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STUDENTS ENJOY SPECIAL MASSES

Our students celebrated two special Masses last week. First, the seniors took part in their annual liturgy with the archbishop, which this year was celebrated by **Bishop Christopher Coyne** because the archbishop had



another commitment in Indianapolis celebrating the sainthood of Pope John XXIII, for whom Roncalli High School is named. The Mass was held at Sacred

Heart Church in Jeffersonville on Wednesday and concelebrated by the Deanery priests. This liturgy marked the beginning of official senior activities for the seniors' last month at Providence.

On Thursday, May 1, the high school students celebrated liturgy together in honor of Our Lady as we began the Month of Mary. After the liturgy, the entire student body gathered around the statue of Mary, which was crowned with a wreath of flowers. Mary was crowned by senior **Ginny McCauley**, and the May Crowning Court, which was nominated by the Theology Department, included seniors **Gabriella LaPilusa** and **Lincoln Ottersbach**, juniors **Natalie Harper** and **Scott Wiles**, sophomores **Ryan Fansler** and **Megan Evans**, freshmen **Juston**

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Betz, Brooke Hayden and Natalie Jacobi, and eighth graders **Will DeVary and Mirashaye Basa**. The May Crowning ceremony was planned by the *House of Justice*.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

JUNIOR'S ORIGINAL RAP PLAYED ON LOCAL RADIO

By junior **Ashley Bittenbender**

Does Providence have the next big rapper in its midst? Junior **Kyle Vogel** hopes so. He recently had one of his songs played on a local radio station. When asked why he became interested in music, he said, "It's a way to express yourself and spread a message that you want people to hear." He gets his message across by writing his own lyrics and "assembling words and creating metaphors and (double) entendres that people normally wouldn't think about."

To have his music air on the radio is a big step down the path to stardom for him. While having his music play in Louisville is a major achievement, he dreams of performing his rap music before large crowds in Chicago or Cleveland. While money and stardom are definite perks, Kyle's true goal is, "to enjoy making music for others to like." All of us here at Providence wish him the best in his musical endeavors.

JUNIOR COMPETES IN BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Junior **Josh Frost** is having fun playing in the band The Final Phase, a band formed out of Mom's Music in Jeffersonville. Josh joined the band in August when the band needed a new bass guitar player, thanks to an invitation from his cousin, who has been in the band since it first formed. Before Josh joined the band, he had a longtime interest in guitar but had never played bass guitar, which has four strings instead of six and provides the background rhythm.

The band has performed at several local middle schools and at a fundraiser at Floyd Central High School. Last weekend they competed in the Battle of the Bands final round at Wick's Pizza in New Albany after winning the first round in early April. Josh said he liked performing at Wick's because so many of his friends were able to attend. "I really liked having everyone there to support me," he said.

Josh, who is in Providence Singers, said being in a band is fun because "I like performing and I love music, so (I really like) being able to do both of those at the same time." The Final Phase's next performance will



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be Saturday, May 24, at Mack Daddy's in Charlestown from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

FISHING CLUB HAS FIRST OUTING

A mutual love of fishing has led to the formation of the Fishing Club, which had its first outing over the weekend. A group of 18 students plus chaperones went fishing at Elk Creek Lake between Salem and Scottsburg on Sunday.

Sponsor **Mr. Alan Mathews** said the club came about after a discussion during a House of Loyalty meeting with juniors **Jonathan Baker** and **Dalton Smith** about the desire for a bass fishing team at Providence. Mr. Mathews researched the possibility, only to find that bass fishing is a sanctioned high school sport in only a few states and not in Indiana. Still, there was enough interest to form an extracurricular organization, and the club was approved and elected its first officers, which include Jonathan as president, senior **Catherine Emerson** as vice president and junior **Brad Bortorff** as treasurer.



The Fishing Club hopes someday to evolve into an all-encompassing outdoor club for outdoor sports enthusiasts, Mr. Mathews said. Members also will petition for bass fishing to become a sanctioned high school sport in Indiana. In the meantime, they will enjoy leisure fishing together.

SENIOR RECOGNIZED IN BUSINESS FIRST

Congratulations to senior **Charly Wolford**, who was the latest senior to be recognized in the First Honors supplement of "Business First" for being among the top students in her class academically and for extracurricular involvement, as nominated by the Providence Guidance Department.

SENIORS TAKE OVER FOR A DAY

*By junior **Ashlyn Edwards***

Senior Assistance Day, commonly referred to as Senior

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Takeover Day, is a beloved tradition at Providence. A sign that the year is winding down and it's once again time to say goodbye to another class of students, this day is a last hoorah for the seniors who have led the school in many other ways all year.

Seniors choose their favorite teacher and become that teacher for one day. For some, deciding on just one teacher with whom to spend a whole day is difficult. For others, like **Krystal Graf**, it's easy. "I just really like **Mrs. Miller**," she said. "She was one of my favorite

teachers, and I wanted to be her for the day."

Not only is it a fun time for students and teachers alike, it's a learning experience. Senior **Kelsey Rodgers**, who took over for French teacher **Ms. Katie Aebersold**, said the day gave her "a new appreciation for everything teachers have to do and put up with on a daily basis." Whichever way you look at it, Senior Assistance Day is a day of fun learning for everyone at Providence.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS ENJOY TRIPS TO D.C., CHICAGO

Last week, the junior high students took class trips with the eighth grade visiting the nation's capital and the seventh grade going to Chicago. Three students share their experiences. Click to [read more](#).



JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT ENJOYS BALLET



Seventh grader **Maddie Wilcox**, is a member of The Louisville Ballet Youth Ensemble, and last weekend she participated in the SERBA Festival in Montgomery, Ala. The dance convention featured master classes and workshops as well as performances to showcase

the attending member companies. Maddie provided a reflection on her experience. Click to [read more](#).

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK EARNS SECOND PLACE

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Junior High Track teams, who each earned second place in the Deanery Championships this past weekend. Earning medals for the Lady Pioneers were eighth graders **Amy Mobley, Sara Dunn, Mirashaye Basa, Kat Jones, Sierra Brooks, Emma Dayvault, and Olivia Storz**. On the boys' side, medal winners included seventh graders **Joe Gryboski and Lucas Palazzo** and eighth graders **Spencer Purcell, Andrew Bittenbender, Zach Kaiser, Brogan Welch and Jesse Zoeller**. Coaches **Seth Blakeslee, Samantha Strom and Cameron Mitchell '13** are very proud of all who participated to make this a successful season.

PARENT CONNECTION

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS ANNOUNCED

This summer, Deanery students can take part in a variety of instructional camps held by Providence sports teams as well as take part in a fine arts camp. Because of construction in the Larkin Center and Koetter Gym, however, some of the camps will be held offsite, including boys' and girls' basketball and volleyball. For a full listing of summer camp opportunities, [click here](#).

CARE PACKAGES FOR STUDENTS DURING FINALS

The BACKSTAGE Crew is offering parents the opportunity to purchase care packages for delivery to students in preparation for finals week. The order form can be [downloaded here](#) and should be completed and mailed today. Proceeds benefit Providence Theatre.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Seniors have a number of activities over the final few weeks of school as

outlined in the [Senior Activities Bulletin](#). Students should note the dress and attendance requirements as outlined.

Upcoming activities include:

- May 10 - Junior-Senior Prom and After Prom
- May 16 - Shedding of the Threads (seniors are in uniform and can donate used uniforms before school.)
- May 18 - Senior Awards. Required attendance for seniors. Tickets required for audience admission.
- May 19 - Seniors may wear spirit wear for the remainder of the school year

ECA, AP TESTING CONTINUES

Students taking AP courses will have their cumulative testing sessions over the next week. Students taking AP science and math courses are required to take the tests, which are free to Indiana students, and the remaining tests are elective. Students should be sure to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast in preparation for the testing sessions. Students should report to assigned testing areas at the beginning of the school day with approved testing supplies and leave backpacks, cell phones and iPads in their lockers. The schedule is as follows:

- May 9 - Algebra I ECA
- May 12 - AP Biology
- May 13 - AP Government
- May 14 - AP US History (8 a.m.)
- May 14 - AP European History (noon)

TALENT SHOW NEXT WEEK

Students have the opportunity to showcase their talent in the annual Talent Show, to be held next Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Admission will be a \$2 donation at the door to support Providence Performing Arts. Students should sign up this week, and previews will be held after school May 12-14. The Talent Show will feature a performance by the Providence Singers, which will compete in Cincinnati on May 17.

FOOTBALL TEAM SAYS THANK YOU

The Football Team wishes to thank parents and fans who participated in its mulch sale. The team sold about 4,000 bags of mulch, which is 1,500 more than last year.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

PROVIDENCE ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE BATS

Enjoy a night at a ballgame with fellow Pioneers! All alumni, family and friends are invited to attend a group outing at the Louisville Bats on Thursday, June 12. Tickets are \$11 and include premium seating in the lower level third base area, section 123. Game time is 7:05 p.m. vs. the Gwinnett Braves. Click [here](#) for information on that evening's promotional events.

To participate in this group outing at this discounted price, tickets must be purchased in advance from Providence. [Download the order form](#), and return the completed form with payment by May 27. Seating is limited, so order your tickets today!

JULYFEST MOVED TO OCTOBER

JulyFest will be moving to a new date in the fall and getting a new name. Look for details later this summer about the Providence Fall Food Fest, which will be held at Providence on Oct. 4.

REUNION UPDATES

- **1958** (56 years) May 9, 6:00 p.m. Annual Spring Reunion Dinner at Tucker's Restaurant in New Albany. Contact **Mary Lee Eldridge** at gram9023@twc.com for further information.
- **1960** (54 years) June 14 summer fun day. Information will be mailed and posted on the class website (www.olp1960.com) in early May.
- **1964** (50 years) May 16-17 - Reunion. Includes a tour of the school on May 16 at 4:00 p.m.
- **1969** (45 years) Sept. 20. Save the date information has been sent. If you did not receive it, email providenceclassof1969@gmail.com. To join the private Facebook group, friend **Kathy Shaughnessy**.
- **1974** (40 years) Sept. 13. Save the Date info has been sent. Join the Our Lady of Providence Class of 1974 on Facebook for more information.
- **1979** (35 years) - Planning has begun
- **1984** (30 years) Aug. 23. Activities include a Mystery Bus Tour and gathering at Sheraton Riverside, Jeffersonville. Invitations with early bird information have been sent. For further information, email choyland@providencehigh.net or click [here](#) to register online.
- **1994** (20 years) Sept 20. More information to come. Join the Providence High School Class of 1994 on Facebook for more information.

- **2004** (10 years) June 14 at Wick's, 2927 Goose Creek Road, Louisville. Invitations will be sent this week or click [here](#) for more info.
- **2009** (5 years) Nov. 29 at Wick's, New Albany. Save the date information has been sent.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

SENIORS CHOOSE TO CONTINUE CATHOLIC EDUCATION BEYOND PHS

By senior **Katie Chrisco**

A Providence education is unique to public schools in that it provides an opportunity for students to participate actively in their Catholic faith. Some students even want to continue to learn in a Catholic environment beyond Providence. Next fall, many students from the Class of 2014 will continue their Catholic education in college. Their reasons for choosing a Catholic college or university vary, but some look forward to the faith-based educational environment.

Senior **Peyton Schmidt**, who will be attending Bellarmine University in Louisville in the fall, said that she is excited about sharing in a college experience where others have the same system of beliefs. "It will help me stay involved in my faith," she said.

The faith opportunities at Catholic colleges are similar to those of Providence. Students take religion classes to learn about their faith, attend Mass, and are surrounded by others who share the same morals and beliefs. Senior **Brianna Jacobi** will also be attending Bellarmine and is glad to be continuing a family legacy since her father and many of her relatives attended there. More importantly, she said she likes that the college holds the same core values as her family. "They have a chapel on campus, so I'm looking forward to attending Mass," she said.

Those who have notified the Advancement Office that they also are attending Bellarmine are seniors **Autumn Dome**, **Kelsey Wright**, **Elizabeth Short**, **Ashley Carroll** and **Kaylyn Popp**. Seniors attending other Catholic colleges or universities who have notified the Advancement Office include **Josh Murner**, DePaul University in Chicago; **Scott Hoyland**, University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.; **Carolyn Swartz** and **Jonah Nicholson**, Marian University in Indianapolis; **Spencer Mitchell**, Spalding University in Louisville (where he will participate in Men's Track and Cross Country); **Matt Martin**, University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio; and **Ginny McCauley**, Xavier

University in Cincinnati.

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By Ray Day '57



A visit from former math teacher Sister Ann Carita/Nancy Reynolds, S.P., prompted a look at her influence on girls' athletics at Providence in the 1970s.

Click to [read more](#) and view 1976 Girls Tennis team photo.

COMING EVENTS

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- May 23 - Baccalaureate - 7 p.m. at OLPH Church
- May 24 - 8th Grade Deanery Dance
- May 26 - School in Session (Snow Make Up Day)
- May 27 - Noon Dismissal
- May 27 - Senior Activities and Exams
- May 28 - Noon Dismissal
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- May 28 - Junior High Awards
- May 29 - Noon Dismissal
- May 29 - Senior Activities and Exams
- May 29 - 8th Grade Graduation
- May 30 - Last Day of School (full day)
- May 30 - Graduation Practice and Senior Farewell
- May 30 - Pioneer Raffle Drawing - Noon at PHS

June 1 - Senior Graduation - 5 p.m. - Larkin Center
June 12 - [Alumni Night - Louisville Bats](#) 7 p.m.

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And lastly...

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Day yesterday, we thank all those who have held the position of teacher here at Providence, whether one year or more than 40.

We encourage our readers to reach out to your former teachers and thank them for all they did for you.

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