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The Girls Soccer and Boys Soccer teams each claimed a 1A Sectional title last weekend. It is the first time since 2001 that both teams have celebrated such a victory in the same year.

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Seniors in Honors Government have a unique discussion opportunity related to the upcoming presidential election. They are taking part in a six-week virtual exchange program known as PenPal News Red-Blue.

The program pairs them as residents in a "red" (Republican) state with students in New York City as residents of a "blue" (Democratic) state. Each week, the students watch a short video and read an article on a specific topic related to the election. Using their iPads, the students answer a set of questions and send them via email to students who attend a private school in New York.

Honors Government teacher **Mr. Steve Beyl** said the exchange program is a good opportunity for the students to reach beyond the classroom and make the discussion real. "It helps them look at topics and issues for themselves and form their own judgments, especially for those who are voting for the first time," he said.

Senior **Janelle Marriott** said she is looking forward to her first opportunity to vote and enjoys the chance to debate topics with students in a larger city. "It's really interesting to speak to students in a state that has opposing views of (people in) our state," she said. "It's interesting to see how they view things."

The students also are excited that their class is being featured in a blog on The New York Times' education website, [The Learning Network](#). The students were interviewed by phone last week by **Michael Bernstein**, the creator of PenPal News and a guest blog writer for the site.

Senior **Lloyd Lashley** was one of the students interviewed, and he told Bernstein that he was surprised to find that his Red-Blue pen pal has similar political views to his own. "It's nice to get viewpoints of kids from a different culture - and to find that we have the same views even though we're not in the same geographic area," he said.

## **STUDENTS IN ACTION**

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## SOPHOMORES EXPERIENCE DAY WITH THOSE IN NEED

The sophomores are learning the needs of the homeless and other at-risk persons as part of their Sophomore Day of Reflection. Three groups have already attended and the last group will attend on Monday, Oct. 22, when school resumes after fall break.

As part of the one-day retreat, the sophomores visit Crossroads Ministry at St. William parish in downtown Louisville. The educational program is intended to introduce students to various social justice issues as well as the daily struggles of the homeless and disadvantaged. For many, it's a meaningful experience.

Sophomore **Kendall Powell** said the day helped her see the homeless as people and not just a stereotype. "People tend to have a preconceived idea about people like that," she said. "They're really good people and have a story to tell."

The day begins at the church with a prayer service, after which the students break up into two groups to visit various locations. At each location, a facilitator describes the services provided by that agency. The students have lunch at the soup kitchen at the Cathedral of the Assumption. During lunch, they are encouraged to talk to the people who depend on that meal every day.

After lunch, the students volunteer at a day care facility for disadvantaged, mentally challenged patients. They end the day with a debriefing at St. Williams and a closing prayer service, after which they return from the trip at 4:30 p.m.

All sophomores are required to attend the one-day event and each will receive five service hours toward their 60-hour requirement for graduation. Students attending the Oct. 22 day should be in casual dress with shoes for walking.

## BOYS TENNIS WRAP UP

By Coach **Scott Gurgol**

The 2012 season was another winning season for Pioneers tennis. The team earned an 11-8 record in dual matches and placed second at the New Albany Invitational. Key wins during the regular season included defeating Silver Creek for the first time in more than 20 years and after scheduling an additional match, the boys beat them again with a different line-up. Also, all eight of the team's losses were to teams that were state-ranked or won a sectional title.

Individual standouts include sophomore **Will Andres**, freshman **Landon Carrico**, junior **Nolan Carrico**, and sophomore **Jacob Quinkert**.

Landon began the season on JV and worked his way to the varsity starting line-up, then went 6-1 at No. 3 singles. Will Andres went 11-3 at No. 1 singles then 5-3 at No. 1 doubles, and he is a candidate for All-District as a singles player. Jacob was 12-2 at No. 3 singles and 4-4 at No. 2 doubles. Nolan was 10-4 at No. 2 singles before moving up to No. 1 singles. Other accomplishments include seniors **Weston Spalding** and **Luis Garcia** as candidates for Academic All-State. Varsity letter winners include Will, Nolan, Jacob, Landon, Weston, Luis, **Patrick McPhillips**, and **Reed Fansler**.

Thanks also to Assistant Coach **Chris Jacobi** and **Todd Popson**, volunteer coach.

## JEWELRY ROSARY

Students in Jewelry class made their own rosaries in honor of the Month of the Rosary. The class then spent time in the chapel during the monthly First Friday Adoration to pray the rosary as a group.



## ESCARGOT ADOPTION



Students in French 3 participated in the Adopt an Escargot program. Students did several activities during the unit, ending with the "official" adoption ceremony officiated by Clark Superior Court #2 **Judge Jerry Jacobi '73**, husband of English teacher **Dr. Kathryn Jacobi**.

## STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Providence has been chosen as one of the schools participating in the Green Dot program, sponsored by The Center for Women and Families. Green Dot is a violence prevention program based on bystander

intervention created by **Dr. Dorothy Edwards** at the University of Kentucky. Green Dot provides bystander training in the hopes of stopping and preventing violent, aggressive, or bullying behavior and changing from a culture that accepts this behavior to a culture that does not.

Students attended an all-school assembly this morning to learn an overview of the Green Dot program and basic ways to intervene. Next, about 20 students will be identified as popular opinion leaders and will participate in the bystander training. The bystander training is an all-day event with training by the staff from the Center for Women and Families. Additional training will be offered next semester for other students wanting to participate. Those who've taken part in the training will take part in monthly follow-up sessions.

## **B.L.U.E. DAYS: GOVERNMENT**

A recent BLUE Days session brought alumna **Mrs. Angela (Schroder) Hayes '64** back to Providence to help seniors who are 18 register to vote. Mrs. Hayes is part of a group of concerned citizens visiting area high schools to help with the registration process.



Government teacher Mrs. Kelly Quinkert-Hornung '87 said that the many seniors had already registered online but those who attended the session received the benefit of having someone walk them through the voting process and gave them a chance to ask any questions they may have. She anticipates having more sessions centered around the election process in the coming weeks.

Mrs. Hayes said she enjoyed the opportunity to help the Providence seniors - and she even had a chance to visit with her grandson freshman Ben Popson.

*Check out the [BLUE Days](#) link on the right-hand navigation bar of the school [website](#) each Friday afternoon for an updated schedule of the next week's BLUE Days sessions. Note: There will be no BLUE Days sessions on Monday, Oct. 22, because of Parent-Teacher Conferences*

*that afternoon. Dismissal remains at 2:15 that day.*

## **PARENT CONNECTION**

### **SOPHOMORE UNITY CEREMONY**

Tomorrow during block two, all sophomores will take part in the annual Sophomore Unity Ceremony during which they will receive their school Unity pin, which is a P with a jewel inset representing their House color. Students who purchased a class ring or other ring will have it blessed as part of the ceremony. Invitations to parents have been sent.

### **SENIOR CLASS HAPPENINGS**

Graduate Services will be here tomorrow during lunch for seniors to turn in orders for graduation announcements. Seniors should bring their order form and payment. Additional packets are in the main office.

All seniors should also have either had their senior portrait for the yearbook taken or have an appointment with Whyland's or LifeTouch. All portraits should be taken by Oct. 31. The yearbook portrait must be taken at one of these locations.

### **FALL BREAK SPORTING EVENTS**

Students will be out of school Oct. 15-19 for fall break, and the office will be closed Oct. 15-17. Several of our sports teams will be in post-season play, and we encourage our students and fans to attend. This weekend's post season play includes:

- The cross country regional this Saturday at Crawford County High School at 10:30 a.m. and semi-state at Brown County High School on Oct. 20.
- Boys Soccer will compete tomorrow in the Switzerland County High School Regional vs. Salem High School at 5 p.m. The finals will be Saturday at 2 p.m., and the semi-state game will be at Floyd Central High School on Oct. 20 at noon.
- Girls Soccer will host its regional on Saturday vs. Heritage Hills High School at 6 p.m. Semi-state will be Saturday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. Central Time at Evansville Mater Dei High School with the finals at 7 p.m. CT.
- The football team will play round one of its sectional Friday, Oct. 19, at Paoli High School at 7 p.m.
- The volleyball team will play Saturday, Oct. 20, at 12:30 p.m. at Henryville High School and compete against Paoli. The sectional finals will be at 7 p.m. that day.

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be Monday, Oct. 22, the day school

resumes from fall break. There will be 2:15 dismissal but no BLUE Days sessions that day. Conferences will be held from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. No appointments are necessary.

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### REUNION UPDATE

Upcoming reunions include:

- 1960: mini-reunion Dec. 8 at the Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville.
- 1962: mini-reunion Dec. 1 at Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville.
- 1977: 35-year reunion Nov. 10, Seelbach Hotel in the Fitzgerald Suite, 7:30 p.m.
- 1992: 20-year reunion Nov. 3, 7-11 p.m., Covered Bridge. Deadline to register is Oct. 25.
- 2002: 10-year reunion Oct. 20, 8-midnight, Champions Pointe Golf Club. Registration deadline is tomorrow.

For more information, email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).

### FIRST SENIOR RETREAT

The first senior retreat is Oct. 23-26. Please keep these seniors in your prayers. For additional information, email **Dale Durham** at [ddurham@providencehigh.net](mailto:ddurham@providencehigh.net).

### PROVIDENCE DAY AT FRANKLIN VS. HANOVER GAME

Providence is hosting a bus ride and tailgating section at [Franklin College on Nov. 10](#) to allow Providence fans an affordable, fun trip to see alumni **Ethan Cook '09** and the Franklin Grizzlies take on **Spencer Corrao '11** and rival the Hanover College Panthers. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. to allow for tailgating before the game and return about 7 p.m. For \$25, participants receive a comfort coach bus ride, a tailgating meal and soft drinks, and admission to the game - plus an opportunity to talk to Ethan and Spencer after the game. Email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net) today to reserve your spot!

### ASAP DINNER RAISES NEEDED FUNDS



Providence welcomed more than 140 guests to the Annual Student Appreciation Dinner on Monday evening and treated them to a one-time performance by two professional musicians from the Class of 1966:

**Sonny Lemaire** of the country band Exile and **Gary Marlin** of the brother band The Marlins. The duo played several songs written or co-written by Lemaire and performed by the



band Exile or other country music stars, including the No. 1 hit "Beautiful Mess." Thanks to general donations and pledges received, the 2012-2013 ASAP fundraising effort is at nearly \$100,000. More support is needed to help the nearly 25 percent of our students who need financial assistance to attend Providence. If you were unable to attend the event but would like to donate, email [advancement@providencehigh.net](mailto:advancement@providencehigh.net).

Lemaire and Marlin also participated in the Career Speaker Series during the school day on Monday and spoke to about 100 students from the Freshman Focus classes as well as music and Creative Writing students. The duo spoke about careers in music and performed Lemaire's songs, including two songs with three music students. If you are interested in participating in the series either live or via Skype, email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).

## HONORARY ALUMNI

The Providence Alumni Association is accepting nominations for its annual awards: Outstanding Alumni, Honorary Alumni and Community Service. If you know of someone in the Providence community who goes above and beyond for the school and/or community, please complete and return the attached nomination form by Oct. 31.

Qualifications for the awards and complete instructions can be found on the attached [nomination form](#).

## ALUMNI TO SPONSOR TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

The Providence Alumni Association is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em tournament on Saturday, Oct. 27, 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. 129277.

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

### WELCOME, MS. JEANNE PORTMAN



New French teacher **Ms. Jeanne Portman** is glad to be teaching in the area again after 21 year teaching French at Southwestern High School in Hanover, Ind. She retired early from that school in order to move back to her hometown of Louisville and be near her mother.

Ms. Portman teaches French I part time and said she has felt very welcomed by her fellow teachers and the staff as well as the students. "I like the family atmosphere here and the push to make sure everybody is involved," she said. "There is a lot of ownership in things and not just a small group doing everything."

Ms. Portman graduated from the old Holy Rosary High School in Louisville and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at University of Louisville. She remains a big fan of the school's sports teams and enjoys going to UofL football games. She also enjoys boating, watching her nieces' and nephews' sporting events, and spending time with her mom.

### WELCOME, MR. JAKE WILLARD



New theology teacher **Mr. Jake Willard** is enjoying his career as a teacher, even if he didn't originally plan to major in theology, much less teach. A theology class at Xavier University inspired him to change his major from math and political science. "I really enjoyed the discussion," he said. "And I had excellent teachers, so I thought, 'If I can give that to someone else, that's what I want to do with my degree.'"

Mr. Willard is from Westfield, Ind., and graduated from Brebeuf High School in Indianapolis, where his younger brother is a senior. He also has an older brother at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and a sister at University of Dayton in Ohio.

He learned about the opening at Providence after sending his resume to Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. Being at Providence reminds him of the community at his own high school, with its school pride and emphasis on well-rounded, faith-based education. "I love the student body," Mr. Willard said. "They clearly really love this place and the school."

Mr. Willard lives in Louisville and enjoys attending Providence sporting events. He will assist Coach **Brad Burden** with the Girls Basketball team this winter.

## FORMER TEACHER GOES ON 500-MILE PILGRIMAGE

Former theology teacher **Sr. Jeana Visel** OSB recently completed a pilgrimage along the 500-mile "Way of St. James" in Spain, walking most of it. A graduate student in Monastic Studies at St. John's University - School of Theology in Collegeville, Minnesota, she was in a group of seven from the college who undertook the pilgrimage. Her story was featured in a recent email newsletter from the [Sisters of St. Benedict](#) in Ferdinand, Ind.

According to the article, Sr. Jeana learned much on the journey, including to appreciate the pilgrimage of daily life, as she wrote in her final journal entry about the trip: "I can walk the ends of the earth and meet wonderful people and see beautiful churches, but I have both right here. God is with me everywhere, on every part of my way, not just the Way of St. James. And so I need to live it. Lord Jesus, help me to live

it."

## BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

*Forty years ago this month, 21-year old Providence High School was about to lose its life. Over the next four issues of e-VISION we will tell the story.*

PART I - Forty years ago this month.

*October 5, 1972*, news of the possible closing of 21-year old Providence High School was announced to the student body and the community.

*October 6, 1972* - Louisville's Courier-Journal headline:  
**Plan to sell Providence High School is confirmed**

Providence High School, the 21-year old Catholic secondary school operated by the Sisters of Providence in Clarksville, is about to go on the selling block. The fears of many of the school's students, alumni and friends were confirmed at a public meeting at the school last night. The announcement that the school would be sold came as no surprise to many in the crowd of 1,500 at the meeting. In recent years the school has operated at a loss, and its closing seemed inevitable to many supporters. However, some hope for the school's continued existence was held out last night when the crowd reacted strongly to "Save Our School" signs raised by students during the 2 ½ hour meeting in the school gymnasium.

*October 7, 1972* - Louisville's Courier-Journal headline:  
**Students start effort to save Providence**

Providence High School Principal **Robert Larkin** unleashed more than 500 eager "salesmen" yesterday in the Southern Indiana area. Their job: To convince the area's Catholic parishes to purchase the school, which will go up for sale at the end of the year. At a pep rally yesterday...the entire student body turned out to cheer the faculty and staff and pledge their loyalty to Our Lady of Providence High.

Yesterday's pep rally was ostensibly held in connection with last night's annual New Albany/Providence football game, but with the announcement that the school will be sold, the spirit displayed at the rally took on a dual meaning.

Larkin had told the school's 533 students Thursday it would be

their job to sell the school to area residents, both Catholic and non-Catholic. In an emotional speech to the student body, Larkin asked the students "to fight like hell to save what all of us have worked for and grown to love." Larkin said yesterday he could not predict how the area parishes would respond to the students' appeal, but he said the students "have to be our best salesmen."  
TO BE CONTINUED...

## COMING EVENTS

Oct. 11 - Sophomore Ring/Pinning Ceremony - 9:30 a.m. - Robinson Auditorium

Oct. 12 - Gene Sartini Field Naming

Oct. 14 - [Southern Indiana Basketball Coaches Clinic](#)

Oct. 15-19 - Fall Break

Oct. 18-19 - Faculty In-Service

Oct. 22 - ECA Testing Begins, Ends November 16

Oct. 22 - 2:15 Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 23 - 26 - First Senior Retreat

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## *And lastly...*

This note from **President Joan Hurley**:

*"A special thank you to **Sonny Lemaire** and **Gary Marlin** for the wonderful entertainment at this year's ASAP Dinner. Many of their classmates showed up to reminisce and sing along. Sonny's song "Kiss You All Over" brought up the grand finale to a truly great evening and Gary's story of their Spanish class with Sister Raisin had us rolling in the aisles. "*

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