



The Popcorn Players and Providence Singers were among the students performing at Sunday's Christmas Concert.



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Serving Parents, Alumni and Friends of Providence

Students provide toys, meals for Christmas charities



As it has for the past several years, the *House of Justice* has coordinated a school-wide drive to support Toys for Tots, a charitable organization that provides toys for needy children. Our students continue to demonstrate their compassion for others with this latest collection.

With one more day to turn in toys, the House collection results are listed below:

Justice - 270
Courage - 231
Faith - 210
Humility - 103
Spirit - 98
Truth - 67
Integrity - 62
Loyalty - 47
Honesty - 44

The goal is for each House to collect a total of 200 toys in order to donate 1,800 toys, and so far *Courage* has surpassed that goal and *Faith* and *Justice* are within reach. The House that contributes the most toys will receive points toward the quarterly score for inclusion in the spring contest. As of today, the *House of Faith* is top on the leaderboard, but the final tally won't be complete until the Honor Roll is posted in January.

Jolly Grams help feed families

Another group of students helped those in need. The PHS Book Clubs sold Jolly Grams to deliver Christmas cheer to fellow students, but the true goal was to help provide a Christmas dinner to needy families. The high school and junior high clubs raised enough money from the sales to purchase six meals as a part of the Salvation Army/Kroger Food Angel Tree program.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

Sophomore in international gymnastic competition

Sophomore **Madison Roehrs** has been involved in gymnastics for much of her life. For the last 10 years, she has been part of a competitive team at SIGS, competing locally and in events around the country. This week, she will take part in her first international competition in Atlantis, Paradise Islands, The Bahamas.

Because this is her first international competition, she's not sure if the format will be similar to ones in which she normally competes. Typically, she competes in all five areas - uneven bars, balance beam, vault and floor routine. Madison said the bars are her favorite because "it's fun to swing around."

Madison competes at Level 10, the highest



level. The competitive season starts in January, and usually includes five meets before the state, regional and national competitions. Last year, Madison advanced to regionals. Her team qualified for an invitation to The Bahamas competition based on last year's scores, she said. Her team, which includes five members from Level 8, one from Level 9 and five from Level 10, sold baked goods and T-shirts to raise money to make the trip.

With this being the first meet of the year and her first ever international event, Madison said she is a little nervous. It also has been a stressful week because she had to take all her final exams on Monday and Tuesday because she is flying to The Bahamas today. But she's

looking forward to the experience because she's taking part in a sport she loves.

"I like how it builds confidence and puts you with a group of girls who become your best friends forever and you really bond with them," she said. "It makes you work hard for everything."

Sophomore earns rank of Eagle Scout



Sophomore **Shawn Fitzpatrick** has achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts. He earned his Eagle Scout in November following the completion of a summer-long project to build a shelter house at Holy Family.

[Click to read more.](#)

Track & Field standout to compete in Australia

Junior **Micah Oberhausen** said he didn't know what to think when he got a letter inviting him to compete in a Down Under Sports Track & Field Tournament in Australia in July 2016. He wasn't sure if it was legitimate or if he could compete as a high school athlete. But after looking into it,

he is eager to go and is working to find sponsors to support his team, which will help offset the cost of the \$6,000 trip. The trip includes the two-day competition and a weekend afterward in Hawaii. "I'm excited about it," he said.

Micah was invited to take part in the track competition after competing in the IHSAA state tournament in long jump last season. From what he has learned about the Down Under Sports Track Tournament, he could compete in up to five events but will decide in which to compete when he arrives.

As a high school athlete, Micah cannot accept individual donations, but all support goes to help his team. For information on how to sponsor the team, email his mother, **Teresa Oberhausen '75**, at tmoinc@att.net.

Juniors learn leadership skills in NEXGEN program

Junior **Reid Masterson** is one of four PHS juniors taking part in the NEXGEN youth leadership program sponsored by Leadership Southern Indiana for local high school juniors. The students attend several programs throughout the year, including a leadership training session, tours of local businesses and a networking session with local business leaders. Here, Reid shares what his participation means to him:

"The NEXGEN program is proving to be one of the highlights of my junior year. Through the program, I've learned that there are many different ways of being a leader beyond the stereotypical, outgoing type. It's been a refreshing experience to be around prospective leaders of my age and to hear their own opinions of what it means to be a leader. We've also spent time with current leaders in our local community. Just last week we visited several different businesses and saw how the Southern Indiana region is a growing economic region. We got to listen to a speech given by Heartland CEO Robert Carr and were later allowed to have a personal Q and A session with him. For me, this was enlightening as I got to hear how someone was able to build himself up to be successful and how his leadership skills made it possible. Over all, the NEXGEN program has proven to be a worthwhile, enlightening experience for me."

Seniors recognized in Business First "First Honors"

Congratulations to seniors **Ben Popson** and **Audrey Shannon**, who were recognized in *Louisville Business First's* "First Honors" section for their academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

Previously, Nicole Kruer and Anna Wingate were so honored. Additional seniors who are among the top in their class will be recognized in future issues.

Student essay is finalist in local competition

Congratulations to sophomore **Katie Baker**, who received an honorable mention for an essay she submitted for The Write Stuff Teen Essay Contest in connection with Gilda's Club of Louisville, a cancer support group.

Student-athletes receive recognition



Several student-athletes have received postseason recognition from different sources, including coaches' associations and the local newspaper. Junior Claire Rauck was one such nominee, being named an Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Subway Player of the Week for District 3. Claire also has been nominated as a Courier-Journal Southern Indiana Athlete of the Week; [to vote, click here](#). Also, [click here](#)

to read the honors given to members of the football, volleyball, and soccer teams.

Clubs get in the Christmas spirit

Several clubs held activities with the holidays in mind. The new Knitting Club met, and many of the members knitted or crocheted scarves for Christmas gifts. The



Pinterest Club designed a project with a cinnamon candle. And SADD collected donations for its annual Elf Project, which helps a local needy family. SADD also is sponsoring the Christmas Dance, and more information on the dance is in the parent section below.

Juniors attend Lugar Leadership Symposium

Juniors **Elizabeth Scharre** and **Bayley Wade** were nominated and attended the annual Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders held at the University of Indianapolis. The girls enjoyed the experience, and Elizabeth shared:

"At this event over 450 juniors had the pleasure of hearing and talking with the retired Senator Lugar, who spoke on current foreign affairs. Personally, I enjoyed hearing the varying opinions on different issues

and hearing Senator Lugar's insights. During the day, we also got the chance to talk about other issues besides foreign affairs with experts in these areas.

"I went to a session that talked about the upcoming presidential election and examined previous elections and how they could predict what happens next year. That was a very intriguing session, as was my second session where students discussed law and society and how the Magna Carta impacted the making of the U.S. Constitution. Overall this was well worth the trip to Indianapolis, and I would highly recommend anyone who has the chance to go to take the opportunity."

PARENT CONNECTION

Guidance Spotlight: FAFSA info, training

Senior parents, please mark your calendars for Wednesday, Jan. 6. The Guidance Office will host a FAFSA Information Night from 7-9 p.m. in the Activity Center that night. Ms. Pam Meek, an expert in the field, will provide parents with pointers and tips for completing the FAFSA online. Handouts will be provided, and updates to the form will be discussed. All students applying for college must complete this federal financial aid form.

A follow-up session with hands-on assistance will be held Feb. 4 from 3-7 p.m. in the PHS library.

End-of-year reminders for parents

Parents, please make note of the following:

- All second semester schedule change requests must be turned into the office by the end of the school day today.
- Due to the faculty-staff Christmas gathering this afternoon, all students should be picked up by 3:45 today.
- The first semester ends tomorrow with the last of the final exams for 2A and 4A classes.
- Classes resume Jan. 4 with an A day and BLUE Days sessions.
- First semester grades will be posted in Skyward on Jan. 7.
- Registration materials for the 2016-2017 school year will be given to students in early January.

Christmas Dance tomorrow; tickets required

The annual Christmas Dance is tomorrow, Dec. 17, from 8-11 p.m. in the

Activity Center. Tickets to this semi-formal dance must be purchased in advance and are available in the Guidance Office until the end of school tomorrow. Tickets are \$10, which includes admission, refreshments and door prizes. The dance is open only to PHS students, and IDs must be shown at the door. Sponsored by PHS SADD Club.

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Help Providence and vote! Providence has a chance to receive a donation from local mail vendor L&D Mail Masters in New Albany, if we get the most votes. The company, owned by Providence alumna **Diane (Miller) Fischer '74**, holds this contest annually at Christmastime and selected Providence as one of its possible recipients this year.

All you have to do is vote for Providence at www.YouChooseWeDonate.com -- and you get a chance at a \$100 Amazon gift card! Please ask your extended family to vote too. Also, share the post on our school and alumni Facebook pages or retweet on Twitter. Thanks!

Get in early on the Wheel of Chance for PHS Gala



This year's annual Gala "Providence Under Construction" will be held at Huber's Orchard and Winery in Starlight on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016. Look for your formal invitations to arrive just after Christmas.

The Gala committee has been as busy as Santa's elves planning a spectacular event for you! Check out this year's Blue Pride Wheel of Chance items - great deals like the Go Pro Hero 4, the world's most versatile camera; wonderful experiences like dinner for eight with Chef Rachel at the ever popular Orange Clover, and several money (yes, money!) packages, which are always popular. We hope that you will plan on joining us for this high-spirited event!

Whether or not you can make it, you'll want to buy your Wheel of Chance items early because so many of them sell out. [Click here](#) for a full list of the Wheel of Chance items. Only 30 chances of each are sold, and you need not be present to win! (Gaming license #139535).

For questions or additional information contact Mrs. Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83 at 812.945.3350 or by email at rstumler@providencehigh.net. We hope to see you on Gala night!

Free clinic for future Lady Pioneer soccer players

The second annual Providence Future Blue Futbol Crew free soccer

clinics for Deanery girls begin Sat., Dec. 19, at Providence from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The clinics are for Deanery school girls in grades K through 6. There is no obligation to attend every weekend; just come when you can! For more information, please contact Providence Coach **Dave Smith** at (812) 945-3350 or dsmith@providencehigh.net. [Click here](#) to download the flyer with future dates.

Ministry writes note of thanks for PHS support

Mrs. Karen Hennessy, cafeteria manager, received a note of thanks from **David Schraffenberger '76** of the In Heaven's Eyes ministry leadership team for Providence's recent donation from the Soup Day collection and lunch. He writes:

"On behalf of Holy Family Catholic Church, I would like to sincerely thank you and the caring students of Providence Junior-Senior High School for your very generous donation to our In Heaven's Eyes ministry.

"Financial contribution from Providence "Soup Day" fundraiser of \$1,650, in addition to the many boxes and bags of clothes and blankets, will assist us in continuing to minister to the homeless and needy in our community. We are blessed to have supporters like you, who instill a spirit of philanthropy to our junior and senior high school students."



ALUMNI NOTES

Donor appreciation reception highlights chapel



On Monday evening, a number of the donors to our capital campaign, Endowing the Future, were invited to a special reception showcasing the new chapel and highlighting the capital improvements made to our campus, including turf fields on the football/soccer field and the baseball infield, refurbished Larkin Center and Koetter Gym, and new tennis courts. We thank all our donors for their generous support and continued generosity.

Thank you for support of #GivingTuesday

A special thank you to those who participated in Providence's first #GIVINGTUESDAY celebration of philanthropy on Dec. 1. With nearly \$1,000 raised for some of our key priorities - student financial assistance, class endowments funds, and capital projects - we look forward to keeping this tradition going in the years ahead.

And even though #GIVINGTUESDAY is past, you can still contribute and volunteer to help if you haven't already done so. A reminder that for a gift to be tax deductible for your 2015 return, it must be made by December 31. [Click here](#) to make an online contribution.

Alumnus earns spot on all-conference team

Spencer Mitchell '14, a sophomore on the Spalding University cross country team, finished in the top third of the field at the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regionals, placing 87th and clocking 27:02. He helped the team win its second consecutive St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship with a sixth place finish with a time of 26:21. His accomplishments during the fall season resulted in his being named to the 2015 Men's Cross Country All-Conference Team, First Team.

Boosters enjoy special Christmas dinner



Each Christmas, we thank our volunteer members of the Booster Club and Monday Night Crew with a special dinner. The Booster Club helps raise money for our athletic programs, including organizing a monthly raffle, and the Monday Night Crew provides volunteer maintenance, including mowing the extensive campus lawns in the summer.

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.

Breakfast with Santa a success



Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Breakfast with Santa. The Girls Soccer team and Popcorn Players enjoyed interacting with the children who came to visit with Santa.



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

Welcome to new softball coach

The Athletic Department is pleased to announce the hiring of **Ted Cooper** as the new Lady Pioneers Softball coach. Coach Cooper is a native of Attica, Ind., who now lives in Salem after retiring from the U.S. Army in 2013 as a Wounded Warrior. He is the father of junior **Kat Cooper**, who is a member of the Softball, Swimming and Girls Soccer teams.



Coach Cooper has coached AAU softball, basketball, baseball and soccer since 1994 in between his tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. He was president of the Southern Tippecanoe Softball and Baseball Association for two years.

Now that he is retired, he said, he looks forward to coaching the softball program and teaching the game to the players, including his daughter. "I'm really excited for the upcoming season and happy to be a part of the Providence Softball team and family," he said.

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BLUE NEWS OF OLD

POP(ular) goes the singers!

By Ray Day '57, school archivist



One of the most creative traditions to come from the school's music department over the years is a performing group with a 43-year history, the Providence Singers. The group's focus of popular music was a welcome addition to the Music Department. When was the group organized? Who led the groups through the years? [Click here](#) to read the fascinating story of this popular singing group.

COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 17 - Last day for Toys for Tots collection
- Dec. 17 - End of first semester
- Dec. 17 - Christmas Dance, 8-11 p.m., Activity Center. Tickets required.
- Dec. 25 - Birthday of Our Lord and Savior
- Jan. 4 - Classes resume (A Day, BLUE Days schedule)
- Jan. 6 - FAFSA Workshop, 7-9 p.m., Activity Center
- Jan. 7 - First semester grades posted
- Jan. 9 - Placement Exam make-up date, 8:45 a.m.-noon, Robinson Auditorium
- Jan. 13 - Next e-VISION newsletter
- Jan. 18 - Faculty/Staff In-Service Day. No classes.

LET US PRAY

In honor of the recent beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, here is a condensed version of a prayer written by the pope.

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
 Show us your face and we will be saved.

...

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with His anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.
Amen.

To pray the full prayer, [click here](#).

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