



The freshman and sophomore Providence Players will present "The Bully Plays" on Saturday and Sunday. For ticket information, read below.

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STATE RUNNER UPS

For the first time in school history, three girls' teams competed at the state level during the same fall sports season - all within one week's time.



The Girls Soccer season followed their 2011 State Title run with another visit to state competition and again faced Mishawaka Marian. This time, the Girls Soccer team ended their season as State Runners-Up with a 14-5-3 record. Coach **Dave Smith** said that the team's greatest accomplishments this season were "going 6-1 in the postseason, destroying Heritage Hills when we hosted regional, and huge wins over Mater Dei and Chatard at semi-state.

The Girls Soccer team was led by nine seniors, including **Erin Duncan**,

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who won the IHSAA Class 1A Mental Attitude Award for Girls Soccer; **Leah Mattingly**, who was named to the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association District 5 First Team, **Maryashly Betz**, a key defender, and **Katie Barron**, who scored the winning goal at semi-state. Junior **Kasey Wallace** also was named to the District 5 First Team. Leah and Kasey will appear in the District Games at Indianapolis North Lawrence High School Nov. 17-18. Erin's Mental Attitude Award was based on academics, athletic ability, leadership and mental attitude. Erin is ranked among the top in her class, has a 4.0 GPA, and outstanding ACT and SAT scores.

The team will return eight strong contributors next season, including juniors **Kasey Wallace**, **Rachel Wells**, **Autumn Meyer**, **Katelyn Koopman**, and **Sera Craig**, and sophomores **Alyssa Jones**, **Sarah Posante** and **Jordan Reger**. Because of the IHSAA "Success Factor" rule, the team will move up to Class 2A for two seasons and is looking forward to playing local rivals Jeffersonville, Floyd Central and New Albany for the sectional title. "While it is unrealistic to expect our girls to win seven straight postseason games against schools of this size, as is required to win state, what you will see is a team that will represent Providence with class and dignity, regardless of the opponent," Coach Dave Smith said.



The Girls Volleyball team, which was ranked No. 2 in the state, made the school's sixth trip to the IHSAA State Finals and the first trip to the final round (previous state tournaments had a four-team state final). The girls finished a 35-5 season with a loss in four sets to defending state champs Wapahani High School and set a record for most wins in a season. The team earned back-to-back sectional and regional titles, and the school's 27th sectional, eighth regional, and second semi-state titles.

The Volleyball team was led by lone senior **Kylie Flanagan**, who was named to the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Second Team All-State, as well as a strong group of underclassmen, including juniors **Maile Daniel** and **Abby Spitznagel** and sophomores **Taylor Wilson**, who was named to First Team All-State; **Patricia Mattingly**, who was named to First Team All-State; and **Haley Libs**, who was named to Second Team All-State. The team expects to return the bulk of its varsity team, which includes two freshmen.

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Coach **Terri (Blunk '90) Purichia**, who was named the ICGSA Class 2A South Coach of the Year, said that the team plans to return to the 2A State Finals again next year and will prepare by strengthening its 2013 schedule with stronger competition.



The Cheerleading team once again competed in the Indiana School Principals Association state competition alongside eight other 1A and 2A cheer squads hoping to earn the school's third state cheer title in four years. The team faced Cardinal Ritter, Clinton Prairie, Knightstown, Monrovia, New Washington, North Newton, Southridge, and Wheeler high schools. The team earned second place.

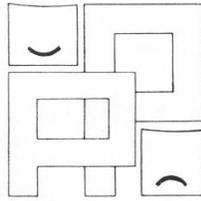
The Cheerleading team is led by seniors **Maryashly Betz**, who traveled from the Girls Soccer state finals in Indianapolis to Pendleton Heights High School the previous weekend to help the team qualify for state, **Haley Corby**, **Kelsey Hass**, and **Katie Pelley**. The team will continue to compete in competitions such as JamFest and the NCA nationals later this school year and is next looking forward to the winter sports season. The Cheerleading team will cheer at all Boys Basketball games as well as other winter sports competitions.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORE PROVIDENCE PLAYERS TO STAGE PRODUCTION

The freshmen and sophomore Providence Players will present a series of vignettes addressing the issue of bullying in "The Bully Plays" for audiences fifth grade and up. Show times are Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Tickets are

\$10.00, and all seats are general admission.



The Providence Players

The Providence Players and the St. Genesius Society will hold a [Children's Theatre Workshop](#) Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon for students, grades kindergarten to eight. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 and includes a ticket to that evening's performance.

"If experiencing these plays helps even one person to recognize bullying, understand why it is happening and take steps to stop it, then the effort will have been worth it. When art can be used to improve, not just imitate, life, we are all better off." - The Providence Players

HOBY CONFERENCE ATTENDEE SELECTED

Sophomore **Nathan Shumate** was nominated by one of his teachers to attend the HOBY conference in June 2013. Sophomores from across Indiana attend the leadership conference, and each school in Indiana is allowed to send one student!

Congratulations, Nathan!

STUDENTS HOLD OWN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



Students were given the opportunity to vote in their social studies and PE classes for their choice for U.S. president. Like the rest of the state of Indiana, the students voted for **Mitt Romney**, in more than 2:1 margin.

STUDENTS CELEBRATE RED RIBBON WEEK



PHS SADD members designed posters and posted them throughout the building last week in celebration of Red Ribbon Week to encourage students to take a stand against drugs. All students received a Red Ribbon bracelet, and those who wore them received a special treat each day at lunch.

ART CLUB CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN



The Art Club hosted its annual pumpkin carving contest. Some students took advantage of BLUE Days sessions to carve their entry. Freshman **Jessie Gilley** won first place for her entry, a pumpkin with horns, eating the smaller pumpkin! She won a \$25 gift card to Michael's Arts & Crafts.

HOUSE OF JUSTICE WINS HOUSE CUP



The executive delegates for the *House of Justice* hoist the House Cup in celebration of their house's victory of the annual contest. Photos of the day can be found on the school's Facebook page. Congrats to all who won individual events, including junior **Derek Wenning** of the House of Integrity, who won the [Providence Got Talent contest!](#)

FOOTBALL SEASON WRAP UP

By Coach **Larry Denison**

The 2012 Football season was a challenging one as the team faced one of its toughest schedules ever and a number of adversities. The team's 3-7 record does not reflect all the hard work put in by players and the challenges they faced throughout the season. The young team, led by only eight seniors, faced some of the toughest competition in the region with many of their opponents ranked in the state and/or going far in the post-season. The team also faced many injuries throughout the season, keeping some key players on the bench toward the end of the season. But no matter the challenges, the team gave 100 percent at every game.

Next year's team shows a lot of promise with nine returning starters on offense and another nine on defense. We expect a solid team led by future seniors **Nathan Banet** (quarterback), **Owen Mattingly** (running back/strong safety), and **Tony Corrao** (offensive and defensive line) as well as running back sophomore **Matt Bell**.

PARENT CONNECTION

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Do you follow us on Facebook? We try our best to cover school news in the e-VISION, but our Facebook page offers many more photos and up-to-date news. Check out our school [Facebook](#) page and see what our students are doing!

OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

Thank you to all parents who made our annual Open House a success! Maybe you brought a sibling of a current student or volunteered to help. Maybe you recommended the Open House to a neighbor, friend or relative. For all you did, thank you! We welcomed nearly 125 future Pioneers on Sunday.

Next up: Deanery Shadowing days on Nov. 19-20, followed by the Placement Exam on Saturday, Dec. 8.

GIRLS SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER AT SAM'S FOOD & SPIRITS



Have a night out and support a good cause! On Thursday, Nov. 8, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., 10 percent of all food sales at Sam's Food & Spirit's New Albany location will go toward the Providence Softball team. Spread the word!

SAVE THE DATE - PHS GALA

The annual Providence Gala Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Jan. 19 at Huber's Orchard & Winery Plantation Hall, so mark your calendars now! This important fundraiser supports various programs, so your support is appreciated! To donate an item for the silent auction, sponsor the event, or join the planning committee, email **Mrs. Laura Brown** at advancement@providencehigh.net.

AFTERPROM NEEDS YOUR HELP

AfterProm is a popular tradition following the annual Junior/Senior Prom. This fun, safe, and healthy celebration helps the upperclassmen continue the festivities of prom night and will be held at the Southern Indiana Sports Center in New Albany on May 11, 2013. Planning for this event is already underway. Parents, your help is needed to offer the many games and give-a-ways as well as food at no cost to the students.

The AfterProm committee is collecting donations in order to buy food, rent games, and be used as part of our give-a-ways. A donation of any amount will greatly assist in meeting the financial goal. Donations may be sent to Attn: **Mr. Scott Lutgring**, Providence High School, 707 Providence Way, Clarksville, IN 47129. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

SPIRIT DAYS RAISE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Today was a Scholarship Spirit Day, with students wearing jeans and Providence wear by donating \$1. All money raised goes into a scholarship

fund to which students can apply. The Campus Ministry office is accepting applications for students who need financial assistance for an academic or spiritual event that they are planning to attend this year. If your student is attending a retreat or student conference, encourage them to pick up and complete the application.

Future Scholarship Spirit Days are scheduled for Dec. 12 and Jan. 10.

JUNIOR HIGH WELCOMES GRANDPARENTS

The junior high students will celebrate Grandparents Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 9. Grandparents are welcome to attend Mass with their student and then join them afterward for light refreshments. Grandparents coming from out of town may join their student for lunch.

SAVE THE DATE - EMPTY BOWLS



Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Empty Bowls event! This event, scheduled for Jan. 20, 2013 and put on by the PHS Art Club, raises awareness and funds to help eliminate hunger in our local community. For more information or to become a sponsor, [click here](#).

ALUMNI IN ACTION

SENIOR RETREAT NEWS

The second senior retreat is scheduled for Nov. 13-16. Please keep the seniors and leaders in your prayers. For more information, contact **Dale Durham** at ddurham@providencehigh.net.

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.

For more information, email alumni@providencehigh.net.

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

SAVE THE DATE - BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Save the date for the annual Alumni Association Breakfast with Santa! This year the event is co-sponsored by the Girls Soccer team and features the Popcorn Players and will be held on a new weekend: Dec. 1. Activities will include a continental breakfast, children's crafts, and a free photo with Santa.



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

MR. SEAN PAYNE

Mr. Sean Payne '03 isn't a new face on the Providence campus since he has coached the Girls Softball team for six seasons. This year, he has taken on a new role as assistant in the Athletic Office. In this part-time position, he handles scheduling for games and officials and is the liaison to area athletic offices and with Deanery athletics. Working in sports administration is Coach Payne's career goal after he graduates from the University of Louisville with a degree in health and human performance in December.



Being able to work at Providence is an experience he relishes. "Anytime you can be there, it's awesome," he said.

He also likes how the job is different each day and has a variety of responsibilities. "There's always something going on," he said. "And I really like seeing the success of our teams and being part of that."

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

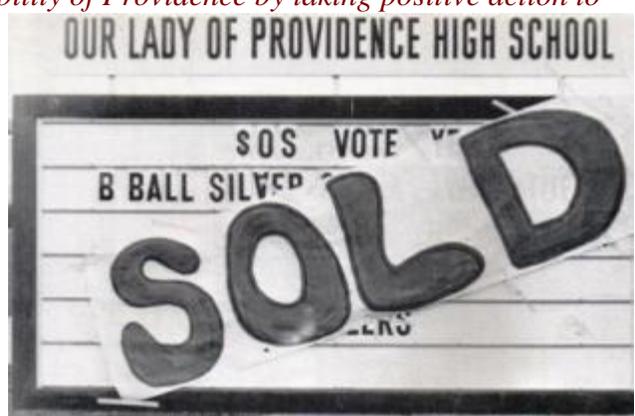
Jeff Lilly was a freshman when the New Albany Deanery voted to purchase the school from the Sisters of Providence. Before he graduated in 1976, he wrote a paper entitled HISTORY OF PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL. Below are excerpts relating to the period between October 1972 and July 1973.

It was announced on October 5, 1972, that the Sisters of Providence were going to sell their ownership in Our Lady of Providence High School because of financial pressures. The Sisters' decision to sell placed the pressure on the people of the area to assume responsibility for the education of its high school students. The decision to continue the high school required a serious study regarding Catholic secondary education in this area. A decision had to be reached by December 1, 1972.

All students worked hard at trying to convince the adults to "save our school." They had rallies with signs and posters to show the spirit of the school. The Ad Hoc Committee worked hard to find out if Catholic education in the high school is needed in this area. The community had to show a will and determination to solve the problems of enrollment and financing. The committee disclosed findings that supported the continuing need for operation of (the school). The(y believed) that the New Albany District could assume operating responsibility of Providence by taking positive action to secure necessary parish and community financial support.

After a very close vote (29 to 25 - on November 29, 1972), the New Albany District decided to purchase (the

school) as a center of religious education at the elementary, secondary and adult levels. The actual purchase took place on July 1, 1973. The school was purchased for \$1,031,000 with a loan financed by 11 lending institutions, to be repaid over a 30-year period. Each parish in the district was assessed an amount to be paid toward the operation of the high school.



COMING EVENTS

Nov. 8 - Deanery Science Fair

Nov. 9 - Grandparents Mass - 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 10 - Theatre Workshop for Deanery Students - K-8th Grades

Nov. 10-12 - Children's Theatre Production - Robinson Auditorium

Nov. 13-16 - Senior Retreat

Nov. 19-20 - 8th Grade Shadowing Days - Deanery Schools

Nov. 21-23 - Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

* * PROVIDENCE WAY * PROVIDENCE WAY * *

And lastly...



As Veteran's Day approaches, we invite you to visit [Military Alums Abroad](#) on the school website. In honor of veterans and all Providence graduates who wear a military uniform, we offer the following:

Dear Lord. Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Veteran's Day Prayer - By Joanna Fuchs - Copyright free text

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