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Art Club students gather before the Empty Bowls event last Sunday

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EXCITING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PLANNED

Providence will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week in various ways during the week of Jan. 28-Feb.1. The activities include two fundraisers to help others.

First is the annual Penny War, which pits the classes against each other to raise money for Crusade for Children. Students add pennies, dollar bills and checks (made out to Providence) to their class bucket for a positive amount, and silver coins can be

added to other classes' buckets to reduce their total. Last year, the students raised a record-setting \$3,400 for the Crusade. The winning class will be rewarded with an incentive party that will be announced along with the winning class at the pep session that Friday.



2012 Penny Wars photo.

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2012 Goodwill Clothing Drive photo.

The House of Truth will once again be sponsoring a Goodwill Clothing Drive. Students from all Houses are asked to bring in new or gently used clothing and household items to be donated to Goodwill of Southern Indiana. Students

may deposit their donations inside the student entrance in the wardrobe box marked with their House name. Members of the *House of Truth* will oversee the collections each morning. The House with the most donations will be rewarded with an ice cream party, sponsored by Goodwill, at their March House meeting.

The students, faculty and staff also will participate in daily spirit activities, which include:

- *Monday: House Spirit Wear Day - wear a House T-shirt and jeans*
- *Tuesday: College Wear Spirit Wear Day - wear your favorite college team T-shirt or sweatshirt and jeans*
- *Wednesday: Deanery Elementary School Spirit Wear Day - wear T-shirt and jeans from the deanery school you attended*
- *Thursday: Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon Day. All-school liturgy - Students dress-up*
- *Friday: Spirit Wear Day and pep session*

Additional activities and contests may be announced that week. Students must follow the dress code guidelines for spirit wear and dress-up days or will be considered out of uniform.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM OF THE WEEK ON WLKY 32

The Boys Basketball team and cheerleaders will be on WLKY at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 as the Team of Week. The segment will also be posted on wlky.com starting at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

HOMEcoming THIS FRIDAY

Congratulations to the 2013 Winter Homecoming Court. The underclassmen on the court include freshmen **Mary Ann Fitzpatrick**, **Megan Smith**, **Griffin Libs**, and **Benjamin Popson**; sophomores **Abby Hunt**, **Ashley Bittenbender**, **Conner Evanczyk**, and **Graham Wood**; and juniors **Catherine Emerson**, **Brianna Jacobi**, **Spencer Hoffman**, and **Josh Murner**. The senior court includes **Amanda Agtuca**, **Kylie**

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Flanagan, Grace Hess, Kori Siebert, Michael Baker, Dalton Duley, Max Hupp, and George Knott.

The Homecoming king and queen will be crowned at the homecoming festivities on Friday.

HELP FOR A FAMILY IN NEED

Providence is collecting bedding and other items for a family in Henryville who lost everything in the last year's tornado. The family has recently moved into a new home and is in need of beige colored sheets and towels. In conjunction with March 2 Recovery, Providence is collecting new full-sized sheets, blankets, pillows and mattress pads, as well as bath and kitchen towels for the family.

Donations should be taken to **Mrs. Primavera** in Room 224.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING EMPTY BOWLS EVENT

The Art Club thanks everyone who attended or supported the Empty Bowls event last weekend. The club raised more than \$3,000 to donate to area soup kitchens and ministries that aid those in need.

For a \$15 donation, patrons received a student-made ceramic bowl full of soup provided by **Mr. Sam Anderson** of Sam's Food and Spirits. Participants then kept the bowl "as a reminder that every day there are bowls that remain empty, and hunger persists," said art teacher **Mrs. Donna Burden**.



TEAMS HEAD INTO POST-SEASON



Three teams will be starting post-season play over the next few weeks. The Girls Swim Team will begin sectionals on Jan. 31 at Floyd Central, and the boys will have their sectional in mid-February. **Coach Lauren Wimsatt** said all team members have been improving their times over the last few weeks.

The Wrestling Team will have its sectionals on Saturday at Jeffersonville. The team hopes for several individual leaders with several wrestlers doing well in their weight class at the SIWC championships. Sophomore **Matt**



Hayes earned second in the 182 weight class, sophomore

Brett Kempf earned second at 145, junior **Robbie Logsdon** earned sixth at 220, and freshman **Ethan Oakley** earned sixth at 113.



Girls Basketball will start sectional play the week of Feb. 4 at Paoli High School. The team (10-8) is having a successful season, having won the City Championship match-up with Clarksville 45-15 and last night coming back from a 13-point deficit to beat Crawford County by two points at the buzzer. Last week, the girls had a record-setting 92-22 win over Rock Creek Community Academy. In that game, the team scored the most points in a Girls Basketball game, set a two-point field-goal percentage record at 62 percent, and broke the record for most steals in a game with 27.

Go, Pioneers! Win sectional!

QUICK RECALL HAS WINNING SEASON

The Quick Recall team wrapped up a successful season last weekend with a regular season record of 5-4 and fourth place in the Non-Public School Quick Recall League. Providence hosted the league tournament on Saturday and made it to the Final Four before falling to a tough St. X team that was the eventual champion.

"I am so proud of them," said **Ms. Katie Aebersold**, the varsity faculty sponsor. "They've made enormous strides."

This season is especially meaningful for Ms. Aebersold because the seniors on the team were on her first JV Quick Recall team as freshmen. "It's really special to see these seniors, how they've grown and how much smarter they are about playing and how they work as a team." The JV squad, made up of 16 freshmen and four sophomores, finished the regular season 3-7 but shows hope for the future, said JV faculty sponsor **Mrs. Connie Scharre**. "We have the potential of developing a very strong base of players who can and will achieve greater results as they grow into the sport."

SAVE THE DATE: THE PROM PROJECT

The *House of Loyalty* will be collecting dresses and accessories to support The Prom Project on Feb. 22.

If you have a formal gown that is less than five years old, clean and in good condition, please consider donating it to help needy girls in the area be able to look their best for their Prom. Other items that also can be donated include evening bags, formal jewelry, formal shoes (especially strappy silver or gold heels), shawls, and wraps. Items will be collected at the student entrance that morning.

PARENT CONNECTION

REMINDER: IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING TONIGHT

Parents should plan to attend an important meeting this evening at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Topics to be covered include student safety and substance abuse, including possible changes to the school policy on student alcohol and drug use. Guest speakers will include **Ms. Kathy Sadler** from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center and **Mr. Keith Henderson '79**, Floyd County prosecutor and legal adviser to the Indiana State Police.

FAFSA FOLLOW UP WORKSHOP

The second FAFSA Workshop for senior parents will be Feb. 6, from 3:15 -7 p.m. in the library, with expert **Mr. Gary Cottrill** returning to provide one-on-one help to parents completing the FAFSA submission.

COURSE REGISTRATION REMINDER

Today through Friday, students will be turning in their completed, signed 2013-1014 course selection sheets and their \$100 deposit during fourth block, organized by class, on the following days:

- * Jan. 23 - Juniors
- * Jan. 24 - Sophomores
- Jan. 25 - Freshmen

FRESHMAN PARENT ABSTINENCE MEETING

Freshman students will soon begin a four-session abstinence program presented by **Mrs. Mary Grower** from Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center in Louisville.

Freshman parents are asked to attend an information session on Jan. 31 from 6-8 p.m. in the Activity Center. This informative meeting will address the topics covered in the program as well as provide statistics and

information regarding teen sexuality.

FINANCIAL AID GOES PAPER FREE

The Business Office is moving to a paperless financial aid application process. Parents interested in getting information about or applying for financial aid now only have to give their email address to the Business Office. An email containing a link to introductory information, the Providence Tuition Assistance Form and the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Form will then be sent to the parent's inbox. Parents will have until March 31 to complete the online form and submit the \$30 processing fee. Financial aid award letters will then be sent via email as well.

Mr. Larry Weimer, director of finance, said moving to paperless application packets made sense because a majority of parents were completing the FACTS form online. With online document signing now available via HelloSign.com, it was possible to make the digital Providence Tuition Assistance Form available.

"It's less paper, and not having to mail forms back and forth will make the process simpler and faster for all parties," Mr. Weimer said.

At Incoming Freshman Registration, parents interested in receiving financial aid can leave their email address or pick up a paper packet. Paper packets are available in the Business Office for parents without email.

INCOMING FRESHMAN REGISTRATION

Registration for incoming freshman students will be Monday, Feb. 4, and Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Parents should have received information about the process, including scheduled registration times. Prospective students and parents will meet individually with a faculty member, who will provide information regarding curriculum, graduation requirements, placement exam results, academic placement, electives, tuition, and financial aid opportunities. Students with the last names beginning with the letters A-L will register Feb. 4, and M-Z on Feb. 5.

Registration will be held in the Robinson Auditorium. Families unable to attend during their designated time, should call the main office at 812-945-3350 ext. 315 to leave the time they will attend. The registration make-up day should school be canceled due to poor weather conditions is Monday, Feb. 11.

The list of required materials for the registration process is in the

registration information previously mailed to prospective students.

SUPPORT PROVIDENCE THEATRE

You can enjoy dinner and a show and support Providence Theatre by attending the Feb. 20 show of "Little Shop of Horrors" at Derby Dinner Playhouse. [LINK TO THE FLYER](#)

Call Group Sales (812) 288-2632 ext. 113 or 116 Monday through Friday, January 30, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and be sure to say that the tickets are for the Providence fundraiser.

Tickets are \$39 and include dinner, show and tax. On Feb. 20, the buffet opens at 6 p.m.. The show curtain is at 7:45. Providence has a block of 100 seats reserved, if you order by Jan. 30.

The fundraiser is sponsored by the BACKSTAGE Crew, and Providence receives a portion of the proceeds.

DEANERY NIGHT FEB. 7

Winter Deanery Night will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, during the varsity Boys Basketball vs. South Central game, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All students, teachers and families from the New Albany Deanery are invited to attend. Deanery Boys Basketball teams will be recognized during half time. Other events will include a Deanery cheer off and a 3-point shooting contest among the Deanery coaches. Flyers will be sent to all Deanery schools.



YOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Providence High School Girls Basketball will be offering the 2013 Providence Girls Basketball Academy youth competitive league and developmental league and clinics. The academy features several offerings for students from the New Albany Deanery of all skill levels from grades kindergarten through eight. More information and registration forms are available for [download here](#) or by contacting Providence Girls Varsity Basketball **Coach Brad Burden** for more information at bburden@providencehigh.net.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

GALA EVENT A SUCCESS

The Providence Advancement Office thanks everyone for their support of the annual Gala, whether you helped plan, donated auction or raffle items, or attended the event. The evening was a success, and all proceeds go to help bridge the gap between tuition and actual operating costs of the school.

The evening included a Distinctive Awards presentation, including:



Nicholas Sieveking '57, Ph.D., received the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Dr. Sieveking had a 39-year career at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., as a faculty member and director of psychological services for the university's students, faculty, and staff.

He continues to work as a consultant providing expertise in executive selection, employee management, and cross-cultural adaptation of U.S. business and health care in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East. He also has been part of medical team along with his son, Nick Sieveking, M.D., to provide comprehensive services including cleft palate surgery to children afflicted with facial deformities in the Philippines.



James W. Robinson, received the

Honorary Alumnus Award. Mr. Robinson has had a lifelong career as a successful businessman, beginning in 1943 as a full partner in Robinson Machine Works along with his father and his brother. That company eventually evolved into the international corporation Robinson Nugent. After his retirement in the late-1980s, Mr. Robinson began turning around failing locally owned business and brought success back to such companies as Caldwell Tank and Niemco Fabricators. He also has served on numerous business, charitable, and civic boards in the

area. The *James W. & Phyllis Robinson Sports Wing* at Providence was built in 2006 and named in his and his wife's honor in recognition for their contribution to the football locker room and weight training rooms.



Homer Ferree, M.D., (Hon. '04) received the Community Service Award for his 25 years of providing services as volunteer team doctor to multiple Providence sports teams, primarily for football. He has provided medical assistance and expertise on the sidelines while also serving as a family physician in New Albany. Dr. Ferree is active in his parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, where he serves as a lector and cantor and previously served on the parish council. He is a volunteer on Our Lady's Disaster Relief Team to help the people of

Henryville recover from last year's March 2 tornado. He also volunteers in area soup kitchens and has provided uncompensated medical care to patients who otherwise could not afford treatment.

REUNION UPDATES

Reunion planning has begun for classes ending in 3 and 8. A representative from most classes has been in touch with the Office of Alumni Relations. However, a chairperson is still needed for the following years:

- * 1973 (40 years)
- * 1983 (30 years)
- * 1998 (15 years)

Please email alumni@providencehigh.net if you are interested. The Office of Alumni Relations now offers a variety of helpful services to reunion planners. Don't be shy!

CALLING ALL BASKETBALL ALUMNI

Teams are now forming for the third annual Alumni Basketball Game on March 6, sponsored by the *House of Truth* and the Girls Basketball Program. The girls' game will be held 7 p.m., and guys' game at 8 , with a student three-point shootout in between. Any alumni wishing to represent their era and participate, please contact **Coach Brad Burden** at bburden@providencehigh.net.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY NOTICES

Please help Providence update its alumni directory by following up on the postcard or email notifying you of the update to "Our Lady of Providence Junior-Senior High School Alumni Today." A third party is collecting this information for Providence at no charge to the school.

Please call the toll-free number listed on the card or email within two

weeks of receipt. If you received an email, you also have the option to click through to complete the form online. Information should not be submitted directly to Providence.

There are several new features in the latest alumni directory, including an option to send in photos and/or submit an "essay" on what you're doing now.

We thank you for our cooperation in this endeavor, which not only creates an up-to-date directory of all alumni but also allows us to update our records.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

NEW FEATURE: PIONEERS REACHING OUT

The e-VISION staff will be starting a new feature profiling alumni, students, faculty and staff who have provided service to the community, and we are looking for story ideas. If you or someone you know has completed a special service project or gives much of their time and talent to others in need, please contact us at alumni@providencehigh.net.

WELCOME, FR. ERIC JOHNSON

Providence is pleased to welcome its new chaplain, **Fr. Eric Johnson**.

Fr. Eric is a native of Indianapolis and was most recently director of the Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Now the pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, he will be at Providence on Thursdays, beginning with celebrating liturgy at 7:15 a.m. Fr. Eric is the son of **Edward and Carol Koetter '62 Johnson**.

Fr. Eric was previously a chaplain for Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis from 2002 to 2005 and said he is looking forward to working directly with high school students again. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to step back into campus ministry and work with our youth," he said. "That's something that was a great blessing to me."



As facilitator of the Providence High School Chaplaincy, Fr. Eric will

continue to be assisted by **Fr. Wilfred "Sonny" Day '58**, pastor of St. John Starlight, and **Fr. Mike Hilderbrand (Hon. '10)**, pastor of St. Mary of the Knobs, in celebrating all-school liturgies.

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By Ray Day '57

Mr. Stan Denny came to Providence in 1957 as a teacher of history, business arithmetic and art. For the next five years, he was also head basketball coach and assistant football coach. Additionally, as a talented graphic artist he provided sports cartoons to the *Louisville Times*, an afternoon newspaper published in concert with the *Courier-Journal* in those days.



Recently, we discovered several of Mr. Denny's cartoons in the school archive. These drawings personify the athletic rivalries here in southern Indiana during the early 1960s. As the basketball season nears an end and the post season tournaments begin, it seems appropriate to share with you some of these early images. BLUE NEWS - OF OLD will feature some of these drawings in the next four issues. Mr. Denny is the grandfather of Providence social studies teacher **Steve Beyl '99**.



The 1960-1961 season Holiday Tourney was held at Jeffersonville High School. Here Santa, holding the "gift of victory" behind his back, is asking Charlestown, Silver Creek, Jeff and Providence, "Now, who has been a good boy?"

Pat Stout '61 wrote the following in the January 19, 1961 issue of the

PIONEER POST.

"The Blue and White were evidently feeling the effects of the Christmas spirit as they suffered two humiliating defeats in the

disastrous Holiday Tourney. The Pioneers fell victims to Silver Creek and Charlestown in the annual affair."

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 23-25 - 2013-14 Course Selection/Registration Days
Jan. 25 - Winter Homecoming Ceremony (Special Schedule)
Jan. 28-Feb. 1 - Catholic Schools' Week
Jan. 30 - Catholic Schools' Week Liturgy (Liturgy Schedule)
Feb. 4-5 - Incoming 9th Grade Registration (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)
Feb. 6 - FAFSA Follow-Up and Questions - 3:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Library
Feb. 7 - Winter Deanery Night at Boys-BB game (See story above)
Feb. 13 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy (Liturgy Schedule)

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And lastly...

*Forty New Albany deanery students (11 from Providence) and 8 chaperones, (including Providence theology teacher **Mr. Scott Lutgring**) are going to the National March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 25th to prayerfully and peacefully protest the legalization of abortion in the United States. **President Joan Hurley** and Mr. Lutgring urge all readers of e-VISION to "keep all participants in your prayers."*

Mr. Lutgring said, "There will be a morning rally and evening of prayer for all participants." The group will drive to D.C. on the 24th and return on the 27th.

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