



The chapel is now complete with the installation of stained glass windows.



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Serving Parents, Alumni and Friends of Providence

Welcome to our new school president



Mr. Steve Williamson, the new school president, has officially begun his duties and looks forward to continuing the good work already begun by retired president **Mrs. Joan Hurley** and the Board of Trustees, he said.

"I'm looking forward to fulfilling the vision that Mrs. Hurley and the staff had planned for the continued growth of the physical plant here," he said. "While there's been a lot of change already, there's still more change

to come."

Mr. Williamson said his first priority is to follow through on the Master Plan and complete the Endowing our Future Capital Campaign starting with the new combined entrance to Murphy Stadium and the baseball field. He also looks forward to working

with faculty, staff and students to determine how best to make use of what's now being called the Administrative Corridor, formerly the cafeteria.

He also hopes to build on the school's academic and athletic success to attract area families especially the new residents that are anticipated to move into Southern Indiana with the completion of the East End bridge.

"There are a lot of exciting headlines that Providence can generate," he said. "That's just another way of attracting new families, new businesses and new enterprises into Southern Indiana."

Mr. Williamson said he expects to continue to rely on the staff that is in place as he comes to understand fully the needs of Providence. And he feels confident in their support, especially since he has already received a warm welcome and an outpouring of encouragement, even before his first official day.

"It was very touching, and I was very blessed to already have been made to feel a part of the community even though only a handful of people knew me."

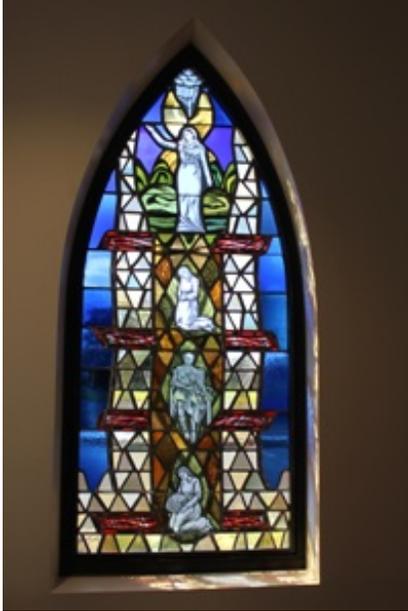
Parents, alumni and friends will have a chance to meet Mr. Williamson during the ASAP Appreciation Dinner on Sept. 27 at Huber's Orchard & Winery.

Changes to eVision

Starting with this issue, you'll notice a few minor changes to the eVision newsletter. With the retirement of **Ray Day '57**, the creation of the twice-monthly email newsletter has only one editor. The issue will now be more streamlined, with news stories pertaining to the school in this top section. The "Student Profile" section will contain a longer feature focusing on the achievements or talents of one or more students, and athletics news will be in the "Pioneer Sports News" section. The other sections remain the same with the exception of the "Blue News of Old" feature, the brainchild of Mr. Day, which has been discontinued. Please feel free to email news@providencehigh.net with any story ideas or comments.

Stained glass windows finishing touch for chapel

Earlier this month, stained glass windows were installed in the new chapel, completing its construction. The five windows were designed by Emil Frei & Associates, a design and fabrication studio specializing in liturgical arts in



St. Louis.

Each window features a different scene or tells a story. The window next to the statue of Mary depicts the "Magnificat," with images of Our Lady and the types of people referenced in the prayer - those who fear God, the lowly who are lifted up and the hungry who are filled. The window next to the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a visual of the "Our Father" prayer. The other windows portray the story of St. Mother Theodora Guerin and the parable of the growing seed, which is told in two windows.

PHS students in New Albany RiverStage musical

Several students are in the cast of *Hairspray*, a musical put on by New Albany RiverStage Productions with show dates July 22-24 at 8:00 p.m. PHS students in the cast include junior **Eli Lucas**, who portrays one of the leads, Link Larkin; sophomore **Jenna Kaiser** is a featured dancer and one of the Nicest Kids; senior **Riley Quinn** and sophomore **Jesse Zoeller** are part of the ensemble, and **Alex Duffy-Dries '16** is one of the Dynamites. General admission tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per senior or student at the door or at www.Newalbanyriverstage-productions.com. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., and Sounds of the Sixties performs at 7:30 p.m.

Science lab receives Horseshoe Foundation grant

Thank you to the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County for awarding Providence a \$9,000 grant for the purpose of creating an interference and diffraction lab to be used in STEM activities. **Mrs. Laura Swessel**, physics teacher, wrote the grant with the help of former president **Mrs. Joan Hurley**.

For several years, Mrs. Swessel had been borrowing equipment from Indiana University Southeast, where she has been adjunct lecturer in physics, to use in lab activities at Providence. The equipment for the interference and diffraction lab activity was fragile and expensive, so having the equipment onsite reduces the risk of breakage and is more convenient. The grant also allows for the purchase of equipment for several other lab activities, including lasers, standing waves, projectiles, sound, electricity, friction, gas laws, magnetic fields and energy. Mrs. Swessel said that she previously had planned to purchase the equipment over several years as the department's budget allowed. With the grant, the equipment can be purchased all at once.

Students enjoy group trip to Britain

Soon after school was out, a group of students led by former social studies teacher **Mrs. Sarah (Buschemeyer) Koetter '87** spent 10 days traveling through the United Kingdom.

Sophomore **Molly Koetter** and seniors **Emily Koetter**, **Carl Carney**, **Kat Cooper**, **Hannah Hunter** and **Mari**

Kate Whitten joined her in touring Edinburgh in Scotland, and York, Stratford, Oxford and London in England.



Mari Kate said her favorite experiences were seeing the Broadway musical *Wicked* in London and riding The London Eye ferris wheel. The most memorable experience was being able to be in London for Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday parade. "I am very thankful to have been given the opportunity to travel and see that part of the world and experience another culture," she said.

STEM summer camp a success



Science teacher **Mrs. Laura Swessel** has been championing STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, lessons and groups since she began teaching here four years ago. This summer she introduced week-long STEM camps for various age groups. Earlier this month, 19 students entering grades one to four participated in a variety of activities built around each of the STEM elements. This week and next, 17 students grades five through 10 will take part.

Mrs. Swessel said she is pleased with the response and already has more than 60 students on a waiting list for next year. Parents have emailed her to say how excited their children were about the camp, including some who continued working on the activities at home.

Mrs. Swessel hopes to introduce a monthly Deanery after-school STEM club this fall.

STUDENT PROFILE

Service, leadership skills focus of summer activities



Several students participated in various activities this summer that included service opportunities and leadership conventions. Junior **Jack Wagner** represented Providence at the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) in Indianapolis, while seniors **Abby Posey**

and **Justine Oppelt** took part in Hoosier Girls State. About a dozen students were part of the annual Wolfe Pack mission trip to Campton, Ky., with the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry. [Read more.](#)

PIONEER SPORTS NEWS

Baseball team makes school history at state

By Coach Scott Hornung '81



The Pioneer Baseball team finished the 2016 season in grand fashion, notching its first-ever state championship on June 18 at Victory Field in Indianapolis. The 7-6 victory proved nothing short of thrilling as the Pioneers scored the winning run on a walk-off suicide squeeze in the bottom of the seventh

inning. The team broke several records and made history in other ways throughout the season, its first on the new turf infield. [Read more.](#)

Providence sports named Program of the Year



The *News and Tribune* selected Providence as its Sports Program of the Year for 2016 based on its success in the 2015-2016 school year, which included two state championships. Individual athletes were also recognized for their accomplishments by being named to the newspaper's All-Area teams and

honored at its annual NTSPY awards. [Read more.](#)

Girls Tennis players earn All-State honors

Rising sophomore **Halli Trinkle** was voted First Team All-State - Singles by the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association for her accomplishments during the Girls Tennis season. **Maryann Fitzpatrick '16** earned First Team Academic All-State, and the team won Team Academic All-State third year in a row.

Halli's tennis season didn't end with her run into the state tournament. She has been taking part in US Tennis Association tournaments. She placed second in the Girls 16s State Qualifier and represented the Central Indiana District in the Girls 16/18s Team Cup, helping the team place second with a 5-1 record playing No. 3 and No. 2 singles. In the Girls 16s Midwest Closed, she advanced to the quarterfinals of the consolation draw. This weekend, she competed in a national tournament in Oklahoma City and will leave today for Virginia Beach for the National Clay Court Tournament and hopes to play in the National Hard Court Tournament in San Diego, Calif., in early August.

Weight room adds new equipment

Several of the athletic programs combined proceeds from their budgets to purchase new equipment for the weight room. The equipment includes foam biometric boxes, medicine balls, weight resistance bands and a new pulley system for the pull-down



equipment. Students will be able to make use of this equipment during Weight Training class and in conditioning for their sports programs.

PARENT CONNECTION

School uniforms available at RiverCity Workwear



New school uniforms are available for purchase at RiverCity Workwear, 4020 Earnings Way, New Albany. The store is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and has a full stock of official PHS uniform polos, sweaters, and PE shirts/shorts. Parents and students are encouraged to shop now for a full range of sizes. Uniforms also will be available for purchase during registration. Students may wear past uniform polos and sweaters except the gray sweatshirt. [Click here](#) for a look at the new styles and an order form.

Back-to-school information reminders

Parents should have received their information packets for the 2016-2017 school year in their email earlier this week. Below are some important reminders from that mailing:

Parent Back-to-School event now in the morning

This year, our Parent Back-to-School will now take place during the first BLUE Days sessions of the school year, on Aug. 1 and 2. From 7:30 to 8:20 a.m., parents can accompany their students through the building to meet their students' teachers, counselors and administrators as well as to see their lockers and the cafeteria. Parents can also attend a prayer service in the chapel at 7:30. Parents and students should enter through the student entrance.

Registration, orientation times for students

- Freshman orientation is Sunday, July 24, from 4:00-8:30 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium, with at least one parent required to attend from 4:00-6:00.
- Registration for 10th, 11th and 12th graders is Monday, July 25, in the Administrative Corridor (old cafeteria), with seniors registering at 8:00 a.m., juniors at 9:00 and sophomores at 10:00.
- Junior high orientation for students and parents is Tuesday, July 26, from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in the Robinson Auditorium.

Please see information packet for more details on school picture dress code and registration activities.

Dates for schedule changes

The Guidance Office is available for schedule change requests July 17-18 and July 25-26 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Juniors and seniors

can meet their new guidance counselor, Mrs. Emily Losey.

Student iPads require app update

This is a reminder that students must provision their iPad with Filewave Mobile Device Management in order to use the school wifi. Students who failed to do so likely will have difficulty accessing their school email. [Click here](#) for full instructions.

Study results in parking lot recommendations

Last spring, Kyle Oelker '16 studied morning and afternoon traffic in the front parking lot as part of his Science Independent Research class. Based on his semester-long study, he recommends drivers make note of the following:

Students:

1. Park facing the exit line so that the flow of traffic is not impeded as you are trying to back up.
2. If you have afterschool activities, park in the back row.
3. Be courteous.

Parents:

1. Pick up students at 3:15 so that most of the parking lot traffic is gone and it is easier to enter and exit the circle.
2. Never stop in the middle of the line for more than the brief time necessary for your child(ren) to get in the car. If your child(ren) is/are not ready, park in the lot and wait.
3. If you do park in the lot, park facing the exit line so that the flow of traffic is not impeded as you are trying to back up.
4. Be courteous.

New snack line added over summer

Students will have a new snack line when they return for the fall semester on July 27. The snack line will be located across the hall from the entrance to the plate lunch/full-salad bar serving lines, in the former Faculty Workroom. The Faculty Workroom is moving to the Administrative Corridor, what was previously the cafeteria. The cafeteria manager office will be located behind the snack line.



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. Rails Craft Bew & Eatery (formerly Sam's at the Montrose), 7:00-11:00 p.m. [RSVP here](#).
- **1976** - Sept. 24. Rails Craft Bew & 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
- **1986** - July 22 (Grad Night - TBD) and July 23. Horseshoe Casino, 7:00-midnight. [Buy tickets here](#).
 - July 23, golf scramble at New Albany Springs, 12:15 p.m. registration, 1:00 p.m. start. RSVP to Dan Thomas kyfrydan@yahoo.com by July 20.
- **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.
- **2001** - Aug. 20. St. Mary of the Knobs' Knobsfest 6 p.m.-midnight. Reserved table for classmates.
- **2006** - Sept. 24. O'Shea's downtown Louisville, 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Planning has begun for the Class of 2011

Register now for Pioneer Golf Scramble

The 18th Annual Pioneer Golf Scramble to benefit the Annual Student Assistance Program is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 25, at Champions Pointe Golf Club with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. To register for the event or for more information on the scramble or sponsorship opportunities, please [download this form](#) or contact **Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83** at rstumler@providencehigh.net.

Save the Date: ASAP Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendars now! Meet the new school president, **Mr. Steve Williamson**, at the ASAP Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Huber's Orchard & Winery.

Now accepting sponsors for Alumni Glow Golf

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 Competition 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. If you are interested in forming a team or sponsoring this event, please contact Brad Denman at bdenman@fsbbank.net.



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

Fr. Kyle Rodden '07 now archdiocesan priest



Fr. Kyle Rodden '07, a recently ordained priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, has begun his ministry as associate pastor of St. Monica parish in Indianapolis where he will focus on ministering to the Hispanic community. He was ordained along with five other priests on June 25 at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis and is the first Providence graduate to be ordained a priest in many years. He joins Fr. Wilfred "Sonny" Day '58, Fr. Dan Atkins '66, Fr. Harry Tully '68 and Fr. (Alan) Christopher Kirchgessner '71 as alumni who are ordained priests.

Fr. Kyle celebrated Mass at Sacred Heart and St. Augustine in Jeffersonville over two weekends, including his first Mass after his ordination on June 25. He is a 2003 graduate of Sacred Heart School and the son of Danny Rodden and Mary Chris (Fell) Rodden '77 and brother of Dr. Natalie Rodden '04, who begins her career as a physician focusing on palliative care in Denver, Colo., this fall. Fr.

Kyle said he is eager to begin his work as a priest.

"I am excited to begin relating with people as a priest," he said. "I look forward to entering into new relationships and spiritually accompanying people throughout their lives. I am very grateful for all the support that I have received through the years and know very well that I could not be where I am today without real supporters. I will miss coming home to Jeffersonville as a seminarian, but I look forward to visiting home as a priest."

Update on priest formation for Geoffrey Mooney '05



Geoffrey Mooney '05 (second from right in front row above) is currently attending Moreau Seminary with the Congregation of Holy Cross at Notre Dame. He is finishing up his novice (second) year at the Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colo. He will be professing his First Vows in a special Mass on July 30, 2016, at Sacred Heart Church in Colorado Springs. Please keep Geoffrey in your prayers during this very special time in his formation process. He will be returning to Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame on Aug. 2, where he will continue his formation for the priesthood. If you would like to write Geoffrey, his address is: Mr. Geoffrey Mooney, C.S.C., Moreau Seminary, P. O. Box 668, Notre Dame, IN 46556.



COMING EVENTS

July 18: Regular office hours resume for all offices

July 24: Freshman orientation and registration, auditorium, 4-8:30 p.m.

July 25: Registration grades 10-12

July 26: Junior High registration and orientation, auditorium, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

July 27: First day of school begins at 8:00 a.m. "A" Day schedule

Aug. 1-2: Parent Back-to-School sessions, 7:30-8:20 a.m.

Aug. 25: Pioneer Golf Scramble, Champions Pointe Golf Club, 1:00 p.m.

LET US PRAY

Prayers to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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