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Spring Musical now offering Opening Night festivities



For the past several years, the spring musical has opened with Premiere Night, which included a special dinner at a nearby venue followed by a performance in the auditorium for \$100 per ticket. The BACKSTAGE Crew theatre booster group wanted to make the event affordable to more people while keeping it a special occasion, so the event was revamped and renamed.

[Opening Night: Under the Sea](#) will debut the run of *The Little Mermaid* on Friday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres before the show in the transformed Koetter Gym. Guests will be treated to a variety of

sea-inspired offerings as well as specialty desserts at intermission. Tickets to the Opening Night event are \$40 a person. Reservations are due by Feb. 26. Tickets to the Opening Night show only can be ordered online by clicking on the [Buy Opening Night Tickets](#) link on the school website or by emailing kgerber@providencehigh.net or calling (812) 945-2538 ext. 314.

The Little Mermaid is based on the Disney film of the same name and tells the story of a mermaid who longs to become human. The remaining show dates and times are Saturday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m.; Friday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children through grade eight. Tickets may be purchased at the door or [online](#) or by calling (812) 945-2538 ext. 301.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

Girls Basketball earns second trip to semi-state; Boys Swim makes waves at sectional



Two Pioneer athletic teams completed their winter seasons last week. For the second year in a row, the *Girls Basketball* team earned its way into the IHSAA 2A final four, finishing with 20-plus wins for the second consecutive season.



The *Boys Swim* team had qualifiers advance in five events to the sectional finals, including one in the "A" finals. At the sectional finals, the team earned its highest point and placement totals in years to finish 12th of 17 teams.

Boys Basketball sectional competition will begin next week, with the Pioneers playing at Paoli on Friday, March 4, at 6 p.m. [Click to read more.](#)

Sophomore earns national service award

Congratulations to sophomore **Katie Baker**, who recently received the President's Volunteer Service Award for her commitment to community service. She received a letter from President Barack Obama which will be presented with a certificate at the next Academic Awards Banquet in the fall.

Senior a finalist for state volleyball player of year

Congratulations to volleyball player senior **Audrey Shannon**, who has been chosen as one of three finalists for the [Girls Volleyball Athlete of the Year Award in Indiana](#). She was selected by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association and the *IndyStar* sports staff and is the only student-athlete from this region to be selected as a fall sports finalist.

The winner will be announced at the inaugural Indiana Sports Awards presented by *IndyStar* at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on April 28. Audrey was a member of the 3A state champion volleyball team and recipient of the IHSAA 3A Mental Attitude Award. She is committed to play women's volleyball at Marshall University in the fall.

NEXGEN strengthens commitment to community

Alexa Wilson is one of four juniors participating in the year-long NEXGEN leadership program sponsored by Leadership Southern Indiana and the latest to be featured here. The other students participating are **Justine Oppelt, Abby Posey and Reid Masterson**. The program includes four education sessions throughout the year, including the recent one of community leadership. For Alexa, the recent session helped solidify the benefits of and need for community involvement.

"I had a wonderful time at NEXGEN this past session. I finally began to realize how crucial it is to help out the community. I was assigned a non-profit organization along with a few other students in the program. After researching about the organization, my teammates and I created a game plan consisting of how much money we would donate and actions we would take towards benefiting this organization. I really enjoyed taking part in this because I was able to connect with other students from my community. They wanted to help others just as much as me, which was humbling. NEXGEN showed me that I can make a lasting impact if I begin to view myself as a leader in the community."

Students to compete in National Science Bowl

Mrs. Laura Swessel has formed at least one team to enter into regional competition for the National Science Bowl with hopes for entering a

second team as well. The students have been practicing for several months for the quiz bowl type format that features questions in the subjects of chemistry, physics, Earth/space, math, energy and biology.



To help the team study, the members have been entering the sample questions in the Kahoot! app for practice sessions. Using the app will help Mrs. Swessel analyze the data to determine the strengths of the various players and ensure the team has an expert for each subject.

The team(s) will compete March 5 at Eli Lilly in Indianapolis in a field of up to 25 high schools from the region. During the competition, the teams will compete to be the first to answer correctly a toss-up question, which will allow the team to then confer on a bonus question. The winning team will advance to the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., April 28-May 5.

The students are excited for the opportunity to compete. Many of the team members also belong to the school's Quick Recall team and enjoy the quiz bowl format. Junior **Nicholas Tomlin** has taken over entering most of the questions in the Kahoot! app and said doing so has helped him get better at all the topics. Overall, the team feels confident they can do well.

Senior **Dorie Welch** is eager to participate in the Science Bowl and has enjoyed practicing for it. The practices have helped her learn fields of science she hasn't been able to take as a class, including geology and Earth/Space. Having been on the Quick Recall team all four years and with science as her strongest subject, this competition is a perfect fit. "It's Quick Recall specifically with science, so that's really cool," she said.

Canned food drive, raffle to benefit charities

The *House of Courage* and the *House of Justice* have organized events to benefit different charities. The *House of Courage* is sponsoring a food drive this week to restock the shelves of the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry at Holy Family Parish. The drive also is a challenge for House points to which House can contribute the most canned goods. Marked bins are located in the student entrance for canned goods and/or nonperishables. Your donation is appreciated.

The *House of Justice* will be holding its annual raffle next week during senior high lunches. Chances are \$1 each or 5 for \$3. Proceeds go to Amigos for Christ, an organization that organizes missionaries to bring clean water to outlying villages in Nicaragua. Raffle prizes will include:

- A two-day pass for a freshman to skip running in P.E.
- A Football season pass
- Two Tickets to see *The Little Mermaid*
- A Q'doba gift card
- A Kroger gas card
- A Target gift card
- A senior parking pass for an underclassman for the month of April
- A chance to pick the bell music on a Friday

Junior High celebrates Ash Wednesday at cathedral

The junior high students have taken two field trips recently. The first was to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville. Two of the students served as gift bearers during the offertory procession. The students then had lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory.



Last week, the students saw *Peter and the Starcatcher* at Actors Theatre in Louisville in order to see an example of the elements of production and creative drama techniques.

Teams take on Stations of the Cross challenge



The Pioneer Baseball team recently took on the Stations of the Cross Workout Challenge created by Sports Leader, a Catholic virtue-based development program for coaches. The workout consists of reflections on the Stations of the Cross followed by an exercise that is repeated at least 14

times. The Baseball team participated in a workout led by **Chaplain Fr. Adam Ahern** and then challenged the Football team to do the same.

The Football team accepted the challenge and did 30 reps of each exercise after each station and has since challenged the Boys & Girls Track team. The Baseball team has continued to do the workout during conditioning on Fridays during Lent.

PARENT CONNECTION

Guidance Spotlight: ISTEP testing

ISTEP testing begins for grades seven through 10 on Monday, with 10th graders required this year to take ISTEP and ECA tests over the next month.

Seventh and eighth graders will take ISTEP sections in math and English/language arts first block Monday-Wednesday, and the seventh grade will take social studies first block on Thursday.

Sophomores will take the English ISTEP exam during their English classes Monday-Thursday and take math on Friday, March 4, during first block. Freshmen will take the science ISTEP section during class time March 7-8.

Students testing in first block should report to their testing areas with two No. 2 pencils and an approved calculator for the math and science test. All other items should be left in their locker. Students should get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before each day of testing.

Auditions at PHS for Deanery-wide musical

This year the Providence music and theatre departments will produce a Deanery musical in place of sponsoring the Deanery Honor Choir. The production of *Annie Jr.* is open to Deanery fifth through eighth graders interested in a choir or lead character role. Auditions will be held Saturday, March 12, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. For more information about the required script reading and/or song excerpts, please [click here](#).

All interested students should email Mrs. Debbie Hill at dhill@providencehigh.net prior to March 7. The production will be held in the Robinson Auditorium Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Two scholarships available to incoming freshmen

This is a reminder to registered ninth graders for the 2016-2017 school year that two scholarship opportunities are available, and the deadlines for entry are coming soon.

Dale Durham Performing Arts Scholarship

The Dale Durham Performing Arts Scholarship is a performing arts award in the amount of \$1,000 awarded to an eighth grade student after registering to enter Providence and enrolling in at least one semester of performing arts his/her freshman year. Deadline is March 4, 2016. [Click here](#) for the application.

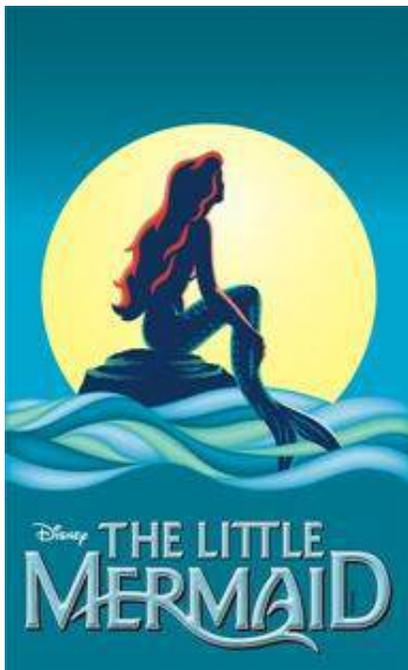
Providence Alumni Association Scholarship

The Providence Alumni Association Scholarship is a one-time award of a 64 GB iPad Air 2 with wi-fi only (or the equivalent award amount of \$600 to be applied to tuition) given to an eighth grade student registered to enter Providence in the fall. At least two scholarships will be awarded based on a combination of need, academics, and school or civic involvement and is open to all prospective freshman students. Applications must be submitted to the Providence Advancement Office by March 11, 2016. [Click here](#) for the application.

Driver's Ed practice test now on PHS website

Students preparing for their Indiana driver's license now take a practice test of the written exam. The link, "Drivers Ed. Test Prep" can be found on the Providence home page under QUICK LINKS.

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.

Music teacher puts on a great show

Mrs. Debbie Hill, music teacher, has performed in several local performances in the past few months, and most recently played the role of Ellie Mae Schultz in the Kentucky Opera production of *Show Boat* at the Brown Theatre. Alumna Haley Rebilas '11 was also in the *Show Boat* cast in the dance chorus.



ALUMNI NOTES

Booster Club mailing coming soon

A great way to support Providence athletics is by supporting the Providence Booster Club. Watch your mail in the coming week for a letter and raffle tickets. Annual dues for the Booster Club, which entitles you to monthly meeting minutes, are just \$20 per family. All proceeds from the dues and raffle support the athletic programs, most notably the cost of the athletic trainer, which assists all athletic teams.

Alumni Night recognized nine teams

The Providence Alumni Association hosted Alumni Night on Friday, honoring all alumni and recognizing nine teams for anniversaries of their postseason success. The teams recognized at halftime of the game vs. North Harrison included 1956 and 2006 Boys Basketball, 1976 and 1996 Boys Golf, 1991 and 2001 Baseball, 1976 and 2006 Girls Tennis, and 1996 Powerlifting. Stories on the 1956 Boys Basketball team, which won the program's first sectional 60 years ago, can be found in the Blue Pride on Display and the Blue News of Old sections below.

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.

Alumni fundraiser at Big Four Burgers on March 3

The Providence Alumni Association invites all alumni, families and friends to support its scholarship fund by eating at Big Four Burgers at 114 E. Main Street in New Albany on Thursday, March 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from your food and drink sales will go toward the Alumni Scholarship fund. Flyers will be available at the door for guests to show as they pay in order for the Alumni Association to receive its donation.

As an added bonus, **Jacob Resch '13** will be providing acoustical entertainment. Please join us!

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.

Planning has begun for the following years: 1966, 1976, 1996, 2006 and 2011.

Save the date:

1966 - Golden Graduation Dinner, March 18, at Providence. Invitations have been mailed.



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

First Boys Basketball sectional just the beginning

Just as in the classic film *Hoosiers* when small town Milan faced bigger opponents to win the state tournament, few people outside of the Providence community expected the 1956 Pioneer Boys Basketball team to do well in the postseason tourney, which generally was dominated locally by big school rivals New Albany and Jeffersonville. But the upstart Catholic school team defied expectations and won the fledgling program its first sectional, a major achievement in the days of single-class high school basketball.



The members of that 1956 team still remember the glory days. They remember walking into the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse and being overwhelmed not only by the size of the venue but also the noise of the crowd and its energy. And while those certainly were proud moments to remember with the team fighting past favored opponents Silver Creek and Charlestown, that wasn't the only achievement for the 12 members of the team. Several were multi-sport athletes, and all five starters plus two other players were honor students. Most went on to college, and all made a name for themselves in their community in some way. [Click here to read more.](#)



BLUE NEWS OF OLD

History made early by the Pioneers

By Ray Day '57, school archivist

In the fall of 1955, the Providence Pioneer basketball program entered its third year of IHSAA competition with

enthusiasm and optimism. After losing its opening game against Scottsburg, the team racked up a nine-game winning streak before going on to make history. [Click here to read more.](#)



COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 26 - Deanery Academic Olympics
- Feb. 29-Mar 8 - ISTEP Session 1 grades 7-10
- Mar. 4 - End of Third Quarter
- Mar. 11 - Opening Night: Under the Sea, 6:30 p.m. Koetter Gym and Robinson Auditorium, "The Little Mermaid"
- Mar. 18 - Golden Graduation Dinner for Class of 1966, 5 p.m., Activity Center

LET US PRAY

A Prayer during Lent:

Almighty and Everlasting God,
 You have given the human race
 Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
 He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
 And giving His life on the Cross.
 Help us to bear witness to You
 By following His example of suffering
 And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen.

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