



## PROVIDENCE e-VISION NEWS

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## CAMPUS CHANGES COMING SOON

The view of Providence from Providence Way will look much different within the coming weeks. After much consideration, the old convent building is set to be demolished because costs to repair and modernize the building were too high.

As you will read below in "Blue News of Old," the building was built in the early 1950s to house the Sisters of Providence who were teachers at our school. After the Sisters sold the school to the Deanery in the early 1970s, they eventually vacated the convent, and part of the building began to be used as overflow classroom space and in the late 1980s for our junior high wing. Two years ago, the junior high classrooms moved into the main building as regulating the heating and cooling became more difficult. The heating system is original to the building, and the only air conditioning available was through window units, which were noisy and not as efficient as central air.

At this year's inspection, it was found the heating unit needed replacing. The costs to modernize the heating system and original windows, as well as add central air and make a few other major repairs, proved more costly than erecting a new building. The administration sought input from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and inspectors closed the convent building last fall. The building was shut off from the school, and the Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries and Aquinas Center offices vacated the building as well.

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To pay for the cost of the demolition, Providence has received a \$37,500 grant from the James P. Scott Capital Improvement Endowment Fund maintained by the Catholic Community Foundation - Archdiocese of Indianapolis. This grant will cover the demolition costs and the paving of the area for parking once the building is removed.

"We appreciate the history of the building and the Sisters of Providence who once lived there," said **President Joan Hurley**. "But the building has lived its life, and we must be responsible stewards. We thank the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the James P. Scott Capital Improvement Endowment Fund for allowing us to remove this building at no cost to our parents."

As one building goes down, more is being added to campus. This spring, construction will begin on tennis courts along the front of the property, and by fall, the school's teams will compete on their own home courts. Thanks to the generosity of several donors, including alumni and parents and grandparents of tennis team members, construction was able to move forward. In addition, in-kind contributions from **Dan Cristiani Excavating, Inc., Tom Galligan '64, and Jack '72 and Wayne '81 Koetter** and their sons **Jack '14 and Nick '09** made it possible to grade and seed the front practice field adjacent to the courts. The practice field will remain unused as the seed takes hold and is projected to be available for practice in the late summer or early fall.

**STUDENTS IN ACTION**

**HEARTS FOR HAITI COLLECTION ON FRIDAY**

On Friday, Feb. 13, students, faculty and staff will be able to participate in 'Hearts for Haiti' day at school. This day is a combined celebration of Valentine's Day with raising awareness and funds for a parish community in Haiti. Students who bring in a minimum donation of \$2 may wear jeans and a red or pink shirt on Friday (or spirit wear). These donations will go directly to the Catholic church and schools in Bayeux-Novion, Haiti, the sister parish of St. John Paul II parish (formerly St. Joe Hill & St. Paul) in Sellersburg. The goal is to raise \$1,000.

The money raised will go to a few specific causes, including a new vehicle for the church's pastor and education expenses at the schools. Bayeux-Novion is a rural area with a population of 20,000. Fr. Jacquelin Gabriel is the pastor, and his truck is the only vehicle in the village. It serves as the police car, ambulance and emergency vehicle for all transportation needs of the community. His vehicle is not in working condition and is in need of

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expensive repairs due to the poor road conditions in their area. The money will first go to help provide this vital transportation for the town. Any additional money will go to help educate the 300 students in two small Catholic schools in this village.

### STUDENT COFFEE HOUSE TO SHOWCASE LOVE SONGS, POETRY

By senior **Ashley Bittenbender**

On Sunday, Feb. 22, the Providence Music Department will be hosting An Evening of Love Songs: A Coffee House Showcase. The event will be held in the Activity Center and will begin at 6 p.m. Students will be performing in a variety of acts, ranging from love songs to original love poems. **Mrs. Deborah Hill** also will sing a couple of love songs, and **Mrs. Christy Russell-Read's** sophomore English class will read love poems. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be available as refreshments. Admission is free; however, donations benefiting the Performing Arts program at Providence will be gladly accepted.

### PRO LIFE CLUB PARTICIPATES IN VALENTINE CARD PROJECT

By junior **Megan Evans**

The Pro-Life Club recently participated in the opportunity to create Valentine's Day cards through the program Cupid's Kids. The program, sponsored by radio station 102.3 The Max, collects cards to deliver to children at Kosair Children's Hospital on Valentine's Day. This project was selected because it is a simple, fun, and loving way to honor the value of life. All students within the school were encouraged to participate in the event by sponsor **Ms. Samantha Strom**, who hopes it will become an annual project for the Pro-Life Club. The students created 107 cards to offer Valentine's cheer to children at the hospital.

### WRESTLING SENDS TWO TO REGIONAL

Senior **Matt Hayes** has won the Wrestling regional title for his weight class for the first time and the sectional title for the third year in a row. He will compete in the semi-state tournament in Evansville on Saturday.

At sectional competition on Jan. 31, sophomore **Evan Rogers** placed fourth in the 106-pound weight class and advanced to regional. Wrestlers also placing at sectional but not qualified to advance were sophomores **Carter Mullins** (fifth), **Cody Sprigler** (sixth), **Alex Rogers** (sixth), **Paul Meyer** (sixth), **Micah Oberhausen** (fifth), **Jeffrey Krieger** (sixth), and **Cameron Hazen** (fifth) and junior **Josh Rinzel** (fifth).

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## YOUNG GIRLS SWIMMING TEAM IMPROVES OVER SEASON

By **Coach Sarah Barr**

The Girls Swim team had a successful season. All of our swimmers (freshman **McEwan Robinson** and sophomores **Elizabeth Scharre** (captain), **Courtney Heselschwerdt** and **Katrina Cooper**) improved their times throughout the season. At sectional, the girls advanced in the 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay to the second round of sectionals. Congratulations on a great season!

## GIRLS BASKETBALL READY FOR SECTIONAL

Girls Basketball begins sectional play tomorrow after drawing a bye in the first game. The No. 11-ranked Lady Pioneers will face No. 13 Paoli Friday at 6 p.m. at Paoli. The championship game will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sectional all-session tickets are available for student purchase during the school day from the Athletic Office for \$10. Students may purchase tickets for family and friends. Single-game tickets (\$6) and all-session tickets also will be available at the Paoli Sectional. Students may purchase tickets through Friday, Feb. 13, with ticket sales that day ending at noon.

The Girls Basketball team has had a record-breaking 18 regular season wins this season, including a 10-0 run near the end of the season. Good luck to the team as the girls try to earn the program's first sectional crown!

## STUDENTS ACHIEVE AT VARIOUS CONTESTS

Congratulations to our students who competed in the ISSMA solo and ensemble district contests and Science Olympiad. Senior **Jordan Reger** won a gold rating in Division 1 at the district ISSMA vocal solo contest last month. She will compete in the state contest on Feb. 21 for the fourth year in a row.

Sophomore **Christopher Sons** won a gold rating in Division 1 in trumpet at district solo and ensemble for wind, percussion and string instruments last Saturday and will compete at state on Feb. 28. Junior **Sam Flick** received a Gold medal in Division 2 in trombone but will not advance as only Division 1 gold winners compete at the state level.

Freshman **Adam Garcia** participated in the Science Olympiad Regional this past weekend. As a member of the Holy Family Team, Adam placed first in all four of his events and came home with a total of five gold medals. The team took first place at the regional competition and next will compete at the state level.



## JUNIORS ENJOY OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Most of the juniors have participated in the Junior Retreat, including a group that returns home this afternoon from the overnight experience. The Junior Retreat helps the students bond and grow their faith and is offered four times a year, with one more retreat to come at the end of March.



Juniors **Maresa**

**Kelly** and **Zach Sisson** share their thoughts on their recent participation. [Click here to read more.](#)

## PENNY WAR BENEFITS CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN



Thank you to our students who raised \$1,250 for Crusade for Children in the annual Catholic Schools Week Penny War!

Congratulations to the seniors who won the contest by a landslide, with more than 21,700 points.

The senior class will receive a special treat later in the school year as a reward.

## JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAMS FINISH REGULAR SEASON

*Junior High 'White' Boys Basketball - By **Coach Rick Hazen***

The Providence Junior High 'White' Boys Basketball team finished its regular season undefeated at 8-0. This weekend, the team lost the Deanery Championship to the Providence 'Blue' team. Despite the loss, the team had a very successful season and had a very hard working group of seventh and eighth graders. The team was coached by **Rick Hazen**, **Todd Sidebottom** and **Jim Sellmer**.

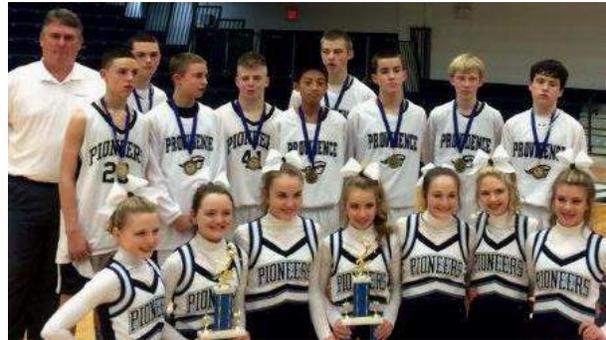
*Junior High 'Blue' Boys Basketball - By **Coach Scott Hutchins '91***

What a privilege it was for me this season to be able to work with such a tremendous group of young men as those on the Junior High 'Blue' Boys

Basketball team. For all the success that we had on the court, I can tell you that they are an even better group off the court. We had a very good regular season, losing only one time in Deanery play to the outstanding Providence White team. We were able to avenge that loss by beating Providence White to win the tournament championship.

*Junior High 8th Grade Boys Basketball - By **Coach Ken Allender***

The Providence eighth grade boys concluded their regular season and tournament on Sunday, Feb. 8. This was a very successful season for this team, which went a perfect 10 and 0 in league and tournament play. The



Pioneers defeated St. Anthony in the final game by a score of 48-31 to claim the No. 1 regional berth. That game will be held on Feb. 15 at Providence. Additional accomplishments include a 23-4 overall record with championship finishes in the St. Francis Holiday Tournament in Louisville and a first place finish in the SMK Shootout by defeating Highland Hills in overtime. Coach Ken Allender would like to thank all of the parents for their support.

*Junior High Girls Basketball- By **Coach Tony Hall***

The Junior High Girls Basketball team finished the season by winning the 2015 Deanery Tournament Championship. Seventh grader **Kaylee Kaiser** hit the winning shot to beat Holy Family, eighth grader **Haylee Hall** was leading rebounder, and eighth grader **Ally Seifried** was leading free-throw shooter. Other team members are eighth graders **Ellie Quinkert, Nicole Frazier** and **Noelle Miller**; and seventh graders **Brigid Welch, Laramie Cecil, Kasey Lockard** and **Kennedy Allender**.

**HOMEcoming PHOTOS AVAILABLE**



Congratulations to seniors **Ryan Day** and **Maddie Bivens** on being named Winter Homecoming king and queen, respectively. Parents of seniors or court members unable to attend the assembly may request a photo of their son/daughter by emailing [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).

## **VOLLEYBALL TEAM HONORED AT STATEHOUSE**

The players, coaches and managers of the Volleyball team were honored Monday by the Indiana House and Senate in Indianapolis for their 2A state championship title.

## **SUPPORT AFTER-PROM**

[Download and take this flyer](#) to Texas Roadhouse in Greentree Mall in Clarksville on Feb. 22 between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. to support the After-Prom. Show this flyer (printed or on your mobile device), and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10 percent of sales to After-Prom.

## **PARENT CONNECTION**

### **PROGRESS REPORTS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK**

A notification email regarding Third Quarter Progress Reports will be sent to parents tomorrow or Friday. Please read the email for important attachments and instructions on how to access student grades. No paper copies of the progress report or report card will be sent for this quarter.

### **FAFSA FOLLOWUP MEETING TONIGHT**

The second FAFSA Workshop for senior parents is this afternoon and evening, Feb. 11, from 3:15 to 7:00 p.m. in the library. Expert Mr. Gary Cottrill will return to provide one-on-one help to parents completing the FAFSA submission. Stop in anytime during that time period with your FAFSA materials. Enter through the student entrance (Door No. 3) and proceed up the stairs to the third floor; turn left, and the library will be near the end of the hall on the right.

### **REMINDER ABOUT SPRING BREAK**

Parents are reminded to reserve the first week of Spring Break, March 16-20, as potential snow make-up days. So far, we have no days to make up, but we have four more weeks of winter until the break. If no days need to

be made up, the break will go from March 16 through March 27, with students returning for Holy Week.

## **A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS REGARDING PROM ATTIRE**

The Junior-Senior Prom is a few months away, but planning - and shopping - for the occasion has already started. The prom will be held Saturday, May 9, at Mellwood Art Center in Louisville. Parents of junior and seniors are asked to read this message from **Mr. Scott Hutchins '91**, assistant principal/director of students, who recently communicated this message to students regarding proper attire at the prom:

"Prom is a formal occasion; therefore, dress attire must be appropriate for such an event. Students must abide by the appropriate dress code expected at a Catholic school function. Men must be in tux or suit jacket, and dress pants and shirts must be buttoned up. Women may wear dresses of an appropriate length or dress pants. Dresses and tops may not have excessive or inappropriate and/or suggestive cutouts, slits, plunging necklines, or fabrics that are too revealing. Students will not be permitted to enter prom in jeans, athletic wear, dress-down wear or inappropriate dress wear.

"Students have specifically asked about permission to wear two-piece prom dresses. This style is allowed as long as the dress meets the above guidelines and the amount of midriff showing is minimal. Students and parents are asked to use good judgment as to what would be acceptable at a high school prom."

Students who have questions about a specific dress or prom in general should ask Mr. Hutchins.

## **SUPPORT NEEDED FOR INDIANA'S CHOICE PROGRAM LEGISLATION**

School president **Mrs. Joan Hurley** urges support of the bill for improving Indiana's Choice Programs - HB1001! Testimony will be heard Wednesday in the House Ways and Means Committee regarding voucher/tax credit expansions. The bill includes the improvements to Indiana's Choice Programs proposed in the Budget Draft (HB1001):

1) Removing the artificial \$4800 cap will assist some schools in addressing the shortfall with current voucher amounts and the parent's tuition costs.

2) The need to increase the statewide Tax Credit Cap will allow for meeting

the increasing need for tax credit scholarships. Private donations have increased significantly in this program over the past few years, and the cap has almost been reached the past two fiscal years. This program works hand in hand with the State's Choice Scholarship Program in keeping choice affordable for Indiana families.

Please support this issue by contacting your legislator via the link below.  
[LINK TO TAKE ACTION](#)

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### REUNION UPDATE

Providence has been notified of the following reunions:

- **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.
- **1970** - (45 years) Sept. 5, 2015, at Dave Young's party barn. For more information, email [kathy.kull70@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.kull70@gmail.com) or call (812) 948-9356 or (502) 558-0173.
- **2000** - (15 years) Reunion will be held Nov. 7, 2015. Save the date information has been sent.
- **2010** - (5 years) Sept. 19, 2015, at Big Four Burgers in Jeffersonville. Save the date information has been sent.

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 class of 1990.

### SAVE THE DATE: DARE TO CARE SORTING EVENT

Alumni are invited to attend the annual Alumni Association Dare to Care Sorting Event on March 5, 2015, from 5-7 p.m. at the Dare to Care Food Bank in Louisville. Alumni and students will work together to sort and pack canned goods to be distributed to local food banks. This is a fun way to give back to the community and help those in need. If you would like to participate, please email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).

### TWO FORMER PHS TEACHERS,

## HUSBAND OF ANOTHER DIE

Former teacher **Sister Lourdes Kline, S.P.**, passed away Nov. 29, 2014, at the age of 95. She taught here in the 1952-53 school year, teaching home economics, English and math. She also served at the Providence Retirement Home in New Albany from 1964 to 1966.

Former teacher **Sister Edwardine McNulty, S.P.** died on Jan. 18, 2015, at the age of 96. She taught here during the 1963-64 school year, teaching English and monitoring the Reading Lab.

**Mr. William Pastor**, husband of former PHS paraprofessional/substitute teacher **Mrs. Marion (Nolan) Pastor '63**, died on Nov. 1, 2014. Mrs. Pastor served the school from 1979 through 1989 and continues today by serving as house supervisor for our annual spring musical. Mr. Pastor was the father of **Robert Pastor '84** and **Michael Pastor '87**.

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

## CROWLEY NOW HEAD BOYS TRACK COACH

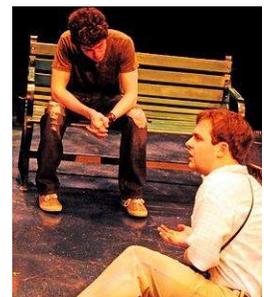


**Chuck Crowley**, head Cross Country coach, has been named the new Boys Track head coach. He joins **Jeanne Luther '82**, Girls Track coach. Coach Crowley replaces long-time head coach **Gary Rosenberger '59**, who has retired from coaching.

Coach Crowley has been an assistant distance coach for the track program since 2000. He has also been the head coach of the boys' and girls' Cross Country team during the same time period and will continue in that role as well.

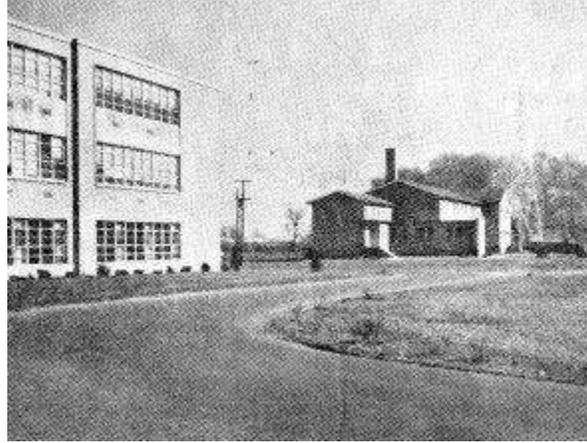
## 2010 GRAD'S PLAY WINS SECOND CONTEST

**Trey DiNoto '10** was completely surprised when his dark comedy "Finale" was a winner in the New Voices Young Playwrights Festival in 2010, his senior year. He enjoyed the accolades but did nothing more with the play - until some college students discovered it on [YouTube](#) and requested to perform and enter it in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. His play has won once again and will be performed in a national competition in April. [Click to read more.](#)



## BLUE NEWS OF OLD: *Convent Building Saw Many Uses*

*By Ray Day '57, school archivist*



*Demolition of the old convent building begins this week, 61 years after it was erected to accommodate up to 20 members of the Sisters of Providence who owned and operated the school for the first 23 years. The lead story in this newsletter explains*

*why, and this story gives the history of the building. [Click here to read more.](#)*

## COMING EVENTS

**Feb 11** - Third Junior Retreat

**Feb 11** - FAFSA Follow-Up and Questions - 3:15-7:00 p.m. in the library

**Feb 13** - Hearts for Haiti Fundraiser

**Feb 15** - Valentine's Day Concert

**Feb 16 & 17** - Accuplacer Testing for Juniors

**Feb 18** - Ash Wednesday Liturgy (Liturgy Schedule)

**Feb 20** - Scholarship Spirit Day

**Feb 20** - Lenten Guest Speaker

**Feb 22** - After-Prom Fundraiser - Texas Roadhouse (Green Tree Mall) between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

**Feb 22** - Music Department Coffee House - Activity Center - 6:00 p.m. - Free Admission

**Feb 25** - Next e-VISION News publication

**Feb 27** - Academic Olympics

**March 5** - Alumni Association Dare to Care Food Sorting Event - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Dare to Care Food Bank in Louisville

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**And lastly..**

*Please give prayerful support to those in the Providence community who*

have lost loved ones recently. See our [IN MEMORIAM](#) page for recent listings.

As we prepare to begin the season of Lent next Wednesday, here is a prayer courtesy of [Guideposts.org](#):

Dear Lord,  
As I begin my journey  
toward spiritual growth,  
help me to look  
deep within myself  
and let go of the old  
and embrace the new  
life that comes from you.  
Amen.

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