

PROVIDENCE



Enthusiastic members of the Class of 2014 arrived on July 31 to begin their final and most memorable year at Providence.

PROVIDENCE e-VISION NEWS

August 7, 2013

News for Parents, Alumni and Friends of Providence

[Theme For The Year: Brick By Brick](#)

[STUDENTS IN ACTION](#)

[PHS Enrollment Grows](#)

[Students Earn Rank Of Eagle Scout](#)

[Art Club Assists Local Artist](#)

[Recent Grad In Top 10](#)

[Wanted: Photographers](#)

[PARENT CONNECTION](#)

[Scholarship Spirit Days Raise Funds](#)

[Reminder: IDs Required](#)

[Parents Can Stay Informed](#)

[Changes To Blue Days](#)

[Back To School Night](#)

THEME FOR THE YEAR: BRICK BY BRICK

This year's student leaders are concentrating on looking to the future by building on the past with the new theme for the year: Brick by Brick. Members of the House of Faith came up with the idea during the Summer Leadership Retreat as a way to encapsulate the leaders' discussion of focusing on progression, improvement and unity.

"We really wanted to focus on establishing a sense of unity, strengthening the family atmosphere and working on personal development," said senior **Zack Flanagan**, co-senior executive delegate for the House of Faith. "We knew it would be a big process and would take steps to accomplish and (the theme) displays the process."

To illustrate the theme, the student leaders are working with **Ms. Leslie (Andres) Mills '93**, coordinator of the House Student Leadership Program, to create a display area in the student entrance to recognize students' accomplishments throughout the year. They are still defining the criteria, but soon students will be able to nominate individuals, teams and theatre casts to receive a brick. The display will contain a portion of a verse from Ephesians 2 about Jesus being the cornerstone as well as a row of bricks along the bottom with the names of each of the Houses.

Senior **Charmaine Solis**, co-senior executive delegate for the House of Faith, said the senior class is excited about the theme and is already displaying signs of unity. About one-third of the class attended a sign-making party the evening before school started

[Morning Liturgy, Prayer Services](#)

[Air Quality Requirements](#)

[Save The Date: Cookout for Dads](#)

[Cafeteria Opening](#)

[Register Now For Golf Scramble](#)

[ALUMNI IN ACTION...](#)

[Texas Hold 'Em To Benefit...Scholarship Fund](#)

[Save The Date: Alumni Night](#)

[Save The Date: Alumni Night](#)

[Reunion Info](#)

[Career Speakers Sought](#)

[Football Jerseys For Sale](#)

[BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY](#)

[Welcome, New English Teachers](#)

[Art Teacher Attends Art Retreat](#)

[BLUE NEWS - OF OLD](#)

[COMING EVENTS](#)

[And Lastly...](#)

Quick Links

[School Calendar](#)

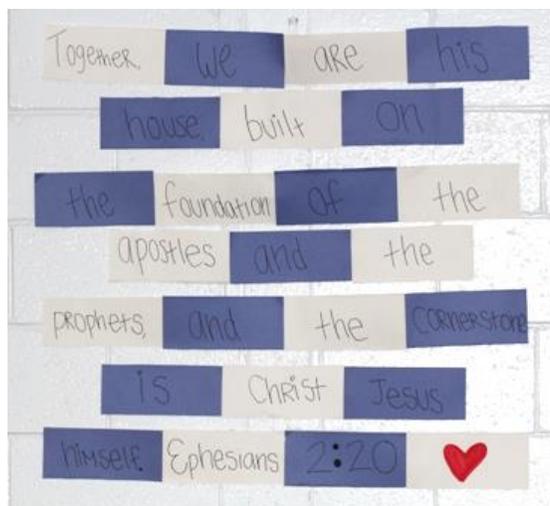
[iPad Information](#)

[PHS Jr-Sr High School On Facebook](#)

[Providence Alumni On Facebook](#)

to make signs to welcome the freshmen and communicate the theme. On the first day of school, the seniors embellished their school uniform by dressing in a "classy" theme with suspenders, ties or bow ties, and glasses.

"It's going to be a good year," Charmaine said.



"Together, we are His house built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, and the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself." Ephesians 2:20

STUDENTS IN ACTION

PHS ENROLLMENT GROWS

Providence faculty and staff are thrilled to welcome one of the largest freshman classes to attend Providence in years as well as a nearly full junior high. With 138 freshmen, 49 seventh graders and 47 eighth graders, the total student body is close to 600, up about 40 from last year.

New and returning students alike fill the halls and classrooms with their excitement as they began the school year on the earliest start date ever as the Deanery and local public schools move to a balanced calendar.

"The energy the freshmen and junior high students bring to the school is truly visible," said President **Joan Hurley**. "Ready for a new experience, they bring such enthusiasm and spirit."

STUDENTS EARN RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Two of our students have each earned the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America over the summer: freshman **Wyatt Dayvault**, a member of Boy Scout Troop 412 out of First Capital Christian Church in Corydon, and senior **Scott Hoyland**, a member of Boy Scout Troop 89 out of Sacred Heart Church in Jeffersonville. To attain this rank, the scouts must have completed at least 21 merit badges and organized a service

[PHS Prayer Line](#)

[Alumni Association](#)

[House Leadership System](#)

[PHS In Memoriam](#)

Follow us on [twitter](#)

Join Our Mailing List!



[Visit Globe Mechanical Website](#)



[Visit The Koetter Group Website](#)



[Visit MAC Construction Website](#)



[Visit River Valley Financial Website](#)

project that benefits his community.

Wyatt worked on a service project benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Harrison County. He worked to plan the project and to obtain a bid for excavating as well as organized a work day with about 20 volunteers for the installation of an outdoor volleyball court. During that work day, the group cleared brush and moved topsoil. Unfortunately, a change in the leadership of the organization called for a halt to the project, but because Wyatt had 90 man hours in the project, he said his scoutmaster approved the project. A board of review panel then approved his rank of Eagle Scout.

Wyatt is the youngest member of his troop to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout to date and plans to stay involved in his troop and go on to earn the Eagle Palm rank. He said he is grateful for the help he received to work on his project and the support he received when the organization cancelled it. "I feel really good about (earning) it because it's a big weight lifted off my shoulders after trying to get that goal accomplished."

Scott organized an archiving project at Providence that involved scanning more than 100 archive photos, identifying everyone in the photos, and finally, organizing the photos. He organized about 15 volunteers, many of them alumni who helped with identification of the photo subjects, for a total of 120 man hours. He also raised more than \$500 for organizational materials for the project, and after purchasing those materials, was able to donate about \$250 to Providence for future archiving needs.

Scott also is glad to have completed the project and earned the Eagle rank, which is achieved by only 5 percent of boys who join Scouting. "I feel good because it's a distinguished group of people and is something that can really set you apart in the eyes of colleges and employers."

ART CLUB ASSISTS LOCAL ARTIST

Several members of the Art Club participated in a project over the summer to assist local artist and alumni **Guy Tedesco '80** in completing a mosaic. The students worked with a group from the local service mission Faith in Action over seven days at Mount Saint Francis to finish a large mosaic begun by Tedesco a few years ago. The mosaic's theme is fulfillment through service, with representations of earth, wind, fire and water throughout the design.

The Art Club members will continue to work on completing the project with the goal to finish it by Fall Break. The members working on the project include seniors **Tanner Mobley, Rachel King, Justin Hughes, Amelia Voelker** and **Mary**



Lashley, juniors **Tammy Coffey**, **Wynne Gettelfinger** and **Rebecca Hellinger**, sophomore **Kaitlyn Hellinger**, and **Lyndsey Kaelin '13**.

RECENT GRAD IN TOP 10

Leah Mattingly '13, who played varsity Girls Soccer and ran Track at Providence, was inadvertently omitted from a story about Providence student-athletes recognized in the News & Tribune's Top 10 Athletes of the Year. Mattingly, who will play NCAA Division I women's soccer at Ball State University in the fall, was named No. 2. Congratulations, Leah!

WANTED: PHOTOGRAPHERS

The Yearbook Club is accepting applications for student photojournalists for the school yearbook. Students should download the [attached application](#) and follow the instructions. See **Mr. Dave Smith** in the Advancement Office or **Mr. Bart Makowsky** for more information. Students interested in joining the Yearbook Club to help work on the 2013-2014 yearbook should also see Mr. Smith or Mr. Makowsky.

PARENT CONNECTION

SCHOLARSHIP SPIRIT DAYS RAISE FUNDS

Friday, Aug. 16, is the first House meeting schedule of the school year and the first Scholarship Spirit Wear Day. Students who pay \$1 may wear jeans and a Providence t-shirt or sweatshirt. Students pay when they enter the building in the morning, and the money collected goes to a scholarship fund for students. Applications are made available at various times of the year, and students are eligible to apply for funds to help pay for retreats, mission trips and other such events. The more students who support the Scholarship Spirit Wear days, the larger the pool of funds is available.

Typically, House meeting days are also Scholarship Spirit Wear days. This semester, House meetings are scheduled for Aug. 30, Sept. 13, Oct. 25 and Nov. 22.

REMINDER: IDS REQUIRED

This is a reminder to parents that all students must wear their IDs during the school day. The IDs must be visible front and center on their chest, either by hanging on a lanyard around their neck or by being clipped to the shirt where the buttons are located. They may not be clipped to the student's belt, pants, or shirttail. The requirement to wear the IDs is for safety reasons to ensure that lost IDs are reported

to the office and to speed up checkout in the lunch line. Failure to wear the ID will result in a detention.

PARENTS CAN STAY INFORMED

Parents can keep up with daily announcements via the school website. Simply click on the [Daily Announcements](#) link on the right navigation bar on the home page. Announcements for the week will be posted as individual PDF links. Parents wanting to keep up with their students' assignments may click on the [PHS iTeach](#) link - and then click on grades to be redirected to the Family Link site. No log-in is required to view assignments, but a log-in is required to view grades. And parents using social media will also want to Like Our Lady of Providence Jr.-Sr. High School on [Facebook](#) or follow @goPHSpioneers on [Twitter](#).

CHANGES TO BLUE DAYS

A few changes have been made to the Monday and Tuesday BLUE Days pilot program. The schedule for the day has changed for a 2:25 dismissal, and students not in a session must either leave campus or sign into a study hall or the library. Click [here](#) for more information.

For parents of new students, BLUE Days are an opportunity for remedial or enrichment experiences on Monday and Tuesday of each week. The session offerings change weekly, and a new listing is posted on Friday afternoons. Students are encouraged to attend sessions that meet their needs or interests.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Parents will have an opportunity to follow their student's schedule and meet his or her teachers at Back to School Night, Aug. 19. Parents should arrive in the Robinson Auditorium by 6:20 p.m. to pick up schedules and find a seat. The session will begin promptly at 6:30. Classroom visits are scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30.

MORNING LITURGY, PRAYER SERVICES

Students have the opportunity to attend morning prayer services in the chapel Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m. Liturgy is celebrated by **Fr. Eric Johnson**, our campus priest, on Thursday mornings beginning at 7:20. The first all-school Mass for high school students will be the Back to School Mass on the Feast of the Assumption on Aug. 15. The junior high will celebrate Mass separately in the chapel due to the increased enrollment.

AIR QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

Providence is committed to complying with state and archdiocesan requirements regarding its indoor and outdoor air quality (IAQ). Parents, be sure to read the Indoor/Outdoor regulation regarding idling near the school building in the Student/Parent Handbook under Regulations and Routines.

Also, please read the [attached letter](#) regarding our continued commitment to IAQ compliance.

SAVE THE DATE: COOKOUT FOR DADS

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. The menu includes burgers, hot dogs and chips, and the event will be held in the Activity Center from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. Game time is at 7:00 p.m., and tickets to the game are \$5.

CAFETERIA OPENING

The cafeteria staff is in need of an additional staff member to work daily from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A tuition discount is available to parents of current students. Contact **Mrs. Karen Hennessey** or **Mrs. Lisa Murner** at (812) 945-2538 x 324. The USDA and the State of Indiana are equal opportunity providers and employers.

REGISTER NOW FOR GOLF SCRAMBLE

The 15th Annual Pioneer Golf Scramble will be held Thursday, Aug. 29, at Covered Bridge Golf Club with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registration for teams, individuals and sponsors is now underway. Click [here](#) for a brochure and registration form. This event is an important fundraiser to benefit the Annual Student Assistance Program.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Alumni Association is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Saturday, August 24, 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.

SAVE THE DATE: ALUMNI NIGHT

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 1968 Cross Country, 1973 and 1993 Football, 1998 Boys Soccer, 1978, 1988 and 1993 Volleyball, and 2003 Girls Soccer. 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.

VISITORS, PLEASE CALL AHEAD

We love to see alumni, especially our most recent graduates. For safety reasons, the office must be notified prior to the arrival of all visitors. If you want to stop in and visit a teacher or staff member, email that teacher directly and let him or her know what time you are arriving so the office can expect you. Or call the Advancement Office at 945-3350 to arrange a visit.

REUNION INFO

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- 1963 (50 years): Sept. 21, Covered Bridge. Invitations have been mailed.
- 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.
- 1973 (40 years) Planning underway for a late summer/early September gathering. Anyone interested in participating should contact **Kathy Bupp** at (954) 325-0965 or send e-mail to kathybupp1@yahoo.com.
- 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 is 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, 2013, at Roosters at 8:00 p.m.

CAREER SPEAKERS SOUGHT

Alumni and parents are invited to be part of the Career Speakers Series for the Freshman Focus class. The class meets every other day at approximately 8:00 a.m.

and 9:30 a.m. Alumni can attend one class or two classes back to back, and "virtual" speakers can also be arranged. About 20 speakers are needed each semester, and the focus can be on a specific career or on the story of an individual's career path. Email alumni@providencehigh.net if you are interested.



*Alum **Bob Geswein '67** speaks to a Freshman Focus class.*

FOOTBALL JERSEYS FOR SALE

The Football Team is selling old game jerseys used from approximately 1995 through 2010. The jerseys are \$25 a piece or two for \$40. There are several numbers available in both white and blue. Some of the jerseys really show the effort that was put forth on the field and could bring back a lot of memories to the player who wore it.

Former players interested in purchasing a jersey should contact **Terry** or **Allison (Kochert) Schuler '91** at tjarschu1@att.net. The jerseys are available first come, first served, and any remaining as of Aug. 17 will be made available to current players and families. All remaining jerseys will be up for purchase starting at the New Albany pep session and home games until all are sold. An additional shipping fee will be charged for any that need to be shipped.

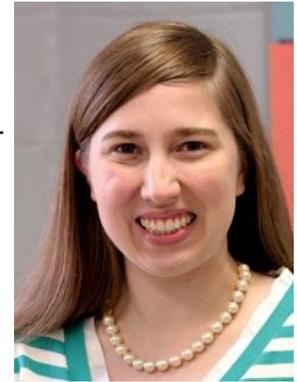
BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

WELCOME, NEW ENGLISH TEACHERS

Providence welcomes three new full-time English teachers and one part-time teacher to the faculty. Two teachers were hired to replace **Ms. Nancy Miller** and **Ms. Carol Hocker**, who retired last year, and the others were to accommodate a new junior high language arts schedule and an increase in enrollment in speech and Ivy Tech Communications 101. Last issue featured **Mrs. Krissy (Beyl) Van Laan '05**. The remaining three are featured here:

Mrs. Sarah Workman, English 11 and 12

Mrs. Sarah Workman is teaching her first year in high school after having taught as a graduate teaching assistant and part-time faculty at the University of Louisville. But she is already familiar with Providence thanks to her sister, **Ms. Katie Aebersold**, who teaches French. "I was just inspired by her," Mrs. Workman said. "She always talked about what a wonderful place Providence is."



Mrs. Workman said she is happy to be teaching in a school with such high standards for excellence and where she is free to share her "faith in the Lord." As a graduate of Christian Academy of Louisville, she said she can relate to the students' experience of being part of a faith-based school. She also is pleased with the warm welcome and support she has received from the faculty and staff here.

Mrs. Workman teaches English 11 and English 12. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in English and a master of arts in teaching from UofL. She and her husband, Chris, live in Louisville, and when she is not teaching, she loves to read and watch BBC TV and is involved with the children's ministry at her church.



Mrs. Christy Russell-Read, English 7, English 10, Honors English 10.

Mrs. Christy Russell-Read comes to Providence with 15 years of experience teaching in public schools and is thrilled to be teaching at Providence along with her husband, **Mr. Todd Read '96**, who now teaches social studies and will be featured in the next issue. Both were teachers in Jefferson County Public Schools but became interested in Catholic education and the community surrounding it as their daughters began attending Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. "We wanted to experience it for ourselves and what it represents," she said.

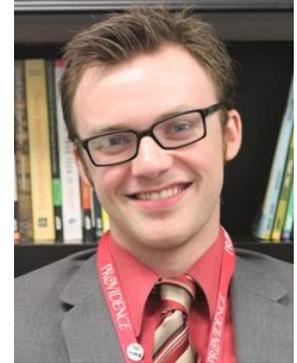
Teaching at Providence is different in many ways from her years at Doss High School in Louisville and at Clarksville Middle School, she said. First is the sense of community. Since her husband is an alumnus, he already was familiar with the Providence community, and Mrs. Russell-Read said she experienced it "from the first time I walked in the building." She also enjoys having students who are eager to learn and to have the chance to teach an honors high school course and its "level of rigor." She even is adapting quickly to the technology used here and is eager to work with her courses' new iBooks, which feature links for videos, illustrations and remedial lessons. "I'm just really excited to be here," she said.

Mrs. Russell-Read teaches English 7, English 10 and Honors English 10 and has a

bachelor's degree in English from UofL and from Indiana University Southeast, a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in education. She has three daughters, ages 23, 6 and 4, and in her free time she likes to cook, read, garden and hike. The Reads live in Jeffersonville.

Mr. Blake Oliver, part-time English, Speech

Mr. Blake Oliver said he is happy to be fulfilling his longtime goal of becoming a teacher. While a student at Floyd Central High School, he was involved in theatre and developed his love for teaching while leading summer theatre camp workshops and as an apprentice teacher for Theatre I there. While earning his bachelor's degree at IU Southeast, his "passion for English was ignited" by his professors, and he pursued his degree in secondary education language arts.



Mr. Oliver said he is pleased with how supportive and welcoming all of the faculty and staff have been and with his students' commitment to their education. "The students seem proud to be smart," he said. "That's not something you see in all schools." He hopes to be able to assist with theatre productions and is looking forward to seeing them performed, he said.

Mr. Oliver teaches Creative Writing and Speech I on A days. Next semester, he will teach English 9 as well as speech. He also is a substitute teacher through Kelly Services in area schools and is working on his first novel. He has written several plays, some of which were published in literary magazines at Floyd Central and IU Southeast. He lives in Louisville and is engaged to marry Jazmin Trejo in June 2014.

ART TEACHER ATTENDS ART RETREAT

Mrs. Donna Burden, art teacher, attended an artists' retreat at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College with fellow art teachers from across Indiana over the summer break. She took part in an intensive four-day retreat focused on new art techniques and on increasing her art vocabulary to better teach her students about the art field.

Mrs. Burden said she thoroughly enjoyed the experience. "I created more works of art in that short period of time than any other time in my life," she said. "I genuinely felt the Holy Spirit with me as I explored new techniques and created works I never imagined possible. I explored the grounds of the college, meditated, prayed, had Communion with the sisters, and brought back so many ideas for my classroom."



Mrs. Burden created this acrylic painting for her husband, **Mr. Brad Burden**, Spanish and P.E. teacher and Girls Basketball coach, for their wedding anniversary. She said her "inspiration was all the beautiful stained glass I was seeing on their campus as well as the gorgeous wooded areas."

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By *Ray Day '57*

Times have certainly changed, but the ever-present need for students' fundraising has not. From the November 3, 1959, issue of the Pioneer Post came the following news.

BOYS' UNIT PLANS NOV. CAR WASH AT NEW ALBANY -- "The Blessed Sacrament Sodality for boys of Our Lady of Providence has planned a car wash as its first major project this school year. Scene of the car wash will be Zink's Super Service Station at East Third and Spring streets in New Albany on Nov. 7. Boys will be on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Price of a car wash will be one dollar. The profits, plus those from the Variety Show, will go toward the financing of a new statue of the Blessed Virgin. **Michael Schultheis** and **David Corcoran** are co-chairmen of this project. Sodality members will work in shifts with other volunteers. Workers include **Frank Tyler, Sheldon McCullum, James Muller, William Zipp, Stephen Day, Rodney Richards, and Michael Eberle.**"

We are grateful some things have changed. Now that we are in the 13th year of a new century, some of the activities and events considered so "important" in the early days at Providence are looked upon today with, "You've got to be kidding." At the beginning of the 1958-59 school year, the Pioneer Post (Sept. 3 issue) reported the following:

SMOKING PERMITTED

"For the first time, the faculty has granted smoking privileges to Providence boys. The section enclosed by the track will be the official smoking area. It may be used before and after classes, as well as during lunch period. According to the principal, **Sister Miriam Joseph**, this privilege entails student responsibility. Any infringement of the permission, such as smoking outside the official area, will result in four demerits, a more stringent sanction than last year's two demerits."

COMING EVENTS

August 15 - Feast of the Assumption (Back-to-School Mass - Liturgy Schedule)

August 16 - House Meeting Day and Scholarship Spirit Wear Day

August 19 - Parent Back to School Night - 6:30 p.m. - Robinson Auditorium

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)

*** * PROVIDENCE WAY * PROVIDENCE WAY * ***

And lastly...

A Note From Our President

*The first new medical school in the State of Indiana in the last 100 years opened at Marian University on August 6, 2013. President Dan Elsner talked about the foundation of the university being the Franciscan Order reflecting the healing and the care of the sick now taken a step further through educating more young men and women in the medical field. The new **Michael A. Evans Medical School** was named for its major benefactor - a 1961 Providence graduate. Michael often attributes his success to **Sister Janet (PHS 1953-1962)**, his science teacher at Providence, who identified his talents and attracted him to the medical field.*

Sincerely in Christ

Joan M. Hurley

President

Your e-VISION Staff

Christa Hoyland

Director of Communications & Alumni Relations

Principal e-VISION reporter/writer

choyland@providencehigh.net

Debbie Marshall

Director of Special Events & Constituency Management

dmarshall@providencehigh.net

Ray Day

Website Coordinator / Archivist

rday@providencehigh.net