



Girls Basketball won its second consecutive sectional title last weekend.



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President Joan Hurley receives Providence St. Mother Theodore Guerin Award

Each year, the Providence staff awards the Providence St. Mother Theodore Guerin Award to a faculty or staff member. This year, **President Mrs. Joan Hurley** was the recipient in honor of her 12 years of service to Providence. Her vision, determination, faith and fortitude have prepared Providence for the 21st century and beyond.

When Mrs. Hurley began her tenure at Providence, the school was kicking off a capital campaign to fund the construction of an auditorium and other capital needs. She worked



tirelessly to rally alumni, parents and friends over the next decade to finish that campaign and eventually start a new one.

The school building today barely resembles the building she first entered in the fall of 2004. In addition to the Sam & Paula Robinson Performing Arts Center and the Jim & Phyllis Robison Sports Wing, we have synthetic turf surfaces on Gene Sartini Field and the baseball infield plus tennis courts and a restroom/concession stand for the softball field and tennis courts. We also have central air conditioning throughout the building and a new chapel. She also has diligently pursued multiple avenues to ensure Providence offers the latest technology for its students, and she continuously seeks donations so financial aid can be offered to students in need.

Thank you to Mrs. Hurley for the many ways she was worked to better our school!

Counseling Center named in honor of Fr. Mike



The recently relocated and expanded guidance office has been named *The "Fr. Mike" Hilderbrand Counseling Center* in honor of his 32 years as Providence chaplain and guidance counselor. **Fr. Mike (Hon. '10)** worked at Providence from the fall of 1976 through the 2008-2009 school year and is now pastor of St. Mary of the Knobs Parish.

Fr. Sonny Day '58, dean of the Deanery and pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight, performed the blessing of the counseling center after the all-school liturgy during Catholic Schools Week.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

Marissa Hornung named volleyball player of the

year; Rauck top Girls Basketball scorer



In the last e-VISION, we noted that sophomore **Marissa Hornung** (in center of photo) was a finalist for a national recognition and since then, she has been voted PrepVolleyball.com 2015 National Sophomore of the Year. Congratulations!



We also congratulate junior **Claire Rauck** (at right in photo), who is now the all-time leading scorer for the Girls Basketball program, and her teammate sophomore **Hannah Wolford**, who was nominated as an IBCA Subway Player of the Week last week. [Click to read more.](#)

Girls Swim team proud of season accomplishments



By Coach Jim Pfeiffer

Continual Improvement. Those two words sum up the Providence High School Girls Swim team for the 2015-2016 season. The first half of the season, we broke down their strokes, looking for improvement in every area. The first change was to eliminate the under-body sweep in freestyle to extended vertical forearm, and from there the slight modifications to all the strokes continued.

As the girls got in better shape, we focused on building fast swimmers. And when January rolled around, the results started speaking for themselves. The girls just began to expect meet over meet that they would drop time. And they did. Sometimes more than we, the coaching staff of **Abbey and Aaron Cummings** and I, thought could happen. With great attitude and eagerness to both learn and try hard, anything can happen. And happen it did.

At sectional, the girls continued to improve, with junior **Courtney Heselschwerdt** advancing to the sectional finals in 100 backstroke and junior **Elizabeth Scharre** as first alternate. Sophomore **McEwan Robinson** just missed qualifying for the finals in the 200 Individual Medley by a mere second and a half.

Congrats to the Providence Ladies Swim Team! The Boys Swim team's sectional competition begins Feb. 18.

Two wrestlers advance to regional



By Coach Patrick Fleming '98

The wrestling team completed another successful season with two wrestlers advancing to regionals. Juniors **Cody Sprigler** and **Michael Hayes** both finished fourth at sectionals and qualified for regionals, at 152 and 170 pounds, respectively. Cody finished the season with a record of 15-10, and Michael finished with a record of 28-10. Michael also was the runner-up of the Southern Indiana Wrestling Conference.

Several wrestlers finished at fifth place at sectional, just below the cut off to advance to regional: freshmen **Noah Liter** at 132 pounds, **Nathan Grantz** at 138 and **Sam Hudlin** at 220.

The future looks bright for these young wrestlers.

Two win Clarksville Rotary Club speech contest



Even with a snow delay, Providence was represented by three students in the Clarksville Rotary Club speech contest this morning.

Juniors **Bayley Wade** and **Barrett Johnson** won first and second place, respectively. Junior **Juston Betz** placed fourth.

Congratulations!

Winter Homecoming queen and king crowned



The Winter Homecoming game and ceremony was delayed earlier this season due to a snow day, and questionable weather had some wondering

if the make-up event would happen. Despite a light snow fall, the game was held, and seniors **Maryann Fitzpatrick** and **Justin Prestigiacomo** were crowned queen and king of the 2016 Homecoming Court.

Catholic Schools Week Penny War breaks record



Congratulations to the seniors for winning the annual Penny War during Catholic Schools Week. Competition to raise the most money for the Crusade for Children gained momentum throughout the week, with the junior high coming into the lead by Wednesday. The seniors, however, were not to be outdone and donated \$500 on Friday alone,

helping the school raise more than \$1,900, the most ever. The real winner is the Crusade for Children and the children helped by the organization.

Other activities during Catholic Schools Week included an all-school liturgy, after which **Mrs. Joan Hurley**, school president, received the Providence St. Mother Theodore Guerin Award. Following the presentation, the students were able to view the homecoming video since the original assembly was canceled. The 2016 Winter Homecoming Court also was introduced.



House of Justice earns spot in the finals

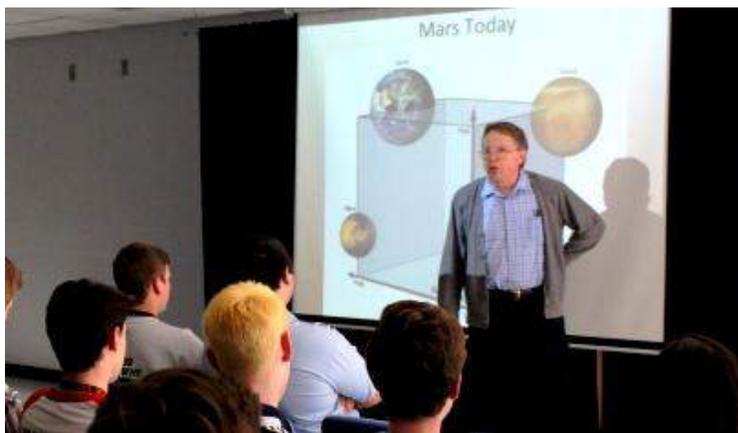
Congratulations to the *House of Justice*, which won the House Points Contest for the second quarter. Those students join the houses of *Humility* and *Spirit* in the finals to be held later this spring. The fourth and final participating House will be determined by the winner at the end of third quarter.

UofL professor shares info about Mars

When science teacher **Mrs. Laura Swessel** heard that University of Louisville professor **Dr. Timothy Dowling** was the featured speaker at Louisville restaurant and bar Against the Grain's weekly science talk, she wanted her Earth/Space and physics students to hear him. Since he would be speaking in the restaurant's bar, she knew her students wouldn't be able to attend. So she invited him to speak after school last week.

More than 30 students listened to Dr. Dowling's presentation on Mars, which included a section affirming and debunking information presented in the feature film *The Martian*. Dr. Dowling studies planetary atmospheres and specializes in atmospheric dynamics and thermodynamics.

He is the principal investigator on the development of the EPIC (Explicit Planetary Isentropic Coordinate) Atmospheric model, funded by NASA and NSF which is a general circulation model designed for planetary applications.



PARENT CONNECTION

Hearts for Haiti fundraiser tomorrow

Tomorrow, Feb. 11, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with the annual Hearts for Haiti Fundraiser. Students, faculty and staff who bring in a \$2 or more donation will be able to wear jeans with a red or pink shirt (or spirit wear). The money donated will go directly to the Catholic school in Bayeux-Novion, Haiti, which is part of the sister parish of St. John Paul II in Sellersburg. The money raised will allow children in grades K-6 to attend school. The goal is to raise \$1000 for this very worthy cause.

Guidance Spotlight: Scholarships to college

Parents of seniors should encourage their students to regularly check the Guidance tab on the school website, especially the drop down link for [Scholarships - To College](#). Mrs. Melissa Jackson highlights the scholarships that are still available, with deadlines that range from this

week to next month.

Also remember that tomorrow, Feb. 11, is the FAFSA Follow Up Session in the library from 3:15-7:00 p.m. Parents should enter through the student entrance and proceed up the stairs to the third floor, then turn left and proceed down the hall. Be sure to bring the necessary materials.

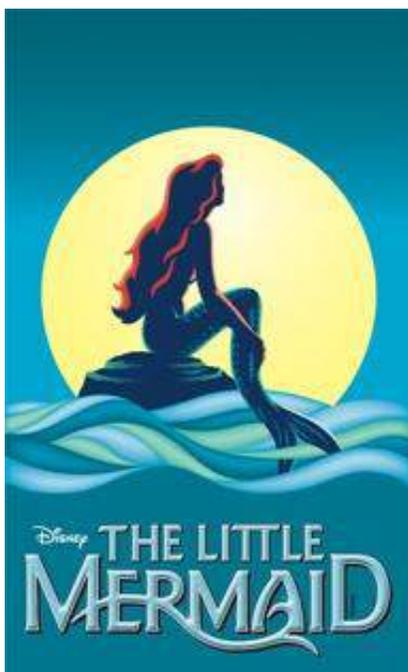
Second Quarter Honor Roll posted

The Second Quarter Honor Roll has been posted on the school website. [Click here](#) to view the honor roll.

Join us for Deanery Night Feb. 16

All Deanery students and families are invited to join us for Deanery Night on Tuesday, Feb. 16, during the varsity Boys Basketball vs. Rock Creek game beginning at 7:30 p.m. All students, teachers and families from the New Albany Deanery are invited to attend. Deanery Boys Basketball teams will be recognized during halftime, and all players get in free when they wear their Deanery team uniform and are accompanied by an adult. [See information flyer](#).

Spring musical cast to host Meet the Characters



Children grades preschool through fourth are invited to a special Meet the Characters event with the cast of the spring musical *The Little Mermaid* on Sunday, March 13. The event is from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium lobby and features an opportunity for children to have their photo taken with various cast members, including Ariel, Flounder, Sebastian, Prince Eric and more. The cost is \$15 per child and includes a ticket to the 2:00 p.m. matinee, a treat bag and a photo. Pre-registration is required by March 1.

[Download the registration form here.](#) Orders for adult tickets (\$15) to the same show can also be included in the registration.

Show dates are as followed. Click here to order online or call (812) 945-2538 ext. 301.

- March 11 at 6:30 p.m. (Opening Night: Under the Sea - \$40)

- March 12 at 7 p.m.
- March 13 at 2 p.m. (Character Meet & Greet for children before the show.)
- March 18 at 7 p.m. (Alumni Night)
- March 19 at 7 p.m.
- March 20 at 2 p.m.

All show tickets except for March 11 are \$15, with children through grade 8 only \$8.

Health & Wellness Summary on website

As a requirement of the USDA food program, Providence has posted its Health & Wellness Summary Report to its website. To read the report, [click here.](#)



ALUMNI NOTES

L&D Mail Masters presents donation

Thank you to all who voted so we could be the recipient of L&D Mail Masters' You Choose We Donate Holiday Giving Campaign!

Thank you also to owner Diane (Miller) Fischer '74 for thinking of us!



Alumni Night to feature 1956 team

All alumni are invited to attend Alumni Night on Friday, Feb. 19, for the Boys Basketball vs. North Harrison game. Eight teams, including the 1956 Boys Basketball team, celebrating anniversaries of their postseason accomplishments will be honored at halftime of the varsity game, which

starts at 7:30. A reception for all alumni with light refreshments will be held in the Alumni Suite (off the home side balcony) from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please join us!

Last senior retreat next week

The final senior retreat of the school year is Feb. 16-19. Please keep these seniors and the leaders in your prayers. For more information, please contact Mrs. Leah (Cissell) Kelly '05 at lkelly@providencehigh.net.

Coach opening in two fall sports

The Providence Athletic Department is accepting applications for two head coaching positions for the 2016-17 school year for Boys Soccer and Girls Golf. Interested candidates should send a letter or [email](#), along with details of their experience and qualifications, to:

Providence High School Athletic Department
"Coaching Position"
707 Providence Way
Clarksville, IN 47129

Interviews are expected to be conducted in late February.

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.

Save the date:

1966 - Golden Graduation Dinner, March 18, at Providence



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

Grad carries forward emphasis on service

Emily DiNoto '09 graduated from Purdue University in May 2013 with a desire to teach science - and move to the beach. She found a way to do both, living and teaching chemistry and physics in eastern North Carolina on Roanoke Island. As a student at Providence, she was involved in many activities here, at her parish, Sacred Heart in Jeffersonville, and in Deanery youth ministry. She has found a way to continue sharing her talents and working in youth ministry as an adult. [Click here to read more.](#)



BLUE NEWS OF OLD

We've grown in wisdom, age and grace

By Ray Day '57, school archivist

Margaret O'Hara, Providence Class of 1955 recently celebrated her sixtieth year in the congregation of the Sisters of Providence. Celebrating with her were five other Jubilarians who taught at Providence during the school's early years. BLUE NEWS OF OLD this week pays tribute to these pioneer nuns who laid the foundation of OLP (yes, we were OLP back then, not PHS).



Sr. Ann Margaret is pictured at Providence in 2007 with Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein at a Blessing of the School event. [Read on for the full story.](#)

COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 11 - Hearts for Haiti fundraiser
- Feb. 11 - FAFSA Follow Up Session, library, 3:15-7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - Third Quarter Progress Reports posted
- Feb. 15 - President's Day. No classes. Teacher/staff in-service.
- Feb. 16 - Deanery Night at Boys Basketball vs. Rock Creek, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16-19 Third Senior Retreat
- Feb. 19 - Alumni Night at Boys Basketball vs. North Harrison, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20 - 40 Years of Retreats at Mount St. Francis - 3-7 p.m. Info at 40@mountsaintfrancis.org

LET US PRAY

As we begin the season of Lent this week, here are a few links to various activities that can help you or your teen get the most of this holy time of preparation:

Pick something unique to do or give up

- [25 Creative ideas for Lent](#)
- [25 Simple Offerings to make this Lent](#)

Take the [1-1-1 Challenge](#)

Participate in the [InstaLent Photo Challenge](#)

Sign up for the [Best Lent Ever](#) daily emails

Order the free book [Rediscover Jesus](#). It's divided into exactly 40 chapters.

Download one of these free apps to help with daily prayer/reflection:

[Lentsanity](#)

[Honor Your Inner Monk](#)

[Laudate](#)



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