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Summer was a busy time at Providence with construction going on inside and out. Last month, we featured the improvements inside the building, and this month, we cover

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### STUDENTS EXCEL ON 2013-2014 AP TESTS

Congratulations to our students and their teachers for excellent results on last spring's Advanced Placement (AP) exams, particularly in AP Calculus, AP Government and AP U.S. History. Six seniors scored a 5 (the highest score) in AP Calculus, three seniors scored a 5 in AP Government, and two sophomores scored a 5 in AP U.S. History. Additionally, six sophomores scored a 4 in AP U.S. History.

**Ms. Kerry Jones**, assistant principal, director of studies, said the teachers and administration are proud of the students' achievements. She said it is typical for **Ms. Jude Manning's** AP U.S. History and AP World History students to achieve passing and higher scores, but it is remarkable to have six 5s on the AP Calculus test. It is also an achievement for such high results in AP Government, since it is the first year the course and exam were offered.

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We also congratulate the 11 recent graduates who received commendation from the AP College Board for their test scores, the largest number to do so in recent years. These include:

- Five AP Scholar Awards, for earning a 3 or higher on three or more exams: **Dane Cople '14, Owen Mattingly '14, Mary Kate Meyer '14, Josh Murner '14 and Nick Reas '14**
- Five AP Scholar with Honor Awards, for averaging a 3.25 on all AP exams taken and a score of 3 or higher on four or more AP exams: **Trey Embrey '14, Scott Hoyland '14, Conner Johnson '14, Justin Nacpil '14 and Matthew Welch '14**
- One AP Scholar with Distinction Award, for averaging a 3.5 on all AP exams taken and a 3 or higher on five or more AP exams: **Alex Grove '14**

Providence offers six AP courses in a variety of subjects, including biology, chemistry, calculus, and social studies. The AP courses culminate with a national standardized test, and students who score a 3, 4 or 5 can apply that score as college credit to all Indiana public colleges and to those private and out-of-state colleges that accept the scores for credit.

Additionally, Providence offers dual-credit courses in those subjects plus French, Spanish, communications, and English literature and composition. Providence also offers three bridge-to-college courses through Indiana University Southeast: Intro to Psychology, Intro to Sociology and Intro to Microeconomics.

## FALL SPORTS START NEXT WEEK

The fall sports season kicks off on Tuesday when the Girls Golf team faces New Albany High School at Valley View Golf Course at 4 p.m. Other teams will hold scrimmages next week, with Boys Soccer hosting the first official game of the fall season on the new turf surface of Gene Sartini Field in Murphy Stadium. [Click here](#) for a day-by-day schedule.

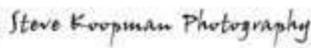
## GIRLS BASKETBALL HAS SUMMER SUCCESS



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The Girls Basketball team had a busy and successful summer. Sophomore **Claire Rauck** was selected to the Indiana girls' basketball team in last weekend's Battle of the Bridges. Indiana beat the Kentucky team, 51-44.

Claire and her PHS teammates had the opportunity to play in the Team Shootout Tourney at Assembly Hall at Indiana University in Bloomington, beating 3A Mitchell and Pike Central and 1A Wood Memorial. **Coach Brad Burden** said he was especially excited about the team's win over Wood Memorial, which beat PHS last year and made it to the 1A regional finals. The JV team also competed in the tournament, and several of the players had the chance to meet IU men's coach Tom Crean. The girls' varsity team also competed in a summer league with local schools and went 6-2 for the season.



## STUDENTS ATTEND HOBY, GIRLS STATE



Several of our students participated in leadership programs over the summer. Junior **Ben Popson** attended the annual HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth) Leadership Seminar in Indianapolis in June, and three senior girls took part in Hoosier Girls State. [Click to read more.](#)

## SOPHOMORE MEETS FUNDRAISING GOAL

Last spring, sophomore **Justine Oppelt** felt she had to do something when a friend found out his grandfather was diagnosed with terminal cancer. While she couldn't do anything for her friend's grandfather, she decided to raise money for cancer research. She pledged that if she raised \$1,000 in six months that she would shave her head.

She exceeded her goal in just two months and started the school year bald but proud to have raised \$1,800 for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Justine held a fundraiser at a local frozen yogurt shop and collected money from family and friends, including a matching gift from her stepfather's workplace.



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While Justine is a little self-conscious about her new look (and classmates asking to rub her head), she said that her fuzzy scalp is a reminder to those who intended to donate but haven't yet. She continues to collect money and invites others to join her at the "St. Jude Give Thanks Walk" at the Louisville Zoo Nov. 22. She is one of the top fundraisers for the event and remains focused on her goal.

"People tell me I'm brave, but I say it's just hair," she said. "I just feel better" knowing she has raised money to help St. Jude find a cure for cancer. She also is grateful to all those who have contributed.

## NEW CLUB TO OFFER HIKING OPPORTUNITIES

Following the success of the Fishing Club debut last spring, the Hiking Club offers students another opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Science teacher **Mrs. Laura Swessel** founded the club because she said she has always enjoyed hiking and is impressed with the number of good trails in the area.

At the group's first meeting, 22 students signed up as well as about seven faculty and staff, exceeding Mrs. Swessel's expectations. The first hike is this Saturday at Mt. St. Francis's Trail No. 3 at 8:30 a.m. Students who wish to attend the 1.5 hour hike must have a signed permission slip turned in by Friday. Parents are welcome to attend with their student.

The Hiking Club has six hikes planned for the fall, with four at various trails at Charlestown State Park and one at the Falls of the Ohio. Saturday's hike is the shortest, with most of the hikes around two hours long.

## PARENT CONNECTION

### PROVIDENCE DADS INVITED TO A SPECIAL COOKOUT

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. Game time is 7:00.

### REMINDER ABOUT BLUE DAYS CHANGES

BLUE Days sessions are an opportunity for remediation and enrichment

as well as test and quiz make-up. For most students, attendance is optional, but some students, especially those in danger of failing, attendance will be required. Failure to attend a required BLUE Days session will result in the student's being ineligible to attend any extracurricular practices or games until the next BLUE Days session the following week.

On Mondays and Tuesdays, BLUE Days sessions start at 7:30 a.m., with Block 1 starting at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria starting at 7:00 a.m., and students may sit and work in the cafeteria or study quietly in the library/media center, which opens at 7:30 a.m. Dismissal remains at 3 p.m.

BLUE Days session schedules are posted on the school website by 4 p.m. each Friday. Click on the BLUE Days tab under the Quick Links navigation bar.

## CAFETERIA NOW OFFERS SALAD BAR

Students now have the option of enjoying a custom-made salad at lunch, thanks to a new salad bar. Cafeteria manager **Mrs. Karen Hennessey** said many schools are implementing the salad bars thanks to incentives from the U.S. government. Providence did not qualify for such grants but was able to upgrade an old salad bar by adding a new sneeze guard and blue ice bars for cooling.

Students have the option of replacing one of their plate lunch vegetables with a small salad (and purchasing cubed grilled chicken or turkey ham for 50 cents) or having a large salad for



the plate lunch price. The salad bar offers a mix of iceberg and Romaine lettuce, spring mix or spinach plus a wide variety of vegetables, some fruit and whole grain croutons. Students simply request a small bowl to fill with their salad as part of their plate lunch or use a large to-go container for the large salad. Mrs. Hennessey said the students love the new option and several parents also have thanked her for adding it.

Per USDA regulations, a plate lunch is an entrée plus two vegetables, two fruits, milk and a grain for \$2.95.

Mrs. Hennessey also has worked with local restaurants to continue providing special menu items throughout the year. Papa John's and Dominoes have special school-formulated recipes to comply with USDA regulations, and Smoothie King smoothies also comply, she said. She is working with Chick-fil-A and Zaxby's, which may be able to offer a new or modified menu item that complies with the number of calories and whole grain bun.

## **BE SURE TO ATTEND BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT**

Parents have the opportunity to experience their student's schedule and meet his or her teachers on Parent "Back-to-School" Night Monday, Aug. 18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Parents, please gather in the Robinson Auditorium no later than 6:20 p.m. for the opening general session, which will begin promptly at 6:30.

## **SUGGESTED CALCULATOR FOR MATH STUDENTS**

All math students, including junior high students, needing to purchase a calculator are encouraged to choose a TI-84 calculator. The TI-84 is preferred over the TI-89 as the latter is not allowed on the ACT exam (but is allowed on the SAT and AP exams). High school students especially will use the TI-84 in math classes, and junior high students may want to purchase one now because they can use it in high school as well.

## **PARENTS CAN STAY INFORMED**

Parents have a variety of ways to stay abreast of school news and their student's progress. Keep up with school news by clicking on the [Daily Announcements](#) tab on the right navigation bar on the school website. Announcements will be posted as individual PDF links by noon each day.

Follow students' assignments by clicking on the [PHS iTeach](#) link and then the teacher's name. Click on the Grades tab to be redirected to the Family Link site. No log in is required to view assignments, but a log in is required to view grades.

Parents using social media will also want to "Like" Our Lady of Providence Jr.-Sr. High School on [Facebook](#) or follow @goPHSpioneers on [Twitter](#).

## **LIMITED PARKING FOR HOME FOOTBALL GAMES**

Parking will be limited during games this fall, especially popular contests against New Albany and Floyd Central high schools at the end of this month. Fans are encouraged to carpool for those games. Please remember that no parking is allowed on surrounding neighborhood streets.

## CALENDAR CORRECTION

The 2014-2015 Calendar sent home this summer inadvertently left off May 1, Oaks Day, as a Snow Make-up Day. If the make-up day is not needed, school will be closed on May 1. The date has been added to the online calendar.

## DRIVER'S ED THANK YOU

The Driver Education program would like to thank [Chris Huber Auto Sales--New Albany](#) (Mr. Chris Huber '94) and [Bales Auto Mall--Jeffersonville](#) (Mr. David Lewis) for providing cars for our program this summer free of charge. We would also like to thank our guest speakers: Mr. Doug Fisher of State Farm Insurance and Officer Rusty Settles of the Jeffersonville Police Dept.

--Ben Hornung '75

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### BOYS BASKETBALL COACH NOW ASSISTANT AD

**Andrew Grantz '07**, the new Boys Basketball coach, is now working part-time in the Athletic Office as assistant athletic director. He has taken the position vacated by **Coach Sean Payne '03**, who has taken a job as assistant director of parks for the City of New Albany. Coach Payne remains the PHS Softball coach. Coach Grantz also assists with cafeteria supervision at lunch.



## 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 will be sent soon. [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** ([tsmoon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsmoon@sbcglobal.net)) or **Amy**

**Makowsky Vissing**([avissing@att.net](mailto:avissing@att.net)).

- **1984** - (30 years) Aug. 23. Activities include a Bus Tour starting at Huber Winery and gathering at Sheraton Riverside, Jeffersonville. [Registration](#) deadline was Aug. 1. For further information, email [choyland@providencehigh.net](mailto:choyland@providencehigh.net)
- **1994** - (20 years) Sept. 20. Wick's New Albany 7 p.m. - midnight. Save the date information has 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](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).

## 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 or sponsorship opportunities, please click [here](#) or contact **Debbie (Sparks '84) Marshall** at [812-945-3350](tel:812-945-3350) x224 or [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto: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](tel:812-945-3350) x224 or [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:dmarshall@providencehigh.net).

## 11 TEAMS TO BE HONORED AT ALUMNI NIGHT

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 scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

During halftime of the game, 11 alumni teams celebrating five- or 10-year anniversaries of their post-season victories will be honored. Teams

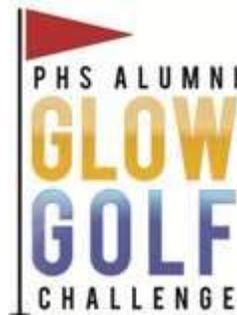
to be recognized include 1969 Cross Country, 1984 Wrestling, 1994 Football, 1999 Boys Soccer, 1999 Girls Soccer, and 1974, 1979, 1989, 1994 and 1999 Volleyball.

## GUEST SPEAKERS WANTED

For the last several years, we have had alumni from a variety of career fields speak to our students in Freshman Focus class. We invite our alumni to share the story of their career path with our freshmen. A variety of class times are available starting at 8:30 a.m and going through 1:30 p.m. Please email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net) if you are interested.

## ALUMNI GLOW GOLF CHALLENGE ACCEPTING TEAMS

The Alumni Association is sponsoring the PHS Glow Golf Challenge at Covered Bridge Golf Club on Saturday, Sept. 6. 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, and only a few team slots are still available, so register now. Proceeds benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. For a registration form, click [here](#). For more information on the golf scramble or on how to sponsor this event, email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).

## RETREAT LEADERS HOLD REUNION



Twenty-two former senior retreat leaders gathered recently for a reunion, ranging in graduation years from 1987 to 2008. **Heather (Murphy) Motts '98** and **Erin (Walsh) Billingsley '97** organized the gathering. The group invited retreat staff, including **Dale Durham (Hon.**

'06) and **Dr. Kathryn Jacobi**, and gave them bracelets that said "Live the Fourth."

## 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.



## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

### TWO '10 GRADS NOW TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES



Best friends **Ms. Hanna Gish '10** and **Ms. Maria Cochran '10** each hoped they would one day be able to teach at Providence. They didn't plan it together, but each attended Indiana University Bloomington and

chose to major in social studies secondary education. Each also decided to combine a study abroad program with her student teaching. Now, the former college roommates teach across the hall from one another. [Click to read more.](#)

## BLUE NEWS OF OLD: History of the Providence Pioneer Mascot

By *Ray Day '57*, school archivist

The creation of our refreshed athletic logo prompted your school archivist to delve into the past in search of examples of Providence Pioneer graphics over the years. I quickly discovered there was little consistency in the very early years. [Click to read more.](#)



## COMING EVENTS

**Aug. 15** - Feast of the Assumption (Back-to-School Mass - Liturgy Schedule)

**Aug. 18** - Parent Back to School Night - 6:30 p.m. - Robinson Auditorium

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

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

**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...

This August 6 issue of e-VISION News is the first of 20 issues you will receive throughout the school year - August 2014 through July 2015. The newsletter is published twice monthly except during fall, winter and spring breaks.

Whether you are new to Providence or a long-time member of our community, we remind you that our school website ([www.providencehigh.net](http://www.providencehigh.net)) is filled with information about the school. Our [IN MEMORIAM](#) feature is found on the home page, on the right navigation bar titled Quick Links. The goal is to keep you informed about the passing of members of our Providence community. Whenever a graduate dies, we post his or her senior photo, a link to the published obituary, and relatives who have attended Providence. Additionally, we watch the newspapers closely to track the passing of parents and past parents of our graduates.

Because many graduates have moved away from Southern Indiana, we call upon our readers to help with this project. Send information to me, **Ray Day**, at [rday@providencehigh.net](mailto:rday@providencehigh.net) if you are aware of InMemoriam news. We are most grateful to **Marilyn (Stemle) Jarboe '56** for her ongoing assistance in tracking and identifying news for this feature.

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