



Chapel and new student entrance taking shape



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Campus improvements continue as school begins

The construction projects on campus are immediately noticeable as the steel supports of the chapel clearly show the outline of the building. Work on that project will affect students' access to the building, and until the project is complete in a few months, students will enter through the main entrance. Morning drop off will now be at the circle at the main entrance, even after the chapel is complete.

Paving began yesterday on the new tennis courts, which will be ready for play for the fall Boys Tennis season. The rainy spring and summer

caused some delay in the settling of the gravel base, but the final phase has now begun.

Work also continues inside the building with plans to move the cafeteria into what has been the Activity Center. That larger space and the renovation of the former Campus Ministry Office and former chapel will allow for a much-needed and long awaited update of the kitchen, which has remained much the same since the early 1950s with only a few equipment updates.

Thank you to our generous donors, including alumni, parents and friends of Providence, who have made these projects possible - and for your patience during our remodeling!

STUDENTS IN ACTION

Senior has lead role in New Albany RiverStage show

Senior **Nicholas Long** was just hoping to expand his theatre experience when he auditioned for the New Albany Riverstage Productions musical *Grease*. He was shocked to learn he had been chosen for the lead role of Danny, originally played by John Travolta in the film version. "When I read the email, my jaw dropped," he said. "It took me a second to see if I was dreaming."



Then the hard work began. The cast had just 19 days to learn lines and have the show ready for this weekend's performances, a much shorter schedule than for Providence spring musicals. But Nicholas said the cast has risen to the challenge and he has enjoyed experiencing what a professional production is like.

Nicholas got involved in theatre last fall at Providence, when he auditioned for the fall show on a whim and landed the role of Denis in *Midsummer/ Jersey*. He liked the experience so much that he gave up playing PHS Baseball to concentrate on theatre and was a Wickersham brother in last spring's musical *Seussical*. This fall, he will play the lead role of Jack/Jacques in *Anne Frank and Me*. He also is a member of Providence Singers.

Nicholas said he is enjoying his experience in theatre but will likely pursue a career in medicine although the thought of continuing to act is tempting. "What I love about theatre is getting to entertain and perform for people," he said. "One of the most rewarding things as an actor is being told after a show that your performance has emotionally moved someone."

Grease show times are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 24-26, at 8:00 p.m. at the New Albany RiverStage. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students.

Students continue learning over summer break



Several students took advantage of various educational, leadership or sports camps over the summer, including the Duke Energy Academy at Purdue University and Hoosier Girls State at Trine University. Energy was the topic at the Duke Energy Academy, and several girls learned how our government functions at Hoosier Girls State.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Student-athletes receive local recognition



Since the last publication of the e-VISION, several student athletes from the spring sports season have been recognized for their accomplishments. Some were named to all-area teams while others were honored at a banquet put on by the *News & Tribune*. [Click here to read more.](#)



Mission trip rewarding service for students, alumni



For the fourth year in a row, Providence students, alumni and parents have taken part in a service mission trip to Nicaragua to assist the non-profit organization Amigos for Christ in bringing clean water to the poor people in outlying areas. This year's trip was particularly meaningful for participants who were

part of the group two years ago as they were able to see the fruits of their labor and benefits to the community. [Click to read more.](#)

Junior wins vocation essay contest

Congratulations to junior Katrina Cooper, who was the 10th grade winner in the Serra Club vocations essay contest with a submission she wrote last school year. Her essay appeared in the July 17, 2015, issue of The Criterion.

Katrina said she entered the contest because she thought the topic was interesting and was shocked to learn she had won. She was happy to receive the \$50 prize and a plaque honoring her achievement.

Freshman receives Honorable Mention in photo contest

Freshman Ellie Quinkert received an Honorable Mention in the Brightspark Travel photo contest for a picture of two fellow classmates on last school year's eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. Brightspark Travel is the education tour company that organized the class trip.



Students serve others in Appalachia



Several PHS students participated in the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry Wolfe Pack service trip in early July. The group spent about a week providing service to an Appalachian community. Participants included junior Nick Berry and seniors Olivia Lucas, Maresa Kelly, Abbi Hamm, Claire Shannon, Zach Sisson and Dori Welch.

PARENT CONNECTION

Reminder of back-to-school news, events

The new school year will begin one week from today on July 29 with an A day schedule. As Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74 stated in her letter to parents and students in early July, students will receive their ID badges for the school year at either orientation (grades seven to nine) or registration (grades 10 to 12). Uniforms can be purchased today until 6 p.m. in the Pioneer Gear Campus Store (second floor above the main entrance) or during orientation and registration.

Student Verification Form not in packets

Please note that the Student Verification Form was not able to be included in registration information packets. Parents will add their emergency contact information to the new student management system, Skyward, at a later date. Instructions will be sent at that time.

Freshman Orientation

Freshman Student Orientation Ignite the Spirit! will be Sunday from 4:00-8:30 p.m. Doors to the auditorium will open at 3:45 for the collection of forms, and students and parents will meet in the auditorium by 4:00. The student portion will continue until 8:30, and parent orientation will continue until 5:00.

Parents are invited to stay for an additional hour for the Freshman Parent Welcome Event hosted by the Senior Moms. Activities include a Q&A with Dr. Ernstberger as well as parents and students plus the creation of a special poster and writing of a parent letter. The campus store and cafeteria will be open after parent orientation and the welcome event for the purchase of uniforms and opening of lunch accounts, until about 6:30. Students will participate in stations that include yearbook photos, student ID cards and securing of lockers.

Registration: New Location

On Monday, July 27, Students grades 10 to 12 should enter through the main lobby and proceed to the cafeteria for registration instead of the Activity Center, due to the chapel construction. Students should be dressed appropriately for yearbook photos and bring all completed forms and payment for lunch accounts and any needed uniforms. A schedule of times by grade and last name was included in the July mailing.

Junior High orientation

Orientation and registration for grades seven and eight will be Tuesday, July 28, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., starting in the auditorium. Doors will open at 8:15 for the collection of forms. A schedule of events was included in the July mailing. Stations include yearbook photos, student ID cards and securing of lockers. Parents will learn about the new student management system, Skyward.

Downloads for iPads

Students and parents should download the new PHS Handbook (found in Apple Store under PHS handbook) to read and sign off before the first day of school. Students also should have on their iPads the apps for Keynotes, Pages and Notability. High school students should also download myHomework Student Planner.

Welcome new teachers and staff

Students will see several new faces in the Theology Department. We welcome new theology teachers **Mr. Kelsey Hillary** and **Mr. Michael Loner** as well as our new chaplain, **Fr. Adam Ahern**, who will be in the building four days a week and offer morning Mass. Feature stories introducing each of them will appear in future issues of the **e-VISION**.

We also welcome alumna and parent **Mrs. Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83** to the Advancement Office as director of special events and alumni relations. Mrs. Stumler will be planning events such as the upcoming Pioneer Golf Scramble (see story in the Alumni section), ASAP Dinner and Gala Dinner & Auction as well as assist reunion groups and the Alumni Association board.

Mrs. Carlin takes new job

After the school year ended, **Mrs. Susan Carlin** received and accepted a job offer to teach at a Louisville Catholic school closer to her home. She taught theology at Providence for 19 years and was a leader for various retreats, most recently for freshmen, sophomores and seventh graders. She also was a member of the Student Mission and Life Committee and the House of Integrity. Previously, she was a sponsor of the sophomore class.

We thank Mrs. Carlin for her years of service and will miss her. She leaves us with these sentiments:

"My nineteen years at Providence are a gift from God, and I am particularly thankful for them. The sad part of taking this unexpected opportunity is that I was not able to say goodbye to many people who are very dear to me. I treasure these relationships and they will always be a part of my heart."



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ALUMNI NOTES

Register now for August Golf Scramble

The 17th Annual Pioneer Golf Scramble to benefit the Annual Student Assistance Program is scheduled for Aug. 27 at Covered Bridge 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 [812-945-3350 x 224](tel:812-945-3350) or rstumler@providencehigh.net.

Welcome new director of special events & alumni relations

Mrs. Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83 has been helping with special events at Providence for several years and now will be doing so full time as the new director of special events and alumni relations. This new Advancement Office position combines roles once held by Mrs. Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84, director of special events and constituency management, and Mrs. Christa (Payne) Hoyland '84, director of communications and alumni relations. Mrs.



Marshall will be leaving at the end of next month to spend more time with family, and Ms. Debbie Fackler, assistant to the president, will take on her duties of constituency management. Mrs. Hoyland will focus on communications going forward.

Mrs. Stumler previously served as facilities manager and coordinator for Cornerstone Church in Floyds Knobs for one year and owned her

own business providing event design and coordination, floral design, interior design and project management for 25 years. She has a bachelor's degree in interior design from the University of Louisville, but event planning has been her passion throughout her career. She said she is thrilled at the prospect of planning events full time for her alma mater.

"Events have always been a part of my life and are really what I enjoy and do," she said. "I look forward to doing that for the Providence community ... and just connecting with alumni."

Mrs. Stumler also is thrilled to be working where two of her children attend school. She and husband **Dewayne '82** have three children: **Andrew**, who is a senior, **Grant**, who is a junior, and **Avery**, who is an eighth grader at Holy Family. The family resides in Floyds Knobs. In her free time, she enjoys watching her children's sporting events, which include Andrew in PHS Football and Grant in Boys Soccer.

Reunion updates

Providence has been notified of the following reunions:

- 1955 - (60 years) July 23, 4-6 p.m. at Buckhead Mountain Grill. Invitations have been mailed
- 1960 - (55 years) Sept. 19. More information to follow. Also, check out the [class website](#)
- 1970 - (45 years) Sept. 5 at Dave Young's party barn. For more information, email kathy.kull70@gmail.com or call [\(812\) 948-9356](tel:(812)948-9356) or [\(502\) 558-0173](tel:(502)558-0173)
- 1975 - (40 years) Aug. 21-23. Grad night at Cluckers in Jeffersonville and reunion at Buckhead in Jeffersonville - and much more. Invitations have been sent
- 1980 - (35 years) Aug. 29, 6 p.m.-?. Covered Bridge Recreation Center. Invitations have been emailed
- 1985 - (30 years) Aug. 15, 7 p.m.-midnight at Covered Bridge Clubhouse. [Click here](#) to register
- 1995 - (20 years) Aug. 22, 6 p.m.-midnight at Horseshoe Casino. [Click here](#) to register
- 2000 - (15 years) Nov. 7. Location TBD. More info coming soon

- 2005 - (10 years) Aug. 8 at O'Shea's downtown Louisville. RSVP due July 27. [Click here](#) to register
- 2010 - (5 years) Sept. 19 at Big Four Burgers in Jeffersonville. Invitations will be sent soon

Alumni Glow Golf in September

You won't want to miss this other golf opportunity, the second annual Alumni Glow Golf Competition to be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Covered Bridge. The Glow Golf Competition is open to alumni, family and friends ages 21 and over and is open to the first 15 teams of four. 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, please contact Brad Denman '02 at bdenman@fsbbank.net.



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BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

'05 grad enjoys learning trip to Germany

Jordan Golembeski '05 stays busy between his career as creative communications specialist at Capital Metro in Austin, Texas, his part-time work as a freelance graphic designer/creative and a student pursuing a master of fine arts in communication design at



Texas State University. His graduate work gave him the chance in May to study the history of graphic design and learn from experts in Germany. [Click to read more.](#)

Mrs. Debbie Hill performing in summer production

Music teacher Mrs. Debbie Hill is in a summer production put on by The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Louisville. She will play the role of Josephine in *H.M.S. Pinafore* next weekend at Spalding Auditorium, 846 S. Fourth St., Louisville. Show times are at 8:00 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 1 and at 2:00 p.m. on Aug. 2. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for students and can be purchased [here.](#)



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BLUE NEWS OF OLD

Spiritual directors - from Fr. Francis Reine (1951) to Fr. Adam Ahern (2015)

Since the very first day of school on September 12, 1951, a long line of priests have served as chaplain at Providence. Fr. Francis Reine was appointed by Archbishop Paul C. Schulte as spiritual director at the new school built and operated by the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Terre Haute, Indiana. He also served as assistant pastor of OLPH parish during his two and one-half years at Providence. Soon he was elevated to the rank of Monsignor and appointed president of Marian College, an Indianapolis school operated since 1937 by the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg, Indiana. The college transitioned to a co-ed institution under his leadership. [Read the entire story.](#)



COMING EVENTS

- July 26 - Freshman Orientation 4:00-8:30 p.m.
- July 27 - 10th-12th grade Student Registration 8:00 a.m.-noon
- July 28 - Junior High Orientation & Registration 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- July 29 - First Day of School, A day
- Aug. 6 - Back-to-School Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Aug. 3 - BLUE Day sessions begin, 7:30 a.m.
- Aug. 13 - First House Meeting Day
- Aug. 14 - Welcome Back Liturgy

LET US PRAY



Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
Send your spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may devote themselves to their
studies and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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