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Providence Singers set to perform on Sunday

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## E-VISION INTRODUCES NEW FEATURES

Starting with today's issue, you'll notice a few changes in the e-VISION newsletter. This new format is intended to accommodate the growing number of our readers who use a mobile device to read the newsletter. Previously, our newsletter was a lengthy download that required a large amount of data usage. With the new format, the email itself will be shorter, but we will continue to cover the same amount of news with links to a permanent location on the school website.

We are testing different formats, starting with this one. Most of our news will remain in the newsletter, but the longer stories will be continued on the school website. Just simply click on the Read More link, and you'll go directly to the story. You can choose to click Next and read the next feature story, or return to the newsletter to continue reading the news. For this issue, only five stories start in the newsletter and continue to the website.

You'll notice other changes to the website as well. We have upgraded to a more mobile-friendly version to accommodate our students, parents and alumni using iPads and smartphones to access the site. Because of the upgrade, some of the information posted in November may no longer be on the site. We are working to make those updates, but if you notice

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something missing, please feel free to email [advancement@providencehigh.net](mailto:advancement@providencehigh.net). Please also let us know if you have other questions or comments about the new website format or the new email format.

Also, look for new things to come on the website, including an online Campus Store!

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

## HOUSES READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Several of the Houses have activities planned to celebrate the Christmas season, from an Ugly Sweater Contest to a prayer tree. [Click here to Read More.](#)

## CHRISTMAS DANCE MOVED TO NEW DATE



The annual [Christmas Dance](#), sponsored by SADD, has been moved to Friday, Dec. 20, to accommodate the snow make-up day. The semi-formal dance is from 8-11 p.m. in the Activity Center. (The Boys Basketball game time has been moved to 5:30/7:00 to allow students to go to both.)

Students must pre-purchase a ticket to the dance, and tickets are \$10 and are on sale in the cafeteria during lunch and in the Guidance Office now until Dec. 20. All students attending the dance must show ID at the door, and only PHS students will be admitted.

## SADD COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR NEEDY FAMILY

The members of SADD have adopted a needy family as part of the group's annual Elf Project. The family, referred to the group by CASI (Community Action of Southern Indiana), includes parents and three children, one of whom is a newborn. Members of SADD are collecting cash donations as

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well as clothing and toys. To make a donation or learn about specific items the family needs, contact **Ms. Melissa Jackson** at [mjackson@providencehigh.net](mailto:mjackson@providencehigh.net).

## STUDENT-ATHLETES ACKNOWLEDGED

Two of our student-athletes were recently recognized by different organizations for their accomplishments. Senior **Owen Mattingly**, who played defensive back and quarterback for the Pioneer Football team, was named to the 2013 Associated Press 2A First Team All-State team as a defensive back. Owen and senior Tony Corrao were named to the Indiana Football Coaches Association's All-State First Team as defensive back and tight end, respectively.

Freshman Girls Basketball player **Claire Rauck** was named News & Tribune Player of the Week for the week of Dec. 2 for her performance in the Nov. 27 game vs. South Central High School. During that game, she had 21 points, 11 rebounds, and three blocks in the Lady Pioneers 69-48 win.

## PARENT CONNECTION

## PLACEMENT TEST FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN THIS SATURDAY

The Providence High School Placement Exam for prospective students of the incoming 2014-2015 freshman class will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Students should arrive by 8:45 a.m. at the Robinson Performing Arts Center. Bring two No. 2 pencils and a check for \$15 made payable to Providence High School.



For more information, please contact the Providence Admissions Office at [812-945-3350](tel:812-945-3350) or e-mail **Mr. Dave Smith** at [dsmith@providencehigh.net](mailto:dsmith@providencehigh.net).

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT RESCHEDULED

The Christmas Concert featuring performances by the Popcorn Players, Providence Singers and Deanery Honor Choir has been rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium.



Refreshments will be served prior to the event, starting at 6:15. Tickets will be sold in the box office and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, kindergarten through grade 12, as well as senior citizens ages 62 and older. Children preschool age and younger are admitted free.

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE REVISED

As noted in the SchoolReach notification email on Tuesday, next week's schedule has changed. Monday and Tuesday will be regular class days running a full day on a BLUE Days schedule on both days. Final exams will now begin on Wednesday, Dec. 18, and continue through Dec. 20, with dismissal at noon each day. Click for [Final Exam Schedule Revised](#). The main office will remain open until 4 p.m. on those days except for Dec. 18, when all students must have a ride home by 12:30 p.m. to allow for faculty and staff to attend the annual Christmas Gathering.

As noted in the second quarter progress report mailing, students who wish to make changes to their second semester schedule must do so before Christmas Break. Students picked up their schedules last week.

## GALA DONATIONS REMINDER

As you're shopping for Christmas, don't forget to pick up an item for the Providence Gala theme baskets. Each grade has been assigned a specific theme, and the baskets will be auctioned off at the Gala Dinner & Auction on Jan. 18. Donations may be turned into **Mrs. Debbie (Sparks '84) Marshall** in the Advancement Office now through Dec. 20.

The themes of the baskets are:

- 7th Grade: How Does Your Garden Grow (anything associated

with gardening)

- 8th Grade: Let There Be Light (anything associated with candles)
- Freshman: Welcome Home (any home decor items)
- Sophomore: Calling All Outdoor Sportsmen (anything related to the outdoors - i.e. camping, fishing, hunting, hiking...)
- Junior - What's Cooking? - (anything associated with a kitchen)
- Senior - Let The Games Begin (anything associated with sports)

Please contact Mrs. Marshall at [\(812\) 945-3350](tel:8129453350) or email [atdmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:atdmarshall@providencehigh.net) if you have any questions.

Thank you to all who have so generously sent in cash or items for the baskets. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support!

## CAMPUS STORE OPEN FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The Campus Store is offering special hours for parents' holiday Christmas shopping. On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Campus Store will be open 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Enter thru Door No. 3 (student entrance).

Next week, the Campus Store will be open Dec. 17-20 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. During school hours, please enter through the main entrance and sign in at the front office.

## DEANERY NIGHT DEC. 20

[Winter Deanery Night](#) is Friday, Dec. 20, during the varsity Boys Basketball vs. Charlestown game beginning at 7:00 p.m. (Note the time change.) All students, teachers and families from the New Albany Deanery are invited to attend. Deanery Boys Basketball teams will be recognized during halftime. Other events will include a 3-point shooting contest among the Deanery coaches at halftime.

## SAVE THE DATE: EMPTY BOWLS EVENT

The PHS Art Club will sponsor its 5th annual [Empty Bowls Event](#) on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, in the Activity Center. Soup will be served from 5-7 p.m. The event is intended to draw attention to hunger needs in our community.



## 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 be aware that they serve as role models for younger student-athletes. This week, freshman and sophomore players are encouraged to take advantage of their time on freshman and junior varsity teams to prepare for the varsity level. To read the full Tip of the Week, click below:

[Tip of the Week - Dec. 2](#)

[Tip of the Week - Dec. 9](#)

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### GATHERING FOR COLLEGE-AGE ALUMNI

Alumni from the years 2010 to 2013 are invited to an evening at Wick's in downtown New Albany on Dec. 19, 6-10 p.m. The left half of Wick's upstairs will be reserved for PHS alums. Get together with former classmates, enjoy some free pizza and soft drinks, and win some door prizes. Alumni are free, and guests are \$5 (one guest per alum, please). Hope to see you there!

### ALUMNI STUDENT - ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

Two alumni were recently named to all-conference teams for their contributions on their respective fall sports teams. **Leah Mattingly** ...[Click here to Read More.](#)

### REUNION UPDATES

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

- 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](mailto:kah946@aye.net)
- 1984 (30 years) Aug. 23. Save the date information has been emailed. If you did not receive one, email [choyland@providencehigh.net](mailto:choyland@providencehigh.net).

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

### MRS. GOLEMBESKI RECEIVES ST. THEODORA AWARD



**Mrs. Chris Golembeski** has received the first Providence St. Theodora Staff Member Award for her work as assistant to the learning differences coordinator.

Mrs. G., as she is affectionately known, has worked with students with learning differences for 18 years. She also ... [Click here to Read More.](#)

### SOCRATIC CIRCLES INSPIRE STUDENT PARTICIPATION



The challenge for many teachers is to find ways to engage all their students in classroom discussions. Students choose not to participate sometimes for a variety of reasons, including being shy or not being prepared. **Mrs. Krissy (Beyl) Van Laan '05** has found a teaching method that not only increases student participation but also helps increase students' desire to participate. [Click here to Read More](#)

## BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By *Ray Day '57*

The snowy weather can certainly put one into the Christmas spirit. But it was this year's postponement of the annual Christmas Concert that set my mind to Providence Christmas shows of the past, particularly the 1975 Christmas show, which had an extensive cast of characters...[Click here to Read More.](#)



## COMING EVENTS

Dec. 14 - Placement Test for 8th Graders - 8:45 a.m.-Noon  
Dec. 15 - Christmas Concert - 7 p.m. - Robinson Auditorium  
Dec. 17-20 - First Semester Exams - NOON DISMISSAL EACH DAY  
Dec. 20 - End of First Semester  
Dec. 19 - Gathering for College Age Alumni - 6-10 p.m. at Wick's Pizza in New Albany  
Dec. 20 - Christmas Dance - 8:00-11:00 p.m.  
Dec. 20 - School in Session (SNOW MAKE-UP DAY)  
Dec. 20 - Deanery Night - 7:30 p.m. - Larkin Center  
Jan. 6 - Classes Resume - Begin 2nd Semester  
Jan. 19 - Empty Bowls Event - 5-7 p.m. in the Activities Center

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*And lastly...*



Since this is our last issue before Christmas Break, we leave you with this Christmas prayer in hopes that you and yours have a blessed holiday and

new year.

*Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.*

*Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are.*

*Amen.*

(From [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org))

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