



Fr. Kyle Rodden '07, who is newly ordained, celebrated Mass at Providence on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.



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Fr. Kyle Rodden '07 returns to celebrate liturgy

Each year, we celebrate the beginning of the school year with an all-school Mass that also celebrates the Feast of the Assumption. This year, the liturgy was made even more special because our celebrant was

Fr. Kyle Rodden '07. Fr. Kyle was ordained to the priesthood in June and is an associate pastor at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. Since **Fr. Adam Ahern**, our school chaplain, was still away on U.S. Army Reserves duty at the time, we invited Fr. Kyle to return to Providence to celebrate the liturgy.



Fr. Kyle had been to several Providence liturgies during his formation years, including participating in the special liturgy concelebrated by **Archbishop Joseph Tobin** and many New Albany

Deanery priests when our new chapel was dedicated in the spring. Still, celebrating his first Mass as a priest was a special and emotional occasion for Fr. Kyle, he said. He wore the vestment gifted to him by Providence upon his ordination.

Fr. Kyle is the first Providence alumnus to be ordained to the priesthood since **Fr. Dan Atkins '66**, pastor of Holy Family Church, was ordained in 1987. Other alumni priests include **Fr. Sonny Day '58**, pastor of St. John Starlight; **Fr. Henry Tully '68**, pastor of St. Michael and St. Francis Xavier; and **Fr. Christopher (Alan) Kirchgessner '71**, theology professor at Belmont (N.C.) Abbey College.

Students grow in faith, trust, friendship on retreats



School retreats are an important part of the Providence experience. Beginning with the junior high, retreats are developed for each grade level, and depending on the size of the class, the retreats may be held over multiple days.

The eighth graders and freshmen had their retreats last week, and the seventh graders took part in theirs today. Starting tomorrow, the sophomores will break into groups over

four different days.

[Read more.](#)

Welcome back, Fr. Adam!

Fr. Adam Ahern, school chaplain, has returned to his duties at Providence after a summer in training to become a U.S. Army chaplain. Fr. Adam previously served in the Army before becoming a priest and remains a member of the U.S. Army Reserves.



Now that Fr. Adam is back, morning liturgy will be celebrated Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the chapel at 7:30 a.m. Students can earn House points for attending. Tuesdays are Fr. Adam's day off, and a prayer service will be held at that time.

Meet Mrs. Emily Losey, guidance counselor

Mrs. Emily Losey is happy to be back at Providence and serving as the junior and senior guidance counselor. She completed her counseling internship here in the 2011-2012 school year, and her husband, Neil, taught English here from 2006-2011 and was an assistant Boys



Basketball coach from 2006-2012. Most recently, Mrs. Losey was a guidance counselor at Charlestown Middle School.

Mrs. Losey said she enjoys helping juniors and seniors with their college preparation and search process. "It's fun to see the end of things, from 'What do you want to be?' to helping with the transition into college," she said. "It is very exciting."

Being back in the Providence community also is heartwarming for Mrs. Losey, she said. She enjoys witnessing the school spirit as well as the commitment to cultivating a spirit of service among the students. Seeing how the students care about one another and helping others "is refreshing," she said.

Mrs. Losey has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, and a master's in education for school counseling from Indiana University Southeast. She recently completed course work through Butler University in order to receive her licensed mental health counselor certification as a method of professional development. As a school counselor, she is trained in college and career preparation, academic success, and social/emotional development, and the LMHC certification is a way "to increase (her) knowledge to better serve students," she said.

Mr. & Mrs. Losey have two children, ages 2 and 4, and the family enjoys the outdoors, going to parks and just spending time together as a family.

Registration open for Fiesta 5K Celebrating Health

The [Fiesta 5K](#) Celebrating Health sponsored by the Spanish Club has been moved to a new location. The run is now 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 funds raised will go towards The Hispanic Connection of Southern Indiana and the Spanish Club. Please contact Mr. Alan Mathews '88 at amathews@providencehigh.net to sign up.

Save the Date: fall show debuts in mid-September

Mark your calendars for this year's fall show, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, a satire based



in Victorian England that still draws laughter today as playwright Oscar Wilde makes fun of social norms and high society. Show dates are Sept. 17, 23 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. and Sept. 18 and 25 at 2:00 p.m. All tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased [online](#), by calling 812-945-2538 ext. 314 or by

visiting the main office.

STUDENT PROFILE

Junior volunteers time on Young campaign trail

Junior Ethan Furnish is experiencing firsthand the basics of campaigning for public office. As an unpaid intern for the Todd Young for U.S. Senate campaign, he has been knocking on doors and making phone calls on behalf of the Republican candidate since summer began. He has learned that it's a hard job that requires a thick skin. [Read more.](#)



PIONEER SPORTS NEWS

Student-athletes recognized for success

Three of our student athletes received recognition in *The Courier-Journal* Southern Indiana Athlete of the Week polls presented by Norton Sports Health: Boys Soccer senior **Eli Coker** was nominated and voted as the winner last week for scoring a combined six goals in the first two games of the season -- four against Corydon and two against Forest Park. This week, Boys Tennis junior **Nick Boesing** was nominated Indiana Athlete of the Week for going unbeaten as No. 1 singles player in the New Albany Invitational, including a win over the two-time champion. Volleyball junior **Marissa Hornung** also was nominated for her 21 kills, 25 digs and nine aces in a five-set

match loss to No. 3 4A Hamilton Eastern. To vote, [click here](#).

Marissa also received national recognition by being selected to the 2016 American Family Insurance [ALL-USA Preseason](#) Girls Volleyball Team, based on past performance, level of competition and strength of schedule. She joins student athletes from Michigan, Tennessee, Arkansas, Arizona and several more states.

Several teams ranked in Top 25

Boys Soccer is ranked No. 2 in 1A by the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association, and Girls Soccer is ranked No. 14. Boys Tennis is ranked No. 4 in District 8 by the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association. The team recently dropped out of the top 30 in the state after two weeks at No. 25 but may return after a win over No. 27 Jasper yesterday. Volleyball is ranked No. 2 in 3A by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association and beat No. 9 4A New Albany last night.

Registration opens for Girls Basketball Academy

The PHS Girls Basketball Academy is taking registrations for girls in grades third through sixth who want to improve their basketball skills. The fifth/sixth grade team will practice at PHS on Sundays from 6:00-7:30 starting Sept. 11 through Oct. 9 and will play six to eight local public schools in September and October. Cost is \$50.

The third/fourth grade team will begin Oct. 16 and practice Sundays Oct. 16 and 23 with some weekday practices through the week. The team will play in a local league on Sundays starting Oct. 30 through Dec. 11. Cost is \$75. [Click here](#) for more information.

PARENT CONNECTION

Notes for parents: Coffee with the Counselors

Parents are encouraged to attend the upcoming Coffee with the Counselors session during BLUE Days, from 7:30-8:20 a.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Fr. Mike Counseling Office. Parents will receive information on the PSAT, SAT and ACT - from when students should take the tests to study tips and resources on preparation. Other topics include college application questions and an introduction on the new FAFSA guidelines. Parents should sign in at the Main Office and proceed to the counseling office on the second floor.

Senior announcements, senior portraits, yearbook baby ads

Seniors will be receiving information from Graduate Services on Friday regarding graduation announcements. Orders will be due Friday, Sept. 9, when a representative from Graduate Services will

be in the cafeteria during lunch.

Senior parents should have received an email this week with information regarding deadlines for senior portraits and on how to purchase a baby ad for the yearbook. Please email bmakowsky@providenehigh.net if you need more information.

Yearbook picture retakes on Friday

Picture retakes are Friday, Sept. 2, for students who did not have their photo taken during registration or who are unhappy with their school photos. All students including seniors are required to have a yearbook photo taken, even if they do not wish to purchase any.

Photos will be taken in the Administrative Corridor during lunches. Order forms are available in the main office. Students unhappy with their original photograph must bring the entire original packet of photos. Students having retakes may dress up and must follow the guidelines in the handbook. No jeans allowed.

Deanery Night coming soon

Providence will host [Deanery Night](#) on Friday, Sept. 9, during the Football game vs. McCreary Central (Ky.) High School. At halftime, football teams from the New Albany Deanery will be recognized, and the Southern Indiana Catholic and Clark County Catholic 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade teams will scrimmage on the field.

All Deanery students and their families are invited to attend and cheer on the Deanery teams and the Providence Pioneers. Deanery students kindergarten through eighth grade wearing a T-shirt or athletic uniform representing their Deanery school or team will be admitted for just \$1 when accompanied by an adult. Regular admission is \$5. Game time is 8 p.m.

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 updated concession stand and 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.

2 recent grads sign to play college baseball

Tre' Watson '16 and **Jay Lorenz '16**,
both former Providence varsity

Baseball players, have officially signed their letters of intent to play baseball in college as they start their fall semester.



Watson, pictured in the top right photo with his family, **Coach Scott Hornung '81** and Athletic Director **Mickey Golembeski**, will play for Vincennes University, a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association, and major in pre-physical therapy.

Lorenz, pictured in the bottom right photo with his family, coach and Mr. Golembeski, will play for Hanover College, an NCAA Division III school and member of the Heartland Collegiate Conference.



Pioneer Golf Scramble: A Record Day!



The 93 degree weather didn't stop the 92 golfers from coming out for Providence's 18th Annual Pioneer Cup Golf Scramble at Champions Pointe Golf course last Thursday. It

was not only a record-breaking temperature day, but it was also a record-breaking golf day when former Providence parent **Rick Wilson** made a spectacular 60-ft. putt to win the \$10,000.00 putting contest! Wilson wasn't the only one that came out a winner on golf day. The first place flight winners for the three flights are listed below.

We extend a sincere thank you to all the participants, sponsors and volunteers who helped to make this event a huge success. Thanks also to course pro **Scott Ivey** and the Champions Pointe crew for all of their hard work in making this event run seamless!

Last but not least, we especially thank the dedicated, long-running Golf Scramble Committee members: **Pete Corrao '72**, **Todd Frossard '99**, **Don Day '57**, **Eric Geswein '99**, **Don Gibbons**, **Scott Ivey**, **Bob Kleehamer '60**, **Jerry Koetter '84**, **Diane Murphy '67**, **Larry Paris '58**, **Tony Perito**, **Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83**, and **Tex Very (Hon. '09)**, who make this event a huge success year after year.

2016 Pioneer Golf Scramble Flight Winners:

Flight #1 first place winners: Globe Mechanical Team of **Marlin Andres '76** , **Vince Rose '94**, **Brian Kruer '94** and **Bryan Fifer**.
Flight #2 first place winners: Don Gibbons Team of **Jack Koetter '72**, **Jerry Adkins**, **Terry Cody '67** and **John Kraft '82**.
Flight #3 first place winners: German American Team of **Bob Kleehamer '60**, **Joe Grantz '60**, **Richard "Dick" Libs '60** and **Carl Caudill**.

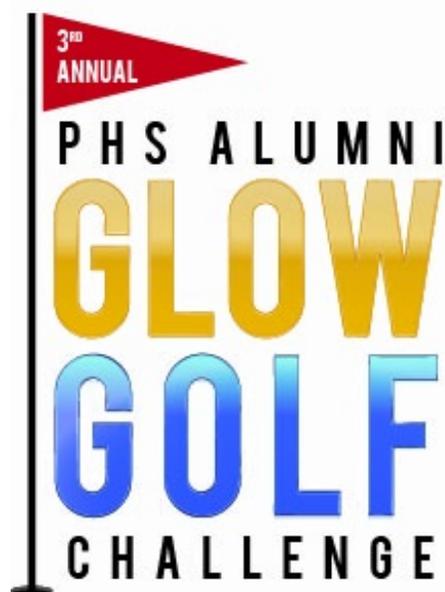
Now taking reservations for ASAP Dinner

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 the Annual Student Assistance Program (ASAP) and support the Pioneer Golf Scramble to provide this aid. We are grateful to everyone who supports these efforts and invite our donors, alumni, family and friends to the annual ASAP Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Huber's Orchard & Winery. To RSVP, please contact **Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83** at rstumler@providencehigh.net.

Exile, featuring '69 grad, to perform in Jeff

On Saturday, Sept. 3, **Sonny Lemaire '66** will perform with the band Exile on the Jeffersonville RiverStage starting at 7 p.m. Lemaire joined the band as bass guitarist/singer/songwriter in 1977, just in time for the band's breakout single "Kiss You All Over," which hit No. 1 soon after its release in 1978. Lemaire and four other members from the 1978 pop rock band have reunited and are touring the region, performing everywhere from the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., to the Ross Country Jamboree in Scottsburg. Lemaire previously was featured in the Winter 2011 edition of *The Vision*.

Alumni Glow Golf next weekend



Don't miss out on the fun! **Brad Denman '02** and the Alumni Association guarantee you will have a good time if you participate in the third annual Alumni Glow Golf Challenge to be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, at Covered Bridge. The Glow Golf Competition is open to alumni, family and friends ages 21 and over. The cost is \$50 and includes nine holes of golf, a special glow-in-the-dark golf ball, appetizers and prizes. To register, [click here](#). For more info, please contact Brad Denman at bdenman@newwashbank.com.

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

Mrs. Swessel helps unearth a T. rex

Science teacher **Mrs. Laura Swessel** was thrilled to be accepted into the annual Paleontology Institute for teachers (called the DIG School) sponsored by The University of Washington and the Burke Museum in Seattle. About 200 teachers apply each year, and only 30 are accepted. She was accepted this



summer, her second time applying, but had no idea how big of a discovery the team was part of. Mrs. Swessel was part of a team that unearthed a 66.3-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex in Montana. [Read more](#).



COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 2: Picture Retakes
- Sept. 5: Labor Day. No school
- Sept. 8: PHS College Night
- Sept. 9: Deanery Night. Football vs. McCreary Central (Ky.) 8 p.m.
- Sept. 9: Senior announcement orders due
- Sept. 16: Homecoming. Football vs. Indy Emmerich Manual 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 17: Fall Show debuts
- Sept. 23: Guerin Day

LET US PRAY

In honor of Pope Francis' call for a World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation on Sept. 1, here is

A Prayer for our Earth (From Laudato Si')

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with
peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain



at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.
Amen.

From: [Catholic Health Association of the United States](#)



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