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The new Providence Athletic Center will soon be ready for use.



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New entrance to sports fields nearly ready



Soon, fans will have a new entrance for track and baseball events. The new Pioneer Athletic Center (PAC) is a combined entrance for the football/soccer/track stadium and baseball field. For now, the PAC will feature a grand entrance corridor and new ticket booth, restrooms and concession stand. A decorative fence featuring iron and brick pylons replaces the tired chain link one, and a patio/reception area has been added along the side of the building.

A tentative date has been set for the PAC dedication on May 2 during the Baseball game vs. Silver Creek with the date and time to be confirmed.

The left side of the building interior has yet to be finished. Once additional funding is raised, the new space could contain locker room facilities on the ground level and a training and fitness area on the upper level. Another future project, which will also begin as donated funds are in place, is refurbishing of the home-side Murphy Stadium bleachers, which require both compliance and cosmetic improvements.

If you are interested in helping complete the transformation of the PHS campus, please contact **Mr. Tony Perito**, vice president of advancement, at tperito@providencehigh.net or call 812-945-3350.

Student recognition: Essay contest, First Honors

Eighth grader **Sam Bowles** won first place for the Right to Life Southern Indiana Essay Contest last month. Last month, we recognized two juniors who received first and second place in the oratory portion for eighth through 12th grade students.

Seniors honored in *Business First*

Seniors **Haley Brock** and **Cassie Hahn** are the latest seniors to be recognized in the "First Honors" section of *Business First* of Louisville. They are among the top seniors in the Class of 2017 and were nominated for the recognition based on academic achievement as well as leadership and extracurricular involvement. More seniors will be recognized in the publication in the coming months. Previously recognized were **Juston Betz**, **Tony Kaiser**, **Justine Oppelt** and **Abby Posey**.

House of Loyalty wins spot in Pioneer Cup

The third quarter House points winner has been announced. The *House of Loyalty* will join *Truth*, *Faith* and *Justice* in the House Cup on April 28. During an all-school assembly, students, faculty and staff from each House will compete in a lip sync contest. Individuals from the remaining four Houses can earn points by attending morning Mass for a spot in the competition.

Math Team places 3rd overall for season

By Coach Stacey Yankey



Our Math Team was led by a strong group of seniors this year, who helped the team achieve a third place finish in District 3. Senior **Nicholas Tomlin** led the team by placing first in the district for the seniors, and seniors **Elizabeth Scharre** and **Keith Bremmer** scored well for our team as well. New member junior **Nick Stapp** and sophomore **Adriel Nacpil** led our underclassmen by placing third in each of their respective classes. Several other members performed well on individual tests, but due to other conflicts, were not able to attend all four tests.

The team was third behind Trinity and New Albany high schools and well ahead of Jeffersontown and Assumption. Other students scoring in the top 10 for the season include freshmen **Zoe Libs** (ninth place) and **Lauren Stapp** (10th). Sophomore **Joe Gryboski** placed 10th and junior **Olivia Storz** placed eighth.

Nicholas said he wasn't certain as he took the five math tests throughout the season that he would end up first, but he enjoyed taking the tests and seeing how well he did.

"I enjoyed the challenge of each test and the feeling of maintaining my rank for fun," he said.

Nicholas plans to attend Purdue University-West Lafayette and enter the engineering program.

Students learn about various energy sources

Learning doesn't stop during breaks from school, as students in **Mrs. Laura Swessel's** Earth/Space Class well know. Several of her students took advantage of an opportunity to learn about energy by visiting the LG&E Cane Run combined cycle gas



generation plant, the LG&E Ohio Falls hydroelectric plant, and the Harrison REMC solar farm, which can be seen from Interstate 64. The students were able to learn about the various energy sources in our area, including hydroelectric, solar, coal and natural gas.

Junior Heidi Popson

went on the field trip and said she learned a lot and found the REMC solar farm particularly interesting. "Although they made it clear that solar plants were not the single answer to clean energy, this solar farm seemed to be very self-sustained, with the panels even set to tilt based on the time of day as to receive the maximum amount of sun," she said. "My favorite part of the whole trip, however, was walking through and on the roof of the hydroelectric power plant, viewing all of the different moving parts that generate the energy that we rely on every day."

Spanish Club working on next year's fundraiser



The Spanish Club is already planning to hold another Fiesta 5K fundraiser, which was a hit this past fall. At a recent meeting, members of the club began working on a piñata for the fundraiser.



STUDENT PROFILE

Junior enjoys equine competitions



Junior **Annie Davis** has grown up participating in horse shows, and she hopes to continue in college and beyond. She has won multiple ribbons competing in 4-H Saddle Club and the Pony Club, but what she appreciates most are the friends she has made and the skills she has gained. She even has found

a part-time job at the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs to get her closer to the horses there. [Read more.](#)



PIONEER SPORTS NEWS

Student-athletes receive honors



Several student-athletes have received various forms of recognition in recent weeks, including the following:

Sophomore **Halli Trinkle** has been named a Spring Athlete to Watch by *IndyStar* and has been invited to the Indiana Sports Awards on April 27. The Girls Tennis team is ranked No. 5 in the state.

Senior **Juston Betz** was named one of Indiana's outstanding senior high school basketball players for 2016-2017 and was named to *Hoosier Basketball Magazine's* Top Senior List. He was selected from more than 1,600 senior players statewide to compete in the 30th annual Boys' Top 60 Senior Workout. He also was named to the *Courier-Journal* Southern Indiana All-Area Second Team.

Senior **Claire Rauck** has been named to the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association All-State Girls Basketball first team and junior **Hannah Wolford** to the second team. They also received honorable

mention to the Associated Press All-State list. Claire was named to the *Courier-Journal* Southern Indiana All-Area Second Team and was selected to play in the Annual Hoosiers' Reunion All-Star Classic held at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown, Ind., in June.

Senior **Keith Bremmer** received honorable mention to the *News & Tribune* All-Area Boys Swimming team.

Junior **Tim Borden** was voted *Courier-Journal* Player of the Week for the week of April 3 for hitting a three-run home run to clinch the 24-2 run-rule victory over (Pekin) Eastern.

Grantz to coach Derby Basketball Classic

Boys Basketball Coach **Andrew Grantz '07** has been invited to coach in the Kentucky Derby Festival Basketball Classic on Saturday, April 15, at 7 p.m. Coach Grantz is one of four high school coaches across the country to be invited to coach the prestigious event. The game will be broadcast on WDRB livestreamed on FOX Sports GO. [Read more.](#)



Cross Country coach needed

Providence High School is searching for a Cross Country Boys & Girls Head Coach for the 2017-18 school year. The position requires a strong knowledge of cross country running and proper training of injury protection at the high school level. The individual also must be proactive in building on the program from the New Albany Deanery level. Additional skills include: organization, communication, detail-oriented, cross country contacts and a team player.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest detailing their Cross Country and coaching experience as an email to PHSathletics@Providencehigh.net or mail to:

Providence Cross Country Coach Search
Providence High School
707 Providence Way
Clarksville, IN 47129

PARENT CONNECTION

Parent Notes: early dismissal, ISTEP and more

Early dismissal for Good Friday

To allow students, faculty and staff to participate in their parish Good Friday services, classes will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. on Friday.

Buy school uniforms online

River City WorkWear is the official vendor for Providence school uniforms and now has [online ordering](#). Watch for spirit wear coming soon!

ISTEP testing continues

The second portion of ISTEP testing for grades seven through 10 begins April 17 and continues through April 26. Grade 10 will take the math tests Monday-Thursday, followed by English testing through April 26. Junior high students will test in math and English next week and finish up the following Monday, with the seventh grade testing in social studies that Tuesday. Freshmen will take the biology exam April 25-26. Students will be notified of their testing time(s) and locations. Students should be sure to get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast before their testing dates. We ask parents not to schedule appointments during these times.

Freshman/parent ring order opportunity

On Wednesday, April 19, Herff Jones will offer opportunities for freshmen to purchase class rings in preparation for the Sophomore Ring Ceremony next fall. Freshman students can turn in their ring orders during lunches. Their parents will have an opportunity to view and/or purchase class rings in the auditorium lobby from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Quarter Progress Reports posted April 21

Parents may access their student's progress reports on Skyward beginning April 21.

Third Quarter Honor Roll available soon

The Third Quarter Honor Roll will be posted soon. [Check here](#) to see it.

Senior/Mother Luncheon draws record crowd

The annual Senior/Mother Luncheon drew its largest crowd ever last Sunday at Huber's

Orchard & Winery. Thank you to all the seniors and their mothers who attended. Speakers included President **Steve Williamson** and senior **Nicholas Tomlin**. Senior **Bayley Wade** and her mother, **Alysia Wade**, offered the toast. Sponsors included Technidyne Corp. and L & D Mail Masters.



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ALUMNI NOTES

Reunion planning for 2017

It's time to start planning for reunions for classes ending in 2 and 7. To start your reunion planning, contact **Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83** at rstumler@providencehigh.net.

Reunions scheduled for this year:

- **1955** - 60th reunion, Aug. 26, 2017, Covered Bridge. More info to come.
- **1957** - Quarterly gathering, April 14, 11:30 a.m., dining room at Clarion Hotel in Clarksville.
- **1965** - 70th Birthday Party, Sept. 30, 2017, party barn at the

home of Paula Sellers Robinson. Additional info to come.
Contact **Kathy Howell Kruer** at norkath65@twc.com with questions.

- **1967** - 50-year reunion: Oct. 27-28, 2017, at Covered Bridge
- **1977** - 40th reunion, Sept. 23, 2017. More info to follow.

Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday



Alumni and New Albany Deanery families with young children are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, at 9:30 a.m. The free event includes photos with the Easter Bunny and other activities in the new cafeteria/former Activity Center beginning at 9:30

a.m. with the Easter egg hunt on the front field at 10:15 a.m. In case of steady rain, the event will be canceled.

The event is sponsored by the Providence Girls Soccer team.



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BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

Class of '75 grad works to stem gun violence

Lolita Ewing '75 (at right in photo) is doing what she can to end gun violence. As head of the Hands Across Louisville outreach program, she is helping

organize a day in May to showcase the people, organizations and talent in West Louisville and an hour in which people from the region will hold hands all along Broadway. Ewing would like to see fellow Providence alumni take part in the event and is encouraging different classes to adopt a block.

[Read more.](#)



COMING EVENTS

April 14: Good Friday, 2:15 dismissal

April 17-26: ISTEP testing

April 19: Freshman ring orders, 3:00-7:30 p.m., Robinson Auditorium

April 21: Pioneer House Cup

April 23: National Honor Society Induction, 5:00 p.m., Robinson Auditorium

LET US PRAY

Holy Thursday Prayer to Appreciate the Mass

O Lord Jesus, in order that the merits of your sacrifice on the Cross might be applied to every soul of all time, you willed that it should be renewed upon the altar. At the Last Supper, you said: "Do this in remembrance of me." By these words you gave your apostles and their successors the power to consecrate and to the command to do what you



yourself did. I believe that the Mass is both a sacrifice and a memorial- reenacting your passion, death and resurrection. Help me to realize that the Mass is the greatest gift of God to us and our greatest gift to God.

From [Catholic Online](#)



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