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## COLLABORATIVE MATHEMATICS CHALLENGES STUDENT THINKING

The goal of our teachers is to teach students how to learn and how to develop critical thinking skills. Getting their students to see beyond a specific homework assignment or a unit test to instead build knowledge for life can be a challenge, however.

Math teacher **Mr. Jason Mullis** has found a fun way for his Honors Algebra II students to do both. He is using Collaborative Mathematics' Video Challenge Project, a web-based problem-solving group, to help his students develop problem-solving skills that go beyond rushing through their homework. "Unfortunately, I've found that if the students come across a problem they can't solve, they just don't do it," he said. "They just want to know the procedure to do it."

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The Collaborative Mathematics site and project is designed to stump the students with challenging problems so that they must spend a day or more thinking about the solution. The students then create a video to describe the process they used to solve the



problem. They must submit the video to Mr. Mullis, and they have the option of posting the video on the Collaborative Mathematics site, where other contributors can view their solution.

The students also participated as a class in a Facetime session with Jason Ermer, a mathematician from Texas who is doing research overseas in Olsen, Norway. During that session, Mr. Ermer discussed some of the students' posted solutions as well as how he approaches problem solving.

Mr. Mullis said he has seen an improvement in how the students approach problem-solving thanks to the project. "It's definitely made them think a little more," he said. "It gets them interested in problem-solving in general. Previously, they were just interested in the fastest way to an outcome and didn't care if it was right. Now that other people are seeing their stuff, they're putting more thought into it."

Junior **Kelsey Rodgers** said she has gotten a lot out of the project, especially being able to hear Mr. Ermer's perspective on problem-solving. "It's been interesting to see how to solve different types of problems."

The students' latest challenge is to come up with a problem that Mr. Ermer won't be able to solve.

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

## SPORTS TEAM FUNDRAISERS

Support the Providence Golf teams with these fundraisers:

Boys Golf will receive 20 percent of any meals purchased at Covered Bridge Clubhouse tomorrow, Thursday, April 25. Simply [download](#) and present this flyer.

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Girls Golf is selling the [Sandbagger Bonus Golf Card](#), which is great for any golfer and includes 20 free greens fees, discount rounds to seven different Kentuckiana golf courses, a free \$50 gift card to Davis Jewelers, free food and drinks, a monthly drawing and more for only \$99. You can purchase a Sandbagger Bonus Golf Card from any Girls Golf athlete or by contacting Coach Michelle Landis at [michellemlandis@gmail.com](mailto:michellemlandis@gmail.com) by May 31.

## SUPPORT AFTER-PROM, SENIOR ENDOWMENT

You can support two causes by enjoying a meal out. The After Prom Committee is having a fundraiser at Mark's Feed Store on Charlestown Road in New Albany today (April 24) from opening to close (11 a.m.-10 p.m.). If you show the [attached voucher](#) when you order, After Prom will receive 15 percent of the proceeds.

The senior class will hold the first of two Senior Spirit Night restaurant fundraisers on Wednesday, May 1, at Chick-fil-A on Veterans Parkway in Clarksville, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Download and present [this voucher](#) when you order, and the Class of 2013 Senior Endowment Fund will receive a portion of the proceeds. The next Senior Spirit Night will be May 6 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at Zaxby's on Charlestown Road. Take in the [attached flyer](#), and present when you order for the endowment fund to receive a portion of the proceeds. (See And Lastly... for more information on the endowment fund program.)

## FRESHMEN LEARN TEAM WORK

The freshmen completed their days of reflection today. All freshman students took part in one of four groups by completing the high and low ropes course at Mount Saint Francis.

The goal of the retreat is for students to be able to identify and appreciate some of their talents and learn how to share them to achieve a common goal, said **Mr. Dale Durham**, Providence director of campus ministry.

"The Freshman Days of Reflection help our students discover and appreciate the talents they have been given by God and to use them to achieve a goal with other students," Mr. Durham said. "The days also bring our freshmen closer to each other and to their faith."

## STUDENTS READY FOR DERBY



Students in Fiber Arts class pose wearing Derby hats designed as part of a recent class project.

### **ART CLUB RUMMAGE SALE AND WORKSHOP**

The Art Club will be holding an [Art and Rummage Sale](#) on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Activity Center. Proceeds will help purchase supplies for the upcoming Spring Fling art workshop for Deanery students on Saturday, May 18, in the Activity Center from 10 a.m. to noon. (See story in *Parent Connection* section for more info)

### **THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL POSTED**

The Honor Roll for the Third Quarter has been posted on the [website](#). Congratulations to all who earned this recognition!

### **STUDENTS RECOGNIZED WITH SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

Throughout the school year, the House System's executive delegates have been creating adjectives to complete this year's theme of "Aspire to Be..." Each month, our faculty and staff have nominated students and fellow faculty and staff who exhibit these qualities. Nominees were then recognized in the daily announcements.

Tomorrow, those nominees will be allowed to wear spirit wear as another form of recognition. Congratulations to all who have been nominated.

### **THE COLORFUL WORLD OF "OZ"**



## PARENT CONNECTION

### SENIOR/MOMS LUNCH A SPECIAL TIME

More than two-thirds of our seniors and their mothers or stepmothers enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together for the Senior/Moms Luncheon earlier this month, thanks to the planning of a group



of freshman mothers. The afternoon included prayer by **Fr. Wilfred "Sonny" Day '58**, reflections by past parent **Dan Schoenfelder** and by senior **Daniel Fernandez**, a video slideshow created by freshman parent **Angie Purcell**, and a meal catered by Orange Clover, which is owned and operated by **Rachel (Hall) Smallwood '00**.

Many of the freshman mothers donated items to create the beautiful setting, including the decorations, invitations, program, toasting beverage, DVDs, DVD cases and gift bags. **Mary (Amos) Zoller '80**, owner of Chair Flair, donated use of the linen chair covers, and Cricket's Café, Coffee Crossing and Puerto Vallarta (Charlestown Road location) donated gift cards as gifts for the speakers.

The freshman mothers who planned and put on the event included **Debbie (Lancaster) Leist '80**, **Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83**, **Cara Libs** and Libs Paving, **Beth Zoeller**, **Jody (Cooley) Fitzpatrick '81**, **Lora Aria**, **Beth Cummins**, **Debbie Tevis**, **Shannon Oakley**, **Tammy (Balmer) Lucas '89**, **Claudia (Hayes) Popson '88**, **Faith Wade**, **Robin Oelker**, **Kelly Rivard**, **Amy (Donner) Lorenz '88**, **Denna Watson**, **Bridget Sisson** and **Angie Purcell**.



## **ISTEP, AP AND ECA TESTING TO BEGIN**

Students will soon begin a series of important end-of-the year standardized tests. April 29 through May 1, the seventh- and eighth-grade students will be taking the ISTEP tests. End of Course Assessments (ECA) will begin May 9-10 for students in Algebra I and Honors Algebra I. ECA tests for students in English 10 and Honors English 10 will be May 13-14. And ECA tests for all Biology students will be May 16-17. AP testing will begin May 6 with AP Chemistry, followed by AP Calculus on May 8, AP Biology on May 13, and AP US History and AP European History on May 15.

During these tests, students are not allowed to bring anything in the testing rooms with them except a test-related calculator and No. 2 pencils. They should leave their backpacks and purses in their lockers. They should also get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast prior to the test.

## SENIOR EVENTS BEGIN SOON

The traditional senior activities begin Friday with Senior Assistance Day, in which students take over the role of their favorite faculty or staff member. The next activity will be the Archbishop's Mass, which will be celebrated by the **Most Rev. Joseph Tobin** and concelebrated by our Deanery priests on Tuesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine Church in Jeffersonville.

## SAVE THE DATE: ART WORKSHOP

The Art Club is sponsoring a Spring Fling workshop for Deanery students grades kindergarten through eight on Saturday, May 18, in the Activity Center from 10 a.m. to noon. The workshop is free and open to the first 25 students who register by May 15. To register contact **Mrs. Donna Burden** at [dburden@providencehigh.net](mailto:dburden@providencehigh.net). Children will take part in a variety of art activities.

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### REUNION INFO

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- **1958** (55 years): Classmate Reunion Dinner, May 10, 6:00 p.m., Tucker's Restaurant party room, State Street at I-265, in New Albany.
- **1963** (50 years): Golden Diploma Ceremony, tomorrow, April 25, 5:30 p.m., Providence. Invitations have been mailed. Reunion, Sept. 21, Covered Bridge
- **1968** (45 years): Aug. 30 grad night at Jeff K of C 7 p.m.; Aug. 31 reunion at Don Sperzel's in Arctic Springs 1-5 p.m.
- **1978** (35 years): Sept. 28, Hidden Creek. [Facebook](#) page
- **1988** (25 years): July 20, Horseshoe Casino
- **2008** (5 years): June 8, Wicks
- **2003** (10 years) July 12, at 7 p.m., Buckhead Mountain Grill party room, Jeffersonville riverfront. [Facebook](#) page

Additional reunions: The Class of 1967 is holding its Bowling Bash II tonight (April 24) at Blackiston Bowl in Clarksville starting at 6:30 p.m. The annual class golf outing will be held the morning of Saturday, June 15, at a course yet to be determined. Information about the annual reunion will be coming soon.

## HELP NEEDED!

Committees are forming for the annual Providence Golf Scramble, which will be held on Aug. 29, 2013, and Gala 2014, which will be held on Jan. 18, 2014. If you are interested in serving on one or both of these committees, would like to help in other capacities with these events, or would like more information about what is involved, please contact **Mrs. Debbie Marshall**, director of special events, at [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:dmarshall@providencehigh.net).

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

### SENIOR'S SERVICE HONORED

Students here learn early that giving of their time and talent is just as important as completing their curriculum requirements. For some students, helping others becomes a way of life. Senior **Clair Slusser** is one example. Clair was recently recognized as a 2013 Gold Acorn Award Recipient for her extensive community service within the New Albany Deanery.

During her years here, Clair has amassed 800 hours of community service by helping with various Deanery events as well as going on summer mission trips and attending the annual March for Life trips and rallies. She said the March for Life rallies were especially meaningful to her because she believes strongly in speaking out about the sanctity of life. "It is essential for us to uphold the dignity of life," she said. "We have to take a stand when it's not being taken seriously."

Clair received a certificate, plaque and lapel pin as one of nine Gold Acorn recipients. The awards are presented each spring by the Youth Philanthropy Council, which includes three Providence student members, sophomore **Sara Gryboski**, and freshmen **Jenna Gilley**, and **Jacquie Hornung**.

Following graduation, Clair will be completing a Deanery internship with the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries during her fall and spring semesters while a student at Indiana University Southeast, where she plans to major in Spanish. The internship is funded through a grant by the Indiana Network of Higher Education Ministries, and Clair will help plan and put into action activities at all levels of ministry in the Deanery, from middle school to college.

**Leah Cissel '05**, coordinator of programming for Catholic Youth Ministries, said Clair's commitment to Deanery activities and her deep faith made her the ideal candidate for the internship, even though she will only be a freshman in college. "Clair just has a wisdom and a maturity you don't see in many people her age," she said. "And she has a faith much beyond her years."

Clair said she hopes someday to have a career in ministry, preferably Hispanic ministry. "I just enjoy the community and the culture," she said.

## '10 GRAD TO ATTEND OVERSEAS NURSING PROGRAM

**Amanda Coan '10**, a junior nursing student at Ball State University, will spend her summer gaining real- world work experience by participating in a medical mission trip in South America. Amanda will be part of a nursing group with International Service Learning in Belize City, Belize, serving the residents, doing assessments, giving medication, learning about the culture, and setting up medical clinics throughout the city.

Amanda said she is looking forward to the nine-day trip in late July. "Not only will I expand my horizon on the nursing setting outside of school, but also I will get to experience a non-traditional medical field," she said.

At Ball State, Amanda is involved in several organizations, including the Ball State Student Nurses' Association, where she is a member of its social committee, and the National Student Nurses Association. In BSNA Amanda also serves as a mentor for younger nursing students, helping them to study and prepare for classes.

For more information about Amanda's trip overseas, email her at [arcoan@bsu.edu](mailto:arcoan@bsu.edu).

## WHY PROVIDENCE

### FEATURED STUDENT BRENT HESSE

*Each month we introduce you to a Providence student who shares how he or she came to choose to become a Pioneer. This month's featured student is junior **Brent Hesse**.*

"When I was in eighth grade I visited St. X and Trinity, but when I looked at Providence it had a similar quality of education with a smaller size and more people that I knew. While shadowing and attending the open house, I felt most comfortable inside Providence.

"(Now as a student) I really appreciate Providence's athletic programs mainly because of how successful we are. It is much more enjoyable to follow and cheer for all of the teams here when we are playing well and winning. I am a member of our soccer team, and I will never forget the memories made this season during the games of our run to the semi-state finals. It was the farthest the Boys Soccer team has ever gone in the tournament. I felt like I really got something out of the season, both on the field, improving my skills.

individually and collectively as a team, and off the field, improving character and strengthening bonds of friendship with teammates. Our coaches do a great job in both aspects, which allows us to achieve a high level of success.

"I've been fortunate enough to be able to participate in multiple activities at Providence. I'm glad that I chose to do each one because of the experiences I gained from them. I performed in the fall children's show as a freshman, and this year, as a junior I played Joseph in the Nativity play that our house put on for the entire school to see. I like being on the stage; being able to take on a role of a character that is watched by an audience is an exciting feeling. Along with playing soccer, I ran track as a freshman and sophomore. This was beneficial because the competition gave me motivation to stay in high quality shape, and I was able to create friendships with a different group of people just as I did while being a member of the children's show. Currently, I am a student ambassador and on the soccer team. I enjoy both tremendously because I am able to represent the school of Providence.

"What I like the most about Providence is the student body. Everyone here is friendly, and we all know each other, for the most part. Through this school, I have been able to create a lot of friendships. The teachers at Providence are great as well. I feel like I have learned so much in these three years. The school has been doing a great job preparing me, and all the students, for a bright and successful future."

## BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

*By Ray Day '57*

Part II of this two-part series  
THE STATUE OF OUR LADY

The Shrine to Our Lady of Providence was erected during the summer of 1960 in an area of the lawn just beyond the circle



driveway in front of the school. In an undated document, **Sr. Miriam Joseph** (principal 1957-63), wrote an account of the Shrine project. In it she tells that "**Sister Janet (later Sister Jane Bodine)** wanted the statue to reflect Providence, with the hand of the Child in His Mother's." The painting of Our Lady of Providence that hung in the school lobby at the time (see March 27 issue) depicted the Christ child touching the hand of Mary. But the

usual statue of Our Lady of Providence, she said, *"has the Baby's fingers touching Our Lady's veil. Sr. Janet wanted to combine [the two]."*

Tonini Church Supply in Louisville sent the request on to the sculpting studio in Italy, but the idea was rejected as "impractical--no woman could hold a baby in one arm." Mr. Tonini had a neighbor pose for a photo with her baby in her arms. "The baby did what all babies do - he wrapped his fingers around his mother's thumb. The sculptor was convinced, and this is the image of Our Lady that graces the front of the high school. We were delighted with it, and so were the Toninis. [A photo of the statue] appeared in their next catalog as a very special stature of Our Lady."

The statue is carved from Carrara marble, the same location where Michelangelo's marbles were quarried some 500 years earlier.

The shrine was dedicated by **Archbishop Paul C. Schulte** on Nov. 11, 1960, amid pouring rain. Sister Miriam Joseph continued, *"The students were so reverent despite the inclement weather. I recall being so concerned that [they] would catch cold...that I asked Archbishop Schulte to give them a free day--which he did! In May of 1961, a young priest, **Fr. Gerald Gettelfinger**, gave benediction from the altar after the students had participated in the Living Rosary."* Most Rev. Gerald Gettelfinger is now the retired Bishop of Evansville, Ind.

At that time, Archbishop Schulte owned the front 8 acres of the property and Providence resided on the back 15 acres of the 23 acre plot. Sister continued, *"Archbishop Schulte reminded us that the Shrine was on 'his' property! Sister Janet and I, in our eagerness to have Our Lady in the perfect spot, had crossed the boundary line!"*



During the renovation of the lobby and façade of the building in 2000, the statue of Mary was moved to its current location to the right of the lobby entrance. The old shrine was dismantled in anticipation of the new Robinson Performing Arts Center erected several years later.

The following comments were received since Part I of this story was published two weeks ago.

*"Thanks for the fond memory of raising the money for the Statue. Sr. Janet had everything planned out to the fine print. I was Sodality president at the time, so I had to carry out her strategy without question. I know that the girls had a fundraising project and we boys had one, too -- a car wash in downtown New Albany. (It was my first and last car wash fundraiser.) As I recall, we raised about \$150.00. Sister Janet, always on top of the plans, called me at the Spring and 5th Street filling station to get an update. At the time, we were very busy, I said I couldn't talk to her, but the station's owner made me take a break to update her. She was quite pleased. Additionally, the statue was promoted to our class of 1960 as a 'lasting memorial' to us and the alma mater.*

*As I think you know, this statue of Our Lady of Providence was a 'Big Deal' back then. Srs. Janet and Miriam Joseph wanted it to succeed, they worked well with us student Sodality members, and we accomplished what we then thought was the impossible dream of raising all of \$1,200 or so.*

*Sincerely, Dave Corcoran, Sr., Ph.D. - Class of 1960.*

## COMING EVENTS

Apr. 25, 26 & 27 - "Wizard of Oz" - 7:30 p.m.  
Apr. 28 - "Wizard of Oz" - 2:00 p.m.  
Apr. 29 - 7th and 8th Grade ISTEP + Multiple Choice Begins, Ends May 8  
Apr. 30 - Dance Team Tryouts for 2013-2014 Season  
May 1 - Deanery Fine Arts Fair - Auditorium 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
May 2 - May Crowning (Liturgy Schedule)  
May 3 - No School  
May 6 - AP Chemistry Exam (8:00 a.m.)  
May 7 - Senior Mass - 11:00 a.m. - St. Augustine's Church  
May 8 - AP Calculus Exam (8:00 a.m.)  
May 9 - AP English Literature Exam (8:00 a.m.)  
May 10 - AP English Language Exam (8:00 a.m.)  
May 11 - Junior/Senior Prom  
May 13 - AP Biology Exam (8:00 a.m.)  
May 15 - AP U.S. History Exam (8:00 a.m.)  
AP European History Exam (12:00 p.m.)  
May 19 - Senior Awards Ceremony - 5:00 p.m. - Robinson Auditorium  
May 21 - 24 Senior Exams  
May 23 - 24 Underclassmen Exams - NOON DISMISSAL  
May 27 - Memorial Day - No School  
May 28 - 29 Underclassmen Exams - NOON DISMISSAL  
May 28 - 29 Senior Activities  
May 29 - Last Day of School - All Students  
May 30 - 8th Grade Graduation - 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium  
June 2 - Baccalaureate Mass - 7:00 p.m. - St. Mary's of the Knobs Church  
June 9 - Senior Graduation - 5:00 p.m. - Larkin Center  
July 13 - Alumni JulyFest Reunion Weekend

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*And lastly...*

### **Seniors tackle Class Endowment Fund challenge**

For the third consecutive year, the senior class has been challenged to begin raising money for their Class Endowment Fund before they officially become Providence alumni. This year, the class is employing the "spirit night" approach in which local restaurants contribute a percentage of the sales from customers who present a flyer that advertises the business. The leadership group of 10 seniors is also considering other methods of contributing to the fund.

To set up a permanent endowment, the fund must have a minimum of

\$5,000. Creating awareness of the need to have endowment for the school's long-term future is equally as important as raising the money for the fund. In order to have supportive alumni, we need to educate students on the positive effects of being philanthropic.

**Anthony J. Perito**, VP of Institutional Advancement

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