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VOLLEYBALL WINS CLASS 2A STATE TITLE

The Volleyball team is proud to have brought home the program's first state championship, beating Bishop Noll of Hammond in three sets, 25-18, 25-15, 25-20. Bringing home the trophy is something the team had in mind after losing the state title in four sets last season. The girls worked hard in the off season and spent their summer in strength conditioning after realizing that was one of their weaknesses last year. They also faced a tougher schedule in order to prepare for the stiff competition they would meet in the post-season, so they expected to have more losses on their record.

Their hard-work, determination and team mentality paid off. They ended with a 36-4 season, an improvement over last season's 35-5 record. Standout regular season victories include wins over rivals 4A Floyd Central and 3A Brownstown and 4A Columbus East in a rematch. The team beat 10 4A teams and was undefeated against all 3A, 2A, and 1A teams it faced -- and did not drop a set against any of those opponents. The No. 1 ranked team also barreled through the post-season without dropping a set.

The team is very honored that senior **Abby Spitznagel** was chosen to receive the 2013 Class 2A Mental Attitude Award, which is based on academics, athletic ability, leadership and mental attitude. Abby and fellow teammate senior **Mary Kate Meyer** were named Honorable Mention to the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Academic All-State.

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Juniors **Taylor Wilson** (middle hitter), **Haley Libs** (outside hitter) and **Patricia Mattingly** (setter) were named to the ICGSA 1st Team All-State, and sophomores **Jacquie Hornung** (outside hitter) and **Audrey Shannon** (libero) were named 2nd Team All-State. Taylor, Haley, and Patricia were invited to try out for the ICGSA North/South All-Star team on Sunday, Nov. 17. **Coach Terri (Blunk) Purichia '90** was selected as ICGSA Class 2A State Coach of the Year and also was named as the Class 3A/4A North/South All-Star team head coach.

The team will graduate three seniors, Abby, Mary Kate and senior middle hitter **Maile Daniel**. With the bulk of its starters returning, including Taylor, Patricia, Haley, Audrey and Jacquie, the team expects to be back in Muncie to claim its second 2A state title next year.

The team says, "Thank you to all the parents, fans, and students who supported us throughout the season."

STUDENTS IN ACTION

BOYS SOCCER COMPETES IN FIRST STATE FINALS

By **Coach Brandon Rogers '02**

The Boys Soccer team advanced to its first-ever state finals this season. The boys entered the state finals game having not allowed an opposing goal during the entire postseason, but the streak unfortunately came to a screeching halt with eight minutes to go in the finals against No. 1-ranked Guerin Catholic, who won the game 1-0. Although the result wasn't what we had hoped for, the boys had an amazing season.



After struggling as a squad for the first half of the season, the boys



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decided they wanted more from their season, especially following a 2-0 loss from local rival New Albany. Following that game, we had a team meeting where we decided we were going to bring this team together and play to the level we were able of achieving. The overall intensity, work ethic and communication picked up dramatically in practice and games from that point forward, and the rest is history. From that point, we closed the year out 11-2 with our only losses coming against local rival 2A Jeffersonville and State Champion Guerin Catholic. Overall, the team record was 15-7-2. It was by far one of the most rewarding seasons from a coach's perspective as the boys definitely came together very well this year!

We say farewell to seniors **Evan Hollkamp, Brent Hesse, Nick Reas, Tommy Davis, Christian Huber** and **Jeff Wiles**. We wish them the very best!

CHEER TEAM 4TH AT STATE

By **Coach Christie Evanczyk '09**

The Cheerleading team had a great fall season and is now beginning to prepare for the upcoming basketball season. The girls had a great time supporting all of the fall sports and especially enjoyed cheering on the Pioneer Football team and are very proud of all of their accomplishments throughout their season.



The girls did a great job competing at Jamfest Slugger as well as the IASP regionals and state competition, where they came in fourth. They will begin preparing for their nationals competition, which will take place in January, and will cheer at Boys Basketball games and support other winter sports.

FOOTBALL HAS WINNING SEASON

By **Coach Larry Denison '86**

After a rough 1-3 start, the chances of a winning season for the Pioneers looked like it would be a long shot at best. The three losses, however, were all on the road and against some bigger schools that went on to have outstanding seasons, including 6A New Albany (6-4), 5A Floyd Central (8-

3) and 3A Indian Creek (9-3). The lone victory for the Pioneers during the first four weeks of the season came during a 27-0 home victory over Louisville Holy Cross.

After Week 4 the Pioneers made some changes in personnel and in the offensive game plan. These changes, the hard work by the players, and the strong leadership shown by the senior class helped to turn around the season. The team went on a five-game winning streak to finish the season with a regular season record of 6-3. That five-game win streak included upset victories over 6A Jeffersonville 35-13 and 3A Charlestown 49-12! The team also managed to beat cross-town rival Clarksville 62-12 to recapture bragging rights in the City Championship! The team continued its winning streak by beating Indianapolis Manual 56-6 in the first round of the sectional playoffs before falling on the road to No. 8-ranked Triton Central (9-3).

The 2013 Pioneer football team finished with a record of 7-4. The success of the team could not have been accomplished without the hard work and leadership of the 20 seniors on the team. They may not have accomplished their goals of moving on further in the state tournament, but they have sent a message to the rest of the state of Indiana that Providence football is once again a force to be reckoned with!

Record number nominated for Academic All-State

The Pioneer Football team has always taken great pride in its players' accomplishments on the field and in the classroom. The coaching staff is proud to announce that this year's senior class has set a record for achievement in the classroom. Every year, the Indiana Football Coaches Association announces its Academic All-State Team. The criteria for making this prestigious team is as follows:

1. Must be a Senior who has played in at least 70 percent of the games
2. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.40
3. Must have a minimum SAT of 1660 or minimum ACT of 24

This year's senior class will have a school-record six players eligible for the team. They are **Owen Mattingly, Trey Embrey, Conner Johnson, Josh Murner, Jonah Nicholson** and **Nathan Banet**.

SOPHOMORES ENJOY LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Earlier this month, a group of six sophomores was selected by their teachers to represent Providence on a student leadership retreat held at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. Participants included **Colleen Geldermann, Brooklin Grantz, Abbi Hamm, Ben Popson, Sophie**

Purcell and Zach Sisson.

They joined about 40 sophomores from five schools around the state. Activities included liturgy, reflection time, team-building activities and small-group sessions. Brooklin, who is the spirit co-commissioner for the *House of Justice*, and Abbi, who is the spiritual co-commissioner for the *House of Spirit*, said they are eager to help implement solutions they discussed in their small groups. They were in the same small group, which focused on problems with drugs and alcohol, and said they hope to implement some of the solutions discussed via their participation in SADD.

Abbi said she particularly enjoyed the reflection time, which provided her the opportunity to consider how she might improve her leadership skills. Both said they were impressed with how the leaders led by example and hope to be selected to return as leaders next year. "It was awesome," Brooklin said. "It's hard to describe it in words."

TWO PLACE IN DEANERY SCIENCE FAIR



Last week, Providence hosted the Deanery Science Fair for sixth through eighth graders. In the eighth grade division, Providence Junior High students

Mirashaye Basa won first for her project

"Chest Compressions - How Does Depth Affect Blood Flow," and **Claire Harper** placed second for her project "Acid vs. Alkaline." **Ethan Furnish** from Our Lady of Perpetual Help won third. St. Paul students won all three top places for sixth grade, and in the seventh grade, two St. Anthony students and one Our Lady of Perpetual Help placed in the top three.

SADD CELEBRATES RED RIBBON WEEK

Earlier this month, SADD celebrated Red Ribbon Week by offering treats to those who pledge to remain drug- and alcohol-free and hosting a safe driving by Indiana SADD. The group also held an essay contest, which was won by junior **Vanessa Covarrubias**, who received \$50 for first place, and senior **Carolyn Swartz**, who received \$25 for second place.

HOUSE EVENTS

House of Honesty Color Run

The *House of Honesty* is organizing the Blue Pride Stride Color Run this

Saturday at the New Albany Amphitheater at 1 p.m. The 5K run/walk will include music by a DJ and lots of fun. Entry fee is \$20 per person, or \$30 for a family (made up of immediate family members). Entry forms may be mailed to the address on the [form](#) or turned in to **Mr. Walt Dries** in Room 211.

***House of Spirit* No Shave November**

The *House of Spirit* has organized No Shave November to raise money for cancer research. Males who paid \$10 can go without shaving until Friday, Nov. 22, when judges will choose the student with the best beard and award him a gift certificate. All students can contribute to the cause by participating in Pink Fridays. On Fridays in November, students can pay \$2 to wear jeans and a pink shirt.

***House of Truth* Powder Puff**

By senior **Katie Chrisco**

The *House of Truth* sponsored the annual Powder Puff game on Monday, Nov. 11. The juniors took on the seniors on the football field for an exciting game of two-hand-touch football. The game was officiated by **Mr. Todd Read '96** and the teams were coached by junior and senior football players.



Powder Puff Seniors

Powder Puff was a great opportunity for the juniors and seniors to engage in some friendly competition, as well as to raise money for their After Prom. The seniors were able to keep the juniors out of the end zone for the entire first half of the game. The seniors demolished the juniors, ending the game with a 28 to 6 score. Thanks to everyone who came out to watch and for your support!



Powder Puff Juniors

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PRODUCTION STAGED

The Providence Players staged a production of "The Twelve Dancing Princesses" last weekend in the Robinson Theatre. On Monday, they provided an additional performance for children from several Deanery grade schools.



PARENT CONNECTION

SEND A CARE PACKAGE TO YOUR STUDENT

The Providence BACKSTAGE Crew is offering parents the opportunity to send a care package to their student for first semester exams. Care packages are \$10 and will be picked up by the students before exam week. [Download the attached form](#) and return it to the specified address by Nov. 22. Proceeds benefit the Providence Players theatre productions.

WELCOME, GRANDPARENTS

On Friday, the junior high will be celebrating Grandparents Day. Students are inviting their grandparents or significant people in their life to accompany them to Mass. After the liturgy, students and their guests will eat lunch together in the Auditorium. Welcome, to all our guests, and thank you to the junior high parents who are preparing and serving the lunch.

SOPHOMORE UNITY CEREMONY

Next Tuesday, all sophomores will take part in the annual Sophomore Unity Mass and Ceremony during which they will celebrate liturgy and receive their school Unity Pin, which is a P with a jewel inset representing their House color. Students who purchased a class ring or other ring will have it blessed as part of the ceremony. Invitations to parents have been sent.

WELCOME, DEANERY EIGHTH GRADERS

On Monday, Nov. 25, and Tuesday, Nov. 26, Providence will host eighth graders from our Deanery schools. We welcome these visitors, who will visit classrooms, hear special presentations and enjoy lunch together.

IHSAA STUDENT/ATHLETE TIP OF THE WEEK

Every Monday, the IHSAA offers a Tip of the Week on its website to encourage students to do their best. Last week, student-athletes were encouraged to hold themselves to a higher standard and stay drug and alcohol-free. This week, players are encouraged to have a good game plan to succeed in the classroom as well as on the court or field. To read the full Tip of the Week, click below:

[Week of Nov. 4](#)

[Week of Nov. 11](#)

SOUP DAY BECOMES WEEK-LONG DRIVE

The annual Soup Day is intended to raise students' awareness that poverty and hunger continue to exist even in our local community. The simple meal of soup and bread will continue, and this year the cafeteria staff is adding a week-long food drive competition among the Houses.

Beginning Monday, students will be challenged to bring in a different food item each day. The House that brings in the most will be rewarded at the January meeting with a donut party. The schedule for next week's drive is as follows:

- Monday - canned vegetables
- Tuesday - canned fruit
- Wednesday - canned meat
- Thursday - dry cereal
- Friday - miscellaneous items such as peanut butter and boxed macaroni and cheese.

Next Wednesday, Nov. 20, the cafeteria will serve its Soup Day meal, which will include homemade soup, carrot and celery sticks, fruit and bread for the price of a regular plate lunch. The cafeteria will donate the proceeds to In Heaven's Eyes ministry at Holy Family.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

REUNION UPDATES

Planning is just beginning for graduation years ending in 4 and 9. Reunion committee chairpersons should contact **Christa (Payne) Hoyland '84** at alumni@providencehigh.net.

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- **1960** (53 years) annual mini-reunion brunch, Dec. 14, Clarksville Holiday Inn, 11:00 a.m. - ?
- **1962** (51 years) annual mini-reunion brunch, Dec. 7, Clarksville Holiday Inn, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. No reservations are required; information will be mailed closer to the event.
- **1964** (50 years) May 16-17, 2014. Save the date information has been emailed and mailed. If you did not receive one, email kah946@aye.net.

PRAYERS FOR SENIOR RETREATANTS

Please keep the retreatants and team of this Senior Retreat in your prayers. The retreat began last evening and continues through Friday. For more information, contact **Mr. Dale Durham (Hon. '06)** at ddurham@providencehigh.net.

SAVE THE DATE: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Alumni Association and Girls Soccer will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 7, in the Activity Center. Activities will include photo with Santa, crafts and entertainment by the Popcorn Players.

Please plan to bring your young ones. And if you don't have children to bring, we'd love to have your help. Email alumni@providencehigh.net if you would like to help set up or serve at the event. We'd love the help!

SAVE THE DATE: GALA



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

SCIENCE TEACHER LUNCHES WITH STUDENTS

As she prepared for the school year, science teacher **Mrs. Laura Swessel** wondered how she would get to know all 100-plus of her students. Last year, she began the year teaching physics part-time and second semester added Earth/Space Science classes to become full-time. She remembered it took several weeks to learn the names of all her students and wanted to speed up that time since she would be teaching junior high science.

Her solution was to meet with her students in pairs over lunch. Meeting

with junior high students was fairly simple, since most had third lunch. Her Honors Physics students had varied lunch periods, so meeting with them took more planning - and giving up her planning period. Some days Mrs. Swessel had lunch with two or three groups of students to allow her to meet with them all. Last week, she finally had lunch with all of her students.

Mrs. Swessel said she enjoyed getting to know the students, especially since their lunch conversations helped her learn information about each of them. "I have more than a name and a face now," she said. "I have something unique I remember about all the kids."

Mrs. Swessel said she noticed a difference in her students as well. Following the lunch meetings, students were more likely to raise their hands and participate. "I get more interaction in the classroom," she said. "It's a positive for them and a positive for me. It's definitely worked out both ways."



She said she was surprised at how well her high school students took to the idea and noticed how excited some would get when their turn for lunch was written on the board. She even had some former Earth/Space students ask to join in some days.

Eighth graders **Mirashaye Basa** and **Claire Harper** said they enjoyed having lunch with their teacher. Claire said she was initially intimidated at the thought of having lunch with Mrs. Swessel but had fun once they got together. "We have a lot to talk about," Claire said.

Mirashaye said she thought the lunches were a good idea and a nice way to get to know her teacher better. "I think it's a good idea because you get to know the students," she said. "It's really important with students because it creates a bond with everyone."

Mrs. Swessel said she hopes to restart the lunch sessions again next semester because she enjoyed them so much. For now, she needs her plan period to prepare for final exams.

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By Ray Day '57

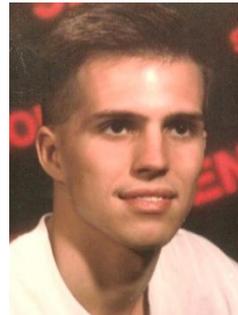
The nation celebrated Veterans Day on Monday. As a frequent visitor to Facebook, I was struck by the large number of memorial images posted there, expressing profound gratitude. Likewise, I am reminded of two Providence graduates who served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Sgt. Thomas J. "Tom" Gettelfinger graduated in 1966 and several years later was drafted into the U.S. Army. His tour of duty began on Aug. 8, 1970. He was deployed to Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam. Tom was part of a helicopter rescue mission that was shot down on April 15, 1961. He was 22 years of age. I remember Tom as a teenager at Providence. He was a good student, fun-loving and caring - and

enjoyed working on the tech crew for the theatre productions. He answered the draft, and the night before he left town he came by the house to say goodbye. He expressed reservations about what he might encounter 'half-a-world away.' On the Vietnam Memorial Wall, "Thomas J. Gettelfinger" is found on Panel W4, Line 126.

Senior Airman Earl F. "J.R." Cartrette was a 1992 graduate and served in the U.S. Air Force. While serving in Saudi Arabia on June 25, 1996, J.R. was one of 19 Americans killed when a terrorist fuel truck exploded near King Abdul Aziz Air Base in Khobar, near Dhahran in Saudi Arabia. J.R. was 22 years of age. I had J.R. in art class - he had an affinity for drawing. On the Find A Grave Memorial website I found the following description of his time in Saudi Arabia.



"JR was a crew chief by trade and was assigned to the Support Section. Known as a practical joker, JR kept the times in Saudi "light-hearted." He also drew clown cartoon characters on the squadron bulletin board to convey light-hearted messages to the squadron. He enjoyed auto racing and spent time rebuilding a Chevy Nova as a tribute to his father, who passed away in 1992. The car had belonged to his father, who had sold it before he passed away and JR had bought it back."

The Providence community is grateful to all the alumni who have served and who are currently serving in the military. We ask that you, their family and friends, help us keep our Military Alums Abroad web page up-to-date. Please send us information regarding changes in deployments and tours of duty.

Submit information via this [link](#) or email information to alumni@providencehigh.net.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 12 - 15 - Senior Retreat
Nov. 15 - 16 - Children's Theatre Production
Nov. 19 - Sophomore Pinning/Ring Ceremony - 9:30 a.m. - Robinson Auditorium
Nov. 25-26 - 8th Grade Shadowing Days - Deanery Schools
Nov. 27-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
Dec. 5-6 - Popcorn Players/Providence Singers Deanery Tour
Dec. 7 - Breakfast with Santa - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Activity Center
Dec. 8 - Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m. - Robinson Auditorium
Dec. 14 - Placement Test for 8th Graders - 8:45 a.m. - Noon
Dec. 16-19 - First Semester Exams - NOON DISMISSAL EACH DAY
Dec. 19 - End of First Semester
Dec. 19 - Christmas Dance - 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Dec. 20 - Christmas Break Begins (SNOW MAKE-UP DAY)
Jan. 6 - Classes Resume - Begin 2nd Semester

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And lastly...

The high school Placement Exam for 8th graders will be Sat., Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

All students entering Providence as freshmen for the 2014-2015 school year should arrive no later than 8:45 a.m., and bring with them two, #2 pencils and a \$15 check payable to Providence.

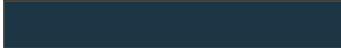
Registration is not required. For more information please contact **Mr. Dave Smith** at 812-945-3350 or dsmith@providencehigh.net .

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