE TIES** was directed by **Mr. Frank Gilbert** (PHS 1992-2000). In 2003, students experienced **THE MIRACLE WORKER**, directed by **Mrs. Ellen Holifield** (PHS 2001-present).

## COMING EVENTS

Sept. 20 - Pioneer House Cup Tournament - NOON DISMISSAL

Sept. 21-22 - Fall Show - "Almost, Maine"

Sept. 24 - Sophomore Class Ring Delivery/Ring Adjustment During Lunch

Sept. 25 - Southern Indiana College Fair @ NAHS (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

Sept. 27 - Rescheduled Homecoming and student assembly

Sept. 27 - End of First Quarter

Sept. 27-29 - Fall Show - "Almost, Maine"

Oct. 2 - Annual Student Assistance Program Dinner (ASAP) Huber's Plantation Hall

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### *And lastly...*

*Providence's Annual Student Assistance Program, known as ASAP, officially marks its 10th year this fall. This annual appeal is the lifeblood of the school's ability to offer financial aid to families that cannot afford tuition.*

*To illustrate how much it means to Providence, consider these numbers - over the*

*course of the past decade, ASAP proceeds have totaled approximately \$2,500,000 for student financial assistance. This in turn has enabled us to offer financial aid to more than 1,000 families. We are blessed with many loyal, generous donors that support our mission and to all of them, we say Thank You!*

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