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FIRST E-LEARNING DAY A SUCCESS

Providence implemented its first eLearning day last Monday due to inclement weather as part of a pilot program of the virtual option approved by the Indiana Department of Education. The project was successful, with only two students calling the SOS line and a few students experiencing bandwidth or downloading issues due to their family's Internet provider.

For the most part, teachers said the day went well, with students emailing them with concerns and questions, which the teachers answered promptly. At least one teacher used an interactive whiteboard app to record and send demonstrations and examples of solutions. Some students completed and emailed the assignments that day, and most students turned in the assignment when it was due the next class period.

Parents are still asked to reserve Dec. 19, the first week of Spring Break, and May 1 as potential snow make-up days in case we would experience multiple days off due to inclement weather.

Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74 said that the pilot program is intended to help teachers "keep instruction delivered as consistently and

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sequentially as possible," especially because the school is now on a balanced calendar with more breaks. "Snow days create even more interruptions that can eventually negatively affect student learning. Virtual learning can mitigate these kinds of interruptions and help keep instruction moving forward."

The eLearning day also helps meet the goal "of helping students use technology responsibly," Dr. Ernstberger said. "Virtual learning prepares them for a world where this kind of communication will be their future, specifically preparing them for college."

Senior Ashlyn Edwards liked the eLearning day and said that while the implementation can be improved somewhat, she especially liked keeping up with her school work and not having to make up the day later. "It was a useful experience because I still got all my lessons, but I could do them at my own leisure and get my work done at my pace," she said. "I believe it is a better alternative to snow days because ... it makes the schedule more definite because it eliminates the question of whether we will really (will) have days off or whether we will have to come in as a snow make-up day."

To view a news story that aired last week on WHAS, [click here](#).

STUDENTS IN ACTION

STUDENTS SEE TECHNOLOGY OF THE FUTURE IS NOW

Nearly 500 science students were introduced last week to the latest technology in manufacturing by touring the MakerMobile. A project of Velocity Indiana, the MakerMobile travels to area schools with volunteers teaching the students about equipment such as 3D printers, laser cutters and a CNC machine. [Click to read more.](#)



JUNIOR ATTENDS CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

By junior **Megan Evans**

Junior **Ryan Fansler** is always searching for new information. He spent

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Nov. 14-16 in attendance at The Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Washington, D.C., as part of that search. The Congress is an academic honors program for students who have shown great academic achievement and a desire to enter the medical field. Ryan was nominated by his biology teacher, **Mrs. Diana Welch**, and received his invitation from the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists.

"The Congress is an incredible opportunity for students with an interest in the profession of medicine," Ryan said. The attendees listened to several speakers who are experts in various areas of medicine, including doctors who spoke about the newest advances and the progress that is being made in the medical field. Ryan said he wished to participate because he is fascinated by such progress. His favorite part of the convention was watching a live surgery via video conference and having the opportunity to ask the surgeon questions.

While attending the conference, Ryan learned about how technology is revolutionizing the medical world. "It was exciting to see that not everything has been discovered yet and that there is still a lot of work to do in the future," he said. Ryan is hoping someday to obtain a job doing medical research so that he can make his own contributions to the advances of medicine.

SOPHOMORES RECEIVE TANGIBLE REMINDER OF BLUE PRIDE

Last week, the sophomore class received class rings and House pins during the Sophomore Unity Ceremony and Liturgy. Providence has a long tradition of blessing and presenting class rings to its sophomores during a Mass. The presentation of the House pin was added to the ceremony after the establishment of the House Leadership System in 2009-2010.



Sophomore **Ragan Williams** shares this reflection on the experience:

"The Sophomore Unity Ceremony is about celebrating the experience of being a Providence student and tying together the generations of students with tradition. The ring [and pin] ceremony allows us students who have had a year at Providence to realize how blessed we are and to show our membership in the Providence community by [accepting a pin and]



wearing the class ring. Though the ceremony has changed over time, the meaning has not. It is about expressing and amplifying the Providence spirit and demonstrating its meaning in our lives as students. We are shown this by being recognized and called to receive our rings [and pins] as individuals and then standing together as a group.

"I felt that the ceremony connected me to past generations and instilled a new sense of Blue Pride within me, as well as allowing me to celebrate being a sophomore at Providence High School."

BASKETBALL OFF TO A HOT START

The Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball teams are already receiving recognition as they start their season. The girls came in second place in the season opening Henryville Tip-Off Tourney, falling to No. 21 Henryville by just seven points. Freshman **Hannah Wolford** made an impression in her debut as a Lady Pioneer and was named to the All Tournament team thanks to her performance in that game with 30 points, 11 rebounds and eight steals. She also was an Indiana Basketball Coaches Association/SUBWAY Player of the Week nominee for the week. Also during the tournament, sophomore **Cheyenne Brooks** broke the school record for steals in a game with nine in the tournament game vs. Madison Shawe, having tied the record with eight steals in the tournament opener vs. Crothersville. Over the weekend, the team lost a competitive game against New Albany and beat 2014 sectional champs Eastern Pekin 49-23. The team plays tomorrow at South Central, with JV at 6:00, varsity at 7:30.



The Boys Basketball team drew a crowd to its inaugural Blue Pride Madness, which featured skills contests among fans and a Blue-White Scrimmage with a guest appearance by former University of Louisville men's basketball coach Denny Crum. The team also was featured on [Time Warner Cable channel cn2](#) for its pre-season workout and conditioning program. The team hosts Indianapolis Metropolitan in its season opener on Friday, with JV at 6:00 and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

POPCORN PLAYERS READY TO SHARE HOLIDAY JOY

By junior **Maresa Kelly**

Everyone has his or her own Christmas traditions ranging from drinking hot chocolate, to decorating the tree, to hanging their stockings. For the New Albany Deanery students, one of their many Christmas traditions includes being visited by the Popcorn Players. The players will be visiting the Deanery schools on Thursday, Dec. 4, and Friday, Dec. 5. They will also be performing at the PHS Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 9:30 a.m., the Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m., and Azalea Hills nursing home in Floyds Knobs on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The Popcorn Players skit involves four short plays ranging from adaptations of children's books to an excerpt from the feature film *Frozen*. The members of the Popcorn Players are excited for the opportunity to spread Christmas cheer, especially senior **Kendall Powell**. "I think we are ready to perform, and with our comedic and heartwarming line up, everyone is bound to enjoy it," she said.

STUDENTS SIGN WITH NCAA D-1 COLLEGE TEAMS

Seniors **Haley Libs**, **Patricia Mattingly** and **Taylor Wilson** each signed a National Letter of Intent with a Division I college volleyball program last week.



Haley will play for Northern Kentucky University, an Athletic Sun Conference school. Patricia will play for the U.S. Naval Academy, an American Athletic Conference school. And Taylor will play for Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, New York, in the America East Conference. All three were four-year varsity starters on the Lady Pioneer Volleyball team and helped lead the team to its first state runner-up and first back-to-back state titles.

In related news, freshman **Timmy Borden** has made a verbal commitment to play baseball for the University of Louisville. Timmy was the first member of the Class of 2018 to make a commitment to the D-I college and was selected before ever playing his first game of high school baseball. Timmy will be eligible to sign his binding National Letter of Intent

his junior year. Timmy was previously featured in the Aug. 20 issue of *thee-VISION* for his participation in a tournament in Italy.

HOUSES PLAN ACTIVITIES, COLLECTIONS FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

Several Houses are getting into the holiday spirit by organizing service projects or collections to benefit the needy. The *House of Justice* is holding its annual drive to support Toys for Tots and asking all students to participate by bringing in new, unwrapped toys Dec. 1 through Dec. 12. In the past, the students have collected nearly 2,000 toys each December to help needy children have a gift to open at Christmas. This year, each House is challenged to bring in a total of 200 toys, and those Houses that meet the goal can have two days of spirit wear for its members the last two days of final exams. The *House of Justice* also is seeking student volunteers to help deliver the toys.

The *House of Integrity* packed more than 500 baggies with a sample shampoo and two small soaps to be given to to Oak Park Christian Ministries in Jeffersonville for its ministry to the homeless and needy, an idea inspired by a leadership retreat junior **Colleen Geldermann** attended. Members also will volunteer to work a few hours at the Salvation Army in New Albany during its Angel Tree shopping days next month.

The *House of Courage* will be handing out to all students candy canes with Bible verses attached one morning before final exams in order to spread good cheer and wish everyone good luck.

The *House of Truth* will be distributing cupcakes during lunch in mid-December to all students who had a birthday in the first semester in order to celebrate their special day. The remaining portion of the student body will receive birthday cupcakes in the spring.

Members of the *House of Humility* served at Colgate Baptist Church in Clarksville on Sunday for the church's annual dinner for the homeless and needy. Additionally, members of the House served at the Art Club's Empty Bowls Event on Sunday.

EMPTY BOWLS EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

The Art Club is grateful to all who attended its sixth annual Empty Bowls Event on Sunday, Nov. 23, The event brought in donations of more than \$2,300. With sponsorships, the Art Club should be able to donate about \$2,800 to local ministries and organizations that feed the needy. Prior to the event, it received television coverage on WAVE 3 and a three hour live feed from WDRB Fox 41.

Over the last five years, the Art Club-sponsored event has raised and donated nearly \$13,000 to local hunger coalitions and Catholic Charities' food needs, and this year's event should bring that total to about \$15,000.



WDRB Fox 41 morning news personality Keith Kaiser reports live from Providence while Art Club students look on.

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.

SPANISH CLUB ORNAMENTS SUPPORT HISPANIC MINISTRIES

Decorate your tree and help a good cause by purchasing handmade Christmas ornaments to raise money for The Hispanic Ministries of New Albany.



The Spanish Club members worked together to produce a rustic ornament that honors Our Lady of Guadalupe. The ornaments measure 3x5 inches and feature a wooden cross on one side and an image of Mary of Guadalupe on the other.

To support the Spanish Club's fundraiser, email **Mr. Alan Mathews '88** (amathews@providencehigh.net), the club sponsor, to arrange to purchase an ornament. The cost is \$7.

Over the past five years, the Spanish Club has donated more than \$600 to the Hispanic Ministries.

PARENT CONNECTION

PLACEMENT TEST COMING SOON

The High School Placement Exam is Saturday, Dec. 13, from 8:45 a.m. to noon for prospective freshman students for the 2015-2016 school year. Students should arrive by 8:45 a.m. at the Robinson Performing Arts Center. They should bring two No. 2 pencils and a check for \$15 made payable to Providence High School. For more information, please contact the Providence Admissions Office at [812-945-6784](tel:812-945-6784) or e-mail dsmith@providencehigh.net.

If you know a local eighth grader, be sure to encourage them to attend. A personal referral goes a long way!

Earlier this month, sixth graders from St. Paul, St. Mary of the Knobs and St. Joe Corydon attended our Introduction to Junior High day, and yesterday and today, eighth graders from the remaining Deanery schools attended our Introduction to High School day.

GALA DINNER & AUCTION - 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 possible. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 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 Blue Pride 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.

CARE PACKAGE ORDERS DUE DEC. 1

Remember that final exam week care package orders must be mailed by

Dec. 1. The care packages are \$10 and will be delivered at school before the first exam. The care packages are sponsored by the BACKSTAGE Crew, and proceeds support Providence theatre productions. Click here to download the order [form](#).

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas Concert, to be held Sunday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. The concert will feature performances by the Deanery Honor Choir, seventh grade music students, Providence Singers and Popcorn Players. Tickets will be sold in the box office and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students kindergarten through grade 12 and for senior citizens ages 62 and older. Children preschool age and younger are admitted free.

DEANERY NIGHT IS DEC. 6

Providence will host Deanery Night on Saturday, Dec. 6, during the varsity Boys Basketball game vs. Madison, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All students, teachers and families from the New Albany Deanery are invited to attend. Deanery students kindergarten through grade eight wearing a Deanery T-shirt or jersey will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Deanery Boys Basketball teams will be recognized during halftime. Other events will include a 3-point shooting contest among the Deanery coaches.

AUDITIONS FOR SPRING MUSICAL DECEMBER 8, 10 AND 11

Auditions for the spring musical *Seussical* will be Dec. 8 for vocals, Dec. 10 for dance and Dec. 11 for callbacks. Auditions are open to all high school students and will be held in the Robinson Auditorium. *Seussical* will be performed April 17, 19, 23-26, 2015.



ALUMNI IN ACTION

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA NEXT SATURDAY



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.

REUNION UPDATE

The following are reunions planned for 2014:

- **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.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

2011 GRAD GROWS IN FAITH THROUGH HELPING OTHERS

Mary Beth Mattingly '11 recently completed serving as the C.J. Smith Fellowship summer intern for the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries. Her experiences included helping lead the Summer Daze program, planning and leading mission trips for high school and for college age youth, and to help plan Deanery middle school youth activities. [Click here to read more.](#)



BLUE NEWS OF OLD: A History of Our Boys Basketball Coaches

By Ray Day '57, school archivist

This month, Providence basketball fans witnessed the debut of **Coach Andrew Grantz '07**, the school's 11th head coach of the Boys Basketball program. Grantz is only the second Providence graduate to serve in this position.

As enthusiastic fans look forward to an exciting



Coach Alvin "Pete"
Murphy

future for Coach Grantz and his 2014-2015 season, the historian inside me cannot suppress the urge to look back briefly at the 10 men who came before. [Click here to read more](#) about the 10 coaches who preceded him.



Coach Bob
Fields

COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 26 - 28 - Thanksgiving Break - School Closed
- Nov. 30 - First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 1 - Care Package Orders Due
- Dec. 1 - 12 - Toys for Tots Drive
- Dec. 2 - 3 - Advent Penance Service
- Dec. 3 - 4 - Acuity Predictive Testing - Junior High (Includes SS)
- Dec. 4 - 5 - Providence Players/Popcorn Players Deanery Tour
- Dec. 5 - Adoration
- Dec. 5 - Junior High Field Trip - A Christmas Carol
- Dec. 6 - Breakfast with Santa - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Activities Center
- Dec. 6 - Deanery Night - Boys Basketball PHS vs. Madison - 7:30 p.m. - Larkin Center
- Dec. 7 - Christmas Concert - 6:00 p.m. - Robinson Auditorium
- Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Liturgy Schedule
- Dec. 8 - Spring Musical Auditions - Vocals
- Dec. 10 - Spring Musical Auditions - Dance
- Dec. 11 - Spring Musical Auditions - Callbacks
- Dec. 13 - High School Placement Exam - 8:45 - noon - Robinson Performing Arts Center
- Dec. 15 - 18 - Final Exams - Noon Dismissal
- Dec. - 19 - Jan. 2 - Christmas Break w/ Dec. 19 reserved for Snow Make Up Day
- Jan. 3 - Classes Resume

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And lastly...

Lord, we thank you
for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.
We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.
We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day.
We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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