

Fr. Adam Ahern, school chaplain, blesses the new baseball field.



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## Baseball field blessed, new cafeteria opens

The Pioneer Baseball team is enjoying its new field, which was blessed by school chaplain **Fr. Adam Ahern** at one of the first home games. The blessing included recognition for and involvement from the Schmidt, Unruh and Koetter families for their contribution to the project, which includes a synthetic turf infield. The project was funded primarily through donations from MAC Construction and Excavating Inc., The Unruh Family Foundation and the Jeff Schmidt '81 Memorial Fund. In-kind services from The Koetter Group and gifts from individual donors also helped fund the project.



**Chad Unruh '97**, CEO of MAC Construction, and his niece **Caroline Unruh**, represented MAC Construction and the Unruh and Schmidt families to throw out the first pitch. His daughter, **Ella**, sang the national anthem. His son, **Cade**, and nephew **Trevor Unruh** were ball boys for the game. Trevor and Caroline are the children of Chad's brother, **Travis Unruh '95**, and all four are grandchildren of **Vic '72 and Jeannie (Schmidt) Unruh '72**, co-founders of MAC Construction, and great-grandchildren of **Jim and Janet (Banet ex-'55) Schmidt**. Mr. & Mrs. Schmidt are the parents of the late Jeff Schmidt, in whose memory the dugouts are named.

**Jack Koetter Jr. '14** represented Koetter Construction and the Koetter families by catching the first pitch. His father, **Jack Koetter '72**, is chairperson of the Providence Master Plan Committee and co-chair of the Endowing the Future Capital Campaign, which served as impetus for the baseball field reconfiguration and renovation.

Jack Koetter Sr. said he is pleased that the project is complete and the players are enjoying it. "I'm very happy and proud that Providence can celebrate another major milestone in the journey towards our completed Master Plan," he said. "This new baseball facility is such an integral part of our overall campus upgrade. A huge 'Thank You' to the many volunteers and donors who've contributed to this outcome."

Chad Unruh said he and his family also are happy to see the team enjoying use of the new field. "We're just proud," he said. "We feel so good for the people of MAC Construction to see the fruits of our labor and to be here with my grandparents and family and have the dugout named after my Uncle Jeff."

### **New cafeteria opens**



The students returned from spring break to a new location for their cafeteria. The new location is slightly larger and features restrooms in the cafeteria itself, so students no longer need to walk through the building to the main lobby to use the restrooms. The cafeteria staff also is enjoying the larger kitchen.



Construction will continue in the coming weeks as the snack line moves into what has been the faculty workroom. The copy machines and mailboxes in that room will move into new space to be built off of the old snack line.

## *STUDENTS IN ACTION*

### **2 juniors are winners in speech, art contests**

Congratulations to juniors **Bayley Wade** (right) and **Ashley Miles**, who each were the winners of recent contests. Bayley won the 11th grade level of the annual John D. Kelley 2016 Vocations Essay Contest sponsored by the Serra Club of Indianapolis. Ashley was the winner in the 10th-12th grade category for the Archdiocese of

Indianapolis' Catholic Campaign for Human Development Multimedia Art Contest sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. [Click to read more.](#)



## Student-athletes earn various honors



Congratulations to several of our student athletes who have earned various recognitions.

### Boys Track athlete breaks record held since 1974

Junior **Micah Oberhausen** broke a 42-year-old school record in long jump at a recent track meet. His leap of 22 feet 9.5 inches bested the record set by **Pat Harris '74** in 1974.

### Baseball player voted athlete of the week

Junior and Pioneer Baseball player **Parker Graf** was the winner of [The Courier-Journal](#) Southern Indiana Athlete of the Week Award presented by Norton Sports Health for the week of April 4. He was nominated for his performance in the team's 3-2 win over North Harrison, which included a home run, one of the first in the newly renovated baseball field at Providence. The team is unbeaten and ranks fourth in 2A.

### Girls Basketball players named to all-star teams

Girls Basketball players junior **Claire Rauck** and sophomore **Hannah Wolford** have received several honors for their performance on the 2015-2016 regional championship team. The pair were named to [The Courier-Journal](#) All-Area First Team and received High Honorable Mention to the Associated Press All-State Team. They also have been chosen to participate in the IBCA Top 100 Underclass Showcase July 12 at Ben Davis High School. Claire has been selected to participate in the 2016 Indiana Class Basketball All-Star Classic Junior Games on June 17 at Anderson (Ind.) University.

### Boys Basketball player named to all-area team

Junior **Juston Betz** was named to the 2016 [Courier-Journal](#) Southern Indiana All-Area Boys Basketball Team. He also received honorable-mention votes to the AP All-State team.

## Boys Golf players invited to all-star event

Three Boys Golf team members - seniors **Kevin Crone** and **Max Leist** and junior **Ben Arnson** - have been selected to participate in the second annual Indiana Elite North vs. South Boys Golf Post-Season Invitational as well as the inaugural Indiana Elite North vs. South Boys Golf Midwest Invitational. The Post-Season Invite will be held at Winding Ridge Golf Course in Indianapolis June 15-16. The Midwest Invite will be at the same course June 22-23.

## Tryouts for Dance, Cheer coming soon

The Providence Cheerleading team will conduct tryouts for next school year starting with preliminaries on April 25 at 7-9 p.m. at Royal Cheer Xtreme and April 26 at 6-9 p.m. at Providence. The final tryouts will be April 27 6-9 p.m. at Providence. The team's summer camp dates will be July 6-9 at Vincennes University.

The Providence Dance Team will hold tryouts Thursday, April 28, through Sunday, May 1. Tryouts April 28-29 will be at Providence from 6:30-9 p.m. and April 30 9:30-10:30 a.m. at PHS for optional review. Team selection day is May 1 at 5 p.m. at DanceWorks Dance Studio.

## Green Dot training continues



In the three years since the Green Dot training initiative began taking place at Providence, hundreds of students have taken part in the bystander training put on by staff from the Center for Women and Families in Louisville. Green Dot is a violence prevention program based on bystander intervention created by Dr. Dorothy Edwards at the University of Kentucky in the hopes of stopping and preventing violent, aggressive, or bullying behavior as well as changing from a culture that accepts this behavior to a culture that does not.

*Junior Ragan Williams participated in the most recent training and offers this reflection:*

"The Green Dot Organization is a group founded on the idea that everyone, no matter if they're homeless or the president, can help change the world into a better place. Though this group spreads a wide spectrum of ideas that ranges from recycling to empowering people who could otherwise be victimized, their main focus is, as they would put it, 'ending violence, one green dot at a time.'

"The basis of this [training], as taught in a day-long seminar, is that a green dot is a good, positive act, and a red dot is a negative, hurtful act. The goal is for a community's green dots to outweigh its red dots. This affects the Providence community because Green Dot is applying its message to Providence today. Green Dot is encouraging kind acts, such as supportive tweets to a classmate or standing up for someone who is being bullied, and this is taking off within the Providence community.

"This year, Green Dot experienced an influx of Providence students that was way larger than all the years before. It seems that Green Dot's message is becoming ingrained within the student body, encouraging Providence students to spread green dots and make a Providence education even more beneficial."

## House of Loyalty thankful for shoe donations



The *House of Loyalty* organized a shoe collection to benefit WaterStep, an organization that funds water projects in communities without safe drinking water throughout the world.

Students brought in more than 370 new and used shoes, close to meeting the House's goal of collecting 500 shoes.

WaterStep, which is based in Louisville, sells the shoes to an exporter and then uses the money to fund its water projects.

## Students enjoy field trips to D.C., energy plants



Several student groups have taken field trips recently. More notable are trips taken over spring break and the junior high trip to Washington, D.C.

Over spring break, a group of seven students from **Mrs. Laura Swessel's** physics and Earth/Space classes visited two local energy plants: the LG&E Cane Run Road Generating Station in Louisville and the Harrison REMC new solar farm. A smaller group from Mrs. Swessel's Independent Research class toured the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Jeffersonville. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Math Team members earn spot in Top 10

Congratulations to the following members of the PHS Math Team for earning a spot in the top 10 competitors in District 2 of the Greater Louisville Math League: **Adriel Nacpil**, sixth place among freshmen; **Kaleb Dunn**, eighth place among sophomores; **Nicholas Tomlin**, fifth, and **Keith Bremmer**, eighth place among juniors; and **Ryan Fansler**, ninth place among seniors.

## Art Club Little Library project to be dedicated

The Providence community is invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the installation of the PHS Art Club's steamboat-themed News Rack Little Free Library Project on April 22 at Steamboat Park in the Port Fulton neighborhood, located at 320 Division St., Jeffersonville at 6:30 p.m.

Art Club members also organized a book drive to fill the converted newsrack with books.

The event is free and open to the public.



# PARENT CONNECTION

## Guidance Spotlight: ISTEP Testing

ISTEP Testing began with practice testing late last week for grades seven through 10 and continues through May 12. Testing the remainder of this week includes math sections for sophomores and practice math tests for junior high tomorrow. On Friday, sophomore and junior high students will have practice English language arts tests. Freshmen will have science testing on May 2 and 3, and junior high and sophomores will test on various dates for math, science and English language arts for the next several weeks.

Students should be aware of their testing assignments and items allowed in the testing room. Testing is in the computer labs and library, so students need only bring approved calculators to the math and science portions. No backpacks or electronic devices other than calculators are allowed.

AP exams begin the week of May 2 and continue through May 11. AP tests in math and science are required for students enrolled in the courses, and all other AP tests are optional.

Students should get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before any testing.

### Honor Roll posted

The Third Quarter Honor Roll has been published and is now available by [clicking here](#).

## Freshman ring orders in new location

Today, April 20, freshman students and their parents will have an opportunity to view and/or purchase class rings through Herff Jones in preparation for the Sophomore Ring Ceremony next fall. Representatives of the company will be in the auditorium lobby today from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. to help parents with their orders. Please note the change of location.

## Senior/Mother Lunch a success



Thank you to everyone who attended the Senior/Mother Luncheon. We had our highest percentage of attendance and are pleased to have hosted so many seniors and their mothers or special guests.

Thank you also to the freshman moms who helped plan, decorate and run the event as well as donate a number of items. We also thank our sponsors L&D Mail Masters and Axiom Financial Strategies Group of Wells Fargo Advisors LLC, who underwrote a portion of the lunch. We also received donations from Sweets by Morgan, Sweet Stuff Bakery, Rookies Cookies, William's Bakery, McAlister's Deli, The Grand, Nance Floral Shoppe, Target, Aspen Creek Grill, The Red Yeti Restaurant and Cheddar's Casual Cafe.

## Front field irrigation project complete

Installation of an irrigation system for the front practice field is now complete, and watering of the grass is scheduled to be complete by 3 p.m. each day. The field also has been seeded and fertilized, requiring no foot traffic on the front field through the rest of the month. Please use the available walkways and asphalt to get to the tennis courts and the softball field.

## Summer camp dates announced

Dates for the following summer camps have been announced:

- Football: May 31-June 2, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. (incoming kindergarten through fourth graders) and 5:30 -7:00 p.m. (incoming fifth through eighth graders) on PHS turf football/soccer field. \$50 for the first camper, and \$30 for each additional sibling. Contact Coach Larry Denison at [ldenison@providencehigh.net](mailto:ldenison@providencehigh.net) for registration information.
- Girls Soccer: Fun In the Sun Soccer Camp for girls ages 4-11 May 31-June 2, 5:30-6:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. \$45 per camper ages 4-7 and \$55 ages 8-11. Contact Coach Dave Smith at [dsmith@providencehigh.net](mailto:dsmith@providencehigh.net) for registration information.

- Boys Soccer: Co-ed soccer camp for incoming kindergarten through freshmen June 13-16, 6:00-8:30 p.m. on PHS turf football/soccer field. \$60 per camper, includes T-shirt. Contact Coach Nathan Marshall at [marshall.nathan@gmail.com](mailto:marshall.nathan@gmail.com) for registration information.
- Boys Basketball: will be June 27-30, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (incoming second through fifth graders) and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (incoming sixth through ninth graders) PHS Larkin Center. \$75 per camper. Contact Coach Andrew Grantz at [agrantz@providencehigh.net](mailto:agrantz@providencehigh.net) for registration information.
- Girls Basketball: June 13-15, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (incoming first through eighth graders) in PHS Larkin Center. \$60 per camper (includes T-shirt). Contact Coach Brad Burden at [bburden@providencehigh.net](mailto:bburden@providencehigh.net) for registration information.
- Volleyball: June 2-3, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (incoming freshmen); July 11-12, 8:30-10:30 a.m. for incoming third and fourth graders and 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. incoming kindergartners through second graders; and July 13-14, 8:30-10:30 a.m. incoming seventh and eighth graders and 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. incoming fifth and sixth graders. \$35 per camper. Contact Coach Terri Purichia at [tpurichia@providencehigh.net](mailto:tpurichia@providencehigh.net) for registration information.
- STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) Camp: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. June 27-July 1 (incoming first-fourth graders), July 11-15 (incoming fifth-eighth graders) and July 18-22 (incoming ninth-12th graders). \$120 per camper. Contact Mrs. Laura Swessel at [lswessel@providencehigh.net](mailto:lswessel@providencehigh.net) for registration information.



## ALUMNI NOTES

### Corrections to *Vision* magazine

Due to a handful of errors, we have issued a corrected online version of the current *Vision* magazine. [Click here to view it.](#)

- In the story on **Dean Stumler '85**, the article incorrectly stated that Stumler did not finish college. The corrected story is on p. 13.
- In the story on the Graf dairy farm, the incorrect graduation year

was given for **Robert Elmer Graf**. The correct year is 1955. The corrected story is on p. 12.

- In the Class Notes, the finalist for the St. Theodora Guerin Award from St. Mary of the Knobs School was incorrect. The correct alumna is **Brittany (Tevis) Geswein '01**. The corrected entry is on p. 14.

We apologize for the errors.

## Reunion planning for 2016 has begun

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](mailto:rstumler@providencehigh.net).

Reunions scheduled for this year so far:

**1966** - July 23, 2016. Sam's at the Montrose, 7:00-11:00 p.m.

**1976** - Sept. 24, 2016. More info to come

**1981** - Sept. 17, 2016. Woods of Lafayette 7:00 p.m.-midnight

**1986** - July 22 (Grad Night - TBD) and July 23, Horseshoe Casino.

**1991** - July 2, Valley View Golf Course, request to join the [Facebook page](#)

Planning has begun for the following years: 1996, 2006 and 2011



## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

### Former IU men's soccer captain to speak at PHS

The Providence community is invited to attend a presentation by [Paul "Whitey" Kapsalis](#), husband of **Sherri Seger Kapsalis '83** and a former team captain of the 1987 Indiana University men's soccer team, on Wednesday, May 11, at 8:30 p.m. in the Robinson Theatre. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Whitey Kapsalis will be signing copies of his book, "To Chase a Dream," that evening. Copies of the book are available in advance at the discounted price of \$12.00 per copy if pre-paid by April 21. To order

your copy, please send a check payable to "Kappy Enterprises" to Attn: Coach Smith, Providence Girls Soccer, Providence High School, 707 Providence Way, Clarksville, IN 47129.

Your copy will be available for pick up at Providence by April 27, two weeks prior to the event. For more information contact Coach Dave Smith at 812.945.3350 or [dsmith@providencehigh.net](mailto:dsmith@providencehigh.net).

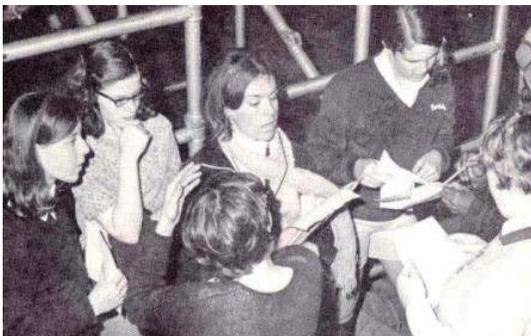
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## BLUE NEWS OF OLD

### BLUE NEWS OF OLD: Girls track team new to Providence! What year was it?

By Ray Day '57, school archivist



*In this latest installment of 'What year was it?' we take a look at the history of Providence Girls Track. The team was first organized while Mrs. Cecile "Cile" Blau was in her first year on the school's faculty teaching sociology, health and physical education. She also served as the students' Booster Club*

*moderator. Her son, Brandon Blau, graduated in 1990 and daughter Brittany Blau in 1992. [Click to read more.](#)*

## COMING EVENTS

- Apr. 21 - Progress Reports available on Skyward
- Apr. 22 - Pioneer House Cup, Scholarship Spirit Wear Day
- Apr. 24 - National Honor Society induction, Robinson Auditorium 7:30

p.m.

Apr. 30 - Junior/Senior Prom

May 2 - AP Chemistry exam

May 4 - AP English Literature/Composition exam

May 5 - AP Calculus exam

May 6 - AP U.S. and European History exams

May 6 - No School

## LET US PRAY

*As we near the month of Mary, our Mother, here is an excerpt from a prayer in her honor.*

O most august and blessed Virgin Mary! Holy Mother of God!...

May my heart burn with the love of thy Divine Son, and of thee, His blessed Mother, not for a month alone, but for time and eternity; may I thirst for the promotion of His honor and thine, and contribute, as far as I can, to its extension. Receive me, O Mary, the refuge of sinners! Grant me a Mother's blessing and a Mother's care, now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.



Read the entire prayer at [Catholic Culture.com](http://CatholicCulture.com).




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