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## STUDENTS SUPPORT TOYS FOR TOTS

For the sixth straight year, our students are helping those less fortunate by donating toys to the annual Toys for Tots Drive. Sponsored by the *House of Justice*, the drives have resulted in more than 10,000 toys being donated, and the Salvation Army has come to count on Providence as a major supporter of the program.

Donations have been coming in steadily, with the *House of Humility* in the lead with 143 toys. Each House that brings in a total of at least 200 toys by Friday will be awarded spirit wear days for its members the last two days of finals week. If each House meets that goal, then we will meet our school-wide goal of 1,800 toys. Over the last five years, our students have met or exceeded that goal, and one year brought in a record number of 2,700 toys.



The number of toys also has been boosted by support from our alumni, including one alumnus from out of state who had a number of toys shipped in one year. The Providence Alumni Association also supports the drive, donating \$200 each

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year for the purchase of toys.

This year, our students have been invited to take part in the distribution of these toys on Saturday at the Salvation Army building on Green Valley Road in New Albany from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students interested in helping any length of time should contact **Mrs. Corinne (Alles) Beyl '99** at [cbeyl@providencehigh.net](mailto:cbeyl@providencehigh.net).

We thank all our students, parents, teachers, staff and alumni for support of this project.

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

### JUNIORS PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP EVENTS

Some of our students have had the opportunity to attend different leadership conferences. Junior **Emma Negrus** attended the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Washington, D.C., last month, and juniors **Anna Wingate** and **Audrey Shannon** participated in the Richard G. Lugar Academy Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders at the University of Indianapolis over the weekend. [Click to read more.](#)

### SOPHOMORE EARNS EAGLE SCOUT



Sophomore **Evan Messmer**, a member of Boy Scout Troop 4167 out of St. Mary of the Knobs, recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. The rank of Eagle is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn. To attain the rank, a scout must have completed at least 21 merit badges and organized a service project that benefits his community. [Click to read more.](#)

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Inspired by a guest speaker earlier this semester, **Mrs. Laura Swessel's** science students created a windmill farm during recent BLUE Day sessions. The windmills were tested last week and were able to generate enough electricity to potentially power a single LED bulb.

## STUDENT ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

Several players from our fall sports teams earned recognition recently. From the PHS Volleyball team, three players were nominated as NTSPY players of the year for their sport: junior **Jacque Hornung** and seniors **Patricia Mattingly** and **Taylor Wilson**. The News & Tribune will host the NTSPY Awards in the spring, and the winner will be announced at that time. All three girls were named to the News & Tribune All-Area Volleyball Team First Team. Teammates freshman **Marissa Hornung** and junior **Audrey Shannon** were named to the Third Team, and seniors **Maddie Bivens**, **Carlie Combs**, and **Lexie Libs** received honorable mention. Coach **Terri (Blunk) Purichia '90** was nominated for coach of the year.

For Boys Soccer senior **Logan Rauck** was nominated as an NTSPY player of the year and was named to the News & Tribune All-Area Boys Soccer Team First Team along with teammates seniors **Roman Arvizu** and **Brenden Tucker**. Sophomores **Juston Betz** and **Connor Van Hook** were named to the Second Team, and seniors **Alex Ebert** and **Jason Murner** and sophomore **Eli Coker** received honorable mentions.

Several Pioneer Football players were named to the News & Tribune All-Area Football Team: Seniors **Thomas Gettelfinger**, first team offensive line; senior **Donald Gettelfinger**, first team defensive line; **Matt Bell**, second team running back; **Matt Hayes**, second team running back; senior **Luke Fougerousse**, second team defensive back; and juniors **Aaron Flanagan**, first and second team defensive back and **Alex Roederer**, first team defensive back. Those players also received honorable mention for the 2014 Associated Press Indiana 2A All-State Football team: Matt Bell (running back), Matt Hayes (running back), Thomas (offensive line), Donald (defensive line) and Luke (defensive back) and Aaron and Alex, both defensive backs.



[Tyler Zoller Website](http://www.tylerzoller.com)

## EIGHTH GRADER TO COMPETE IN GYMNASTICS EVENTS



Eighth grader **Tanner Carver** has a talent for flips and handsprings, and he puts those talents to use as a competitive gymnast. He has been a member of SIGS Men's division for more than a year and already has advanced to level six. The starting level is four, and the highest level is eight. Tanner said he and his coach have set the goal of his advancing to level eight by next year.

Tanner practices throughout the year and will compete for the first full season starting in January. Last year, the weather affected the number of competitions, but this year, Tanner will compete in several competitions throughout the region, from Knoxville, Tenn., to Indianapolis.

Each member competes individually and earns points for the team. Tanner will compete in all areas but said his strengths are in rings and floor competition.

Tanner said he got involved in gymnastics for a short while as a toddler because he "was always jumping around." He took more lessons again at age 8 but didn't join a competitive team until age 11. He said he enjoys the sport for the variety it offers. "There's just so much stuff to do," he said. "It's not just playing the same game all the time. You're always improving and learning new things." Right now, he is perfecting his pike (a run and punch followed by a front flip) and a back tuck out of a back handspring.



At Providence, Tanner hopes to be part of the Academic Olympics team as he was last year.

## BOOK CLUBS OFFERING JOLLY GRAMS

The high school and junior high Book Clubs are selling Jolly Grams to the student body in order to raise money to support the Kroger Food Angel drive, which provides food for those in need this Christmas. Jolly Grams can be purchased through tomorrow during all lunches or in the library for \$1.00. The cards with candy will be delivered Friday.

## DEANERY NIGHT WELCOMES FUTURE PIONEERS



Thank you to all the Deanery players, coaches, students, teachers and parents who attended Deanery Night this past weekend. We had a good representation of the 24 fifth/sixth and seventh/eighth grade boys' basketball teams in the Deanery.

## PARENT CONNECTION

### PLACEMENT TEST THIS SATURDAY

The High School Placement Exam is Saturday 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 [812-945-3350](tel:812-945-3350) or e-mail [dsmith@providencehigh.net](mailto:dsmith@providencehigh.net).

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

### FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE SET

The schedule for final exam week has been announced. Exams are scheduled for Dec. 15-18, with dismissal each day at noon. On Wednesday and Thursday of next week, the main office will close early -- at 12:30 on Wednesday and at 1 p.m. on Thursday, and all students must be picked up by then.

Please read the attached [Final Exam Schedule](#) for information about potential schedule changes should inclement weather lead to closures or delays during exam week. Please keep Dec. 19 as a snow make-up day, in case it is needed. If there are no closures due to inclement weather, Christmas Break will be Dec. 19 through Jan. 4, with classes resuming on Jan. 5, with BLUE Day sessions starting at 7:30 a.m. and classes at 8:30.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Each Scholarship Spirit Wear Day raises funds to support students

needing financial assistance to attend retreats or other events. Applications are now being accepted for these scholarships. Any student interested in attending an event, conference, or retreat to further their academic and spiritual growth can apply for scholarship assistance. Students should see **Mr. Steve Beyl '99** or **Mrs. Leah (Cissell) Kelly '05** in the Student Life Office for more information.

## **CHRISTMAS DANCE TICKETS ON SALE**

The annual Christmas Dance, open to all PHS high school students, is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 18, from 8-11 p.m. in the Activity Center. Students must pre-purchase a ticket to this semi-formal dance. Tickets are \$10, which includes refreshments and door prizes. Tickets are on sale in the cafeteria during lunch through Friday and in the Guidance Office until Dec. 18. All students attending the dance must show ID at the door, and only PHS students will be admitted. The dance is sponsored by SADD.

## **HORSESHOE GRANT PROVIDES MORE SPACE FOR GUIDANCE SERVICES**

We thank the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County for the generous grant of \$18,000, which partially paid for the renovation of the new location for the Guidance Office. The new office features about four times the space, with three offices and a conference room as well as more space for peer tutoring by members of the National Honor Society. The new location is now directly across the hall from Learning Support, allowing staff of the two offices to work more readily in tandem.

This project was part of the summer construction that also moved the campus store and chapel.

## **INDIANA STATE TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR GIFTS TO STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Looking for ways to maximize your 2014 income tax liability? You can do this and help Providence expand our financial assistance efforts by making a gift to the Institute for Quality Education. For more information on the program, click on these links:

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To make an online contribution to support these scholarships, [click here](#).

## **PHS SPIRIT WEAR MAKES GREAT GIFTS**

Looking for a holiday gift idea? The Pioneer Gear Campus Store has many spirit wear options, including two new T-shirts featuring the new athletic logo. The campus store holiday hours are today through Friday 11 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Dec. 15-18 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., and Dec. 18 during the home Girls Basketball game (on the home side balcony). Pioneer Gear Campus Store is now [open online](#).



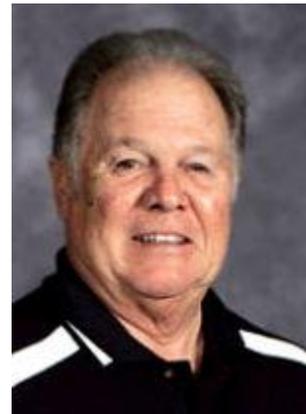
## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### CHRISTMAS GATHERING FOR YOUNG ALUMNI DEC. 21

Alumni from the classes of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 are invited to attend a social gathering on Sunday, Dec. 21, at Wick's Pizza in New Albany from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event is free and includes a pizza buffet with soft drink. Please be sure to join us upstairs for socializing, darts, pool and pizza!

### ALUMNI NIGHT TO INCLUDE RECOGNITION OF COACH ROSENBERGER

Alumni Night is Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, during the double header of Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball vs. Clarksville. The event includes a recognition of teams celebrating an anniversary of their post-season accomplishments. We also will honor **Mr. Gary Rosenberger '59**, who recently retired from coaching after 42 track seasons. All track alumni from the early 1970s through 2014 are invited to attend.



All alumni and guests can enjoy light refreshments in the Alumni Suite (off the home side balcony) from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The halftime recognition will include honoring Coach Rosenberger as well as the following teams: Girls Track (1980), Boys Basketball (1965), Wrestling (1985), Softball (2005), Baseball (1970, 1985, 2000 and 2005), Boys Golf (1955, 1975 and 1990), Girls Tennis (1975, 1990 and 2005), and 1995 Powerlifting state champ **Chris Smith '96**.

## GALA 2015

GALA 2015 "*Blue Pride Across America*" is quickly approaching, and we hope you will be able to join us on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Huber's Orchard & Winery for a fun-fundraising evening. Invitations, which include Wheel of Chance items, will be mailed in the coming weeks.

If you'd like to take a sneak peek at the Wheel of Chance items, click [here](#). Only 50 chances will be sold for each of the prize packages described. Prices per chance for each package are listed after each description. Anyone may take a chance even if you are not attending the Gala. For more information on how to purchase a chance on one or more of the items, please contact **Debbie Sparks Marshall '84** at [812-945-3350](tel:812-945-3350) or [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:dmarshall@providencehigh.net).

## 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

Reunions for 2015:

- **1965** - (50 years) Save the date for the following two events: Golden Diploma Ceremony & Dinner at Providence April 23, 2015, and the 50th Reunion Celebration on July 11, 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](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net). The Office of Alumni Relations has yet to hear from the classes of **1970** and **1990**.

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

## HELP FROM BOOSTER CLUB, MONDAY NIGHT CREW IS PRICELESS

Last week, Providence treated the members of the Booster Club and Monday Night Crew to a special dinner in thanks for all the help they provide. The dinner is just one way of expressing the deep gratitude the school has toward these faithful supporters of our athletic program and school. The members of these groups have been sharing their time, talent and treasure with Providence for decades. Some started as students or young alumni, but most began volunteering as parents of PHS students. Their help and love for Providence continued long after their children graduated.



The Booster Club runs a monthly raffle that generates funds to support improvements for athletics. The Monday Night Crew meets weekly on Monday evenings to lend their skills to provide general improvements to the campus, including mowing the grounds during the summer and providing electric work.

The members of these groups include **Earl Bertrand (Hon. '12), Jerry Bischof (Hon. '96), Joe Boesing Sr. (Hon. '92), Sonny (Hon. '05) and Ginger Combs, Brian Combs '76, Richard Combs '79, Dennis '74 and Joann Ettel, Mike Galligan '56, Tony (Hon. '93) and Anita Galofaro, Dave '56 and Marilyn (Stemle '56) Jarboe, Bill Jenkins, Dan '64 and Sherri (Goodin '64) McHugh, Nick and Martha (Metzger '57) Nicholson, Marty "Peewee" Schindler, Charlie and Mary Anne (Carney '64) Staser and Jim Stiller '66.**

## **YOUNG ALUMNI ATHLETES EARN RECOGNITION**

Several of our alumni are playing collegiate sports, and some of them have earned recognition for their accomplishments during the fall season. They include:

- **Spencer Corrao '11**, a senior football running back at Hanover (Ind.) College (NCAA Division III) was selected to play in the fifth-annual all-star National Bowl, held Sunday at FIU Stadium in Miami. The National Bowl features all-American and all-conference seniors from non-Football Bowl Subdivision schools and allows for the players to compete in front of National Football League and Canadian Football League scouts. He also named to the All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference first team for the third time in his college career. His senior season stats included 195 carries, a team- and career-high of 909 rushing yards, team-high of 10 rushing touchdowns, 31 receptions, 386 receiving yards and one tackle for the season.
- **Casey Marlin '12**, a junior women's soccer midfielder/forward at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, N.C., was named to the NCAA Division II All-South Atlantic Conference second team

and tournament team. Her season accomplishment include 10 starts out of 23 games played, 63 shots, 29 shots on goal, six goals and one assist.

- **Leah Mattingly '13**, a sophomore defender on the Ball State women's soccer team (NCAA Division I), was named to the Mid-American Conference second team and the All-MAC Tournament squad. In September, she was named the MAC defensive player of the week. Her season accomplishments include 20 starts out of 20 games played, 21 shots, 10 shots on goal, four goals and four assists.
- **Kasey Wallace '14**, a freshman defender on the Indiana State women's soccer team (NCAA Division I), was named the Missouri Valley Conference defensive player of the week in early October. She finished her freshman season 16 starts out of 17 matches and one shot.

## BLUE NEWS OF OLD: A Look Back at Christmas Not So Far Past

By *Ray Day '57, school archivist*



Providence's Ghost of Christmas Past recently scoured through old PHS student publications to determine how things were different from Christmas present. What I discovered is that all Christmases past were, at one time, Christmas

present. The following essay was written for the December 1988 issue of the student newspaper "Blueprints." Except for the name of toys mentioned near the end, you could easily forget 27 years had gone by. Features editor senior **Chris Hughes '88** is the author. [Click here for the full story.](#)

## COMING EVENTS

**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. 5** - Classes Resume

**Jan. 24** - Gala Dinner & Auction 2015 - 6:00 p.m. at Huber's Orchard & Winery

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## **And lastly..**

Thoughts from our Director of Campus Ministry, **Mrs. Leah (Cissell) Kelley '05**.

*These weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas are busy ones. Finals are upon us, and it's time to finish up projects, papers, and assignments that we've been putting off. Christmas parties are happening, family and travel plans are being made, and before you know it, Advent will have passed and 2015 will be upon us.*

*But Advent can be so much more than that. It is a time of "Expectant Waiting, Hopeful Anticipation, and Cheerful Preparation of God breaking into our lives." Advent truly has the power to transform us if we allow it.*

*My gift to you is a link to [30 Ways To Make Advent & Christmas Stress-Free](#). Putting this on your planner or on your fridge is a great way to remind yourself of what this season is truly about.*

And finally, your e-VISION staff, along with the entire Providence faculty and staff, extends warmest wishes to you and your family for a Blessed and Joyous Christmas.

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