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ASAP APPRECIATION DINNER OCT. 14. RESERVATIONS DEADLINE OCT. 6

Alumni, parents and friends are invited to attend the Annual Student Assistance Program (ASAP) appreciation dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Huber's Orchard and Winery Plantation Hall. We will be sharing a video of one family's reflections on the assistance they received through ASAP. In addition, **Sister Ann Margaret O'Hara '55**, former general superior of the Sisters of Providence and a member of the first graduating class of Providence, will offer her thoughts on Catholic education.



To make a reservation for the complimentary dinner (deadline is Monday, Oct 6), contact **Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84** at [\(812\) 945-3350](tel:8129453350) or at dmarshall@providencehigh.net. If unable to attend but wish

to make a contribution, go to www.providencehigh.net and click Donate/Support or mail your contribution to Advancement Office, 707 Providence Way, Clarksville, IN 47129.



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STUDENTS IN ACTION

SENIOR NAMED NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENT

Congratulations to senior **Erin Embrey**, who recently was named a Commended Student in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. This is the second highest national academic honor a high school student can receive.

Commended student status means that from the more than 1.5 million students who took the PSAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last fall these seniors scored in the top five percent. She joins about 34,000 commended students throughout the nation who are recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Erin is the daughter of Chip and Allison Embrey and a graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. She is a senior leader of the *House of Spirit*, treasurer of the Spanish Club, a peer coach and member of the National Honor Society, a Lector/Usher Minister, and a Student Ambassador. She also had a lead in this year's fall show and is a member of SADD, St. Genesius Society, Green Dot, Providence Singers and Senior Council. Next year, she plans to study chemistry and Spanish for pre-medicine and hopes to attend Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, UVA, or Northwestern. Congratulations, Erin!

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER NAMED ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

By senior **Ashlyn Edwards**



Providence senior and Girls Soccer captain **Sarah Posante** has been named the Penn Station student athlete of the month. An award sponsored by Penn Station and WLKY, the honor recognizes student athletes in Kentuckiana who are excellent athletes as well as upstanding citizens in their community. Honorees receive a gift certificate to Penn Station restaurants for a "Party of 10" plus a trophy, gift certificates for



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the school and a chance to win a \$5,000 scholarship. Providence receives a plaque, \$150 and a chance to win the Spirit Award, which is \$1,500 awarded to the athletic department of the school that shows the most spirit during the presentation of the award. WLKY sportscaster Fred Cowgill presented Sarah the award yesterday, and the presentation will be aired on WLKY news next Tuesday, Oct. 7. [Click here to read a Q&A with Sarah.](#)

HOUSE CUP OFFERS INSPIRATION, FRIENDLY COMPETITION



The fifth annual *Pioneer House Cup* was a success, with students participating throughout the day in a variety of activities. This was the first year the events spread out over an entire school day, with the addition of guest speaker Justin Fatica, who shared the message, "You're amazing!" Competition for the Pioneer House Cup followed. [Click to read more.](#)

GIRLS GOLF ADVANCES ONE TO REGIONAL

By *Coach Michelle Landis '06*

The Providence Girls Golf team finished fourth place in sectional earlier this month. The top three teams advance to regional, and PHS missed advancing by 10 strokes. Junior **Mary Ann Fitzpatrick** shot an 89 at sectional and advanced to regional as an individual player. While Mary Ann did not advance to state, she shot her personal best 18-hole score of 86 at regional. Overall, the team had a successful season, and each varsity player has improved since last year. The team is looking forward to next season.

JUNIORS CHOSEN TO TAKE PART IN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Six juniors have been selected to participate in Leadership Southern Indiana's NEXGEN, a program designed to develop leadership skills among high school juniors in Clark and Floyd counties. The students will attend four sessions providing hands-on learning opportunities on a variety of topics, including team building, communication, leadership and financial literacy as well as exploring the community's governments,

history, services, tourism and industry.

Only 37 juniors from 10 area high schools were selected among those who were nominated by their school counselors or administrators for exhibiting leadership qualities, good character and a desire to learn about and engage the community. Providence students participating include **Brooklin Grantz, Abbi Hamm, Maresa Kelly, Nicole Kruer, Olivia Lucas** and **Ethan Roberson**.

RETREATS CONTINUE

Two more classes experienced retreats recently. Last week, the eighth graders split into two groups to visit Catholic Charities in Louisville in a day led by Crossroads Ministry. The students assisted in English as a second language (ESL) classrooms, helping adult refugees from many different countries work on their English skills. Some PHS students helped the ESL students with vocabulary and sentences, and others helped them learn the English alphabet. A few PHS students even got to help them learn some basic computer skills. The group then heard from three refugees from Iraq and Cameroon who shared their stories about what it is like to be a refugee and to move to the United States.

Overall, the focus of the day was meeting and getting to know someone whom the students otherwise would most likely never get to meet, and realizing that they often have more in common with others than they expect.

This afternoon, a group of juniors will have completed the first Junior Retreat. Those students experienced an overnight retreat to help the students bond and grow their faith. Unlike the underclassman retreats, the Junior Retreat is an elective experience.

The first Senior Retreat will take place Oct. 21-24. Please keep these seniors in your prayers. For more information, email **Mrs. Leah (Cissell) Kelly '05** at lkelly@providencehigh.net.

TEAMS TO START POST SEASON PLAY

Several teams will start sectional play this week or over Fall Break. Tonight, Boys Tennis will face No. 6 state-ranked Jeffersonville at Jeffersonville at 4:30. The Boys Tennis team has had one of its most successful seasons in program history and hopes it wins its first sectional title for the program.

Next week, Providence hosts the Boys Soccer sectional with the team facing North Harrison at 6 p.m. on Monday. The Girls Soccer team will face Corydon Central at 5 p.m. at Floyd Central on Tuesday. Cross

Country will compete in the Crawford County Sectional on Saturday, Oct. 11. Football will host Clarksville on Oct. 17 for the last home game of the season. The game also is designated Senior Night and Deanery Night. Volleyball begins its sectional the week school resumes. Good luck to all the teams!

SAVE THE DATE: FALL CONCERT

By senior **Ashley Bittenbender**

Mark your calendars now for Oct. 26 when the Providence Singers and the seventh grade music class will perform at 2 p.m. This Fall Concert features an array of musical numbers centered around magic and imaginary and exciting places. Travel to the Land of Oz with songs from "Wicked" and to the town of Halloween with a song from the "Nightmare Before Christmas." The Fall Concert will be held in the auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

HOUSE OF HONESTY SHARES KINDNESS

By junior **Maresa Kelly**

In one of the hallways at Providence, the House of Honesty has filled a bulletin board with pictures displaying "Acts of Kindness" that the members have performed throughout the school year. The idea came from the incoming seventh- and eighth-grade summer reading assignment: "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. The book got so much positive feedback from the students that their English teacher, **Mrs. Christy Russell-Read**, decided to turn it into a project.

The junior high students, all members of the House of Honesty, were able to perform random acts of kindness (such as paying for the car behind them in a drive thru) for their parents, friends, community, or even strangers. Although the assignment has been completed, eighth grader and leader of the House of Honesty **Joe Gryboski** says that he knows he will continue to share random acts of kindness with those he meets all year.

GREEN DOT PROGRAM MOVES INTO THIRD YEAR



Last week, 23 students took part in the latest Green Dot training program. The training, provided by the Center for Women and Families, gives students the tools they need to create and foster a culture of safe relationship behavior. Students are taught to recognize bullying as well as relationship violence and how to respond to stop the violence, whether by distraction, deflection or delegation. The aim is to replace violence - or "red dots" - with the "green dots" of safe relationship behavior. This is the third year for the Green Dot program at Providence.

Junior **Audrey Shannon** took part in last week's training and said she was glad to learn how to help others and to speak out to stop violence. "There were some things I learned that I didn't know," she said. "If I see something happening now, I will take the initiative and say something or get someone else to step in instead of just watching it happen."

SADD MEMBERS SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP WALK

Over the weekend, 12 SADD members assisted with and participated in the Grassroots Prevention Coalition's Tragedy 2 Triumph Scholarship Run/Walk. Members also raised \$310 for the coalition, which works to reduce substance abuse among



Clark County youth and provides scholarships to local seniors. Last year, two seniors won scholarships from the coalition.

PRO-LIFE CLUB PARTICIPATES IN 40 DAYS OF LIFE PRAYER

The Pro-Life Club is one of several new clubs that have formed this year. Over the weekend, members of the group attended a 40 Days of Life prayer event in front of the Women's Clinic in Louisville. The 40 Days of Life runs from Sept. 24 through Nov. 2 and involves at least two

people standing and praying for an hour in front of the clinic during the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in quiet protest to seek an end to legalized abortion.

The students who attended were freshmen **Ethan Furnish, Heidi Popson** and **Amanda Kerstiens**, and juniors **Ryan Fansler, Anna Wade, Abbi Hamm** and **Megan Evans**. Pro-Life Club sponsor **Ms. Samantha Strom** and **Mr. Scott Lutgring** chaperoned.



Megan Evans offers this reflection on the experience:

"Praying outside of the Women's Clinic was a new experience for me, and I had no idea what to expect. Our group was cheery and talkative when we arrived, but we quickly quieted as we felt the gravity of the situation. We filled our one-hour time slot by praying a rosary, praying a Divine Mercy Chaplet and saying personal prayer. We concluded singing "Amazing Grace." The presence of God seemed tangible as we created a circle of peace on a busy sidewalk.

"When I talked to Ethan Furnish afterward, he said that while this was his fourth time praying outside of a clinic, the experience is never the same. Praying to end abortion is important to Ethan because he views it as a crime that is overlooked on a day-to-day basis. He and I agree that this trip emphasized for us the importance to advocate for pro-life activity."

ART CLUB OFFERING ROSARY WORKSHOP

Students, teachers and parents have the opportunity to make their own rosary at a [Rosary Workshop](#) sponsored by the Art Club. Participants will learn about the rosary as well. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Activity Center. The cost is a \$10 suggested donation to cover the cost of materials and to help cover expenses for the club's upcoming Empty Bowls event in November. Registration is open to the first 30 participants, and the deadline to register is Oct. 20. Please email **Mrs. Donna Burden** at

dburden@providencehigh.net to register.

PARENT CONNECTION

DEANERY NIGHT IS OCT. 17

We invite all Deanery students and families to attend [Deanery Night](#) on Friday, Oct. 17, during the Pioneer Football game vs. Clarksville High School. At halftime, football teams from the New Albany Deanery will be recognized, and the Southern Indiana Catholic and Clark County Catholic 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade teams will scrimmage on the field.

Deanery students in kindergarten through eighth grade wearing a T-shirt or athletic uniform representing their Deanery school or team will be admitted for just \$1 when accompanied by an adult. Regular admission is \$5. Game time is 7 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: OPEN HOUSE NOV. 2

Mark your calendars for the annual Open House on Sunday, Nov. 2, when we will provide interactive tours and information to prospective junior high and high school students and their families. New this year will be tours at 1:00 p.m. designed specifically for fifth and sixth graders attending St. Mary of the Knobs, St. Joseph Corydon and St. Paul schools. Tours for prospective high school students will be from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE TOMORROW

Students' first quarter report cards will be available in FamilyLink starting tomorrow. The parent letter was emailed last week with a link to two important surveys. All parents are asked to complete the surveys by Oct. 5.

Fall Break begins after school on Friday, with school resuming on Oct. 20, an A Day, with BLUE Days sessions starting at 7:30 a.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Oct. 22 with teachers available from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., following a 2:30 dismissal.

DEANERY COACHES' CLINIC OFFERED

Coaches **Andrew Grantz '07** and **Brad Burden** will be conducting a two-hour basketball coaches' clinic on Oct. 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Providence. This clinic is free to all coaches in the New Albany Deanery. [Click here](#) for more information.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Thank you to the many parents who contributed door prizes for the annual Deanery Teacher and Staff Appreciation Dinner. The evening included a dinner, recognition of years of service, and the distribution of door prizes. This year was the largest attendance yet with 150, and your contributions allowed most of them to go home with a prize.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

PROVIDENCE FALL FOOD FEST THIS WEEKEND

Alumni and friends 21 and over are invited to attend the [Providence Fall Food Fest on Saturday, Oct. 4](#). Enjoy food for purchase from several local vendors, including Big Four Burgers, Orange Clover Kitchen & More (**Rachel Hall Smallwood '00**), Rubbin' Butts BBQ (**Aaron Conlin ex-'88**) and Chillers Ice Cream-Jeffersonville (**Gary & Jenifer (Book '79) Tretter**). Beverage vendors include Huber's Orchard & Winery (**Greg '81 & Jan (Gettelfinger '81) and Ted '84 & Dana Huber**) and Big Four Burgers + Beer. Activities include gaming under the tent (License #134838), corn hole and more with entertainment provided by "Smokin' Joe" **Dotson '90** and DJ **Kyle Andres '99**.

Admission is \$10 at the door. 5:30 p.m. to midnight at Providence. Open to patrons 21 and over only.

REUNION UPDATES

The following are reunions planned for 2014

- **1960** - Dec. 13. Clarion Inn, Clarksville. 11 a.m. Eleventh annual mini-reunion brunch
- **2009** - (5 years) Nov. 29 at Wick's, New Albany. Save the date information has been sent.

It's not too early to start planning next year's reunion for classes with years ending in 5 or 0. If you are interested in helping plan your class reunion, email alumni@providencehigh.net.

Reunions for 2015:

- **1965** - (50 years) July 11, 2015, at Huber Winery. Golden Diploma Dinner April 23, 2015.
- **2000** - The class is in need of reunion organizers. If you would like to help, please email alumni@providencehigh.net.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER: ERIC WERMUTH

We welcome **Mr. Eric Wermuth** to our full-time maintenance staff. Mr. Wermuth replaces **Mr. Pat Payne** and handles general maintenance for the school building, from opening the building in the morning to doing light repairs throughout the day.



Mr. Wermuth said he enjoys doing maintenance because he has always liked working with his hands. One of his favorite gifts as a child was a screwdriver set because it gave him a chance to take apart everything he could. After taking industrial technology courses at Ivy Tech, he had various maintenance and mechanic jobs, including rebuilding and selling used cars with his father and working maintenance of an apartment building.

Mr. Wermuth said he has felt very welcome at Providence and enjoys that "everybody is willing to help. That really impressed me because people seem really glad that I'm here." He applied to Providence for the chance to work at a Catholic school and because he had "heard good things about it," he said.

A graduate of Lanesville High School, Mr. Wermuth also attended the old St. Mary's School in Lanesville. He lives outside of Lanesville with his wife of less than two years, Cheryl, and two stepdaughters but is in the process of trying to sell their home to move closer to Providence. He enjoys rebuilding old cars, being outdoors and fishing, especially in Panama City Beach, Fla., when he can get the chance.

BLUE NEWS OF OLD:

PROVIDENCE, PROVIDENCE, YOUR NAME IS GLORIOUS.

By Ray Day '57, school archivist (Part I of II)

The very first graduating class at Our Lady of Providence (1955) will celebrate its 60th anniversary at the end of this school year.

I am writing in honor of this anniversary, about how our school came to be and the role played by the Sisters of Providence. Sisters pictured at right are (left to right) Sister Marian Thomas, Sister Marie Helen, and Sister Marie Carmel. [Click to read more.](#)



COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 1 - Junior Retreat
- Oct. 3 - Senior Announcement Orders - during lunches
- Oct. 4 - Fall Food Fest, 5:30 p.m.-midnight
- Oct. 6 - 17 - Fall Break
- Oct. 14 - ASAP Kick-off Dinner at Huber's Orchard & Winery - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15 - Gala Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Suite
- Oct. 16 - 17 - Faculty In-Service
- Oct. 17 - Deanery Night at Football Game
- Oct. 21 - 24 - First Senior Retreat
- Oct. 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25 - Rosary Workshop - 9:00 a.m. - noon - Activity Center
- Oct. 25 - Deanery Coaches' Clinic - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Providence
- Oct. 26 - Fall Concert - 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium
- Oct. 29 - PSAT - Juniors and Seniors - 8:00 a.m. - noon
- Nov. 2 - Open House - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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And lastly...

The month of October is a significant time of year for Providence. The founding of the Sisters of Providence Order in America by Mother Theodore Guerin is traditionally celebrated each October 22.

For many years, **Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, SP**, a native of New Albany and dear friend of Providence High School over the years, diligently led the effort for Mother Theodore's cause for beatification and sainthood. In October 1998, **Pope John Paul II** declared Mother Theodore "Blessed." Sister Marie Kevin's dedication came to fruition on October 15, 2006, when Mother Theodore was canonized a saint of the Roman Catholic Church by **Pope Benedict XVI**. Her feast day is celebrated on Friday, October 3.

Prayer to St. Mother Theodore Guerin.

"Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, valiant woman of God, intercede for us in our needs. Implore for us through Jesus the gifts of living faith, abiding hope, and steadfast charity, so that through a life of prayer and service with others we may aid in promoting the Providence of God among all peoples. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, pray for us. Amen."

By the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. (With Ecclesiastical Approval)

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