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## STUDENTS IN ACTION

### SPORTS UPDATE: FALL TEAMS' SUCCESSES, SERVICE PROJECTS



Two teams this season have won long-eluded tournament titles while other teams have participated in service projects or won other honors. Last weekend, Boys Soccer won its first ever division title in the 2014 Hoosier Cup Boys' Soccer Tournament in Bloomington, and Volleyball won its own Early Bird Tournament, the first since 1989. [Click to read more.](#)



### GUEST SPEAKERS ENHANCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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Providence is grateful for the number of guest speakers that have enhanced learning for our students. Over the past month, our students have experienced a live video event with an ocean research vessel, attended a presentation from a meteorologist from the National Weather Service, and heard career presentations from various alumni. [Click to read more.](#)



## HOUSE OF HUMILITY SOFTBALL GAME RAISES FUNDS FOR EPILEPSY RESEARCH

Last week, the House of Humility sponsored its first ever faculty vs. student softball game, with players representing each of the Houses. The faculty team won the game 11-7, but the House of Humility is most proud of the amount raised to support epilepsy in memory of the late **Brandon Tevis** from the Class of 2016. The event raised \$750. The House of Humility thanks everyone who helped, played, attended and donated.



## SOPHOMORE, SEVENTH GRADERS ENJOY RETREATS

Over the past two weeks, students in grades 10 and 7 have experienced days of reflection that took them off campus for service and fellowship opportunities. The sophomores visited CrossRoads Ministry at St. William Parish in downtown Louisville. The educational program is intended to introduce students to various social justice issues as well as the daily struggles of the homeless and disadvantaged. Students attend a prayer service, hear from agencies that serve the disadvantaged and volunteer at a day care facility for disabled adults or a senior center.

Sophomore **Ragan Williams** said she was pleasantly surprised at how meaningful the retreat experience was. She was in the group that spent the morning at the Kline Senior Center talking with the elderly clients and "learned valuable lessons through their lives and stories," she said. "One man I met, Jack, could speak five different languages, but couldn't write or read. Another woman, Elizabeth, had been told by her doctor that she was too slow to do crossword puzzles, but she refused to give up. I learned from these two the value of trying your best, even when the

odds are against you."

The group then walked to a soup kitchen for lunch. Having served at her share of soup kitchens and food pantries, she expected to be put to work and was surprised when the group was directed to get in line to eat. "It was humbling to walk through the same line that the homeless, the drug addicts, and the unlucky people in our society did, and to then sit at the same tables as them," she said. "When I started on this retreat, I honestly thought that it would be meaningless to me. I had gone to retirement homes and food shelters before, and I believed I knew everything there was to know about the poor and the elderly. However, when I was standing in those food lines and connecting with those elderly people, I felt humbled. I can take from this experience that there is so much left to learn and so many worthwhile people to talk to, and often times these people are found where we least expect them to be."

The seventh graders listened to high-school-student-led leadership talks, participated in group discussion and played icebreaker games. Seventh grader **Zoe Libs** said she got a lot out of the talks and got to know her classmates better through the ice breaker games. Seventh grader **Joey Banet** said the games were his favorite part, but he also got something out of the talks and discussion. "Over all I learned how to express my faith in the world to people who may not know God," he said.

## SPANISH CLUB ENJOYS LITURGY, MEXICAN MEAL

Fourteen Spanish Club members, parents, and chaperones met Sunday for Mass at St. Mary's New Albany to experience a Hispanic liturgy.



The students particularly enjoyed the music, especially when the mostly Mexican congregation sang the Mexican National Anthem to recognize Mexico's independence day, Sept. 16. After Mass, the group gathered at the Puerto Vallarta's in Jeffersonville to dine on authentic Mexican food and chat with the wait staff. The group plans to sell hand-painted Christmas ornaments this holiday season as a fundraiser for charity.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FALL HOMECOMING 2014 ROYALTY



On Friday, senior **Tom Gettelfinger** was crowned homecoming king at the afternoon assembly, and senior **Patricia Mattingly** was crowned homecoming queen. Congratulations!

Any senior parent not able to attend the assembly who would like a photo of their senior from the recognition ceremony can email [choyland@providencehigh.net](mailto:choyland@providencehigh.net) to request it.

## PARENT CONNECTION

### BACKSTAGE CREW PURCHASES RISERS FOR LITTLE THEATRE

By senior **Ashley Bittenbender**

Up until recently, the Ray Day Little Theatre had been furnished with heavy wooden risers built many years ago by the school's tech crew. Now, thanks to the generosity of the Backstage Crew, a parent booster organization for the theatre arts, there are 20 new aluminum risers purchased from Wenger for a total of \$20,000. The Backstage Crew contributed \$14,000 toward the purchase with money raised from selling final exam care packages, senior retreat T-shirts and sweatshirts, and memorabilia at spring musical performances.

The new risers are not only easier to move around in the theatre but they attach together in many different combinations and have adjustable legs to set at various



heights. Those features allow for even more creative staging opportunities in the black box experimental theatre. **Mrs. Ellen Holifield**, theatre director, said the theatre students and faculty are grateful for the new risers, which look much more professional.

"They are beautiful carpeted seating platforms for our audience," Mrs. Holifield said. "They make the room look finished."

## GIRLS BASKETBALL OFFERING SKILLS CAMP

Deanery Girls Basketball players in fifth through eighth grades are invited to attend a series of free instructional clinics on basketball fundamentals. Click [here](#) for the schedule and [here](#) for the permission slip.

## HOUSE CUP TO BE FULL DAY SCHEDULE

Next Friday, Sept. 26, we will hold our fifth annual Pioneer House Cup. Students will once again spend the bulk of the day taking part in various activities representing their House as they compete for the coveted Pioneer Cup. This year, however, the schedule will be extended to 2:30 p.m. The day's competitions include games such as Ultimate Frisbee and dodge ball as well as Quick Recall and euchre. New this year is Human Foosball. The student body will gather to watch the finals of Providence Got Talent and the inflatables competitions as well as eating competitions for boys and for girls. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Students should report to their 1A classroom by 8 a.m. for attendance and then to the auditorium for a guest speaker. Competitions will follow. Dress for the day is spirit wear, and many of the Houses have designed T-shirts for the students to wear to represent their House.

## REMINDERS FOR SENIOR PARENTS

Senior yearbook portraits must be taken by LifeTouch Studio in Floyds Knobs ([812-923-9080](tel:812-923-9080)) or Whyland's Studio in Jeffersonville ([812-283-3646](tel:812-283-3646)) by Oct. 30 for inclusion in the Providence yearbook. If you have yet to make the appointment, please call to make one soon. No purchase is required, but a sitting fee may be charged. The deadline for the senior baby ad is Nov. 15. Forms were attached to the First Quarter Progress Report notification email.

## ENGLISH TEACHER CHANGE

Part-time English teacher **Mr. Blake Oliver** has taken a full-time teaching position at another school. For the remainder of the semester, **Ms. Emma Joksimovic '10** will teach his English 11 classes, and **Dr. Kathryn Jacobi** will teach his Creative Writing classes.



Ms. Joksimovic graduated in May from Indiana University Bloomington with a degree in English. She said she is excited about the chance to teach at Providence and is grateful for the warm welcome she has received from fellow teachers. "People here just seem to really go out of their way to make sure I'm comfortable and feel prepared with what I'm doing," she said.

## HELP NEEDED FOR GALA 2015

Plans have begun for our largest fundraising and social event, Gala 2015. The Gala will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Huber's Orchard & Winery. Much help is needed to make this event a

success, both socially and financially. You are invited to join the 2015 Gala Committee. The committee works very hard but also has a lot of fun, so please come join us.

If you are interested in serving on the committee or would like additional information as to what the duties of the committee entail, please contact **Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84** at [812\) 945-3350 X 224](tel:8129453350) or email at [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:dmarshall@providencehigh.net).

If you are not interested in serving on the committee but would like to help by donating an item to the silent or live auction, help sponsor the event, or guide us to those you feel we may solicit for a donation or sponsorship, please let me know. Any and all help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Many thanks for your consideration!

## CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

We have the following golf packages left over from our Pioneer Golf Scramble Silent Auction if you would like to purchase:

- Covered Bridge Golf Club - Round of golf for four players, anytime; includes cart - \$200.00.
- Champions Pointe Golf Club - Round of golf for four players, Monday through Friday; includes cart - \$200.00.
- Valley View Golf Club - Round of golf for four players, any day; expires 8/5/2015 - \$100.00.
- Jeffersonville Elks Lodge and Country Club - Round of golf for four players with a cart. Good any day after 12:00 p.m. and expires Dec. 31, 2014 - \$100.00.

If you are interested in purchasing one or all of the golf packages, please contact **Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84** at [812\) 945-3350 x 224](tel:8129453350) or [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:dmarshall@providencehigh.net).

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### SAVE THE DATE: ASAP KICK OFF DINNER

Please plan to attend the Annual Student Assistance Program (ASAP) appreciation dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Huber's Orchard and Winery Plantation Hall. We will be sharing a video of one family's reflections on the assistance they received through ASAP. In addition, Sister Ann Margaret O'Hara, former general superior of the Sisters of Providence and a member of the Class of 1955 (the first graduating class of Providence), will offer her thoughts on Catholic education. To make a reservation for the complimentary



dinner, please contact **Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84** at [\(812\) 945-3350](tel:(812)945-3350) or at [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:dmarshall@providencehigh.net). If you cannot attend but wish to make a contribution, go to [www.providencehigh.net](http://www.providencehigh.net) and click Donate/Support or mail your contribution to Advancement Office, 707 Providence Way, Clarksville, IN 47129.

Our school depends on the contributions of our alumni, parents and friends to remain strong in carrying forward our Catholic educational mission. Providence would not be the school it is today without your help.



## PROVIDENCE FALL FOOD FEST COMING SOON

Mark your calendars for Oct. 4 for the first ever [Providence Fall Food Fest](#). Alumni and friends 21 and over won't want to miss it! Enjoy food from several local vendors, including Big Four Burgers, Orange Clover Kitchen & More (**Rachel Hall Smallwood '00**), Rubbin' Butts BBQ (**Aaron Conlin ex-'88**) and Chillers Ice Cream-Jeffersonville (**Gary & Jenifer (Book '79) Tretter**). Beverage vendors include Huber's Orchard, Winery & Vineyards (**Ted Huber '84 & Greg Huber '81**) and Big Four Burgers + Beer. Activities include gaming under the tent (License #134838), corn hole and more with entertainment provided by "Smokin' Joe" **Dotson '90** and **DJ Kyle Andres '99**.

Admission is \$10 at the door. Doors open 5:30 p.m. to midnight at Providence. Open to patrons 21 and over only.

## THANK YOU TO GLOW GOLF PARTICIPANTS

The Alumni Association thanks all those who participated in the inaugural Glow Golf Challenge. Winners included the first place team of Brian Nance, **Craig Nance '01** and **Rob Waiz '81**; last place team of **Aubrey Alexander Burton '04**, **Pat Burton '03** and **Drew Day '01**; closest to the pin winners **Kevin Ferree '95** and Troy Beyl; and most glow golf balls lost award to Greg Ash.

We also thank our sponsors: Big Four Burgers, Huber's Orchard, Winery & Vineyards (**Ted Huber '84 & Greg Huber '81**), Rubbin' Butts BBQ (**Aaron Conlin ex-'88**), Orange Clover Kitchen & More (**Rachel Hall Smallwood '00**), Land Design Systems (**Josh Williams '98**), First Savings Bank (**Brad Denman '02**), Office and Business Resources (**Dan Brown '84**), Harritt Insurance (**Ben Harritt '05** and **Hunter Harritt '09**), Nance's Florist (**Brian Nance '99**), Nicholson Printing (**Martha Metzger Nicholson '57**, **Chris Nicholson '85** and **Mike Nicholson '85**), Rick's Repair (**Kyle Andres '99**), Dermatology Specialists (**Dr. Megan Landis '00**), Steve Koopman Photography, Beach Bum Vacation (**Lisa Naville Zwissler '99**) and Edward Jones - **Greg Nash '92**.

## SPARROWS PLAY A SUCCESS



The one-time showing of "Why Did God Make Sparrows?" by Kelsey Pfeifer drew a large crowd, who donated more than \$2,800 for the CJ Smith Endowment. The play was based on the journal of the late **C.J. Smith '74** and held in conjunction with the Class of 1974 reunion.

Pfeifer, the daughter of one of Smith's best friends, was able to attend the play and saw it for the first time, having performed it the only other time it was performed at her high school in 2011. She said she was impressed with the professionalism of the production and the work director

**Robbie Steiner '07** did with the cast.



**Dan Bulleit '74** donated for silent auction that evening one of his

paintings of a trail at Mt. St. Francis entitled "Walk with Me," which was purchased for \$500 by Callistus Smith Insurance Co. Half of the proceeds of the silent auction went to the CJ Smith Endowment, which supports New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries, and the other half to the Class of 1974 Endowment.

## REUNION UPDATES

- 1960 - Dec. 13. Clarion Inn, Clarksville. 11 a.m. Eleventh annual mini-reunion brunch.
- 1994 - (20 years) Sept. 20. Wick's New Albany 7 p.m. - midnight. Reservations were due Sept. 15.
- 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).

Reunions for 2015:

- 1965 - (50 years) July 11, 2015, at Huber Winery. Golden Diploma Dinner April 23, 2015.
- 2000 - The class is in need of reunion organizers. If you would like to help, please email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

## YOUNG ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

## MEGAN JAKOBY '12

Providence offers its students the opportunity to enter college with a number of college credits, with dual credit courses as well as AP and ACP courses. Megan Jakoby '12 took advantage of those courses while a senior here and entered Indiana University Bloomington with 20 credits, a head start that enabled her to consider graduating in three years. [Click to read more.](#)

## BLUE NEWS OF OLD:

### *DIGITAL PRESERVATION OF PROVIDENCE HISTORY* *By Ray Day '57, school archivist*

*In the May 21, 2014, issue of e-VISION, I wrote about the history of yearbook publication at Providence since 1955. Because the curriculum no longer includes journalism classes, the creation of the annual book falls on volunteers. From 2009 through 2014, director of admissions **Mr. Dave Smith**, theology teacher **Mr. Bart Makowsky '87**, and a small group of volunteer students have produced perhaps the most tangible souvenir a student takes with them after graduation. This year, **Mr. Steve Beyl '99** will lead the team to produce the 2015 edition of "The Pioneer."*

*In June, an opportunity arose to have our collection of yearbooks scanned and stored digitally at no cost to the school. **Ms. Allison Fredrickson**, genealogy and local history librarian at the Jeffersonville Township Public Library, invited us to participate in the library's "free yearbook digitization program." The work was done by the Oklahoma Correctional Industries (OCI) which offers the service at no cost to the school.*

*OCI uses its non-destructive scanning service to create digital images of each page. All scans are stored on DVD disks in JPEG image format at 300 dpi. This provides protection of valuable school-history material and allows for access and viewing without handling scanned material. Next, the disks will be uploaded to the school server for added protection.*

*We extend our gratitude to the Jeffersonville Township Public Library and specifically to Ms. Fredrickson for making this project possible. If you would like more information about the OCI digitalization service, go to <http://bit.ly/ociyearbooks>.*

## COMING EVENTS

Sept. 15 - 17 - Sophomore Retreat

**Sept. 19** - Fall Show Premiere, Midsummer/Jersey at 7:00 p.m.  
**Sept. 19** - House Meeting Schedule/Scholarship Spirit Wear Day  
**Sept. 20** - Fall Show at 7:00 p.m.  
**Sept. 21** - Fall Show at 2:00 p.m.  
**Sept. 24** - 8th Grade Day of Reflection  
**Sept. 27** - Fall Show at 7:00 p.m.  
**Sept. 28** - Fall Show at 2:00 p.m.  
**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...

Please remember the following members of our Providence community who have died since our September 3, 2014 publication of e-VISION News.

Alumni **Mike Naville '69** and **Sharon Ann Francisco Walter '62**. Past parents **Mr. George Hughes, Mrs. Martha Foos, Mr. William Julius, Mr. William Grantz** and **Mrs. Miriam Thornton**.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Please visit [IN MEMORIAM](#) on the school webpage for details and links to published obituaries.

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