



The fall show *The Importance of Being Earnest* debuts Saturday, Sept. 17.



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Providence celebrates its 65th birthday

Monday, Sept. 12, marked the 65th anniversary of the first day of school for Providence. On that first day in 1951, the driveway was yet to be paved, and the construction of the building was still ongoing. Still, 137 freshman entered the doors to be taught by five teachers, including three Sisters of Providence.



On Monday, we celebrated in several ways, starting the day welcoming the students with a birthday cookie, and throughout the day music from 1951 to 1955 played during passing periods. At noon, a couple dozen members of the Class of 1955 gathered for a special liturgy in the chapel, followed by lunch. Alumni, parents and friends were invited to make a special birthday gift contribution to Providence and to share their memories. Students submitted creative writing pieces of Providence in 2081 and participated in a daily history trivia contest.

[Click to read more](#), including alumni memories and the student submissions.

Donations in increments of \$65 are still being accepted in honor of the birthday. [Click here to donate](#).

Fall Homecoming celebration on Friday

Providence will celebrate homecoming on Friday during the Football game vs. Indianapolis Emmerich Manual. Other festivities included an all-school liturgy earlier today, and a school assembly will be held on Friday to recognize our fall season athletes as well as the members of the homecoming court. The king and queen will be crowned on Friday as well.

Congratulations to the Fall Homecoming Court:

- Freshmen: Natalie Boesing, Laramie Cecil, Logan Applewhite and Bishop Edwards
- Sophomores: Hannah Conder, Ali Conrad, Brandon Bissig and Hayden Burke
- Juniors: Mirashaye Basa, Clare Hooper, Caleb Lindquist and Jack Lucas
- Seniors: Haley Brock, Cheyenne Brooks, Courtney Brown, Lexie Libs, Juston Betz, Joe Bivens, Andrew Boehm and Ethan Palazzo.

Students learn about faith, social justice on retreats

Over the past two weeks, the seventh grade and the sophomores experienced their retreats. The seventh grade gathered as a group and participated in a day of reflection with the theme Building Bridges. Activities included witness talks, small group discussion and community building with a focus on faith and



relationships. The sophomores divided into groups and over several days participated in the INSIGHTS Program through Catholic Charities of Louisville. This immersion program aimed to create an awareness of the problems of poverty and homelessness. [Read more](#).

Parents, staff share stories of Sept. 11, 2001



The sophomores took part in an in-school field trip on Monday in which they learned about the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. After watching a documentary on the events of the day, the students heard from a panel made up of Providence President Mr. Steve Williamson, Assistant Principal and social studies teacher Mr. Steve Beyl '99, and Providence parents Mr. Brent Glotzbach '88, Mr. Gary Grigg '88 and Mr. Vaughan Scott. Each panelist shared his memories of the day, including Mr. Grigg, who was in a training session in the south tower of the World Trade Center when it was hit.

Fiesta 5K Celebrating Health is Saturday

The [Fiesta 5K](#) Celebrating Health sponsored by the Spanish Club will be on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Community Park in New Albany. All students, faculty, staff and their families are welcome to take part. Registration is at 8:30 that morning, with the race starting at 9:00. Walkers, runners and joggers welcome! After the race, the Spanish Club will have a fiesta with a piñata and food. The cost is \$10 to run, or \$20 with T-shirt included. The Spanish Club also is collecting gently used bikes, and anyone who brings a bike to donate to the Fiesta 5K will be able to run for only \$5. The funds raised will go towards The Hispanic Connection of Southern Indiana and the Spanish Club, and the bikes will be donated to The Hispanic Connection. Please contact Mr. Alan Mathews '88 at amathews@providencehigh.net to sign up.

Deanery Night welcomes players, students, families



Last Friday, Providence welcomed our Deanery students, families,

football teams and cheerleaders during Deanery Night. Deanery cheerleaders joined the Providence Cheer team during the first quarter, demonstrating the cheers they learned at last week's Cheer Clinic. During halftime, the first/second, third/fourth and fifth/sixth grade football teams scrimmaged on the field. The Football team capped the night with a 55-6 win over McCreary Central (Ky.). To see more photos, check out the Our Lady of Providence Jr-Sr. High School [Facebook page](#).

STUDENT PROFILE

The Importance of Being Earnest debuts Saturday



The fall show opens Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Ray Day Little Theatre. Other show times are Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, and seating is limited. Advanced purchase is recommended. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling 812-945-2538 x 314. For a full cast list, [click here](#).

By: junior Ethan Furnish

Earnest: resulting from or showing sincere and intense conviction.

The cast and crew of this year's fall show, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, have been hard at work since early August to put together this comedic dramatic production. There have been challenges presenting a play set in Victorian England, but all of the cast members have shown this "sincere and intense conviction," including junior **Brady Gentry** (Lane) and senior **Justine Oppelt** (Miss Prism). [Read more](#).

PIONEER SPORTS NEWS

Girls Golf in sectional play on Saturday

Good luck to the Girls Golf team, which plays in the Corydon Central Sectional on Saturday with a 1 p.m. tee time at Old Capitol Golf Club. The sectional includes a field of 12 teams, including Borden, Charlestown, Christian Academy of Indiana, Clarksville, Corydon Central, Floyd Central, Jeffersonville, New Albany, North Harrison, Providence, Silver Creek and South Central. The team has steadily improved over the season, and senior **Alexa Wilson** is among the top players in the area, having been low medalist in many of the team's contests this season.

Fall athletes earn player of the week honors

Providence tennis player **Nick Boesing's** victory at the No. 1 singles position in the New Albany Invitational earned him *The Courier-Journal* Southern Indiana Athlete of the Week Award presented by Norton Sports Health.

Junior **Kaden Williams** was nominated as player of the week by Wave 3 News and the *News & Tribune* for his 240 yards rushing and four touchdowns on Friday vs. McCreary Central. Voting for the Wave 3 nomination ended at noon today. On Tuesday, the *News & Tribune* named him the Twitter Poll Player of the Week.

Several teams remain ranked in Top 25

Boys Soccer is back up to No. 2 in 1A in the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association polls. Boys Tennis is ranked No. 3 in District 8 and No. 22 in the state by the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association after beating then-ranked No. 16 Columbus North and winning the Columbus North Invitational for only the second time in program history. Volleyball is ranked No. 1 in 3A by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association and beat No. 18 4A Castle on Saturday. The team hosts No. 14 4A Floyd Central tonight with freshmen starting at 5:00, JV around 6:00 and varsity around 7:00.

PARENT CONNECTION

Notes for parents: End of First Quarter, Guerin Day

The First Quarter grading period ends Friday, Sept. 23. Grades will be posted to Skyward the following Friday, Sept. 30. Watch for an email from **Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74**.

Early dismissal Sept. 23

Students will participate in various activities on Guerin Day, Sept. 23, including listening to guest speaker Craig MacFarlane, author of the summer reading book *Craig MacFarlane Hasn't Heard of You Either*. Dismissal on Guerin Day will be at 2:30 p.m.

Fall Break reminder

Fall Break is Oct. 3-14, with the week of Oct. 10-14 reserved for weather make-up days, if needed.

Meet Mr. Williamson at the ASAP Dinner

Providence President Mr. Steve Williamson will be the featured speaker at the Annual Student Assistance Program (ASAP) Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Huber's Orchard & Winery at 6:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend and meet Mr. Williamson.

The dinner also is the kickoff for ASAP fundraising. Did you know that last year, 50.68 percent of our students and families relied on financial aid from Providence in order to attend? Providence relies on the generosity of its alumni, parents and friends to contribute to ASAP and support the Pioneer Golf Scramble to provide this aid. We are grateful to everyone who supports these efforts. To RSVP, please contact **Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83** at rstumler@providencehigh.net.

Get your Lower the Boom raffle tickets

You still have time to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance at operating the wrecking ball to knock down the concession stand and restrooms currently serving the football/soccer and baseball fields. Your purchase will help pay for the new combined entrance to both fields that will feature an updated concession stand and new restrooms as well as future locker rooms.



Tickets are one chance for \$10, three for \$25 and are on sale at the entrance to home soccer and football games.

Larger donations to fund the construction of the new entrance are still being accepted. If you would like to contribute, please [click here](#) and when on the donation page, select Endowing the Future.



ALUMNI NOTES

Reunion dates for 2016

Reunions for 2016 include classes with years ending in one and six. If your class is listed below and you have not received an invitation or information, please contact **Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83** at rstumler@providencehigh.net.

Reunions scheduled for this year so far:

- **1955 & 1956** - Oct. 14. Combined class lunch/meeting at the Clarion Hotel, 505 Marriott Drive, Clarksville. Spouses or significant others welcome, 11:30 a.m.
- **1964** - Oct. 16. Celebrating the class's collective 70th Birthday with a party at the home of **Noelle (Kramer) Gohmann '64**, 7305 Smith Creek Rd., Lanesville, IN 47136 - 3 p.m. Please RSVP to noellegohmann@gmail.com. \$10 per person payable at the door.
- **1971** - Nov. 5. Rocky's on the River Party Room and Patio, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
- **1976** - Sept. 24. Rails Craft Brew & Eatery (formerly Sam's at the Montrose), 7:00-11:00 p.m. [RSVP here](#).
- **1981** - Sept. 17. Woods of Lafayette 7:00 p.m.-midnight
- **1996** - Nov. 12. Woods of Lafayette Clubhouse, 6:30-11:00 p.m. After party at Jack's, 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
- **2006** - Sept. 24. O'Shea's downtown Louisville, 7:00-11:00 p.m. [RSVP here](#).

Planning has begun for the Class of 2011.

Mattingly '15 continues to lead her team

Congratulations to **Patricia Mattingly '15**, sophomore setter for the U.S. Naval Academy women's volleyball team, who began her season garnering honors for her athletic performance. She was named Molten Player of the Week for the Patriot League for the week of Aug. 29. She also was named the Naval Academy Athletic Association's Athlete of the Week for her performance in the Kristen Dickmann Invitational (during which she was named to the Kristen Dickmann All-Tournament Team). She averaged 9.55 assists and 2.00 digs per set in helping her team to a 2-1 record in the two-day tournament. She had 105 assists and a 9.55 average for the week in all games played, including a career high 33 assists in a three-set match vs. Delaware.

Alumni Glow Golf a success

by: Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83, director of special events & alumni

The Alumni Association held its third annual Glow Golf Challenge last Saturday evening at Covered Bridge Golf Course - just after the weather cleared. The winning teams were the first place team of **Brandon Oakes '02, Larry Barnett '02, Erica Ramsey and Adam Parsons '02**, (pictured at left) with each receiving a \$25 gift card from Orange Clover, and the second place

team of **Mike Ryan '95, Chris Ryan '97 and Ben Pease** (pictured below). They each received a \$15 gift card from Chillers in Jeffersonville. The two closest-to-the-pin winners were Oakes and Bill Wardlaw '98, and each received a bottle of Huber's bourbon.

Providence extends a big thank you to the Alumni Association and its many dedicated volunteers for hosting such a fun, exciting event. We would like to also thank all of our alumni who came to play that evening and brought with them friends and PHS supporters.



As always, we thank **Kevin Grantz '85** and the Covered Bridge team for making this event run so smooth by taking great care of our guests. And it is with much gratitude that we thank our many loyal sponsors: *Beach Bum Vacation, Big Four Burgers, Chillers of Jeffersonville, Culver's, Edward Jones/Greg Nash '92, Forefront Dermatology/Dr. Megan Landis '00, Huber's Orchard & Winery, Koerber's Jewelry, Nance's Florist, New Washington State Bank, Newcomer Funeral Home, Orange Clover Kitchen & More, Resch Construction and Rick's Repair Heating & Cooling*. It is their generosity that helps our Alumni Association to provide scholarships each year to the incoming freshman class.

Head varsity Wrestling coach opening

The Providence Athletic Department is accepting applications for a PHS Wrestling head coach for the 2016-17 school year. Interested candidates should send a letter or email of interest, along with details of their experience and qualifications, to:

Providence High School Athletic Department
"Wrestling Coach Position"
707 Providence Way
Clarksville, IN 47129

Or email: PHSAthletics@providencehigh.net.



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

Welcome, Mrs. Julie Harper



Mrs. Julie (Dattilo) Harper '80 has worked at various places throughout her career, all while balancing her time raising her family. She has been a legal assistant and an administrative assistant for the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry Office as well as St. Mary's school and church in New Albany. Now that she is working in the Business Office at Providence, she knows she has found the perfect fit.

"The people here are wonderful, and I have felt so welcomed," she said. "Everyone is so kind. It meant so much starting a new job, which is always pretty stressful."

Focusing solely on financial matters is new to her, but it's a job she enjoys because she likes "the black-and-white precision of dealing with finances," she said.

As an alumna and Providence parent, Mrs. Harper is quite familiar with the school. Her children include alumni **Tony '02**, **Katie (Harper) Parris '04**, **Paul '07**, **Stephen '13** and **Natalie '15**. Her daughter **Claire** is a sophomore and son **William** is a seventh grader at St. Anthony. As an employee, she has a new perspective and appreciation of Providence.

"It confirms what I already knew that there are a lot of wonderful people in this building," she said.

In her free time, Mrs. Harper likes to do needlework, and she and her husband, Jack, like to spend time with their family, including their two grandchildren.



BLUE NEWS OF OLD

Providence opens its doors in 1951

By: Ray Day '57, retired school archivist

Occasionally, I will compile a Blue News of Old for publication in the *eVision*. This one is in honor of the school's 65th birthday.

On Thursday, Sept. 13, 1951, the following photo and story appeared in the *Louisville Courier-Journal*.



AMONG EARLY ARRIVALS...A group of enrollees in the North Side's newest high school, Our Lady of Providence, located in Clark County near the Floyd County line, walk down the main entranceway to attend the first classes in the unfinished building.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPENS IN CLARK

"The door of Southeastern Indiana's first Catholic high school, still

under construction east of New Albany in the Centralia section of Clark County, opened yesterday to admit the first freshman class.

"The school, dedicated as Our Lady of Providence High School, will serve Clark, Floyd and adjoining counties. Although the building will not be completed for several weeks, classroom facilities for the freshman group were made usable. Providence will become a full-fledged high school in easy stages. The first year will be limited to freshmen only. Next year a new freshman class will be enrolled, and so on until the curriculum spans the four high-school classes.

"**Pete Murphy**, former New Albany High School athlete, will direct athletics at Providence."

On the same day, the *New Albany Tribune* ran the following story.

NEW CATHOLIC H S RECEIVES FIRST FRESHMAN CLASS

"Clarksville - Classes are getting under way in the Our Lady of Providence high school as freshmen from Clark and Floyd county enrolled Wednesday for the first year of operation of the new school ---the only Catholic high school in this part of Indiana.

"The building, on a 15-acre site in Centralia, is still under construction but has progressed sufficiently to permit enrollment of the freshmen, the only class which will be held there this year.

"The school is staffed by Sisters of Providence, with **Sister Marie Helen** as principal. The **Rev. Francis Reine** is [chaplain and guidance] director and **Alvin "Pete" Murphy** is athletic director."

Additional facts of the history of Providence

- The school was constructed on the back 15 acres of a 23-acre plot. The front 8 acres were originally intended for the building of a Catholic parish.
- March 21, 1951 - Ground was broken on Providence High School.
- June 12 - Corner stone was laid by **Archbishop Paul C. Schulte**.
- Aug. 5 - It was announced the first day of school would be September 12.
- Aug. 17 - Rev. Francis Reine appointed chaplain and student counselor.
- Aug. 21 - Alvin "Pete" Murphy announced as athletic director.
- Sept. 12 - 140 freshman students enrolled.
- Nov. 6 - Providence announced the selection of "Pioneers" as the official athletics mascot. The name had been suggested by *New Albany Tribune* sports writer **Wally Criswell** in a Nov. 1 story.
- Nov. 17 - Providence freshman boys basketball team won its first-ever basketball game (at Vincennes). All 15 members of the team saw action that day in the 41-22 victory.

- June 12, 1952 - Formal dedication of the school following continued construction throughout the winter and spring.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 16: Fall Homecoming vs. Indy Emmerich Manual 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 17-18: Fall Show, Ray Day Little Theatre
Sept. 23: End of First Quarter
Sept. 23: Guerin Day, 2:30 dismissal
Sept. 23-25: Fall Show
Sept. 27: ASAP Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Huber's Orchard & Winery
Sept. 27-28: first Junior Retreat
Oct. 3-14: Fall Break

LET US PRAY

As we remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001, here are prayer intentions posted by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops

For the Church, that she may continue to provide care and healing for all, especially those affected by the attacks on September 11, 2001, we pray to the Lord...



For all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace, we pray to the Lord...

For the safety of our service men and women abroad, for civil servants who protect us and keep us safe, and for all who live with war and violence, we pray to the Lord...

For our leaders and for the leaders of nations, that they may work together to address the problems that provide fertile ground for the growth of terrorism, we pray to the Lord...

For the ability to forgive and for an end to all hatred, beginning in our own hearts, we pray to the Lord...

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