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GALA DINNER COMING SOON

All alumni, parents and friends are invited to attend the Providence Gala & Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Huber's Orchard & Winery's Plantation Hall in Starlight. This year's theme is *Blue Pride Across America*. The evening will begin with an open buffet from 6:00 to 7:30. A silent auction will be open throughout the evening until 9:00. The Alumni Awards of Distinction will be presented at 7:40, and the live auction will begin at 8:10.

Tickets are \$70 per person or \$560 for a table of eight and \$700 for a table of 10. Reservations are due to the Providence Advancement Office by Friday, Jan. 16. Payment can be mailed, or call **Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84** at [812-945-3350](tel:812-945-3350) to pay by credit card.

This event is a fun evening and an important fundraiser for Providence. If you cannot attend the event, you can still participate. The [Blue Pride Wheel of Chance](#) features 19 prize packages for which only 50 chances each will be sold. Prizes range from two tickets to a 2015-2016 Colts game to a money tree worth approximately \$500. Be sure to get your ticket order in soon as several of the items traditionally sell out before the event.

Thank you to all alumni, parents and friends who donated items for the Wheel of Chance and both live and silent auctions. We also thank all those who have worked hard over the last few months to organize this

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wonderful event. Additionally, we thank our corporate sponsors, which are listed below under the heading BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

SENIORS RECOGNIZED IN BUSINESS FIRST, HOLIDAY TOURNEY

Congratulations to seniors **Camille Reyes**, **Ryan Mueller** and **Sarah Posante**, who were recently recognized in the "First Honors" supplement of *Business First* for being among the top students in their class academically and for extracurricular involvement, as nominated by the Providence Guidance Department.



Congratulations also to two seniors who were honored at holiday tournaments over Christmas Break. **Abby Hunt** received the 2014 Character Counts Award for the Girls Basketball Charlestown Holiday Tourney. **Erin Embrey** represented Providence in the Boys Basketball Silver Creek Holiday Tournament Queen Court. Her escort was Keaton Spittler.

BASKETBALL TEAMS WIN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team and the Boys Basketball team, each of which won the City Championship on Friday, Jan. 9. The girls (pictured at right) beat Clarksville 84-37, and sophomore **Claire Rauck** was named most valuable player for the game with 18 points.



The boys (pictured below) beat Clarksville 49-36, and sophomore **Justin Betz** was named game MVP with 18 points.

Congratulations also to the JV Girls Basketball team for winning the Providence JV Girls Holiday Tournament. The team beat Silver Creek 41-39 in overtime and Charlestown 37-29.

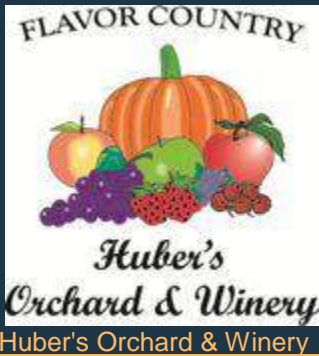
STUDENTS TO CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The week of January 26 Providence will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a variety of activities. Throughout the week, students will compete in

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the annual 'Penny War' to benefit Crusade for Children. The classes will compete against each other by donating pennies, which are positive points towards their class, and silver change, which accumulates negative points for other classes. At the end of the week, the class with the most positive points will be awarded a class prize.

Other scheduled activities include an all-school liturgy on Tuesday, Jan. 27, followed by an appreciation luncheon for the Deanery pastors and one for PHS faculty and staff. Students will be allowed a few out-of-uniform days with different themes, and the Homecoming Assembly on Friday will close out the week.

The theme this year is "Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." During House meetings on Friday, students will identify someone at Providence who exemplifies one or all of those three qualities and how that person helps make Providence such an exemplary place.

SCIENCE STUDENTS' FIELD TRIP TO BE PART OF PBS SPECIAL

Students in **Mrs. Swessel's** junior high science and Earth/Space Science thought they were merely learning about how to prevent water pollution when they visited the traveling Living Lands and Waters barge on a field trip over Fall Break.



Thanks to a film crew on the barge that day, the students' visit will be part of a PBS documentary that will air in February.

Footage from their field trip also was featured in the JCPS weekly show "[Our Kids](#)" (found at the 17:00 mark) in a segment about students from Jeffersontown High School who also made a field trip to the barge the same day.

STUDENTS SHOWCASE CREATIVITY

Students in Printmaking and Creative Writing have shared their fall semester work around school. The Printmaking students have hung artwork in the hallways and stairwells as part of a street art stencil project. Students, faculty and staff have enjoyed seeing a mermaid swimming upstairs as well as creations of Yosemite Sam and other characters.



Students in Creative Writing created a literary magazine entitled *Scary Pizza* featuring short stories and poems they wrote in class. The magazine was created in Power Point and was shared with faculty and staff as well as the students' family and friends.

STUDENTS HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRY FOR OTHERS

Providence students worked in various ways to help others enjoy their Christmas holiday. The students met their goal of collecting for Toys for Tots in December with a total of 1,820 toys donated to the Salvation Army. As a reward, students were allowed to wear spirit wear the last two days of finals. But the real winners were the many children who were able to receive a toy for Christmas.



PHS students loading 1,820 toys on the Salvation Army truck.

The junior high and high school Book Clubs sold more than 170 Jolly Grams during finals week. Paired with \$30 in donations, the groups were able to purchase eight Food Angels at Kroger, providing eight needy families with food over the holidays. The Senior High Book Club also held its last book discussion of the fall semester at Wick's with special guest **Mrs. Nancy Miller**, retired PHS English teacher, contributing to the

discussion on the novel *A Clockwork Orange* by Anthony Burgess.

SADD not only hosted the Christmas Dance but also collected donations to help with its annual Elf Project. The students collected more than \$800 to help a recently widowed mother and her five children have a Merry Christmas. The students used the donations to shop for, wrap and deliver the gifts to the family.

PARENT CONNECTION

GALA LIVE AUCTION ITEMS FOR 2015

A fun part of the annual Gala, to be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Huber's Orchard & Winery, is the live auction, which includes a chance to bid on a dinner for eight with Deanery priests and tickets for four to an IU game. [Click here](#) for a full list of the items.



PREPARE FOR 2015-2016 REGISTRATION

Parents should have received an email last week with information about the upcoming registration process for students in grades seven through 11 regarding first semester grades. High school students received their Course Selection Sheets with recommended placement for next year, as well as the Tuition Payment Commitment Form. The 2015-2016 Program of Studies, with a listing of all offered courses, is available on iTeach under the administration/counseling tab and on the front page of the school website. Parents of seventh graders received a Registration Form in the email, and eighth graders will receive a Registration Packet.

New courses students may want to consider include two technology offerings, *Computer Illustration & Graphics* and *Web Design*, and two social studies offerings, *Personal Financial Responsibility* and *Law Education*. Three new offerings in science and math will provide dual credit through Indiana University: **ACP Physics** for juniors or seniors and *IUS Bridge to College Finite Math* and *IUS Bridge to College Brief Survey of Calculus* for seniors. The new science course *Science Research, Independent Study*, is open to grades 10 to 12 and will award students who successfully complete the requirements with a Lean Sigma Green Belt certification, which will benefit students when applying for college or work in the science field. More information about these courses

can be found in the [2015-2016 Program of Studies](#).

Registration for grade seven and for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will begin Jan. 22. Students will turn in their registration materials and \$100 deposit during designated class times and continue through Jan. 29. A schedule of registration dates is included in the email parents received last week about the last grading period. Eighth graders will register Feb. 4 between 4:00 and 8:30 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium.

All materials must be turned in at the time of registration, and registration deposits not turned in by Feb. 6 will result in a \$50 penalty fee. As mentioned in the first semester letter from **Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74**, parents interested in applying for financial aid for the 2015-2016 school year should email **Mrs. Jan Andres** at jandres@providencehigh.net.

PSAT SCORES ARE IN

PSAT score results, test booklets and a scoring tutorial were distributed to sophomores and juniors in early December. Parents can find a link to a guide for interpreting the score reports and how to use the PSATs to prepare for the SAT by [clicking here](#). As a reminder to junior parents, all juniors should be registered for the SAT (January or March). Students are encouraged to first take the SAT and then the ACT (February or April). This information and more can be found on [PHS website](#) under the Guidance tab.

INCOMING FRESHMAN REGISTRATION - SAVE THE DATE

Parents of eighth graders throughout the Deanery will receive a registration packet in the next few days with information about freshman registration, which will be held Feb. 4, between 4:00 and 8:30 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. More information will be included in the next issue of e-VISION.

The deadline for the Ritter Scholarship application has passed, but two scholarship opportunities are still available. Incoming freshmen can still apply for two scholarships: the [Dale Durham Performing Arts Scholarship](#) and the [Providence Alumni Association Scholarship](#). For a description of the scholarships, [click here](#).

JUNIOR HIGH REGISTRATION - SAVE THE DATE

Parents of sixth graders attending St. Joseph in Corydon, St. Paul and St. Mary of the Knobs schools will receive a registration packet with

information about junior high registration, which will be held Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. More information will be included in the next issue of e-VISION.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ACADEMY COMING SOON

The Girls Basketball team is once again offering its Girls Basketball Academy for girls in the New Albany Deanery interested in playing varsity basketball. Tryouts will be Feb. 15. Offerings include a travel team and a development league. To download the brochure, [click here](#).

ALUMNI IN ACTION

REUNION UPDATE

Reunions for 2015:

1960 - (55 years) Reunion will be held Sept. 19, 2015. More information to follow in coming months. Also, check out the [class website](#).

1965 - (50 years) Save the date information has been sent for the following two events: Golden Diploma Ceremony & Dinner at Providence April 23, 2015, and the 50th Reunion Celebration on July 11, 2015.

2000 - (15 years) Reunion will be held Nov. 7, 2015. More information to follow in coming months.

2010 - (5 years) Sept. 19, 2015, at Big Four Burgers in Jeffersonville. More information to follow in coming months.

Reunion planning for classes with years ending in 5 or 0 has begun. If you are interested in helping plan your class reunion, email alumni@providencehigh.net. The Office of Alumni Relations has yet to hear from the classes of 1970, 1985 and 1990.

SENIOR RETREAT NEXT WEEK

The third senior retreat of the school year will take place next week. Please keep the retreatants and leaders in your prayers. For more information, please email **Mrs. Leah (Cissell) Kelly '05** at lkelly@providencehigh.net.

COACH GARY ROSENBERGER HONORED AT ALUMNI NIGHT CEREMONY

A large crowd celebrated **Coach Gary Rosenberger's** retirement from

coaching track at the girls'-boys' basketball doubleheader on Friday, Jan. 9. Coach Rosenberger '59 was honored at halftime of the boys' game. He coached track for 42 seasons, leading both girls' and boys' teams for much of that time. He coached two girls' teams to sectional titles plus 91 state qualifiers and 16 All-State finishers. He also was an assistant coach for boys' basketball from 1971 to 1990, including the 1984 sectional championship team, and football from 1971 to 2010, including five football sectional, two regional and two state runner-up teams.

Also honored at the game were 15 alumni teams celebrating anniversaries of their post-season victories. Teams recognized included 1965 boys' basketball (pictured above); 1980 girls' track, 1970, 1985, 2000 and 2005 baseball, 1955, 1975 and 1990 boys' golf; 2005 softball; 1975, 1990 and 2005 girls' tennis; 1985 wrestling; and 1995 powerlifting.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

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The generosity of the following companies and organizations at this year's Gala Dinner & Auction provides a financial foundation for this event and helps to ensure its success. Their BLUE PRIDE is always on display!

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'09 GRAD READY TO HELP OTHERS AS MEMBER OF THE PEACE CORPS

When **Oliver Book '09** graduated in May 2014 with a degree in architectural engineering from the University of Cincinnati, he was reluctant to move directly into a full-time job in that field. Instead, he "wanted to experience new adventures and help people at the same time while I'm still young and not tied down," he said. He begins that adventure next month, when he becomes a member of the Peace Corps and leaves for the African nation of Zambia to serve as a rural agricultural promoter. [Click here](#) to read more.



BLUE NEWS OF OLD: Student news from 20 years ago

By *Ray Day '57, school archivist*

BluePrints was a student-written newspaper that began publication in the 1987-88 school year and continued until May 2008. As we enter the year 2015, I was curious to know what students were writing about in early 1995 - 20 years ago.



[Click here](#) to read a few headlines and random quotes from the Feb. 10, 1995, issue that reflect the topics important to students that year.

COMING EVENTS

Jan 19 - Faculty In-Service (No Students)

Jan 20-23 - Third Senior retreat

Jan 24 - Gala Dinner & Auction - 6:00 p.m. at Huber's Orchard & Winery

Jan 26-30 - Catholic Schools' Week
Jan 27 - Catholic Schools' Week Liturgy (Liturgy Schedule)
Jan 27-30 - 2014-2015 Course Selection/Registration Days
Jan 28 - Next issue of e-VISION News
Jan 30 - Winter Homecoming Ceremony (Special Schedule)
Feb. 2 - Jr. High Registration - Tours @ 6:00 p.m., Register - 7:00 p.m.
Feb 4 - Incoming 9th Grade Registration (4:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

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And lastly..

As we prepare for registration for the 2015-2016 school year, parents and potential students are excited at the prospect of becoming Providence students. Here is a message from future parent **Lindsay Weathers**, whose sister, **Lee Ann (Weathers) Smith '84** and brothers, **Tom '86** and **Tim '87**, all graduated from Providence:

"I believe the best investment I can make for my son's future is to invest in an education at Our Lady of Providence. What better gift can a parent give to their son or daughter than the opportunity to spend four years in a structured and disciplined environment, where academic excellence is expected and encouraged? To know my son will be able to speak openly of his Catholic faith and nurture his relationship with Christ all while being fully prepared to enter college and his adult life as a well rounded and respectful individual, to me, is priceless."

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