



"Aspire to be..."

Leadership Theme For 2012-2013 School Year

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ASPIRE TO BE...

What do you aspire to do? What qualities do you aspire to develop? The student leaders want to help their fellow students - as well as faculty and staff - to consider these questions throughout the school year with the theme "Aspire to be ...".

The theme was developed in July on the annual Student Leadership Retreat, attended by 22 students and 15 faculty/staff. Each week throughout the school year, the student leaders will announce a new quality for which to strive, such as this week's quality: Blue Pride. At the end of each month, the school will recognize those students who



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achieved those qualities.

Senior **Katie Barron**, senior events coordinator with the House of Truth, went on the leadership retreat and is excited about the theme. "I think we can do a lot with it this year. It's really open, and anyone can relate to it," she said.

Junior **Tanner Mobley**, junior executive delegate with the *House of Loyalty*, also went on the retreat and sees a lot of potential for the new theme. "It is interactive and very adaptable," he said.

Mrs. Leslie Mills, director of leadership and service, said she is looking forward to the new qualities each week. "I hope that we pick a quality that we all have in us but don't make the most of on a day-to-day basis," she said. "The goal is to be the best we can be as students at Providence."

Mrs. Mills also is anticipating many good ideas and activities inspired by the student leadership, who demonstrated a lot of potential on the retreat, especially the seniors. Many of the senior leaders have more reserved personalities, but she saw them grow bolder on the retreat and expects that to continue as they put into place the skill sets they learned to develop on the retreat.

"They have great ideas," she said. "When they implement them, it's going to be great."

STUDENTS IN ACTION

STUDENTS IMPACTED BY DEANERY MISSION TRIP

Seniors **Taylor Marshall** and **Clair Slusser** and new junior **Sera Craig** were part of a group of high school students from the New Albany Deanery who went on a five-day mission trip to Campton, Ky., otherwise known as the Wolfe Pack Mission Trip. The group provided needed home repairs, including roofing, building handicap ramps and outdoor steps, and installing windows in various houses.



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Here is Taylor Marshall's reflection on the experience.

If I was asked today what the best experience of my life has been it would be easy to say, "the Wolfe Pack Mission Trip." The people of Campton, Ky., have truly touched my heart, and I have been blessed by the time I had to spend with them. Whether it was the smile on a child's face as we spent quality time with him/her or the intense faith of local homeowners, there was not one moment on the mission trip when I could not openly and powerfully feel and see God's love.

...Although the weather did not act in our favor for the full week, with random downpours, and a few of the jobs were less than desirable, everyone in our company still managed to "Choose Joy" the entire week. (The best way) those two words could be described is as a little prayer. Those two words got my peers and I through tough situations with smiles on our faces. Our "little prayer" of the week tied into our theme of the week, "Be Not Afraid." The theme of the week taught us to not be afraid of the unknown, not be afraid to be ourselves, not be afraid to be saints, and to not be afraid to be transformed. Throughout the week we were constantly being challenged by our adult leaders to "Be Not Afraid." As I mentioned, I had many doubts about how my experience would be. It didn't take me long to realize that many of my doubts were just a result of my fear.

I had a unique experience that not everyone is as blessed as I was to have as I was able to spend my five days in Campton working side by side with my mother. My mom and I are very close, and I don't know that I could have picked a better person to share the experience of a mission trip with. Even though she was technically on the mission trip as an adult leader, most of the time we all felt like she was one of the teens and her constant positive attitude kept a smile on our faces. In the time since the mission trip ended, it is evident that the trip not only transformed me, but also transformed my mother.

Although the Deanery mission trip to Campton was my first (but most

certainly not my last) mission trip, I can't imagine having a more powerful experience. Despite the poor conditions the residents of Campton were living in they had love in their hearts for each other and more importantly for God and were constantly grateful for what they have and the work that we did for them. The humility of the families we served was incredible. I would only hope that everyone gets the opportunity to serve and be transformed by that service as I was in Campton.

FIRST SCHOLARSHIP SPIRIT WEAR DAY

Tomorrow will be the first of several Scholarship Spirit Wear Days as the students experience their first House meeting of the school year. For just \$1, the students can wear jeans and a Providence t-shirt (see handbook for additional guidelines). While students enjoy the chance to get out of uniform and show their school spirit, the Scholarship Spirit Wear days are an important fundraiser.

Money from the Scholarship Spirit Wear Days is placed in a fund students may apply to if they are wishing to take part in an academic or spiritual experience but are unable to meet the costs on their own. Last year, funds from Scholarship Spirit Wear Days awarded students more than \$2,900 in scholarship money for activities such as March for Life, NCYC, HOBY workshop and various mission trips, including the school-sponsored trip to Nicaragua. The funds also gave more than \$1,000 in scholarships for the Summer Leadership Retreat.

The \$1 payment is collected at the student entrance as they enter in the morning, so students should have their money ready.

Future Scholarship Spirit Wear Days for the semester are tentatively scheduled for Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 7, and Dec. 12.

PARENT CONNECTION

"BLUE Days" HAVE BEGUN!

BLUE Days, short for **B**alanced **L**earning = **U**ndeniable **E**xcellence, are part of a pilot program that offers remedial and enrichment activities to allow students the opportunity to strengthen skills or enrich their Providence experience.

School will be dismissed at 2:15 on Mondays and Tuesdays, and students are encouraged to attend one or both sessions. The sessions offer a variety of options, from studying for history or reviewing the AP Chemistry summer assignment to discussing classic science fiction novels with Coach Lou Lefevre or enriching one's spiritual life with the Taize Prayer Experience.



Students not attending the sessions but unable to leave campus must go to the library or the Activity Center, where they must sign in. Supervision will be provided in the Activity Center. Students who will be picked up at 2:15 can wait in the lobby until their ride arrives.

Some of the BLUE Day sessions will change weekly, so be sure to check the schedule every week. Click [here](#) for this week's offerings.

DADS CLUB COOKOUT

All fathers of current, former and future Providence students are invited to attend the annual Dads' Club Cookout on Friday, Aug. 17, before the Providence-New Albany football game.

Burgers, hot dogs and chips will be served in the Activity Center from 6:15-7:00 p.m.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a service to parents, the daily announcements are posted each day by noon to the school website. The link can be found on the right navigation column or by clicking [here](#).

Parents on Facebook also will want to check out the school's page, [Our Lady of Providence Jr.-Sr. High School](#).

AUTO PARKING PERMITS

All cars are checked daily for parking permits and correct zones. In order to park in the Providence parking lot during school hours a current parking permit must be displayed on the inside driver's front windshield one inch from the bottom. The 2012-2013 parking permit is static cling, which allows easy transfer between household vehicles.

Students who park a vehicle during school hours without a permit or in the incorrect zone are subject to a detention. Temporary one-day permits are available before school from the Main Office.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION DINNER

The annual Academic Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 26, at 5 p.m. at Huber's Orchard & Winery Plantation Hall. The ceremony recognizes underclassmen students' academic achievements from the 2011-2012 school year. Invitations will be mailed this weekend.

YEARBOOK PHOTO MAKE-UP DAY

Any student who did not have a yearbook photo taken at registration must have one taken on the make-up day, Sept. 21. Students who are unhappy with their first set of photos also will be able to have their photo retaken on this day. More information will follow closer to the date.

MORNING MASS

Providence School Chaplain **Rev. Eric Augenstein** will say weekly morning Mass in the chapel on most Thursday mornings at 7:20. A prayer service will be held Mondays through Wednesdays and on Fridays at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel.

Along with Providence students, faculty and staff, alumni, parents and friends are invited to join us. Enter through the middle entrance and proceed up the stairs to the second floor. The chapel is to the right.

Eucharistic Adoration is offered in the school chapel each first Friday of the Month throughout the school year from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Come meet your student's teachers and experience their schedule on Back to School Night, Monday, Aug. 20. The general session begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium followed by 8-minute sessions with each of your student's teachers.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

ALUMNI NIGHT ON FRIDAY

The Providence Alumni Association is hosting Alumni Night at the varsity football home opener vs. New Albany on Aug. 17, a correction from the previous eVISION announcement. All alumni and guests are invited to attend an indoor tailgating event in the activity center from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Nine former teams celebrating milestone anniversaries of their post-season accomplishments will be honored on the field during half time of the game:

- 1967 Cross Country

- 1982 Football
- 1997 Boys Soccer
- 2002 Girls Golf
- Volleyball teams from 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002.

Game time is at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the game is \$5.

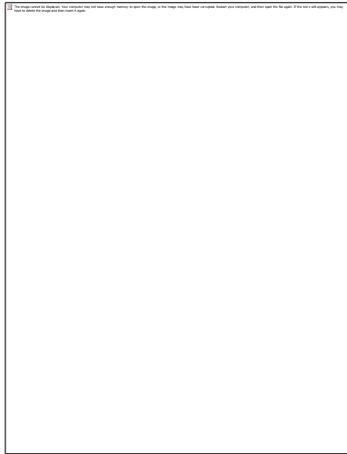
PIONEER GOLF SCRAMBLE STILL ACCEPTING TEAMS

Come out for a day of golf and support a great cause - helping Providence students! The Pioneer Golf Scramble is an important fundraiser for the Annual Student Assistance Program (ASAP), which provides financial aid to about 40 percent of our student body. Teams and sponsors for the event, held Aug. 30 at Covered Bridge Golf Club, are still being accepted. Contact Laura Brown at lbrown@providencehigh.net or 945-3350 x 319 for more information.

'07 GRAD SHARES THOUGHTS ON FIRST YEAR IN SEMINARY

Kyle Rodden '07, a graduate of the University of Dayton, will enter his second year of seminary at Saint Meinrad this fall. Because he began to explore his calling to the priesthood while a sophomore at UD, he was able to shorten the normally two-year pre-theology program into one. Here is a reflection on his first year:

My first year of seminary at Saint Meinrad has been one of my most meaningful years, a time filled with many joys and blessings for which I can most ably and fittingly describe through thanksgiving. I am thankful for the place, a Benedictine monastery, seminary, and school of theology resting on a beautiful hill in a quiet, friendly, rural town in southern Indiana ... for the monks, a large group of highly personable religious men, together providing an exemplary model of prayer, charity, humility,



community, fraternity, hospitality, stability, obedience, and a wholly Christian way of life ... for my brother seminarians, for the opportunity to live in a supportive fraternal community where we all share a common desire and goal: to discern whether the Lord is calling us to be ordained ministers of His Church ... for the philosophical and theological education, from which I am learning how to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from among the many voices of the world ... for the priestly formation, through which I am being formed into the person

the Father most desires me to be for Him and for His people. ...

In the upcoming fall semester, I will be entering my first year of theology and will share the regular schedule with my brother seminarians. With great joy, I look forward to the upcoming school year and to what graces I may receive from the Lord's overabundant goodness.

God willing, I will be ordained a deacon in the spring of 2015, and I will be ordained a priest in the summer of 2016. Please pray for me, and I will be praying for you, through the intercession of our mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Providence, that we all may be open to receive the Father's love and to obey His will; to receive His beloved Son and to follow Him to the Cross; to receive His Holy Spirit, to be transfigured into Christ for the world, and to enter more fully into communion with God, the Holy Trinity.

Kyle Rodden '07

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

"IT" SPECIALIST - JESSE ZELESNIKAR

As Providence transitioned to Wi-Fi throughout the building and iPads in the hands of all students and faculty, it became apparent that a second full-time staff person in the Information Technology Department was needed. **Mr. Jesse Zelesnikar** was hired in July to fill that role and is now the school's IT specialist.

Mr. Zelesnikar has long had an avid interest in computers and is comfortable with all operating systems. His knowledge of Apple-based systems is a valued plus as teachers adjust to the new iPads. He has begun to offer regular workshops on various technology topics for teachers and is eager to help them integrate the new device in their classrooms.

"This (move to 1:1 Computing) is a collaborative effort," he said. "It's a learning experience - even for the people that are supposedly running the show."

Mr. Zelesnikar graduated with a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Louisville in 2010. After working in the computer lab at U of L for a semester, he began considering transforming his interest in computers from hobby into a career. When he saw the job opening here, he was eager to apply because of the opportunity to work with iPads and Apple TV, he said.

"It's a very personal device," he said of the iPad. "You will see that in the students. The case they choose is an example. Internally, the apps they install reflects them too."

A native of Bowling Green, Ky., Mr. Zelesnikar lives in Louisville. He previously worked at UPS, and in his free time he enjoys reading and traveling - and visiting his parents' farm and bringing home his favorite home-grown vegetables.

Providence also welcomes six new faculty members. New science teachers are **Mrs. Laura Swessel** and **Mr. Seth Blakeslee**. Others include **Ms. Jenna Denstorff** - Math, **Ms. Jeanne Protman** - French, **Mrs. Diana Welch** - Biology and **Mr. Jacob Willard** - Theology. Each new teacher will be introduced in more detail in future issues

of eVISION.

REUNION INFORMATION

Upcoming reunions include:

- 1962: mini-reunion Dec. 1 at Holiday Inn Lakeview in Clarksville.
- 1967: 45-year reunion Sept. 15, 2012, at Hidden Creek Golf Club.
- 1977: 35-year reunion Nov. 10, venue TBD
- 1992: 20-year reunion Nov. 3, 7-11 p.m., Covered Bridge
- 2002: 10-year reunion Oct. 20, Champions Pointe Golf Club

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

The following is from an undated newspaper story in early 1953.

Grading To Start On Prov. High Athletic Field

The Providence High School's Booster Club is undertaking the task of developing an athletic field adjacent to the high school, according to Booster Club Chairman, Thomas E. Lancaster.

The site for the proposed field has been surveyed and staked off and grading will start immediately.

When the athletic field is finished it will be complete in every respect including a baseball diamond, football field, a track, two tennis courts and a softball diamond. School officials hope to complete the baseball field and tennis courts in time for use this spring.

Within the near future Providence hopes to have a team representative in all major sports. Providence became a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association one year ago and participated in its first IHSAA basketball meet at the Jeffersonville sectional tournament. The school was represented by a baseball team last spring.

Last season, the Booster's Club turned over approximately \$6,000 to the high school for the advancement of Catholic education and athletics.

Lancaster said the Boosters Club is endeavoring to put this year's membership drive at a new high through use of the mail. He said this method will save many hours of house to house calls and solicitations can be saved.



John Garry is shown pointing out to members of the Athletic Board of Our Lady of Providence High School just how the school's new athletic field will look when it is completed. Pictured from left: John Cannon, Clarksville; Bill Haller, Jeffersonville; Tom Drillette, New Albany; Bill Burke, Jeffersonville and Tommy Lancaster, New Albany. The athletic field project is being financed by the school's Booster Club, of which Garry is president. Eight home baseball games have been scheduled for this year.

COMING EVENTS

Aug 15 - Back-To-School Liturgy
Aug 16 - Scholarship Spirit Wear Day
Aug 17 - Welcome Freshmen Dads - pre-game cookout
Aug 17 - Alumni Night
Aug 20 - Parent Back-To-School Night - 6:30 Robinson Theatre
Aug 24 - Alumni Night
Aug 26 - Academic Recognition Ceremony - 5:00 p.m.
Aug 30 - Pioneer Golf Scramble
Sep 3 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Sep 4 - College Night - Activity Center 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sep 21 - Yearbook Picture Make-Up Date

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And lastly...

The school year is off to a great start.

*Students, faculty and staff gathered in the Robinson Theatre today to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with an all-school liturgy. Our thanks to **Fr. Eric Augenstein** from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, and head of the Providence Chaplaincy Program, for celebrating Mass at this year's opening liturgy.*

***President Joan Hurley**, sends the following message to all parents, alumni and friends of Providence. "Enrollment is up. Students are really enjoying their iPads and there is so much energy in the school this year. We are blessed."*

Indeed we are. Happy New (School) Year to all.

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