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Last Wednesday, Archbishop Joseph Tobin visited Providence for the blessing of our new chapel. Before the blessing, he celebrated Mass along with many of our Deanery priests in the auditorium. After the liturgy, the archbishop and the priests processed to the chapel.



Attending the blessing were members of the Providence Board of Trustees and several donors, in particular **Carolyn (Galligan)**

Kirchdorfer '60 (left of Archbishop Tobin) and her children, including Mark Kirchdorfer (far left), Jim Kirchdorfer (second from right) and PHS graduate **Teresa (Kirchdorfer) Gardone '85** (far right), who were major contributors to the project. The chapel was built in memory of Kirchdorfer's husband, Jim.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

Art Club celebrates installation of Little Library

After several months of planning and work, the Art Club completed its steamboat-themed book box for the Little Free Library program. Senior **Jenna Gilley**, Art Club member and member of the local Youth Philanthropy Council, created the design for the former news rack. Other club members, including Jenna's twin sister, **Jessie**, painted the box. Junior **Ashley Miles**, an intern with the Arts Council of Southern Indiana, procured most of the materials. [Click to read more.](#)



Students print 3D projects for Star Trek contest

Three sophomores are excited to "boldly go where no one has gone before" and have submitted entries for the Star Trek Replicator Challenge, a future-engineers contest in which students submit a 3D printed model of an item that can be used to help astronauts eat nutritious meals in space. **Olivia Storz**, **Nick Katchur** and **Jake Cole** each submitted a design that was printed on the school's 3D printer.

Olivia came up with a utensil that contains a spoon and a fork, with each folding into a sheath - similar to a pocket knife - when not in use. She said she came up with the idea from a combined spoon and fork her brother has, but that utensil has the spoon part on one end and the fork tines on the other. She said she wanted to come up with a utensil that was more convenient and kept the spoon and fork separate while containing them in one unit.

Jake's concept is a composting unit (shown at left) for a spaceship that can



be used for food waste and will rotate itself and keep the compost working. He said he wanted to participate in the contest because he thought it "would be cool to design something and print it on the 3D printer."

Mrs. Laura Swessel, science teacher and sponsor of the Koding Klub, encouraged members to submit entries to the contest. She said the purpose of the contest, which is also sponsored by NASA, is to generate ideas for items that can be built on a 3D printer on the ship when it is in space rather than wait for supplies to arrive via a supply ship.

Providence to present first Deanery-wide musical

In the past, the Performing Arts Department has offered a variety of opportunities for Deanery students to get a taste of performing on the Robinson Auditorium stage. Spring musicals have occasionally included a large group of Deanery students in the cast, and a few years ago, the Deanery Honor Choir was developed. For several years, a summer camp offered performing arts lessons culminating in a final production.

This year, the department chose to host a Deanery-wide musical in order to showcase students grades five to eight who were not only talented vocalists but also actors and actresses. This year's production is [Annie Jr.](#) "We felt like it would get more kids



involved at the Deanery level than Honor Choir seemed to be," said **Mrs. Ellen Holifield**, the department chairperson. "We loved the idea of giving them the experience of performing on our stage and working with them in singing and acting."

Mrs. Holifield and **Mrs. Debbie Hill**, music teacher, are pleased with the result, noting the [cast](#) will feature 25 Deanery students, including eight from our junior high. "They seem to be getting along very well and making new friends," Mrs. Holifield said. "It's been really good for the eighth grade students who will be freshmen next year. They are having a great time, as are we."

Mrs. Holifield and Mrs. Hill are so pleased with the result that they plan to stage another musical next spring, replacing the Honor Choir as well as the performing arts portion of the Deanery Fine Arts Fair. "The kids have been so fun to work with," Mrs. Hill said. "They are all hard workers and very excited. This Deanery is full of talent!"

Annie Jr. will run May 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 general admission and will be sold at the door. The show features many of the same characters and songs from the full-length musical but the show is condensed into just over an hour.

Students inducted into National Honor Society



Late last month, 68 juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society and two were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. The National Honor Society held its ceremony at Providence on April 24. [Click here](#) for a full list of inductees.

At Prosser School of Technology, junior **Wyatt Dayvault**, a criminal justice program student, and senior **Cheryl Wood**, a health careers program student, were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society in recognition of their academic and/or leadership achievements.

Top seniors recognized at Rotary meeting

This morning, the top 11 seniors in the class were recognized at a breakfast meeting of the Clarksville Rotary Club. Those students acknowledged included **Audrey Shannon, Claire Shannon, Anna Wingate, Colleen Geldermann, Nicole Kruer, Ben Popson, Maryann Fitzpatrick, Jenna Gilly** and **Emma Kempf**.



Also recognized but not in attendance were **Ryan Fansler** and **Dori Welch**. Congratulations!

House of Spirit wins House Cup



This year's House Cup competition began a new tradition at Providence. In the past, the coveted cup was won by the House that accumulated the most points at the House Cup competition in the fall. This fall, that event was renamed Guerin Day, and the winner was guaranteed a spot in the House Cup competition to be held in the spring. During the first three quarters of the school, the Houses had a chance to accumulate points in various ways, and a winner was named at the end of each quarter, with the four Houses earning a berth in the spring competition.

In late April, the Houses of *Humility* (Guerin Day winners), *Spirit* (First Quarter), *Justice* (Second Quarter) and *Courage* (Third Quarter) were represented by four students, one from each grade, who competed in various events at an all-school assembly. Each House submitted a video as well. The *House of Spirit* earned the most points and won the House Cup. Congratulations!

Student-athletes recognized for achievements



Several student-athletes have received recognition for their efforts in the spring sports season. Sophomores **Hannah Wolford** (softball) and **Reece Davis** (baseball) were each nominated a *Courier-Journal* Southern Indiana Athlete of the Week recently for their pitching efforts. Hannah was nominated and received the most votes for her pitching a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts as well as herself having two hits, including a two-run homer in the team's 10-0 win over South Central. Reece was nominated for striking out eight opponents with no hits from opponents and one run off one walk in the team's 13-1 win over Scottsburg.

Two golfers have received \$500 scholarships as recipients of the Fuzzy Zoeller A.C.E. Award for their outstanding achievements in the classroom, in the community and on the golf course. Seniors **Nicole Kruer**



(Girls Golf) and **Max Leist** (Boys Golf) received the awards at a recent Louisville Catholic Sports Network awards banquet.

Two spring sports teams ranked in state

The Pioneer Baseball team earned the program's 999th victory in a win against New Washington earlier this week. So far this season, the team has a record of 14-2, losing only to 4A Floyd Central and No. 2 3A Silver Creek by one run each. The Pioneers are ranked No. 3 by the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association. The team faces 3A Madison tonight, hosts No. 7 4A New Albany tomorrow and faces 2A Paoli on Friday.

The Girls Tennis team has lost only one dual match so far this season to No. 5 Jasper and placed third in the Crawfordsville Athenian Invitational, which featured five Top 30 state-ranked teams including Providence, which is ranked No. 23. At the invitational, the girls tied for third with No. 28 Terre Haute North, with No. 12 Delta placing second and No. 3 Indianapolis Cathedral at first.

The PHS Girls Tennis team is ranked No. 2 in District 8, one spot ahead of Floyd Central, which the girls beat Monday 3-2. No other local team is ranked in the state. The girls face District 8 No. 4 Seymour on Thursday.

Students vs. faculty softball game next week

The *House of Humility* will host its annual faculty vs. students softball game on Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 on the new baseball field. This fun event will support epilepsy research in memory of **Brandon Tevis ex-'16**. Admission is \$2, except for those wearing a "We are Providence" shirt sold earlier this spring for free admission.

Senior signs to play D-III women's soccer at Hanover

Senior **Mikaila Heavrin** has signed a letter of intent to play women's soccer at NCAA Division III Hanover

College next fall. Hanover competes in the Heartland Collegiate Conference.

Mikaila was a four-year varsity member of the Girls Soccer team. She was on the 2012 State Runner-Up team her freshman year. As a three-year starter, she helped lead her team to two more sectional titles. She was also a three-year varsity member of the Girls

Basketball team and part of the back-to-back sectional and regional championship teams. Mikaila plans on majoring in kinesiology at Hanover College.



PARENT CONNECTION

Guidance Spotlight: Senior end-of-year tasks; testing continues

Seniors are likely excited about their upcoming graduation, but there is much to be done to prepare for end-of-the-year activities as well as their first semester of college. The deadline for accepting college scholarships was May 1, so seniors should have notified **Mrs. Melissa Jackson** of any scholarships received as well as the college they plan to attend. Scholarship information will be included in the Senior Awards Ceremony, so it is important to provide Mrs. Jackson with that information. Seniors and parents should read the latest installment of [Life After High School](#) for information on what is required to prepare for graduation and beyond. [Click here](#) for the schedule of Senior End of Year Activities.

Juniors register now for SAT, ACT

For juniors, it's not too early to be planning for college. The registration deadline for the June 11 ACT is Friday, May 6, and tomorrow for the June 4 SAT.

ECA and AP testing continues for another week

End of Course Assessment (ECA) and AP testing continues for various students through May 11. Students should continue to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before all testing dates. A schedule of ECA testing dates, times and locations is posted each day in the Daily Announcements, which can be found on the school website via the Quick

Links side navigation bar.

Plan ahead for final exams

Final exams for seniors begin on May 23 and on May 24 for all underclassmen and junior high students. [Click here](#) for a schedule.

Summer camp information

The following dates are for the summer camps for Deanery students. Please note the corrections in the Boys Soccer Camp info. [Click here](#) for a list of applications to the various camps.

- Football: May 31-June 2, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. (incoming first-fourth graders) and 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (incoming fifth-eighth graders), PHS turf football/soccer field. Contact **Coach Larry Denison '86** ldenison@providencehigh.net.
- Girls Soccer: Fun In the Sun Soccer Camp for ages 4-11 May 31-June 2, 5:30-6:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Contact **Coach Dave Smith** dsmith@providencehigh.net.
- **NEW DATE:** Boys Soccer: Co-ed soccer camp June 20-23, 6:00-8:30 p.m., PHS turf football/soccer field. Contact **Coach Nathan Marshall '09** Marshall.NathanA@gmail.com (*corrected email*).
- Boys Basketball: will be June 27-30, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (incoming second-fifth graders) and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (incoming sixth-ninth graders), PHS Larkin Center. \$75 per camper. Contact **Coach Andrew Grantz '07** agrantz@providencehigh.net.
- Girls Basketball: June 13-15, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. incoming first-eighth graders, PHS Larkin Center. \$60 per camper (includes T-shirt). Contact **Coach Brad Burden** bburden@providencehigh.net.
- Volleyball: June 2-3, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (incoming freshmen); July 11-12, 8:30-10:30 a.m. for incoming third and fourth graders and 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. incoming kindergartners through second graders; and July 13-14, 8:30-10:30 a.m. incoming seventh and eighth graders and 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. incoming fifth and sixth graders. \$35 per camper. Contact **Coach Terri (Blunk) Purichia '90** tpurichia@providencehigh.net.
- STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) Camp: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. June 27-July 1 (incoming first-fourth graders), July 11-15 (students incoming fifth-eighth graders) and July 18-22 (incoming ninth-12th graders). \$120 per camper. Contact **Mrs. Laura Swessel** lswessel@providencehigh.net.



ALUMNI NOTES

Reunion dates for 2016

Reunion planning for 2016 will include classes with years ending in one and six. If you'd like to be part of the planning committee, please contact Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83 at rstumler@providencehigh.net.

Reunions scheduled for this year so far:

1966 - July 23. Sam's at the Montrose, 7:00-11:00 p.m.

1976 - Sept. 24. Sam's at the Montrose, 7:00-11:00 p.m.

1981 - Sept. 17. Woods of Lafayette 7:00 p.m.-midnight

1986 - July 22 (Grad Night - TBD) and July 23. Horseshoe Casino.

1991 - July 2. Valley View Golf Course; request to join [Facebook group](#).

2001 - Aug. 20. St. Mary of the Knobs' Knobsfest 6 p.m.-midnight.
Reserved table for classmates.

Planning has begun for the following years: 1996, 2006 and 2011



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

Alumnus among first American missionaries to Cuba

Alex Grove '14, a sophomore mechanical engineering major at Purdue, spent his spring break in Cuba with a group of fellow Purdue Catholics



on a mission trip with St. Thomas Aquinas Church in West Lafayette.

He was deeply impacted by the experience of being one of the first mission groups from Purdue to visit Cuba. To read his reflection on the experience, [click here](#).



BLUE NEWS OF OLD

BLUE NEWS OF OLD: "PHS adopts new government" ... What year was it?

By Ray Day '57, school archivist



As **President Joan Hurley** prepares for her upcoming retirement, we take a look back at when that position was created at Providence. The role of president was developed in 1995 because it had become increasingly difficult for the principal to balance the complex world of academics with the increasing number of external issues - marketing, public relations, fundraising, maintenance and image building.

"The new policy will be beneficial in that we will have a full-time principal, which in all honesty, isn't happening now," said **Principal Gerald Wilkinson '58** in March 1995 of the expansion of the school's administration to include the position of

president. Wilkinson was principal since 1990, but on June 1, 1995, he became the school's first president. [Read full story.](#)



COMING EVENTS

May 6 - No School

May 11 - Faculty vs. Students Softball game, 7 p.m., baseball field

May 11 - Paul "Whitey" Kapsalis presentation, 8:30 p.m., Robinson Auditorium

May 13 - Senior Assistance Day

May 13 - *Annie Jr.* performance, 7 p.m., Robinson Auditorium

May 14 - *Annie Jr.* performance, 7 p.m., Robinson Auditorium

May 17 - First day seniors out of uniform

May 22 - Senior Awards Ceremony, 5 p.m., Robinson Auditorium

LET US PRAY

As we near Pentecost Sunday, here is a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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