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ARCHBISHOP MASS AND SENIOR EVENTS

The traditional end-of-the-year senior activities began last week with Senior Assistance Day and yesterday with the Archbishop's Mass. The **Most Rev. Joseph Tobin** celebrated liturgy with the seniors at St. Augustine Church in



Jeffersonville followed by an early dismissal. The remaining activities include:

- Prom, May 11, open to juniors and seniors, at Kentucky Center for the Arts/Whitney Hall. Prom bids must have been pre-purchased. After-Prom will be held in the Larkin Center from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m.
- Shedding of the Threads, May 14. Seniors may turn in their used uniforms before school between 7:20 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. in the Activity Center. Seniors who bring in used uniforms may be out of uniform this day and are no longer required to wear

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uniforms for the remainder of the school year but must abide by the dress code specified on p. 40 of the Student/Parent Handbook downloaded to their iPads. Seniors traditionally sign one another's senior uniform shirt on the day prior to Shedding of the Threads.

- Senior Awards, May 19, Robinson Auditorium, 5 p.m. Tickets required. Gowns required; boys wear shirt and tie, girls wear dresses or slacks.
- Senior Exams, May 21-24. Regular Schedule days for seniors on May 21-22, with exams blocks 3 and 4. May 23-24 will be Final Exam Schedule with dismissal at noon.
- Senior Retreat Leadership Day and Lunch, May 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Huber's Orchard Plantation Hall. Attendance required. Casual dress.
- Graduation Practice and Senior Farewell, May 29. Attendance required. Students meet in the Larkin Center by 9:45 a.m. with practice beginning at 10. Senior Farewell in the Larkin Center at 1:30.
- Baccalaureate Mass, June 2, St. Mary of the Knobs Church, 2 p.m. Attendance required. Seniors arrive by 1:15. Gowns required; boys wear shirt and tie, girls wear dresses or slacks.
- Graduation, June 9, Larkin Center, 5 p.m. Attendance required. Seniors meet in the auditorium lobby by 4:15. Caps and gowns required; boys wear shirt and tie, girls wear dresses or slacks.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

STUDENTS HONOR MARY

The annual May Crowning Mass was put on by the House of Justice last week. The student body celebrated liturgy in the auditorium, and afterward student representatives made up the May Crowning court.

Senior **Kori Seibert** placed the crown of flowers on the statue of Our Lady in honor of the month of **Mary**. The Religion Department nominated students to represent their class in the May Crowning court. The court members were seventh graders **Will DeVary** and **Mirashaye Basa**, eighth graders **Garrett Popp** and **Claire Rauck**, freshmen **Ben Popson**, **Abbi Hamm** and **Dori Welch**, sophomores **Will Andres** and **Patricia Mattingly**, juniors **Josh Murner** and **Charly Wolford**, and seniors **Cory Cecil** and **Taylor Marshall**.

ECON STUDENTS HAVE JOB SHADOW DAY



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Economics students recently participated in Junior Achievement Job Shadow Day at First Savings Bank. The seniors went through a series of courses to learn more about how the bank operates, including stations for tellers, investments, commercial banking and consumer banking. Students met with First Savings Bank CEO Larry Myers, COO John Lawson and branch manager **Brad Denman '02**.

Senior **Andrew Hunt**, who plans to major in business in college, said he found the shadow day informative, especially the segment on investments. "I liked learning how to be able to communicate with people and about investments," he said.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS NAMED TO ALL-AREA TEAM

Two Boys Basketball players were recently named to the Courier-Journal All-Area Team. Senior **George Knott** was named to the first team, and senior **Dalton Duley** to the second team.

MATH TEAM PLACES THIRD

The Math Team received its final results for the season and placed third in District 2 in the Greater Louisville Math League, scoring higher than Oldham County, Assumption and New Albany high schools. This is the first time Providence has competed in District 2 with the larger high schools.

Individual winners were seniors **Luis Garcia**, third, and **Weston Spalding**, sixth, among all seniors in District 2; juniors **Scott Hoyland**, first, and **Justin Nacpil**, 10th, among all juniors in District 2; sophomore **Camille Reyes**, sixth, among all sophomores in District 2; and freshman **Ryan Fansler**, 10th, among all freshmen in District 2. Congratulations!

SENIOR SIGNS TO BELLARMINE BASEBALL

Senior **Andrew Hunt** has signed a National Letter of Intent Athletic Scholarship with Bellarmine University to play baseball at the NCAA Division II School. He plans to major in business administration with a focus on marketing and entrepreneurship.

At Providence, Andrew played varsity baseball all four years. He was a member of two sectional championship teams, one of which went on to win a regional title. He was the team's "Rookie of the Year" as a sophomore and earned the Hustle and Golden Spikes awards and was named to the News & Tribune All-Area Team as a junior. Andrew also played National AAU summer ball from 2009-2012 in Indianapolis and in the Louisville metro area.

TALENT SHOW SIGN UPS

The annual Talent Show is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Students interested in performing a solo, duet, instrumentals vocal, band, comedy sketch or dance can sign up outside the music room.

DEANERY ART FAIR SHOWCASES TALENT



Several Providence Junior High students received top-place honors in the Deanery Fine Arts Fair. Last week, first and second place art entries were displayed and first and second performing art entries performed in the Robinson Auditorium.

Eighth grader **Ethan Palazzo** received first place in the seventh- and eighth-grade division in 3-D Art for his Petite Disney Collection, seventh grader **Eli Lucas** received second place in the seventh- and eighth-grade division for Instrumental Solo, seventh grader **Katerina Jones** received third place in the seventh- and eighth-grade division for Vocal Solo, and the eighth-grade class received first place in the seventh- and eighth-grade division for Vocal Group. The Deanery Honor Choir also performed after the performing arts entries.



Congratulations to all who were recognized at the art fair.

SADD FOUNDER ADDRESSES STUDENTS



Mr. Bob Anastas, founder and former executive director of Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), spoke to **Mrs. Jaimie McRae's 2B Freshman Focus class** last week. His presentation "Check into a Winning Life" provided a motivational message on how young people can develop responsible attitudes and make smart choices about the many challenges they face. Other students were invited to hear the presentation, and more than 100 from various classes attended.

Mrs. McRae's 1B Freshman Focus class will attend an invitation-only session by the Dalai Lama on May 21 at the Kentucky Center for the Arts. This educational session is aimed at addressing middle and high school students regarding the path of non-violence and compassion.

PARENT CONNECTION

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent,

With the highest level of support from Indiana Governor Mike Pence, representatives from the Indiana State Police Department have contacted our school corporation, as well as many other school corporations across Indiana, and requested permission to have state troopers walk the halls during school hours. The state police have also offered to perform programs about general safety and various state laws as time permits during regular school hours.



Our school was not chosen as a result of any study, safety concern or worry related to any pre-existing safety problem. This is part of a statewide initiative by the Indiana State Police to increase the visibility of law enforcement in Indiana schools. The benefit of this is two-fold; an

added level of security for our children and the opportunity for the student body to interact with police officers in a positive learning environment. Please keep this in mind as you may see state police cars in the school parking lots and your children may tell you about state troopers walking the hallways of their school.

In closing, the purpose of this letter is merely to inform parents and guardians of our student body about the initiative of the Indiana State Police to have a more visible presence in schools across Indiana. Our school has welcomed the presence of our local state troopers, who are part of our community, and view this as an opportunity to enhance the safety of our existing school safety plan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free, to call or visit me at my office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melinda K. (Lankert '74) Ernstberger

ACP PARENT MEETING TONIGHT

Parents of students enrolled in ACP English 12, AP Chemistry, or Spanish or French 3, 4 or 5 for the 2013-2014 school year should attend an important meeting tonight at 7 in the Robinson Auditorium.

Representatives from the Advance College Program will present information to parents and students about the ACP Program. Topics include: Registering for the dual college credit program, costs, ACP vs. AP, and transferability of credit.

DEANERY STUDENT ART WORKSHOP

The Art Club is sponsoring a Spring Fling workshop for Deanery students in 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. Children will take part in a variety of art activities.

AP, ECA TESTING BEGINS

Important end-of-the year standardized tests continue with AP and End of Course Assessments (ECA) exams. ECA tests for students in Algebra I and Honors Algebra I are May 9-10, English 10 and Honors English 10 May 13-14, and biology May 16-17. AP testing began May 6 with AP Chemistry, followed by AP Calculus today, 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.

With the exception of AP European History, which starts at noon, all AP tests begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center. Students should report directly to the testing center. All morning testing will last through block 3.

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.

SUMMER CAMP INFO

Providence offers a variety of summer camps for Deanery students, including sports camps and a drama camp. Click [here](#) for information on summer sport camps and [here](#) for information on the drama camp. **Mrs. Donna Burden** also is offering a Clay Camp for middle school students interested in pottery. Please email dburden@providencehigh.net for more information.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

FUN ALUMNI EVENTS

The Alumni Association has planned several fun alumni events and fundraisers this summer. These events raise funds for the Alumni Scholarship Fund, which this year will provide a new iPad (or tuition equivalent of \$600) to two incoming freshmen. With your support, we can provide more scholarships. Events include:

- *June 15, Pioneer Cup Match Play Championship* golf scramble at Valley View Golf Club starting at 1:00 p.m. \$70 per person includes golf, dinner, drink tickets and prizes. Registration is now open for era teams. Click [here](#) to download the entry form.

- *July 13, JulyFest at Providence*, includes All-Alumni Mass at 6:45, back lot opens at 7:30. Entertainment by 100% Poly.
- *NEW DATE Aug. 24, Texas Hold 'Em*

Sponsorships are needed to ensure the success of the golf scramble and JulyFest. If you own a business or work for a business interested in sponsoring one or both of these events, click [here](#) to download the sponsorship form.

REUNION INFO

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- 1963 (50 years): 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
- 1983 (30 years): JulyFest, July 13
- 1988 (25 years): July 20, Horseshoe Casino
- 1993 (20 years): Sept. 7, location TBD
- 1998 (30 years): JulyFest, July 13
- 2003 (10 years) July 12, at 7 p.m., Buckhead Mountain Grill party room, Jeffersonville riverfront. [Facebook](#) page
- 2008 (5 years): June 8, Wicks. Invitations have been emailed.

1973 planning is underway. Anyone interested in helping plan the reunion to call Kathy Kennedy Bupp at (954) 325-8264 or email kathybupp1@yahoo.com.

Class of 1974 (40 years) early reunion planning: The next planning meeting will be held at the Floyd County YMCA on Thursday, May 9, at 8:00 p.m. to merge up-to-date contact information. The goal is to have accurate information for all 1974 graduates before the next meeting on Sept. 12, 2013, which will be held at Roosters Inn in Clarksville at 8:00 p.m.

GOLDEN REUNION DINNER REUNITES '63 GRADS



More than 40 members of the Class of 1963 and their guests gathered last week to enjoy the annual Golden Graduation Ceremony and Dinner. They enjoyed dinner catered by Stumler Catering (owned by **Debbie (Stumler) Gregory '81**), a presentation of their commemorative diploma, a tour of the school, and discount tickets to a presentation of *The Wizard of Oz*.



The next event for this 50-year reunion class is the reunion on Sept. 21 at Covered Bridge. Invitations will be mailed in mid-June.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

MRS. ANN BISHOP RECIPIENT OF RAY DAY AWARD

Each spring, scores of students, faculty, staff, parents and friends of Providence come together to dedicate countless hours to stage the spring musical. Many of those who work behind the scenes go unrecognized but their help is invaluable nonetheless. **Mrs. Ann Bishop**, long-time rehearsal pianist for the musicals, has been one such unsung hero - until now.



At the premiere performance of *The Wizard of Oz*, Mrs. Bishop was bestowed with The Ray Day Award, an honor presented annually to a member of the Providence community who has shown outstanding dedication and service to the Performing Arts Department. This award acknowledged her 17 years as a pianist for the spring musicals.

Mrs. Bishop said she is happy to receive the recognition and that she has continued to provide accompaniment at the rehearsals all these years because she has fun doing so. "I enjoy it too much," she said. "The people are the main reason I keep doing it, but I enjoy learning

music, and this gives me a reason to."

Mrs. Bishop first began playing the piano for the musicals when her daughter, **Joanna (Bishop) Bergum '97**, was in the chorus of *Into the Woods* (1997) and she asked if she could help out. Mrs. Bishop had played piano since fourth grade but never for a musical but soon learned the terms, thanks to the help of then-musical director, **Lori Weldon**.

For several years, Mrs. Bishop played in the orchestra pit as well as during rehearsals. In recent years, she has focused on providing accompaniment at rehearsals and plans to continue as long as she is able.

Mr. Dale Durham, director of campus ministry and producer of *The Wizard of Oz*, was a long-time director for the musicals. He said having live accompaniment at rehearsals is crucial as the cast learns the dance steps, and Mrs. Bishop's dedication has been vital to the shows' success. The Ray Day Award acknowledges her outstanding contribution, and he is pleased to offer her such public kudos.

"She has been so faithful these last 17 years with very little pay and no thanks," he said. "We wouldn't be able to do it without her."

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By **Ray Day '57**

Many students leave Providence with more than just a diploma. Some are fortunate to receive special recognitions and awards. There are currently five awards that bear the name of past Providence teachers. Over the next few issues, we will highlight each teacher for whom the award is named and recognize the students who have received the award. The oldest of these "named" awards was first presented in 1966.



**Sister Joseph Louise
Mathematics Achievement
Award**

Sister Joseph Louise, SP, served at Our Lady of Providence High School from September 1955 through May 1965.

She was assigned to freshman homeroom 303 and over the next 10 years, taught mathematics, typing, and religion. For several years students also found her managing the school's bookstore.

The May 21, 1965, issue of the *Pioneer Post* reported the following: "Sister Joseph Louise arrived at OLP in 1955. During the past ten years, she has had six freshman homerooms, three junior homerooms, and at the present, senior homeroom 312. Sister heads the Math and Science Departments and conducts Algebra I and II, geometry, and advanced math classes. She also handles the solicitation and selling of book room supplies, which consumes a great deal of her not-so-spare time. Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, Ind., is the location of her new assignment."

Faculty, staff and students remember Sister Joseph Louise's quick smile and pleasant personality. In 1961, she inaugurated the "Mathematical Association of America Award," which was bestowed on a graduating senior for outstanding mathematical achievement. Early recipients were **Thomas Frederick Williams '61, David K. Ritchie '63, Norma Jean Hornung '64, and Joseph Henry Eberle '65.** Unfortunately, the school archive does not have a commencement program on file from 1962.

One year following her departure, the annual mathematics award

was renamed in her honor - the Sister Joseph Louise Mathematics Achievement Award. It has been presented annually for 47 consecutive years. The 2013 recipient will be number 48. Past award recipients were:

1966 - **Emily Merle Goodyear**
1967 - **Phillip Ray Jones**
1968 - **Michael James Eve**
1969 - **Michael Shawn Callahan**
1970 - **Elizabeth Cecilia Kramer**
1971 - **James Michael Jacobi**
1972 - **Mary Suzanne Sadtler**
1973 - **Nancy Carol Bishop**
1974 - **Susan Marie Grove**
1975 - **Margaret Ann Kochert**
1976 - **Robin Ann Johnson**
1977 - **Lawrence Stephen Popp**
1978 - **Janine Marie Lilly**
1979 - **Donna Jo Loughmiller**
1980 - **Christopher Joseph Day**
1981 - **James Patrick Huff**
1982 - **Gregory Joseph Oster**
1983 - **Phillip Rodney Kruer**
1984 - **Renee Lynn Cook**
1985 - **Ellen Marie Schueler**
1986 - **Diana Elaine Bischof**
1987 - **Philip Anthony Gnadinger**
1988 - **Richard Charles Straw**
1989 - **Kenneth Arthur Schmidt**
1990 - **Kerri Ann Wilkinson**
1991 - **Norbert Joseph Goetzinger**
1992 - **Stephen George Smith**
1993 - **Bradley Charles Kruer**
1994 - **Brian Ambrose Kruer**
1995 - **William James Hoyland**
1996 - **Christopher David Gahagen**
1997 - **Damon Paul Andres**
1998 - **Michael Klein Burton**
1999 - **Nicholas Frederick Stein, Jr.**
2000 - **David Michael Badger**
2001 - **Rebecca Kay Hubbard**
2002 - **Joseph Anthony Harper**
2003 - **Patrick Joseph Burton**
2004 - **Craig Eugene Renn**
2005 - **Geoffrey Thomas Mooney**
2006 - **Erin Marie Brown**
2007 - **Kyle Gregory Rodden**

2008 - **Zachary Joseph Ernstberger**
2009 - **Ryan Christian Albers**
2010 - **Julia Camille Hunter**
2011 - **Christopher Michael Jaynes**
2012 - **Brenden Michael Popson**

COMING EVENTS

May 8 - ACP Parent Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Robinson Auditorium
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
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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...

End-of-year message from **Mindy Ernstberger '74**, principal:

May is a month of letting go. For our soon-to-be graduates, saying goodbye is exciting for some and tearful for others. May is also the time when teachers make decisions about their futures, most returning but others feeling that God is calling them elsewhere. For those of us who remain, students and faculty alike, there is a sense that as the school year ends we need to let go of the year's disappointments and look forward to new adventures.

At Providence it is our Mother and namesake, Our Lady of Providence, who gives us the courage to let go. We know she is always quietly leading and guiding us as we fulfill her son's mission as a faith community.

May the peace of Christ live in us wherever we may go and until we find ourselves back together again.

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