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## OPEN HOUSE, SUNDAY, NOV. 4

Providence will be conducting its annual Open House, Sunday, Nov. 4, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for prospective eighth graders and their families. Students will tour the facility and learn about the school's curriculum, iPad requirement, music and theatre programs, clubs and organizations, the House Student Leadership Program, athletics, financial assistance, and more.

Faculty and staff, Providence student ambassadors, alumni and friends will be on hand to conduct tours and answer questions. Additionally, information about the Choice Scholarship program, more commonly known as vouchers, will be available for families with eighth-grade students currently attending public schools.

This informative OPEN HOUSE event is free and open to the public. Refreshments and entertainment are provided. If you know an eighth grader living in the New Albany Deanery, please be sure to invite him or

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her to attend!

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

### FALL SPORTS HAVE GREAT SUCCESS

Pioneer sports fans had four exciting post-season events to support this past Saturday, and our teams did not disappoint.



Semi-State Champs: Girls Soccer won their second Class A Semi-State with victories over No. 8 Evansville Mater Dei and No. 9 Indianapolis Chatard. The No. 4 Lady Pioneers shut out Mater Dei in the first game with goals by seniors **Leah Mattingly** and **Erin Duncan**, junior **Kasey Wallace**, and sophomore **Alyssa Jones**. In the finals, the girls won 3-2 with two goals by senior **Katie Barron**, including one assisted by sophomore **Jordan Reger** and the winning kick during overtime. Leah scored on a free kick during regulation. The girls will face a rematch with No. 3 Mishawaka Marian in defense of their Class A 2011 state title at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Michael A. Carroll Track & Soccer Stadium, IUPUI, 1001 W. New York St., Indianapolis. Tickets are on sale in the PHS Athletic Office for \$10 through Friday at noon.

Record breakers: The Cross Country team had three runners compete in the Brown County Semi-State. Senior **Kori Seibert** broke a school record with a run of 20:33, breaking the record that teammate senior **Erin Denis** had set in the regional with a run of 20:51. Kori had tied the previous school record during the sectional with a time of 21:08. Kori placed 59th and Erin placed 74th out of 149 runners at semi-state. Senior **Murphy Sheets** also competed and placed 92nd with a time of 17:25.

Semi-State Runner-Ups: In the Boys Soccer Class A Floyd Central Semi-State match-up, the Pioneers won their first game 3-2 vs. No. 4 Evansville Mater Dei in overtime. Senior **Pierce Crawley** and junior **Evan Hollkamp** scored in regulation, and Pierce scored the winning goal on a free kick during overtime. Goalkeeper junior **Jeffrey Wiles** had more than 20 saves during both games. In the finals, the team fell

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1-2 to No. 6 Covenant Christian, with the lone goal by Pierce. Pierce was selected to the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's All-District First Team for District 6 as a midfielder. He also was named the most valuable player for the Switzerland County Regional, and teammates seniors **John Murray** and **Andrew Wimp** and junior Jeffrey Wiles also were named to the All-Regional Team.

Sectional and Regional Champs: The Volleyball team repeated as sectional champions (and won its 27th overall) by sweeping Paoli and Eastern (Pekin) high schools in the 2A Henryville Sectional. Standouts in the final game included sophomores middle hitter **Taylor Wilson** with eight kills and two aces and outside hitter **Haley Libs** with 11 kills, five digs and two aces, and freshman outside hitter **Jacque Hornung** with eight kills.

Last night, the No. 2 Lady Pioneers faced Southwestern High School and repeated as regional winners, sweeping their opponent 25-8, 25-12, 25-20. The Volleyball team will compete in the 2A Forest Park Semi-State on Saturday at 11 a.m. vs. Eastern Hancock. The finals will be at 7 p.m. against the winner of the No. 4 Eastern Greene v. No. 10 Cardinal Ritter. Tickets are \$6 each, or \$9 for both games.

With these post-season victories has Providence tied for 16th in the state in fall sports performance, tied for second among Catholic schools, first among 2A schools, and first among schools in Floyd and Clark counties. The last time Providence had so many teams go this far in the post season was 2001 when the boys' and girls' soccer and volleyball teams each won regional and Girls Golf made it to the state finals.

## CROSS COUNTRY SEASON WRAP UP

By Coach **Chuck Crowley**

When the Girls Cross Country team went to the starting line at the 2012 Crawford County sectional, there were five girls wearing navy Providence tank tops -- the minimum number to have a team score. (An injury and a sick day reduced us from seven to five runners.) All five girls rose to the challenge, and four out of five ran personal bests, resulting in a fourth place finish and an advancement to the regional. At the regional, the team was eighth, and once again senior co-captains **Erin Denis** and **Kori Siebert** accepted the challenge to be in the top 15 and qualify for the semi-state as individuals. Erin was ninth and ran 20:50, breaking the school record of 21:08 for 5K that Kori had tied during the sectional. Kori also broke the old record running 20:59 for 10th. At the single-class semi-state, the girls ran with runners from 25 schools from the region, with most a lot larger than we are. The school record was lowered once again, this time by Kori by 17 seconds to

20:33.

The girls' team of only seven girls had a great season, winning four of 14 meets and advancing to the regional. The school record was broken three times, and the girls achieved their goals during a special year.

The Boys Cross Country team wasn't quite as strong as the girls' but did come in second in three of the 14 meets. The boys also came in fourth in the sectional and advanced to the regional as a team. Senior **Murphy Sheets** was the team leader, putting in many hard runs and logging many miles. He won five meets as an individual and also advanced to the semi-state. He didn't achieve his goal of reaching the state meet, but led the boys in workouts and showed them what it takes to succeed at distance running. The boys' team has high expectations for next year as it returns eight of nine runners, losing only Murphy who plans on taking his hardcore work ethic on to Wabash College.

### PLAYERS EARN POST-SEASON HONORS

Several players have earned recognition for their fall season performances. In Boys Tennis, sophomore **Will Andres** was named to the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association's All-District singles team, and seniors **Luis Garcia** and **Weston Spalding** were named to the IHSTCA's first team Academic All-State. For Girls Golf, senior **Morgan Boone** was named to the News & Tribune's 2012 All-Area Girls Golf Third Team.

### BLUE DAYS: ART



The Art Department held a special workshop during BLUE Days recently. Art teacher **Mrs. Donna Burden** invited **Mr. Emilia Silva** of Ecuador to lead the workshop after meeting him at the St. James Art Fair through the Louisville Sister Cities Program. Spanish teacher **Mr. Brad Burden** translated Mr. Silva's instructions because he speaks no English. With Mr. Burden's help, Mr. Silva led a classroom full of students through an exercise in creating a pastel drawing.

### BLUE DAYS - 7TH GRADE SAINTS MUSEUM

The seventh graders recently held a Saints Museum activity during BLUE Days. The students dressed as different saints and shared information with visitors about the saint they represented.



## PEER COACH PROGRAM TO START

The National Honor Society will again participate in the Peer Coach Program in which a senior member of the honor society is partnered with a student to offer mentoring. Last year, 17 trained seniors met once a week with their matched student to offer academic and social support before or after school. The students underwent training this week and will be paired with students who request a peer mentor.

Peer Coaching is a national program that focuses not only on tutoring but also on social interaction and creating relationships.

## ART CLUB HOSTING ART SALE

The Art Club is hosting an art sale to raise money for supplies for the club's annual Empty Bowls event. The sale features two cases of student-made art, on sale through Nov. 7. Items include night lights, PHS ornaments, jewelry, rosaries, and more.

## PARENT CONNECTION

### PSAT NEXT WEEK

Sophomores and juniors will be taking the Pre-SAT on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The test is practice for the SAT and for juniors, an opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. Last year, two Providence students scored in the 98th percentile or higher in at least two sections to earn National Merit Scholar recognition. One was named a commended student, and the other a semi-finalist.

Please be sure your student gets a good night's sleep prior to the test and eats a good breakfast. Students also should be on time to school since the test starts at 8 a.m. Students should bring two No. 2 pencils and a calculator. Student cell phones and iPads are not allowed in the testing area. The test will be over around 11:30 a.m., and students will

resume their A-Day schedule for the afternoon.

## REMINDER: SENIOR PORTRAITS

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.

## NEW APPLE IPAD MINI ANNOUNCED

On Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, Apple announced a new iPad model, the iPad Mini. As this new iPad runs the same software and apps as its big brother, Providence will support this new offering in our 1 to 1 program.

More information, including a link comparing the various offerings is available [on our website](#). Just click the iPad Information button on the homepage.

## 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, 7:30 pm 'til ?, at the Fitzgerald Suite in the Seelbach Hotel.
- 1992: 20-year reunion Nov. 3, 7-11 p.m., Covered Bridge. Deadline to register is Oct. 25.

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

Reunion committees should be forming for next year's reunions for graduation years ending in three and eight. Please email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net) if you are interested.

## PROVIDENCE DAY AT FRANKLIN VS. HANOVER GAME

You have just two more days to [register](#) for the bus ride and tailgating event at Franklin College on Nov. 10 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!

## 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.

## HONORARY ALUMNI NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

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](#).

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

## RENAMING OF FOOTBALL FIELD



On Friday, Oct. 12, Providence named the football field of Murphy Stadium "Gene Sartini Field." The dedication ceremony included the presentation of a framed commemorative photo to **Coach Gene Sartini** and the unveiling of the new sign. Alumni, friends and Coach Sartini's former players were in attendance.

## CROSS COUNTRY COACH FEATURED IN E-MAGAZINE

Cross Country Coach **Chuck Crowley** is featured in this month's [Fitness Source e-magazine](#). An avid runner himself, Coach Crowley has amassed more than 2,650 consecutive days running. The article covers his love for the sport and how he inspires his team.

## TEACHERS LEARN OVER FALL BREAK

While students were enjoying a five-day break from classes, the teachers were taking part in various learning opportunities. Teachers in the English, math, and social studies departments as well as the Guidance Office staff attended a workshop at Providence on Acuity Assessments on Thursday. The remainder of the faculty attended the Indiana Non-Public Education Conference in Indianapolis. On Friday, all faculty attended a technology in-service on Friday.

The teachers who attended INPEC sessions found the keynote speaker especially inspirational. **Heidi Hayes Jacobs** of Curriculum Mapping Institute in Westchester County, N.Y., spoke on "Upgrading our Schools for the 21st Century Learner."

French teacher **Ms. Katie Aebersold** said Ms. Jacobs' speech affirmed the direction Providence is taking by implementing its 1:1 Computing initiative with iPads for all students. "I really liked how she said, 'Students shouldn't come into the classroom and have to time travel back to the 1950s' style of teaching,'" she said. "It was exactly what I hope we're working on here with iPads. It's good to be encouraged in that way that that is where education is going."

Science teacher **Mrs. Diana Welch** said the keynote speech inspired her to "step out of my comfort zone" and reach out to researchers and college professors to request they hold short Skype sessions with her students. "It's one thing to study [science] out of a textbook but even better to talk to the experts. With the technology available, you can't just look at your book. I realized the increasing importance that we as teachers have to change how we reach these kids."

## BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

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

In "PART I - Forty years ago this month" we featured three newspaper headlines and a portion of each story.

- Providence High May Be Closed And Sold
- Plan to sell Providence High School is confirmed
- Students start effort to save Providence

PART II - Today - "How do you go about buying a school?"

*At the time of the announcement by the Sisters of Providence that they would place Providence High School for sale, there was not unifying Catholic educational organization in place in the New Albany Deanery. **Robert Leonard**, former director of the Aquinas Center, wrote the following in 1996:*

The announcement by the Sisters was as if a bomb had dropped. The Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education (under the direction of **Fr. Gerald Gettelfinger**) suggested to the priests of the Deanery that a Board of Education be formed, and that the laity of the Deanery be involved in the decision...about the possible closing of the high school.

A Board was hurriedly put together consisting of the Pastor and two lay representatives from each full parish of the Deanery (mission parishes were not included). A lot of research, hard work, long hours and many meetings later, a proposition was put together in early November by an Ad-Hoc study committee of this Board. The proposition called for the purchase of Providence High School by the parishes of the Deanery...and the establishment of a Deanery Religious Education Center.

Feelings ran high both for and against this proposition. A number of parish pastors and representatives walked out of a meeting held in October at Holy Trinity in New Albany, quite angry with the decisions being made and procedures used for making those decisions.

During all the meetings and furor over procedures and purposes, the students continued to push for community support. Here are some excerpts from Letters to the Editor in The New Albany Tribune during these difficult times.

In response to an editorial that asked "What will it mean if Providence closes," **Diana Jenkins** ('74) responded as follows. "It would mean going three years to one school, getting to know the faculty, students and administration; participating in the productions of one of the best theatre departments in the area, performing in the annual talent show, receiving a class ring in a

ceremony with the rest of the juniors, and then, having to graduate from another school. There are so many great people at Providence who have helped me to grow as a person. It would mean that I would never get all that I possibly could get out of attending Providence and I would never be able to give back all that I possibly could."

**Monica Aloisio**, Class of '74 said: "...the worst thing of all will be losing a way of life, a vital part of my life. Providence has come to mean so much to me that, if I cannot graduate from OLPHS, I would rather not graduate at all. If anyone asks me where I'm going to school next year, I'll say Providence, where else!"

TO BE CONTINUED...

## COMING EVENTS

Oct. 23 - 26 - First Senior Retreat

Oct. 31 - PSAT Grades 10 & 11 - Full Day for All Students

Nov. 1 - All Saints Day Liturgy

Nov. 4 - Open House (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

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*And lastly...*

### **Message from the Principal Dr. Mindy Ernstberger**

*This has been a golden time for Providence athletics! Not since 2001 have we had so many athletic teams in IHSAA semi-state championships at one time. This wonderful predicament has had students, faculty & staff, administration, and loyal fans jockeying schedules trying to get to the many athletic competitions.*

*Thanks to some dedicated faculty and staff members, we held an impromptu pep session and bonfire over the fall break with approximately 200 of our students in attendance.*

*Many congratulations to the members of our cross country, boys soccer, girls soccer, and volleyball teams. We are so very proud of you and how you have represented the Providence community. This weekend our girls' soccer team travels to Indianapolis to defend the state title, and our volleyball team travels to Ferdinand for what we hope will be a victorious semi-state. So, fill up those gas tanks ...we are on the road again this weekend!*



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