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FR. MIKE BLESSES NEW TURF FIELD

The new turf football/soccer field received a blessing last week before the first official football and soccer scrimmages. **Fr. Mike Hilderbrand (Hon. '10)**, pastor of St. Mary of the Knobs parish and former PHS chaplain and guidance counselor, blessed Gene Sartini Field in a simple ceremony. He also led the prayer for the football team's traditional blessing of the helmets. He told the players to "honor the blessing by giving their best on the field and in the classroom."



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A number of our student-athletes participated in competitive leagues in their off season, many of them traveling as far as Indianapolis



or Eastern Kentucky to compete. At least two of our athletes went much further afield. Junior **Marlee Karem** spent six weeks in Southern California playing softball, and freshman **Timmy Borden** spent a week playing in a baseball tournament in Italy.

[Click to read more.](#)

VARIETY OF CLUBS OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

As the school year starts, a number of extra-curricular organizations and clubs are inviting students to join, including a few new clubs that formed this month. If your student is looking for something to do, he or she need only read the daily announcements email to watch for notices about the various clubs. Here is a list of some of the clubs that have met recently or will meet soon:

- *Spanish Club*, sponsored by **Senor Alan Mathews '88**, offers regular service hours including activities to support the New Albany Deanery Hispanic Ministries as well as an annual field trip to a Mexican restaurant
- *Quick Recall*, sponsored by **Ms. Katie Aebersold** (varsity) and **Mrs. Diana Welch** (junior varsity), teams compete in quiz bowl competitions in the Non-Public School Quick Recall League; junior high team starts later in the year
- *Star Wars Club*, sponsored by **Mrs. Sarah Workman**, for fans of the popular film series
- *Dr. Who Club*, sponsored by **Mrs. Sarah Workman**, for fans of the BBC television series
- *Fishing Club*, sponsored by Mr. Mathews, takes several fishing trips throughout the year. Next trip: Sunday, August 31 at **Mrs. Sarah (Buschmeyer '87) Koetter's** farm in Starlight; permission slip required
- *Hiking Club*, sponsored by **Mrs. Laura Swessel**, has several hiking trips planned throughout the year. Next trip: Saturday, August 23, 9:00 a.m. at Charlestown State Park Trail No. 1 for a two-hour hike; permission slip required
- *Art Club*, sponsored by **Mrs. Donna Burden**, focuses on artful service and serving the community through members' God-given

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skills and talents. Also plans, organizes and creates art for Empty Bowls fundraiser for local hunger coalitions as well as other art-related activities

- *Science Olympiad*, sponsored by **Ms. Samantha Strom** and **Dr. Stacey Yankey**, junior high and high school teams will compete in the regional Science Olympiad contest in February; for students interested in science, technology, engineering or math
- *Duncan Club*, sponsored by **Mr. Steve Beyl** and **Ms. Jude Manning**, provides a non-partisan forum for students to discuss and develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the intersection between government, politics, and the impact on society
- *Book Club*, sponsored by **Mrs. Connie Scharre**, junior high and high school clubs read a book selection and then meet to discuss it

These clubs are looking for interested members and will meet soon:

- *Student Technician Club*, for students interested in computer science. Club will discuss tech trends, provide education on tech items of interest, and provide additional tech resources so the students can be support for their fellow students and even teachers for basic items. Contact **Mr. Steve Beyl** or **Mr. Jack Riddle**.
- *Journalism Club*, for students interested in writing for the e-VISION newsletter. Contact **Mrs. Christa (Payne) Hoyland '84**.
- *Yearbook Club*, for students interested in writing, designing or taking photos for the yearbook. Contact **Mr. Steve Beyl**.

Green Dot, a training program sponsored by the Center for Women & Families designed to create and foster a culture of safe relationship behavior. Contact **Mrs. Jaimie McRae**.

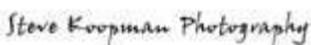
STUDENT'S GOOD DEED INSPIRES DONATION

We are proud of our students and all they do to make Providence and our community a better place. Sometimes, our students go above and beyond, not for recognition but for the sake of sharing God's loving-kindness. Sophomore **Paul Meyer**, who is a Boy Scout with Troop 89 at Sacred Heart, did one such deed earlier this month. He said he and his mother were driving home when they came upon a recent accident scene, and he asked if she could stop so he could offer to help. He called 911 and checked on those involved in the accident as they waited for the ambulance to arrive. As he was returning to his car, a woman asked him about the wreck and said her husband had been involved in the accident. He asked if he could help her up the hill to the ambulance where her husband was, and she accepted.

Afterward, the woman wanted to show her gratitude but hadn't asked his



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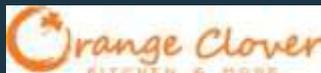
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name, only where he attended school. She called the school and described him and upon learning his name, made a donation to the school in his honor. We thank Paul for being thoughtful and helping someone in need.

We invite you to [MAKE A DONATION](#) too.

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE PLAY HOLDING AUDITIONS

Freshmen and sophomores are invited to audition for the children's production "Chasing Charmed." Auditions are Tuesday, August 26, from 3:20-5:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Show dates are Nov. 15-17.

STUDENTS, TEACHERS CELEBRATE FIRST LITURGY

We celebrated our back-to-school liturgy on the Feast of the Assumption last Friday. With a row of added chairs, we were able to welcome back the junior high students this year. During the Mass, the 2014-2015 Liturgical Ministers were inducted into their roles of usher, lector and/or Eucharistic minister.

PARENT CONNECTION

SCHOLARSHIP SPIRIT WEAR DAY/HOUSE MEETINGS TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Thursday, Aug. 21, is the first House Meeting Schedule of the school year and the first Scholarship Spirit Wear Day. Students who pay \$1 may wear jeans and a Providence T-shirt or sweatshirt. Students pay when they enter the building in the morning, and the money collected goes to a scholarship fund for students. Applications are made available at various times of the year, and students are eligible to apply for funds to help pay for retreats, mission trips and other such events. The more students who support the Scholarship Spirit Wear days, the larger the pool of funds is available.

At tomorrow's House Meeting, students will sign up for their choice of activity in next month's Pioneer House Cup, a day of friendly competition among the Houses.

Typically, House Meeting days are also Scholarship Spirit Wear days. This semester, House meetings are scheduled for Aug. 30, Sept. 19, Oct. 31 and Nov. 21.

PROGRESS REPORTS NOTIFICATION BY EMAIL

As Providence goes green, remember that progress reports will not be mailed this year. The first quarter progress reports will be available by Aug. 29, and

parents will receive an email via the SchoolReach notification system by next Friday. Parents can then log into their student's FamilyLink account to view the progress report. The email will also include a letter from **Dr. Mindy Ernstberger** and if applicable, various attachments with information for parents.

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT COMING SOON

The Guidance Office is hosting College Night on Sept. 2 from 7-9 p.m. in the Activity Center for parents interested in learning about the college application process. Parents of all students are welcome to attend, especially parents of juniors and seniors. Speakers from local colleges will walk parents through the general admission process and provide tips on comparing schools. The event is free and offers valuable information, so please plan to attend.

CHANGE TO DEANERY DISCOUNT CARDS

Students enrolled in Deanery grade schools receive a discount card to their student's admission to Providence football games. Please note the change to this year's cards: The discount does not apply to admission to home games vs. New Albany and Floyd Central because Providence splits gate receipts with the high schools for these games.

ASBESTOS PUBLIC NOTICE

the annual Asbestos Public Notice has been posted to the school website. Please [click here](#) for more information.

DADS COOKOUT NEXT FRIDAY

All Providence dads are invited to attend a cookout sponsored by the Providence Dads Club and Alumni Association before the home football game vs. Floyd Central on Aug. 29. Meet in the Activity Center for grilled burgers and hot dogs and a chance to meet fellow Providence dads from 6:15-7:00 p.m. The meal is free, and donations will be accepted. Game time is 7:00. Game admission \$5.

Please note, parking will be extremely limited because of construction on the front field. Please carpool and/or arrive early for the cookout. Please remember that no parking is allowed on surrounding neighborhood streets.

LIMITED PARKING FOR NEXT TWO FOOTBALL GAMES

Parking will be extremely limited during the home football games vs. New Albany and Floyd Central this Friday and next. Fans are encouraged to carpool and/or arrive early for those games. Please remember that no parking is allowed on surrounding neighborhood streets.

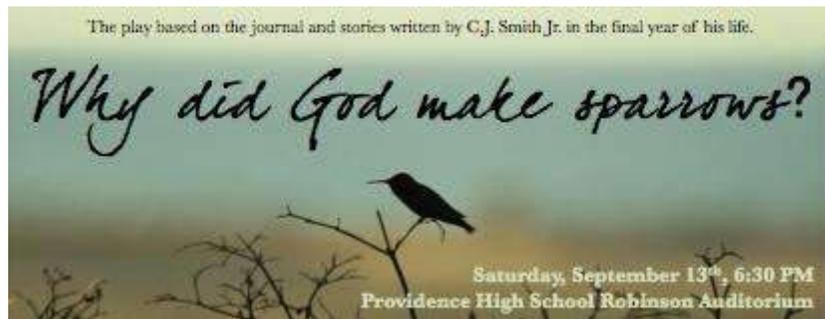
NEW SWIM COACH NEEDED

Providence is searching for a swim team head coach for the 2014-15 season. Interested candidates should email a letter of interest including experience with references to PHSathletics@providencehigh.net.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

PLAY HONORING MEMORY OF C.J. SMITH '74 SEPT. 13

C.J. Smith '74 passed away not long after his high school graduation, but his memory still lives on. The former senior class president was known for helping others, and the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry C.J. Smith Memorial Endowment Fund is named in his memory to promote his commitment to service.



His classmates also fondly remember him. As they prepared for their 40th reunion, they found a way to share his story with others by producing the play "Why Did God Make Sparrows," based on a story Smith wrote in his journal. The one-night production is Saturday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium.

The play was written by Kelsey Pfeifer, daughter of Drew Pfeifer, one of Smith's best friends, when she was a student at Whitefish Bay High School in Milwaukee, Wis. She wrote the play after hearing her father's stories of Smith and requested to read his journal. Her play was produced at her high school in June 2011, with Smith's mother and several sisters in attendance.

Former Providence parent Mr. Jerry Finn also grew up with Smith and helps honor Smith's memory through the C.J. Smith Endowment annual fundraising breakfast, sponsored by the Finn and Smith families. Finn said continuing the endowment is important to him because it supports Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry and keeps in practice Smith's belief that "every day is an opportunity to do good and change someone else's life," as Smith wrote in a journal he kept during the last year of his life. Finn helped make the production of the play possible because he wanted to share that message. **Robbie Steiner '07**, theatre teacher at Floyd Central High School, will direct the play.

Admission to the play is free, and attendees will have an opportunity to contribute to the C.J. Smith Endowment. All donations will be matched by the Harrison Community Foundation, which houses the endowment.

Tickets are required for admission to ensure seating. Please click [here](#) to request tickets. Tickets also are available at the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries office at Mt. St. Francis.

2014 PIONEER CUP GOLF SCRAMBLE

The 16th Annual Pioneer Golf Scramble to benefit Our Lady of Providence Jr-Sr High School's Annual Student Assistance Program is scheduled for Aug. 28 at Champions Pointe Golf Club with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. To register for the event or for more information on the scramble, please click [here](#) or contact **Debbie (Sparks '84) Marshall** at [812-945-3350 x224](tel:812-945-3350) or dmarshall@providencehigh.net.

SAVE THE DATE: ASAP KICK OFF DINNER



Please mark your calendar to join us for the ASAP (Annual Student Assistance Program) Kick-off dinner at Huber's Orchard & Winery on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. Featured speaker is **Sr. Ann Margaret O'Hara '55**, former general superior of The Sisters of Providence. For more information, please contact **Debbie (Sparks '84) Marshall** at [812-945-3350 x224](tel:812-945-3350) or dmarshall@providencehigh.net.

ALUMNI NIGHT COOKOUT NEXT WEEK

All alumni are invited to attend a special cookout and reception sponsored by the Alumni Association and Providence Dads' Club on Friday, Aug. 29, before the home football game vs. Floyd Central. Join us from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center for grilled burgers and hot dogs plus side dishes. The meal is free, but donations will be accepted. Game time is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Game admission is \$5.

During halftime of the game, 11 alumni teams celebrating five- or 10-year anniversaries of their post-season victories will be honored. Teams to be recognized include 1969 Cross Country, 1984 Wrestling, 1994 Football, 1999 Boys Soccer, 1999 Girls Soccer, and 1974, 1979, 1989, 1994 and 1999 Volleyball.

Please note, parking will be extremely limited because of construction on the front field. Please carpool and/or arrive early for the cookout. Please remember that no parking is allowed on surrounding neighborhood streets.

FOOTBALL GAMES TO BE BROADCAST

THROUGHOUT SEASON

Local fans who can't make the PHS Football games can catch the action on [WNSD 1570 AM](#). We thank Chris Labar and Glicod Communications for broadcasting many of our sporting events this year. All PHS Football games with the exception of the Sept. 19 game vs. Indianapolis Emmerich Manual will be broadcast on 1570 AM.

ALUMNI GLOW GOLF CHALLENGE ALMOST FULL

The Glow Golf Challenge on Sept 6 at Covered Bridge Golf Club, sponsored by the Alumni Association, has a limited number of team slots available. Teams of four will compete in this unique format starting at sunset. Glow balls and special glow lighting will be provided. Registration and happy hour with free appetizers is from 6:45-8:15 p.m., with the golf scramble shotgun start at 8:15 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person/\$200 per team.

Pre-registration is required and is open to the first 15 teams of four. Proceeds benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. For a registration form, click [here](#).

PROVIDENCE FALL FOOD FEST

The annual all-alumni gathering formerly known as JulyFest is now the Providence Fall Food Fest and will be held in October, when the weather should be more favorable for an outdoor gathering. Scheduled for Oct. 4, the event will feature various vendors for food and beverages plus a gaming tent (license #134838) and live entertainment provided by "Smokin' Joe" Dotson '90. Mark your calendars now, and watch for more information coming soon.

REUNION UPDATES

- 1974 - (40 years) Sept. 12-13. Casual gathering Friday. Saturday events include service project, picnic, school tour, Why Did God Make Sparrows play in memory of C.J. Smith (6 p.m. PHS Auditorium) and reunion at Woods of Lafayette Clubhouse, 3500 Chateau Way, Floyds Knobs. Invitations have been sent. [Reunion Facebook](#) page.
- 1979 - (35 years) Sept. 13. Jeffersonville Elks Club 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Invitations have been sent. For more information contact **Tom Mooney** (tmoon@sbcglobal.net) or **Amy Makowsky Vissing** (avissing@att.net).
- 1984 - (30 years) Aug. 23. Activities include a Bus Tour starting at Huber Winery and gathering at Sheraton Riverside, Jeffersonville. Registration is closed.
- 1994 - (20 years) Sept. 20. Wick's New Albany 7 p.m. - midnight. Invitations have been sent.
- 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.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MRS. LAMASTER AND MR. SCHAAB



Providence welcomes new math teacher **Mr. Matt Schaab** and new science teacher **Mrs. Stephanie (Anderson) LaMaster '91**. Mrs. LaMaster is an alumna but also mother of two Providence junior high students, and Mr. Schaab is a native of Ft. Wayne, Ind., in his first year of teaching. [Click to read more.](#)



BLUE NEWS OF OLD: The Man Behind The Larkin Center

By Ray Day '57, school archivist

The 25-year old **Robert I. Larkin Center** underwent a major facelift this summer. Construction of the facility in 1989 was a really big deal and our first brick-and-mortar project in 30 years. With enrollment at nearly 700 and new girls' sports teams sprouting up yearly, expansion planning became a necessity. By now, you are likely familiar with the name on the building, but what do you know about the man behind the name? [Click to read the full story.](#)



COMING EVENTS

Aug. 21 - Scholarship Spirit Wear/House Meeting Day

Aug. 26 - Auditions for Freshman/Sophomore Play - 3:20 - 5:00 p.m. in

Auditorium

Aug. 28 - 2014 Pioneer Golf Scramble - Champions Pointe - 1:00 p.m.

Aug. 29 - First quarter progress reports available on FamilyLink

Aug. 29 - Providence Dad's Club and Alumni Association Cookout - 6:15-7:00 p.m. in Activity Center

Sept. 2 - College Night - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Activity Center

Sept. 6 - Alumni Glow Golf Challenge - Covered Bridge Golf Club - 6:45 - 8:15 Registration and Happy Hour; 8:15 Shotgun Start

Oct. 4 - Fall Food Fest, 5:30 p.m.-midnight

Oct. 14 - ASAP Kick-off Dinner at Huber's Orchard & Winery - 6:30 p.m.

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And lastly...

If you are wondering why or how the school has been able to install an artificial turf field for soccer and football as well as new bleachers in both gyms and a resurfaced floor in the Larkin Center gym, the answer is the support of generous donors to the school's fund raising efforts. Tuition dollars are not used to make capital improvements.

We know that many of you make great sacrifices to provide a Providence education. We are grateful for your faith in our work to sustain the school's mission.

The Advancement Office staff is committed to ensuring that Providence continues to offer the highest quality education, and that families wanting to attend can do so. To that end, we organize a variety of fund raising activities throughout the year and can always use volunteer assistance to make them successful. If you would like to help, please contact Tony Perito, VP of Advancement or Debbie Marshall, Director of Special Events and Constituency Management at [812-945-3350](tel:812-945-3350) or email advancement@providencehigh.net.

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