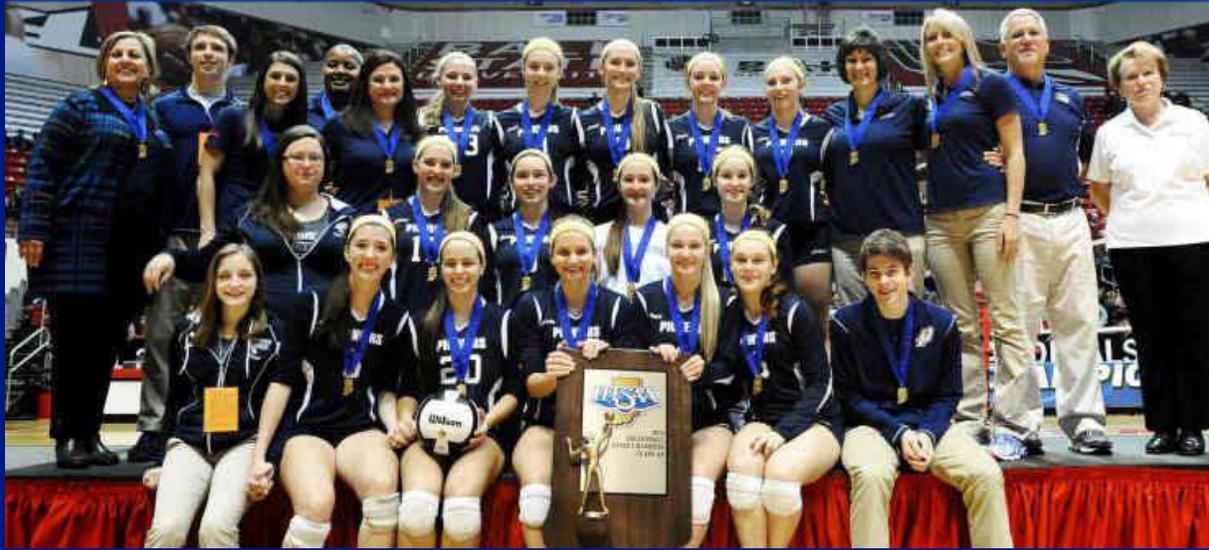


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Congratulations to IHSAA back-to-back Class 2A state champs!

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PROVIDENCE GETS AN "A" GRADE

Providence is proud to announce that its junior high and high school have received an A grade from the Indiana [Department of Education](#). The grade reflects our students' academic growth, including progress on ISTEP+ testing and End of Course Assessments, as well as graduation rates and college and career readiness for the 2013-2014 school year. This is the fourth year in a row Providence has received an A since the A-F Accountability rankings have been used. Congratulations to our students and teachers on this achievement!

STUDENTS IN ACTION

VOLLEYBALL WINS BACK-TO-BACK 2A STATE TITLE

By Coach **Terri (Blunk) Purichia '90**

The Providence Volleyball team finished its 2014 campaign 33-3, earning a back-to-back Class 2A state championship by defeating Southwood 25-17, 25-14, 25-18. Senior setter **Patricia Mattingly**, who will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy next season to continue her volleyball career, was awarded the IHSAA 2A Mental Attitude Award.

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Highlights for this season include a win over Ravenwood, a perennial powerhouse from Tennessee, which marked Head **Coach Terri Purichia's** 400th career victory; defeating Avon, Class 4A back-to-back state champion; defeating Floyd Central in three sets; and winning the Providence Early Bird Tournament for the first time in 25 seasons.

The Pioneer players earned several accolades for their performances this season. Patricia and senior middle blocker **Taylor Wilson**, junior outside hitter **Jacque Hornung**, and junior libero **Audrey Shannon** were all selected to the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Class 2A All-State First Team, while freshman **Marissa Hornung** was selected to the ICGSA All-State Second Team. Head Coach Terri Purichia was selected as the Class 2A State Coach of the Year.

The Pioneers say goodbye to the most highly accomplished senior class in its storied history. As freshmen, this senior class went to the semi-state, was state runner-up as sophomores, and was state champion as juniors and seniors. We would like to congratulate our great seniors for their dedication to our program: **Patricia, Taylor, Maddie Bivens, Carlie Combs** and **Haley Libs**.

This team also had the distinction of having three sets of sisters: senior Haley Libs and sophomore **Lexie Libs**, junior Jacque Hornung and freshman Marissa Hornung, and juniors and twins **Audrey and Claire Shannon**.

The Pioneers will be moving up to Class 3A next season due to the IHSAA's "Success Factor Rule." We are very excited about our future with the players who will be returning, which includes a JV squad that was 23-1 for the season, losing only four sets all season long.

CHEER SQUAD 4TH AT IASP STATE

By Coach Christie Evanczyk '09

The Cheerleading team finished fourth out of 15 teams in the IASP Indiana Cheer Championship state finals on

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Saturday. Earlier this month, the team finished out the football season cheering on the team at a very cold game in the sectional semi-final. The cheerleaders are proud of the Football team's accomplishments this season! The team is excited for basketball season to begin and will cheer at all varsity Boys Basketball games and several Girls Basketball games.

FOOTBALL HAS WINNING SEASON

By Coach **Larry Denison '86**

The 2014 Providence Football team proved a lot of the skeptics wrong this season. Many people predicted that after graduating 24 seniors and 16 out of 22 starters that this year's team would struggle to compete. The team was very young this year, with most of the Pioneer players having to play both offense and defense. Led by a group of determined seniors that included **Matt Bell** (named Wave 3 Touchdown Friday Night Player of the Week in early September), **Luke Fougousse**, **Matt Hayes**, **Thomas Gettelfinger**, **Donald Gettelfinger**, **Justin Wheatley**, **Mason Koetter** and **Kody Kallembach**, the team exceeded a lot of people's expectations.

The team started off the season by opening with archrival 6A New Albany on the brand new turf surface on Sartini Field. The team overcame the horrendous heat and the Bulldogs to pull out a historic 15-14 victory. The Pioneers put up another heroic effort but came up short the following week by losing to 5A Floyd Central 25-26 in overtime. On the season, the 7-4 Pioneers were able to pull out victories over Trinity Lutheran, Indianapolis Manual, Mitchell, Charlestown and two victories over cross-town rival Clarksville for a record of 7-4. The Pioneers other losses on the season came at the hands of 1A Louisville power Holy Cross, a 6A Jeffersonville team that had a record of 8-2, and to eventual sectional champion Triton Central.

The Pioneers will be young again next year with only three returning junior starters (**Aaron Flanagan**, **Alex Roederer**, and **Josh Rinzel**). They



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can learn a lot from this year's senior class as far as what it takes to defy the odds and prove the skeptics wrong again next year!

STUDENTS DEVELOP TALENTS IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

Our students have various talents, many of them obvious as they perform or play a sport before a large crowd or audience at school events. Many others share interests and skills with their peers in one of many extracurricular activities. But a few have hobbies and interests that have them performing or involved in a sport with a wider audience outside of school. [Click here](#) to read the stories of five such students.

COLLECTIONS HELP THE NEEDY

This week, the PHS Cafeteria is holding its annual Fall Food Drive. Students, faculty and staff are asked to bring in various food items to benefit the Center for Lay Ministries in Jeffersonville. Tomorrow's featured item is dry packaged foods and Friday's is any non perishable food item.

On Monday, the *House of Spirit's* drive to collect gloves and other winter outerwear to support Spread the Gloves, a service project of the Louisville Metro Police Department's Shield of Faith. Students, faculty and staff donated more than 250 items, including 122 pairs of gloves.

SOPHOMORES STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP SKILLS AT RETREAT

Late last month, four sophomores attended the Student Leadership Program retreat in Indianapolis: **Abby Posey**, **Bayley Wade**, **Natalie Jacobi**, and **Ben Arnson**. [Click here](#) to read some of what Abby and Ben learned over the three days.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS WIN IN SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to seventh graders **Caden Sidebottom** and **Brigid Welch**, who tied for second in their grade level in the Deanery Science Fair last week. Caden's project was titled "A Clean Break?" and Brigid's was "Swimming in Acid."

GIRLS SOCCER PLAYERS EARN RECOGNITION

Three Girls Soccer players were named NTSPY Player of the Year finalists by the News & Tribune: seniors **Alyssa Jones** and **Jordan Reger**, and junior **Emma Roesner**. Alyssa, Jordan, Emma and senior **Sarah Posante** were named to the News & Tribune All-Area First

Team, while senior **Erin Butler**, junior **Taylor Hunton**, sophomores **Olivia Jenkins** and **Katrina Cooper** (goalkeeper), and freshman **Savanna Kerstiens** were named All-Area Second Team. Congratulations to all these players!

POWDER PUFF GAME RAISES FUNDS

Congratulations to the seniors, who won the annual touch football contest between the junior and senior girls on Monday. Thank you to all who attended and supported After Prom by contributing more than \$700 through gate and concession sales as well as donations.



PARENT CONNECTION

THEATRE STUDENTS TO PRESENT CHILDREN'S SHOW, THEATRE WORKSHOP

Freshman and sophomore Providence Players will perform the children's show "Chasing Charming" on Saturday, Nov. 15, and Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Admission is \$5. The students also will perform the show for students from the Deanery schools on Monday, Nov. 17, at 10:00 a.m.



Also on Nov. 15, members of the St. Genesius Theatre Society and Popcorn Players will conduct a theatre workshop for students in grades kindergarten through eighth from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 9:30, and preregistration is required by downloading and completing this [registration form](#).

EMPTY BOWLS EVENT TO HELP

ALLEVIATE HUNGER

The Art Club will host the sixth annual [Empty Bowls Event](#) on Sunday, Nov. 23, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Activity Center. For a suggested minimum donation of \$15, guests will receive a student-crafted ceramic bowl to keep and enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread.

Over the last five years, the event has raised and donated nearly \$13,000 for local hunger coalitions and Catholic Charities food needs, and the Art Club hopes to bring that total to more than \$15,000 after this year's event. Proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels, OLPH Soup Kitchen ministries, In Heaven's Eyes of Holy Family and St. Elizabeth's-Catholic Charities food pantry.

PIONEER GEAR TO BE SOLD AT HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

Fans can purchase Providence spirit wear items from special kiosks located on the home side balcony during Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball home games. This is a new location from last year.

Girls Basketball kicked off its season last night at Crothersville in the Henryville Tip-Off Tourney, and the first home game is Friday, Nov. 14, vs. Rock Creek with JV at 6:00 p.m. and varsity at 7:30. Boys Basketball will begin Nov. 28 when it hosts Indianapolis Metropolitan with JV at 6:00 p.m. and varsity at 7:30.

GALA: SAVE THE DATE, HELP NEEDED

The annual Gala Dinner & Auction is an important fundraiser for Providence. We invite and encourage our parents to take part in any way you can. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 24, 2015, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Huber's Orchard & Winery. More information about the event will be published in the coming months.

In the meantime, please help us with the creation of several wheel of chance and silent auction items. We are in need of donations of gift cards/certificates for restaurants to be used for our Dining Out Tree, and gift cards/certificates for stores to be used for our Shopping Tree. We also need items for the following university baskets: IU, UofL, UK, Purdue and Notre Dame, including pairs of basketball tickets, sportswear, or anything related to the universities mentioned. If you could help by donating an item for the university baskets and/or gift cards/certificates for either of the "Trees" it would be greatly appreciated.

All donations may be sent to the attention of **Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84**, director of special events. Please include your name on your

donation. All donations received by Dec.1 would be greatly appreciated.

PROVIDENCE TO PILOT VIRTUAL OPTION FOR SNOW DAYS

Parents, be sure to read the information emailed yesterday from Dr. Mindy Ernstberger explaining how snow days will be handled this school year since Providence has been approved to offer the Virtual Option.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

NEXT SENIOR RETREAT COMING SOON

The second Senior Retreat of the school year is taking place this week, Nov. 11-14. Please keep these seniors and the leaders in your prayers. For more information, email **Leah (Cissell) Kelly '05**, director of campus ministry, at lkelly@providencehigh.net.

BLUE PRIDE MADNESS TO KICK OFF BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON

Former University of Louisville men's basketball Coach **Denny Crum** and Indiana University Southeast men's basketball Coach **Wiley Brown** are scheduled to be guest coaches of the Boys Basketball Blue-White Game at the season kickoff Blue Pride Madness event on Nov. 15. The free event, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., will feature a music and light show by Sounds Unlimited Productions, special contests between alumni and Deanery players, and prize giveaways.

REUNION UPDATE

The following are reunions planned for 2014:

- **1958** - (56 years) Nov. 14 at Covered Bridge. 6:00 p.m.
Contact **Mary Lee Eldridge** at gram9023@twc.com for further information.
- **1960** - (54 years) Dec. 13. Clarion Inn, Clarksville. 11 a.m. Eleventh annual mini-reunion brunch
- **2009** - (5 years) Nov. 29 at Wick's, New Albany. Invitations have been sent.

Reunions for 2015:

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 and 1990.

POKER NIGHT TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Support the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund and enjoy a night of poker at the Alumni Association Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at Sacred Heart Church's Walpole Hall on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7:00 p.m. Registration is at 6:30, and the buy-in is \$50. Concessions will be available for sale throughout the evening.

The public is invited, and alumni are especially encouraged to attend. Charity Gaming Night License No.135553. For more information, email alumni@providencehigh.net.

SAVE THE DATE: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa, open to all alumni and Deanery families with young children, will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Activities will include performances by the Popcorn Players, Christmas crafts, a continental breakfast and a photo with Santa. The event is sponsored by the Providence Girls Soccer team and Popcorn Players. Free of charge. Donations accepted.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

NEW COACH LEADING SWIM TEAM



The Swim & Dive team will be led by new head coach **Sarah Barr**. Coach Barr said she plans to build the team and help the team members have fun while improving individual times and meeting individual goals. The co-ed team has about 12 members, including one diver, and she hopes to increase those numbers in coming seasons. Coach Barr is joined by assistant coaches **Bill Wessels** and **Holden Henderson '10**.

Coach Barr also coaches and teaches swim lessons at the YMCA. She has a lifelong love of swimming, having been a swimmer at Silver Creek in middle school and high school and for Pace. She said she enjoys working with youth and is excited to coach at Providence.

Coach Barr is a full-time student at Indiana University Southeast working toward her bachelor's degree in elementary education, having previously earned her associate's degree. She lives in Sellersburg with her husband, Josh, and their children Zack, 4, and Alex, 3, and she enjoys cheering them on at their sporting events.

The Swim & Dive season begins Dec. 2 when the team will compete in a dual meet at Floyd Central.

BLUE NEWS OF OLD: Volleyball among Best Programs in State

By Ray Day '57, school archivist, and Christa (Payne) Hoyland '84, school communications director.

The Girls Volleyball state championship being celebrated this week led us to delve into the archive to explore Providence Volleyball's storied past. The team's successes make it one of the top seven winningest programs in the state, tied with Muncie Burriss High School at 29 sectional titles. [Click here for full story.](#)



COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 11 - 14** - Second Senior Retreat
- Nov. 13** - 6th Grade Shadow Day
- Nov. 15 & 16** - Children's Show "Chasing Charming" at 2:00 p.m. - Robinson Auditorium
- Nov. 23** - [Empty Bowls Event](#)
- Nov. 26 - 28** - Thanksgiving Break - School Closed
- Dec. 6** - Breakfast with Santa

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And lastly...

Dear Lord,
(This week) we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the

continual struggle to preserve our freedom, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made, for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

In Jesus' name we pray - Amen.

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