



Seniors Cole Corby, center, and Morgan Day, second from right, are Winter Homecoming King and Queen



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We are a community of faith, knowledge & service

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, a national week acknowledging the service, ministry and impact of Catholic schools under the theme: Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. We thank all our parents, faculty and staff for committing to Catholic education. We are blessed to have this opportunity.

Our students are celebrating various aspects of our school and Catholic community this week, with Monday and Tuesday designated as House Day and Parish/Deanery School Day, respectively. Yesterday at our all-school liturgy, we honored two members of our Providence family who have received archdiocesan recognition, Fr. Sonny Day '58 and Mrs. Mary Alice (Lenfert) Knott '77.



Fr. Day, pastor of St. John Starlight and former dean of the New Albany Deanery, was honored as a recipient of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' "Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Pastor Award." Fr. Day has long been a champion of Catholic education, previously serving as guidance counselor and teacher here as well as previously a pastor at Holy Family. As dean of the New Albany Deanery, he

brought the president-principal model to Providence, was instrumental in helping to form our Board of Trustees, and he was responsible for the hiring and supervision of our school's presidents.

Mrs. Knott is one of five finalists in the archdiocese's Saint Theodora Excellence in Education award. As a math teacher and occasional PE teacher here since 1998, she is known for her gifted teaching as well as her caring attitude. As a former student said of her, "Like all good teachers she was exceptional at teaching difficult concepts and skills. Yet just as importantly, we always knew that we were more than just students to her. She took the time to really know each of us as a person. She continuously showed interest in our lives, our families and always inquired how we were doing."

After the liturgy, our faculty, staff and Deanery priests were treated to a special luncheon. Today is a Scholarship Spirit Day, and students who bring \$1 may wear spirit wear; tomorrow is a free Spirit Wear Day as we celebrate our school.

Throughout the week, students have won gift cards by matching songs played over the PA system during passing periods to the faculty and staff who have selected the songs as their favorite. Students also are participating in the Penny War, in which contributions in jars for each class earn or take away points for each class. The winning class will receive a prize, and all the proceeds are donated to the Crusade for Children. As of yesterday, the juniors were in the lead with almost 14,000 points.

Students share faith, hope at March for Life

Last week, several of our students traveled with the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries to take part in the annual national March for Life in Washington, D.C. The four-day trip included many activities,



including a liturgy at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, rallies featuring several speakers including Vice President Mike Pence and the march through the capital. [Read more.](#)

PHS Bowling finishes second at SHC Sectional



The Bowling Club had a successful inaugural season as a competitive club team. The team finished its regular season earlier this month, placing third in the Southern Hills Conference with a 3-3 record after an exciting match with Floyd Central. Seniors **Alex Rogers, Ryan Huber, Evan Striby, Skyler Koetter, Cody Sprigler, Zach Rowe** and **JD Castleberry**, juniors **Nathan Smith** and **Evan Wallace** and freshman **Christian Tate** earned a spot to represent the team at the individual sectional.

Alex was the only player to advance to regional on Feb. 4 in Bloomington, having bowled a 196 in the first of three games, the highest score in the field of 32. He continued to consistently convert spares in his next two games to hit a 466, placing fourth. Nathan was selected to the all-conference team for carrying an average of 173 through the regular season, placing sixth best in the conference. At individual sectionals, Nathan finished with a 454 series and seventh overall, falling 10 pins short of qualifying for regionals. Ryan posted the fifth highest game of the night with a 189 in his second game and finished in 10th place overall. Christian placed 11th, Evan Striby 13th, Evan Wallace 14th, and Zach 15th.

At the team sectional, the team "fought valiantly but came up 100 pins short of a very talented Clarksville team to take home the silver," **Coach Matt Schaab** said. Providence finished with a 146 average, ahead of Jeff and Floyd Central.

Varsity Quick Recall has winning season



The Quick Recall teams finished their quiz bowl season late last month, with the varsity team advancing to the Jefferson County Non-Public Quick Recall League Tournament Final Four. After finishing the regular season with a 6-5 record and a No. 6 seed in the tournament, the team defeated Mercy Academy and then Louisville Collegiate School to advance to the semi-final vs. Trinity High School. In the semi-final, the team lost 29-12 to Trinity.

Coach Katie Aebersold said the team "played many close, exciting matches this year" and competed with tenacity.

"I'm so proud of how this team never gave up, no matter how far behind they were at any point in the season," she said. "Their commitment to the team over the past few years has been outstanding."



The JV team ended its regular season with a record of 5-6 and a No. 6 seed in the tournament. After receiving a first-round bye, the team lost a close match to St. X High School in the second round, 26-24.

JV Coach Diana Welch said she was pleased with the team's progress.

"Sophomores **Adriel Nacpil** and **Ross Reyes** were excellent team captains and role models for our mostly freshman team," Coach Welch said. "It was an excellent season, and I am so proud of the dedication and hard work these students put forth."

[Spring Musical tickets now on sale](#)

You'll want to get tickets early for this year's spring musical, the

ever popular *Les Miserables*. Based on the novel by Victor Hugo, it is set in early 19th-century France following the story of French peasant Jean Valjean and his quest for redemption after serving nearly 20 years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child.

The [cast](#) of high school students is supported by a Deanery Chorus, made up of members of the Providence Junior Players who were in last year's *Annie Jr.* as well as younger siblings of some of the high school cast members.

As a sung-through musical with no spoken dialogue, the operetta-like show can be difficult for high school students, but the cast has embraced the opportunity, **Director Mrs. Ellen Holifield** said.

"Our students have incredible voices and determination, so this just seemed like the perfect year to tackle this challenging show," she said. "The music in *Les Miserables* is absolutely beautiful, and it has some wonderful messages about love and redemption."

Mrs. Holifield also is impressed with the talent in the Deanery Chorus. "They are shining," she said.

The musical will debut with the premiere *Les Miserables: A City of Lights* on Friday, March 3. The premiere includes a pre-show reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres plus dessert at intermission. Tickets are \$40 and must be ordered in advance. Please contact **Mrs. Kerry Gerber** at (812) 945-2538 x 314 for more information on the premiere.

All other show tickets are \$15 and can be ordered by phone (812-945-2538 x 301) or online. Those show dates are March 4 at 7:00 p.m., March 5 at 2:00 p.m., March 10 at 7:00 p.m., March 11 at 7:00 p.m. and March 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Seniors honored in *Business First*

Seniors **Justine Oppelt** and **Tony Kaiser** 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** and **Abby Posey**.

Third House chosen for House Cup finals

The *House of Justice* has won the points total for the Second Quarter and secured a spot in the House Cup finals to be held in the spring. Justice joins the *House of Truth* and *House of Faith* in the

finals. Third quarter point tallying is underway.

Homecoming king and queen crowned



Congratulations to seniors **Cole Corby** and **Morgan Day** (see *eVision* headline photo), crowned Winter Homecoming king and queen, respectively, at last Friday's Boys Basketball game. Other members of the court included seniors **Brooklyn Belviy**, **Cassie Hahn**, **Brooke Hayden**, **Sam Conrad**, **Alex Judd** and **Zach Rowe**; juniors **Emma Huff**, **Madison Roehrs**, **Pierce Arvizu** and **Nick Barron**; sophomores **Jariah Ellis**, **Grace Hublar**, **Declan Edwards** and **Carson Carrico**; and freshmen **Zoe Libs**, **Cecilia Rush**, **Austin Barnett** and **Austin Grantz**.



STUDENT PROFILE

Three students earn Boys Scout Eagle Scout rank

Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank issued by the Boys Scouts of America, is a demonstration of character. To earn the rank, the Scout advances through the various ranks, earns at least 21 merit badges and leads a service project that

demonstrates leadership, organization and other skills. Three students have achieved this rank in recent months, including seniors **Tony Kaiser** and **Keith Bremmer** and sophomore **Matthew Reger**. [Read more.](#)



PIONEER SPORTS NEWS

Basketball players, team receive recognition



The Girls Basketball team heads into the Providence Sectional semi-finals after defeating Henryville Tuesday night 52-34. The team faces Clarksville at 7:30 p.m. at home on Friday. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per game, or \$10 for all-session tickets and are sold at the gate.

Several players have broken program records over the season, including senior **Olivia Jenkins**, who surpassed the single-season record for assists with 105. Should the team win Saturday, it will be its third sectional championship in a row as the team attempts to defend its regional title and win its first semi-state title to make it to the state finals.

Boys Basketball players in the news

In other sports news, senior **Juston Betz** was voted the *Courier-Journal* Southern Indiana [Athlete of the Week](#) for the week of Jan. 16, 2017. Fellow players and juniors **Nick Boesing**, **Reece Libs** and **Cullen Ebert** were featured this week in a *News & Tribune* [article](#) for their parody video that caught the attention of Adidas shoes.

Girls Swim sectional this week

The Girls Swim team heads into single-class sectional at Floyd Central tonight at 6 p.m. Swimmers who advance will compete in

the finals on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. If they place in the top eight spots in the state, they will advance to the state finals.

Wrestling sends three to regional

By Coach Randy Lynch ex-'81

After a slow start, the Wrestling team started putting things together with seven of eight grapplers placing at sectional. Congrats to those punching their ticket to the next round of the state tournament, by weight class:

- 113: freshman **Chase Aldridge**, who placed third and went 3-1 at sectional
- 160: sophomore **Nathan Grantz**, who placed third and went 3-1
- 185: senior **Mike Hayes**, who placed fourth and went 2-2

Two wrestlers qualified as alternates and could advance if any of the automatic qualifiers are not able to compete in their respective weight classes: at 285 sophomore **Sam Hudlin** (2-2 at sectional) and at 195 junior **Jansen Tate** (2-2).

We had a very deep sectional this year with the top three teams scoring more than 200 team points (normally only one or two teams are able to do it). Our team fought back and improved our placing to sixth, only one point behind Charlestown who finished fifth.

Also scoring team points to improve our team placing were:

- 132: freshman **Jonah Scott**
- 220: freshman **Peyton Delucio**

These gentlemen have a great future on the wrestling mat and their lives to look forward to as well. Please congratulate them. The next round is regional, on Saturday, at Jeffersonville.

Cheer squad holds Deanery clinic



The Cheerleaders held a cheer clinic for Deanery girls last weekend. Participants in the clinic will perform at halftime of tomorrow's Boys Basketball game vs. South Central.

Former varsity player named new Boys Golf coach



We welcome **Victor Beeler '94** as the new Providence Boys Golf head coach. Coach Beeler brings with him his experience playing at the varsity level at PHS, which included playing for teams that won consecutive sectional titles, a regional title, and consecutive state tournament appearances in 1992 and 1993.

After college and as an English instructor, Coach Beeler served as the varsity coach for Mercy Academy of Louisville for five years, leading a startup program that eventually placed two players in the college ranks as well as coaching an individual player that made a state tournament appearance.

Coach Beeler said he looks forward to the opportunity to build on former **Coach Ken Allender's** success and lead the program for which he once played.

"This golf program has excelled to the highest levels prior, during, and post my playing days," he said. "I am anxiously awaiting the first day of practice to continue to ensure that our program excels and continues to achieve the highest measures of success. Providence Golf is poised to build upon the success of last season's sectional title and continue to be one of the area's preeminent programs."

PARENT CONNECTION

Parent Notes: Progress Reports, Honor Roll and Coffee with the Counselors

Progress Reports to be posted

Third Quarter Progress Reports will be posted in Skyward by Friday. Look for an email from **Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74** for more information.

Honor Roll posted

The Second Quarter Honor Roll is now available. Congratulations to all our students on their hard work! [Click here](#) to view the list.

Free FAFSA Workshop

Providence will hold a free FAFSA Workshop to assist seniors and their parents to complete the required form for entering college. The workshop will be held Monday, Feb. 13, from 4-6:00 p.m. in the library. Seniors and a parent should attend and will receive assistance with completing the application. Participants should enter through the student entrance and proceed to the third floor. All senior students and parents must complete the FAFSA beginning this year and each year they are enrolled in college. The deadline to complete the FAFSA is March 10.

Coffee with the Counselors next Tuesday

The next Coffee with the Counselors is on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 7:30-8:20 a.m. in the Fr. Mike Counseling Center. Parents are welcome to attend and can sign in at the main office. This week's topic is course selection.

Registration dates and times for incoming freshmen

Parents of incoming freshmen for the 2017-2018 school year will register their students in person on Monday, Feb. 6, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Information was mailed to parents of students who took the Placement Exam and includes instructions for the online enrollment or registration process prior to the in-person registration. Below is the schedule for Incoming Freshman Registration for the 2017-2018 school year, scheduled according to last name:

A-Ch 4:00 p.m.
Ci-G 4:30 p.m.
H-Ka 5:00 p.m.
Ke-Ma 5:30 p.m.
Me-R 6:00 p.m.
S-Z 6:30 p.m.

Scholarships available for incoming freshmen

Students applying for the freshman class of 2017-2018 may apply to the Providence Alumni Association Scholarship, which will award a free iPad to at least three incoming freshmen, and to the Dale Durham Performing Arts Scholarship, which will award \$1,000 to an incoming freshman interested in the performing arts program.

[Click here](#) to download the applications.

Willises to receive Catholic Values award

Providence parents **Van and Kathy Willis** will be awarded a 2017 Celebrating Catholic School Values Award at a special event in Indianapolis on Feb. 9. They are being recognized for their commitment to service at their parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and at Providence and area charitable organizations. Van Willis is president of the Providence Board of Trustees. They are the parents of **Sam '08, Jessica '11, Grace '15** and junior **Zach Willis**. The awards program is at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.



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ALUMNI NOTES

Thank You for making our Gala a success

The Providence community celebrated the "Year of the Pioneer" in style at the 2017 Gala Dinner and Auction on Saturday, Jan. 21, at Huber Orchard and Winery's Plantation Hall. This special event is always the largest gathering of school supporters serving to raise funds for financial assistance while providing food, fun, and

fellowship, as well as the opportunity to salute alumni and friends deserving of public recognition for their contributions to the Providence and the greater Southern Indiana community.

Our Awards of Distinction went to **David C. Smith '82** (posthumously) as the Outstanding Alumnus, **Joan M. Hurley**, as our Honorary Alumna, and **Irvin H. Stumler** for the Community Service Award. (See more in the Blue Pride on Display section).

The event's success is generated by the individual and corporate support we receive, as well as the volunteer effort from alumni, parents, and friends that give generously of time, talent, and treasure, and last but not least, by all who attended this year's event.

Our corporate sponsors, to whom we are most grateful, include:

- BidPal Sponsor - **Beach Mold and Tool, Inc.**
- Blue Pride Sponsors - **Globe Mechanical Inc., Huber's Orchard & Winery, Koetter Construction, and MAC Construction & Excavating Inc.**
- Blue & White Sponsors - **Don Forsee DDS/Southern Indiana Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Inc., German American Bank, Koetter Woodworking/The Starlight Foundation and Dr. Toni Sartini '78**
- Providence Way Sponsors - **McAlister's Deli and Orange Clover Kitchen & More**
- Providence Friends Sponsors - **Community Transitional Services, Steve and Angie (Grantz '83) Koopman, and The Locker Room.**

We also gratefully acknowledge the tremendous work of the Gala 2017 Committee for their dedication and diligence. Led by the extraordinary creativity and boundless energy of **Ronda Stumler '83**, director of special events & alumni relations, we extend a heartfelt thank you to the following: **Emily Banet, DeAnn (Kaiser) Burns '82, Kathy (Wilson) Ernstberger '81, Jody (Cooley) Fitzpatrick '81, Hunter Harritt '09, Mike Kersteins, Angie (Grantz) Koopman '83, Stephanie (Mayfield) Mauk '99, and Barbara Strahm.** A special shout-out to our dynamic emcee **Brent Rogers '89** (Sounds Unlimited Productions) and auctioneer **Hunter Harritt (Harritt Insurance/Harritt Group)**, for making the evening exciting and fun.

Finally, we thank those volunteers and staff who quietly make big events such as this possible behind the scenes: **Ann (Chovan '89) Barnett, Rachel Burns, Susan (Oster) DeVall '83, Fred Ernstberger '81, Debbie Fackler, Brenda (Smith '78) and Mark Falkenstein, Mike Fitzpatrick, Shawn Fitzpatrick '18, Angela and Jeff Garcia, Sue (Crone '82) Glordan, Julie (Datillo '80) Harper, Greg '81 and Jan (Gettelfinger '81) Huber, Ted '84 and Dana Huber, Huber's Orchard and Winery staff, Cara Libs, Dave Smith, Dolores Sparks, Avery Stumler '20, Dewayne Stumler '82, Grant Stumler '18 and Larry and**

Jan Weimer.

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:

- **1967** - Golden Reunion Dinner at Providence March 4, 2017. Fifty-year reunion: Oct. 27-28, 2017, at Covered Bridge. Formal invitations to the Golden Reunion Dinner will be mailed soon.

Save the Date: Alumni Night

Join us for Alumni Night on Saturday, Feb. 18, during the Boys Basketball game vs. Brownstown. All alumni are invited to a reception from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Suite (off the home-side balcony). Several teams will be honored at halftime for the anniversaries of their post-season accomplishments. Teams to be honored include 1957 and 2007 Boys Basketball; 1977, 1982, 2002 and 2007 Girls Tennis; 1977 and 1992 Boys Golf; 1982 Gymnastics; 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002 Wrestling (SIWC Champs); 2002 Girls Track; and 2007 Baseball.



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BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

Young alumnus working on war criminal tribunal

Corby Burger '12
has had a rare opportunity
to jumpstart his legal
career before entering law



school. For the last four months, he has served as a legal intern at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, Netherlands. He has been part of the team prosecuting Bosnian Serb General Ratko Mladić on counts of genocide, crimes against humanity, and

violations of the laws of war during the devastating Yugoslav conflicts of the early 1990s. Now in the last month of his internship, he will then travel in Europe and apply to law school, having received his bachelor's in political science from DePauw University in May 2016. [Read more.](#)

Three honored at Gala Dinner



Providence awarded three individuals with Awards of Distinction at the annual Gala Dinner & Auction on Jan. 21 for their contribution to Providence and the community at large.

Receiving awards were **David C. Smith '82** (posthumous) as the

Outstanding Alumnus, **Past President Joan Hurley**, as our Honorary Alumna, and **Irvin H. Stumler** for the Community Service Award. [Read more.](#)



COMING EVENTS

Jan. 30-Feb. 3: Catholic Schools Week
Feb. 6: Incoming Freshman Registration
Feb. 7: Coffee with the Counselors
Feb. 7-10: Senior Retreat
Feb. 10: Third Quarter Progress Reports posted
Feb. 13: FAFSA Workshop

LET US PRAY

A Saint's Prayer for Catholic Schools Week

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
You give us time for growing and learning,
and you give us the gift of Catholic education.

May we, with your servant Saint Thomas Aquinas,
thank you for our school.



Response: We thank you, Lord.

And with your servant Saint John Baptist de La Salle, we thank you
for our teachers.

Response: We thank you, Lord.

And with your servant Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, we thank you for
our learning.

Response: We thank you, Lord.

And with your servant Saint John Bosco, we thank you for our faith.

Response: We thank you, Lord.

And with your servant Saint Katharine Drexel, we thank you for all
your gifts to us.

Response: We thank you, Lord.

And with your servant St. Mother Theodore Guerin, we thank you
for our school.

Response: We thank you, Lord.

As these holy men and women have been your servants,
Help us also to serve you and work toward a faith-filled future.

Amen.

[Adapted From Faith First](#)



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