



Freshmen in Mrs. Susan Carlin's 3B "Who is Jesus Christ?" class pray together at lunch each day before their meal. The students decided on their own to make this commitment.

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SUPPORT THE PIONEER RAFFLE

The Pioneer Raffle is underway, and students are working toward meeting the school goal of \$25,000 in raffle tickets sold. All students are asked to sell at least three tickets at \$20 each over the next few weeks. The deadline for eighth-grade students is March 11 and March 15 for all other students. Students who turn in three ticket stubs and payment by the deadline will receive a week of spirit wear April 8-15.

To reach the goal of \$25,000, which helps bridge the gap between tuition and actual operating costs, students should sell at least five tickets. Students who turn in five ticket stubs and \$100 by the deadline will receive the following incentives in addition to the week of spirit wear:

- Individual free day (must be taken April 1 - 26. Exclusions: Freshmen may not take April 8 or the day of their retreat. *Parents must call the hotline to report the free day.*)
- Entry in the top seller prize drawing -- \$125 for the top seller, \$75 second place, and \$25 third place.
- Students who act fast and turn in at least \$100 by March 1 will be entered into three drawings for a \$100 Visa gift card.

Students received an envelope with five tickets and instructions at their House meeting last week. Students should turn in the completed envelope, ticket stubs, and payment to the Business Office or Advancement Office now through 3 p.m. on March 15 (March 11 for eighth graders).

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The drawing will be held July 13 at JulyFest, and prizes include the top prize of \$10,000, second prize of \$3,000 or third prize of \$2,000. Indiana Gaming License Number: 127592.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

FRESHMEN ON YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL

Three freshmen are serving on the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana's Youth Philanthropy Council with 18 other teenagers from four area public high schools. **Jenna Gilley**, **Sara Gryboski** and **Jacqueline Hornung** have been meeting with the council members since August. The purpose of the council is to help area teens learn about nonprofit organizations and charities in Clark and Floyd Counties. The three freshmen were recommended by Guidance Office.

Jenna said she enjoys sitting on the council and is looking forward to the next meeting when they start the process of awarding grant money to various nonprofit organizations. "I like to have input in the community and help out," she said.

Sara said she particularly liked the council's group project around Christmas when they donated nearly 70 toys to local foster children. Like Jenna, she looks forward to sitting on the council throughout high school. "I like being part of it," she said.

JUNIOR INVITED TO NATIONAL COMPETITION

Junior **Chase Koetter** recently competed in the Westminster Kennel Club dog show, the second time she has achieved the opportunity to compete in the national competition. Chase was one of 83 dog handlers ages 9-18 competing in the Junior Showmanship Division for \$20,000 in scholarships and awards.

Chase and her dog, Tickle Me Tink, a papillon, did not make it to the finals, but Chase said she is proud to have earned a chance to compete. She previously competed as a freshman when the invitation standards allowed 130 junior dog handlers to compete.

Earlier this year, Chase won the 2012 Regional Junior Showmanship Championship and the 2012 Junior Agility Invitational Championship (8-inch division). As a Regional champion, she received a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Chase has been competing two or three weekends a month at regional and national dog shows as a junior and in the adult division. Because she only

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has one more year to compete at the junior level, she plans to compete every weekend over the next year. She said her goal is to earn a spot in the finals at the next National Dog Show and at next year's Westminster competition.

Chase also works for her mother **Trisha (Walter '85) Koetter's** Flying Feet Dog Obedience & Agility Training facility by teaching classes several hours a week. She also works daily with her dog and her mother's two dogs.

6TH GRADE SHADOW DAY

Sixth grade students from St. Mary of the Knobs and St. Paul participate in Shadow Day yesterday to experience life as a Providence Junior High student.



GIRLS BASKETBALL CELEBRATES SEASON SUCCESSES

By **Head Coach Brad Burden**

The Girls Basketball team wrapped up its best season in a decade with an 11-11 record. The team was led by seniors **Meredith Endris** and **Nichole Tucker**. Both will graduate as two of the best players to ever put on a PHS uniform. Meredith holds records for three-pointers in a game, three-point percentage in a game and blocks in a season and is fourth all time in three-pointers made. Nichole is third on the school three-point shooting list.

Highlights for the season included: a two-point win over 3A Salem High School, the fifth-straight Town Championship title vs. Clarksville, and a game-winning shot to beat Crawford County High School to cap a 15-point comeback. Also, this season marked the fifth season in a row under Coach Burden that the Lady Pioneers improved their win total. They are the only Clark/Floyd County School that has improved its win total in each of the past

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five seasons.

The future is truly bright as we will return nine players, including one junior, five sophomores and two freshmen who saw varsity action. Joining them will be a large, talented incoming freshman group. This season, Providence Junior High, OLPH and Holy Family had a combined 57-9 season (with eight of those losses coming when playing each other!).

Congratulations on a great season.

YOUNG WRESTLING TEAM PRODUCES WINNERS

The wrestling team wrapped-up its season last week with sophomore **Matt Hayes** competing in the 182-pound weight class at semi-state. The team had a fairly successful season despite having several key members being injured and fielding a young squad. **Devan Evanczyk** was the team's sole senior.

Matt Hayes won the sectional championship and then placed third at regionals to qualify for semi-state. Junior **Robbie Logsdon** and sophomore **Brett Kempf** also qualified for regionals in their weight class. Additionally, Matt and Brett both finished runner-up in their respective weight classes at the Southern Indiana Wrestling Conference Championships. Brett also won the 152-pound championship in the competitive Evansville Memorial Tournament early in the season. Other varsity competitors were juniors **Josh Murner** and **Blake Logsdon**, sophomores **Jason Murner**, **Conner Evanczyk**, **Brenden Tucker**, and **Justin Wheatley**, and freshman **Ethan Oakley**.

SENIORS SIGN TO PLAY IN COLLEGE

Three seniors have signed national letters of intent to play college sports.



Pierce Crawley has signed to play men's soccer at Bellarmine University.



Leah Mattingly has signed to play women's soccer at Ball State University.

Cory Cahalan has signed to play men's golf at Marian University.

Congratulations to all.

DARE TO CARE FOOD DRIVE

The week of March 4, students will have the chance to help local food pantries and soup kitchens by bringing in canned goods. All donations will be taken to the Dare to Care Food Bank in Louisville. Four students from each House will also have the chance to join members of the Providence Alumni Association in a sorting activity at the facility on March 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. Students wanting to take part should see their House executive delegate or faculty sponsor.

MORE STUDENTS TRAIN FOR GREEN DOT

The message of the Green Dot anti-violence program is spreading at Providence. Last week, 30 additional students attended training to learn how to proactively stop violence, whether word choice, bullying or dating violence. About 75 students have been taken part in the program's training so far.



The Green Dot program, sponsored by The Center for Women and Families, is a violence prevention program based on bystander intervention created by Dr. Dorothy Edwards at the University of Kentucky for the purpose of changing the culture of violence, one person at a time.

HOUSE NEWS

***House of Loyalty* prom dress collection**

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 on Friday.

***House of Truth* Alumni Game**

The *House of Truth* will sponsor its third annual Alumni Basketball Game on March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Larkin Center. The girls' alumni vs. faculty game will kick off the night, followed by a student three-point shootout and the guys' game. Admission is free for students and \$1 for adults, and tickets for the student shootout contest are two for \$1 or 12 for \$5.

House of Spirit bedding drive



The *House of Spirit* was able to collect several blankets, mattress covers, sheets and bath towels to donate to March 2 Recovery to help a family in Henryville recover from last year's tornado.

House of Courage Valentine's cheer

The *House of Courage* celebrated Valentine's by selling Valentine Grams to students and by reaching out to others. The students took time at the last House meeting to make Valentine's Day cards for residents at the Providence Retirement Home.



HEARTS FOR HAITI MEETS GOAL



Students, faculty and staff topped the \$1,000 goal set for the Hearts for Haiti fundraiser - and last year's total. The students, teachers and staff gave nearly \$1,500 (\$200 more than last year) for the chance to wear spirit wear on Valentine's Day. Donations will be

given to **Fr. Tom Clegg**, pastor of the Catholic Community of Jeffersonville, to support the church's Haiti ministry. The people of Haiti continue to struggle

from the effects of the devastating 2010 earthquake.

VOCALISTS WIN GOLD AT STATE

Congratulations to freshman **Elaine Slusser**, sophomores **Jordan Reger** and **Ashley Bittenbender**, and junior **Charmaine Solis** on receiving Gold ratings in vocals at the State ISSMA Vocal /Ensemble event this past weekend in Indianapolis!

STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN PLAYWRITING CONTEST AT ACTORS THEATRE

Several students received recognition for their entries in the New Voices Young Playwrights Festival at Actors Theatre of Louisville. The annual 10-minute play contest for students grades six through 12 in Kentucky and Southern Indiana received 512 entries.

Of those, the following students earned various levels of achievement:

Finalist

Sophomore **Samantha Denison**, "Are We There Yet?"

Semifinalists

Sophomore **Lexi Hunt**, "Steve"?

Sophomore **Sarah Posante**, "To Fast or Decide Fast"

Junior **Noah Gallegos**, "Search for Ambition"

Special Recognition

7th grader **Will DeVary**, "The Novelists"

Sophomore **McKenzie Aubrey**, "Sick Christmas"

Sophomore **Julie Bottorff**, "Happy Days"

Junior **Halie Clark**, "Doomed Vacation"

Junior **Caroline Conroy**, "Diamond Earrings"

Junior **Katie Federspiel**, "Surprise in Appalachian"

Junior **Derek Wenning**, "Marvin"

Junior **Michelle Zelli**, "K. Rose"

STUDENTS TAKE THE PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

At least two students helped raise money and awareness for Special Olympics last weekend. Senior **Stephanie Morris** and junior **Derek Wenning** participated in the Polar Plunge at Deam Lake on Saturday.

Stephanie joined a group from her mother Liz Morris' workplace, Southern Indiana Rehab Hospital in New Albany, for the third year in a row. She said she enjoys being able to help a good cause.

Derek participated for the first time with his co-workers from Texas Roadhouse in Clarksville. His group dressed in a Western theme and won the costume contest. He said he was glad to finally take part since it was something he has wanted to do for a while. "I thought it was neat," he said.

PARENT CONNECTION

JUNIOR HIGH REGISTRATION

The Providence Junior High Open House and Registration night is tomorrow.

Prospective junior high students and families who wish to attend an optional tour of the school should arrive at the Robinson Auditorium lobby by 6:00 p.m. The registration portion begins at 7:00 p.m. Students and families should enter the building through the auditorium lobby at the front of the school.

Parents should have received information about the process, including the required materials to complete the registration. For more information, call Ms. Kerry Jones, assistant principal/director of studies, at 812-945-2538.

ALUMNI-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Alumni Association is offering a scholarship for a new iPad to be awarded to two incoming freshmen for the 2013-2014 school year. Applications are available for download [here](#) or on the school website.

The iPads to be awarded are 32GB iPads with Retinal Display (iPad 3) with wifi only - or the equivalent amount (\$600) applied to tuition. The application deadline is March 15. For more information, email alumni@povidencehigh.net.

SAVE THE DATE: SENIOR/MOM LUNCHEON

Senior parents, please note the date change for the annual Senior/Mom Luncheon. It is now scheduled for Sunday, April 14. More information will be sent home in the Third Quarter Report Card mailing.

SUMMER CAMP INFO POSTED

Tentative dates and times for summer athletic camps at Providence have been posted on the school [website](#). More detailed information will be available later in the spring.

Information on a Spring Break Girls Basketball camp also can be found on the website.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

REUNION INFORMATION

The Class of 1958 Classmate Reunion Dinner celebrating 55 years will be held on Friday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Tucker's Restaurant party room, State Street at I-265, in New Albany.

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.

For more information on your reunion, click [here](#).

ALUMNI DARE TO CARE EVENT

The Alumni Association is organizing a student and alumni sorting event at the Dare to Care Food Bank in Louisville on March 13 from 5-7 p.m. Alumni volunteers are needed to assist in sorting canned food donations and prepare backpack lunches to serve the needy in the metro Louisville area. If you are interested in taking part, email alumni@providencehigh.net.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

MATH TEAM IN NEW DISTRICT

The Math Team is midway through its season and meeting the challenge of competing in a new district in the Greater Louisville Math League against some larger area high schools. Now in District II, the team tests against students from St. Francis, Male, Assumption, Oldham County, and New Albany high schools. The latest results show Providence in fifth ahead of New Albany with some individual student leaders, including freshman **Ryan Fansler** tied for 10th among ninth graders, sophomore **Nathaniel Makowsky** tied for seventh among 10th graders, junior **Scott Hoyland** in first among 11th graders, and seniors **Luis Garcia** and **Weston Spalding** third and sixth respectively among 12th graders.



Math Team faculty sponsor **Ms. Jenna Denstorff** said she is pleased with how well the team is doing against the larger schools. Math Team competitions involve students each taking the same math test that covers algebra through advanced math, including calculus.

Junior **Dane Cople**, who is in his second year on the team, said he enjoys the challenge of the tests but finds the depth of the material humbling. "The tests themselves are pretty entertaining because even though I'm in Pre-Calculus and I think I know a lot, the tests make me realize I know nothing," he said with a laugh.

The Math Team wraps up its season next month.

WHY PROVIDENCE

SENIOR REFLECTION

The e-VISION staff is starting a new monthly feature in which a Providence student shares how he or she came to choose to become a Pioneer. This month's reflection is by senior **Thomas Boly**:

"I originally went to school in Bardstown, Ky., and when looking for a new school, I had certain characteristics in my mind that I thought the school should possess. I wanted an education that was recognized and academically strong while still enriching the students with the values of the Christian faith. After I had shadowed, I realized that Providence was much more than that. Not only did the school meet my expectations with academics and extracurricular programs, but I discovered that there was a sense of community that the students held with each other, the teachers and administration, and I knew that this was the place where I belonged. I wanted to be part of the Providence family. And after being here for three years, I know that Providence was the right choice."

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By *Ray Day '57*

Fifty-one years ago today, February 20, 1962, the PIONEER POST printed the following story.

PIONEERS CLAIM RECORD SEASON

By *Tootsie Schultheis* (Imogene "Tootsie" Schultheis graduated in 1962)

15-5 vs. 17-3 - Old vs. New

The decade class of Providence High School will go down in history with many things to its credit. One particular item is the fact that they captured the best basketball record of any team the Pioneers had ever produced. This year's team broke the record set back in 1957. (That team) carried the fame of Providence through the sectional in 1957 to bring the second crown to OLP.



Again this year the Murphymen will try to cop the coveted crown. Coach Murphy is very proud of this crew. "Those guys are sharing the ball and not a one-man game. Along with our reserve power we are going to put a mark on the Jeff sectional. If the chips fall right, we will take it."

In the cartoon at left, as the Providence Boys Basketball team concluded the 1961-62 season, Mr. Stan Denny noted, "PETE MURPHY has led his Providence Pioneers to their best season ever...17-

3. Good SPEED and a sticky DEFENSE have combined to make no less than 5 sectional foes season VICTIMS! Clarksville, Georgetown, Charlestown, Silver Creek and New Albany."

You will recall that in the past three issues of e-VISION, we have presented cartoons by Mr. Stan Denny, who was was a former Providence



teacher and coach from 1957 to 1962. As a freelance cartoonist, his work often appeared in the *Louisville Times*. Mr. Denny's time at Providence has had a long-lasting effect on the athletic program. It was during those early 1960s that he designed the Pioneer logo that has continued to signify the Providence athletic program to this day.

Thanks, Mr. Denny, for your long-ago and far-reaching impact on Providence athletics!

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 21 - Junior High Registration - Tours begin at 6:00 p.m.; Registration at 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 4 - 7th & 8th Grade ISTEP + Applied Skills Begins, Ends March 13

Mar. 5 - National Honor Society Induction - 7:00 p.m. - Robinson Auditorium

Mar. 8 - Deanery Academic Olympics

Mar. 8 - End of Third Quarter

Mar. 12-15 - Fourth Senior Retreat

Mar. 13 - Alumni Dare To Care project

Mar. 15 - Pioneer Raffle Deadline (8th graders - Mar. 11)

Mar. 15 - Deadline for Alumni-Sponsored Scholarship Applications

Mar. 18-25 - Spring Break

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And lastly...

Correction: Several names were omitted from the "Pioneers Reaching Out" story in the February 6 issue on how several alumni assisted an Otisco family in rebuilding their home following the March 2, 2012, tornado. The correction description should read:

Several subcontractors donated materials and/or labor, including Norton & Associates Plumbing and Production Heating & Cooling. Another group of alumni known for volunteering electrical services to Providence did the wiring in the house: **Dennis Ettel '74, Sonny Combs (Hon. '05), Brian Combs '76, Richard Combs '77, Edward Combs '81, Joe Gronotte '79**, and Providence parent **Gary Mitchell. Brage Koetter's** fiancée, **Allison Havens '02**, also helped on the project.

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.



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