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The House of Truth celebrates after winning Guerin Day.



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Guerin Day brings students together

By senior Chloe Reisinger

Friday, Sept. 23, was Guerin Day, named after **St. Theodore Guerin**, foundress of the Sisters of Providence, which started our school in 1951. This is a day dedicated to competition and fun for the students, faculty, and staff at Providence. The students

enjoyed the day, starting with a guest speaker and ending with Providence Got Talent and the announcement of the winning House. [Read more.](#)



Softball field receives new infield



The Lady Pioneers Softball field is ready for the spring season, thanks to the recent addition of a new layer of clay in the infield. Late last spring, most of the infield - a combination of brick dust and field conditioner - was blown away during a heavy wind storm.

The process to rebuild the infield included scraping the surface down several inches, grading the area, laying a layer of topsoil and then applying several inches of Alabama red clay. Athletic Director **Mr. Mickey Golembeski** said the type of clay was chosen for its red color, its durability and its ability to be replaced should low spots develop in the future. The clay also will be better at holding water, allowing for easier field preparation should it rain on a game day.

Nearly 13 tons of clay was used to rebuild the infield, and the excess was used to fill in low spots in the discus throwing area next to the baseball outfield. Other work included digging out a small area along the fencing for weed control and adding gravel behind the batting cage. As the infield was replaced, it was done in such a way that when the outfield requires an overhaul, the infield will not need to be replaced again. For now, the outfield is still a playable surface, and

improvements would be preceded by installation of an irrigation system, Mr. Golembeski said.

The refurbishing of the infield is a continuation of updates completed two-and-a-half years ago, which included new dugouts, bleachers, fencing and netting, all donated and installed by **Jim Hughes '70** and the Hughes Group Inc.

Coach Teddy Cooper said he is pleased with the results. "The softball field looks great, and I would like to thank the school administration for their hard work and commitment to this program," he said.

Two named National Merit Commended Students



Congratulations to seniors **Tony Kaiser** and **Nick Tomlin**, who were recently named 2017 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students. This is the second highest national academic honor a high school student can receive.

Nick is the son of **James '90** and **Kerri Ann Wilkinson '90 Tomlin** of Jeffersonville and a member of St. Augustine parish. He is a member of Quick Recall, National Science Bowl (captain, first team 2015-2016), Math Team, National Honor Society and Spanish Club. He also is the founder of the Pokemon Club. He hopes to attend Purdue University and major in engineering.

Tony is the son of **John '82** and **Annette (Bacon '83) Kaiser** of New Albany and a member of Holy Family parish. Tony is a member of Quick Recall (captain), National Science Bowl (captain, second team 2015-2016) and National Honor Society. He also is a Boy Scout and has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He hopes to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and major in software engineering.

Nick and Tony said they had hoped to achieve the semifinalist level but are satisfied with their achievement. "I am proud that I got that far," Tony said.

Commended student status means that from the more than 1.5 million juniors who took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last fall, these seniors scored in the top five percent. They join about 34,000 commended students throughout the nation who are recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Spanish Club celebrates health with 5K and fiesta

By senior Claire Rauck, Spanish Club president

On Saturday, Sept. 17, the Spanish Club hosted its first ever Fiesta 5K: Celebrating Health! Twenty students, approximately 20 teachers, parents and alumni, and one dog came to celebrate their health while running and walking 3.1 miles at Community Park. The rain held off for the runners, but the walkers finished the race in a torrential downpour.



However, the rain did not stop us from enjoying a nice fiesta! We ate burritos, beans, and chips and salsa under the festively decorated shelter while listening to Hispanic tunes. The piñata, made by the Spanish Club, was burst open thanks to the strength of freshman **Maria Popson** and senior **Nicholas Tomlin**.

The first Fiesta 5K was a huge success, and a fun time was had by all. The proceeds from the event will go to the Hispanic Connection of Southern Indiana. The Spanish Club would like to thank all who came to the event and helped out with the event in any way! We will see everyone again next year!

Fall Homecoming queen, king announced

Congratulations to senior **Lexie Libs**, crowned Fall Homecoming queen during the football game on Sept. 16, and senior **Juston Betz**, crowned king during the homecoming assembly earlier that day.

To see more photos, check out the Our Lady of Providence Jr-Sr. High School [Facebook page](#).



STUDENT PROFILE

Junior high students enjoy three-day trip to Chicago



Earlier this month, most of our junior high students traveled as a group to Chicago. Students enjoyed the three-day trip, which included sightseeing and Mass at Holy Name Cathedral. They learned about the history of the city and visited many tourist spots. [Click here](#) to read reflections from several of the students.

PIONEER SPORTS NEWS

Boys Tennis sectional starts tomorrow

Good luck to the Boys Tennis team, which faces Clarksville at 5:00 Thursday evening at Jeffersonville High School in round one of sectionals, a one-day delay due to inclement weather. The finals, in which the team could face No. 19 Jeffersonville, will now be Friday at 5:00 p.m. The PHS Boys Tennis team ended the season ranked No. 22 in the state, the highest ever for the program, and No. 3 in District 8 behind Jeffersonville (No. 2) and Floyd Central. Come out and support the Boys Tennis team!

Girls Golf has one advance to regional

By Head Coach Ken Allender

This has been a terrific season for the Girls Golf team, which had four newcomers compete at sectional. The team saw continued improvement as the season progressed and finished the regular season 20-18. At sectional, the team placed fourth, just one stroke shy of advancing to regional. Senior **Alexa Wilson** did advance to regional, where she shot 85 but did not advance to state.

The other departing senior is **Taylor Raymond**. Expected returning players for 2017 are junior **Shea Caylor**, sophomores **Ellie Mayberry** and **Alex Henderson**, and freshman **Kennedy Allender**.

Alexa also has been invited to participate in the second annual Indiana Elite North vs. South Girls' Golf Post-Season Invitational held at Winding Ridge Golf Course in Indianapolis on Oct. 8-9, featuring Indiana high school golfers. She also has been invited to the inaugural Indiana Elite North vs. South Girls' Golf Midwest Invitational Winding Ridge Oct. 22-23, 2016, featuring high school golfers from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio.

Boys Basketball to play in Hoosier Gym

The Boys Basketball program has made an exciting schedule announcement: The Jan. 7, 2017, game vs. Madison Shawe will be played in the historic Hoosier Gym (site of the fictional Hickory High School Huskers in the movie *Hoosiers*)! Ticket information and game time will be released at a later date.

Fall athletes continue to earn recognition

Sophomore football player **Kaden Williams** continues to gain recognition for his outstanding accomplishments. Last week, he was nominated for the *Courier-Journal* Southern Indiana Athlete of the Week Award for the second time, this time for his three touchdowns in the team's 48-0 win over Indianapolis Emmerich Manual on Sept. 16. This week, he was named *News & Tribune* Twitter Poll Player of the Week for his 285 rushing yards and three touchdowns in the team's 36-33 upset win over Jeffersonville. He was also up for Wave 3 Touchdown Friday Night's player of the week, for the second time.

Girls Basketball players receive preseason rankings

Junior **Hannah Wolford** has been named to the Rick Bolus Louisville Girls Fall Showcase [All Showcase Team](#) after the event held this past weekend at Bullitt Central High School. The showcase featured some of the top girls' basketball talent in the region.

Bolus, sports blogger and founder of the High Potential Blue Chip Exposure Basketball Camp, has ranked Hannah among the [top 100](#) players in the state. Senior **Claire Rauck** is listed in the top 50.

Junior high fall sports' end-of-season round up

A number of our junior high students competed in fall sports, whether for the Providence Junior High Volleyball team or for Deanery football or tennis. The

Volleyball team featured mostly seventh graders and ranked sixth in the Deanery. The Southern Indiana Catholic Football team also had a rebuilding season, and the team overcame several challenges. The SIC Cheerleaders cheered at the SIC Football games and some will go on to join the PHS competitive cheer team. SIC Boys Tennis ended the season with a fundraiser. [Read more.](#)



Sports over fall break

Staying in town over Fall Break? There are plenty of sporting events over the next two weeks:

- Football (ranked No. 23 in 2A): at Mitchell on Sept. 30, at Charlestown on Oct. 7, and hosting Clarksville on Oct. 14 for Senior Night and the Town Championship. JV Football at Rock Creek on Oct. 3, hosting Charleston on Oct. 10, and at Clarksville Oct. 15.
- Volleyball (ranked No. 2 in 3A): at Presentation on Oct. 5, at Male Oct. 6, at Columbus East Invite Oct. 8, hosting North Oldham on Oct. 10. JV Tournament at PHS on Oct. 15.
- Boys Soccer (ranked No. 2 in 1A): Hosts [sectional](#) Oct. 5-8 and faces Christian Academy Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. with the finals on Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. If the boys win, they will travel to Switzerland County for regionals on Oct. 13 and 15.
- Girls Soccer: In [sectional](#) play at Northeast Dubois Oct. 3-8. The team faces No. 18 Forest Park Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. with the semifinals Oct. 6 at 6:30 vs. Northeast Dubois and the finals Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. If the girls win, they will host regionals Oct. 12 and 15.
- Cross Country: at Greater Louisville Classic Oct. 1 at Tom Sawyer Park in Louisville. Sectional at Crawford County on Oct. 8 and regional Oct. 15.
- Cheerleading: Central Indiana Cheer Championship at Pendleton Heights Oct. 8. The team has come in first in its previous two competitions.
- Boys Tennis: If the team wins sectional, it will play in the Floyd Central Regional Oct. 4-5. Should the No. 1 singles or doubles team advance as individuals, those boys will also play at Floyd Central Oct. 4-5.

PARENT CONNECTION

Make plans to attend Open House on Nov. 6

Do you or your family, friends or neighbors have an eighth grader? If you have an eighth grader, please plan to attend the annual *Open House on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.* If you know any eighth graders, be sure to invite them and their family to attend!

This fun and informative event is free and open to the public, with an emphasis on current eighth grade students and their families. Providence faculty and staff, student ambassadors, alumni and friends will be on hand to showcase the school's beautiful facility and extensive offerings, including the recently completed chapel and cafeteria. Information regarding curriculum, the House Student Leadership Program, the iPad initiative, theatre, music, clubs and organizations, athletics, and financial assistance will be available. Refreshments will be provided.

Notes for parents: Fall Break, PSAT and more

First Quarter grades to be posted

First Quarter grades will be posted in Skyward Sept. 30

Fall Break info

Fall Break is Oct. 3-14. We hope all our students and families have a fun, safe, enjoyable break. School resumes Oct. 17 with a BLUE Days/"A" Day schedule.

Sophomores, juniors to take PSAT

PSAT is Wednesday, Oct. 19, for all sophomores and juniors. Students should get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and bring a No. 2 pencil and an approved calculator. No other materials are allowed in the testing area. This test determines students' readiness for the SAT and is used to determine National Merit Board awards.

Parent Teacher Conferences after Fall Break

Parent Teacher Conferences will be on Oct. 24. Classes will dismiss at 2:30 p.m., with conferences in teachers' classrooms 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Next Coffee with the Counselors in November

No Coffee with the Counselors in October due to Fall Break.

Last chance for Lower the Boom raffle tickets

Sales of raffle ticket for a chance at operating the wrecking ball to knock down the concession stand and restrooms currently serving the football/soccer and baseball fields will continue through the first half of the football game on Oct. 14. Your purchase will help pay for the new combined entrance to both fields that will feature an

updated concession stand and new restrooms as well as future locker rooms.

Tickets are one chance for \$10, three for \$25 and are on sale at the entrance to home soccer and football games.



Larger donations to fund the construction of the new entrance are still being accepted. If you would like to contribute, please [click here](#) and when on the donation page, select Endowing the Future.



ALUMNI NOTES

Alumni Night to include jersey retirement ceremony

All alumni are invited to attend the Pioneer Football game vs. Clarksville on Friday, Oct. 14, during which 10 former teams will be recognized in the anniversary year of their postseason success. Two former Pioneers also will have their football jerseys retired:

Ray Blunk '64 and Pat Harris '74.

Blunk's No. 35 jersey will be retired in honor of his accomplishments as a high school, college and professional football player. He played football for Providence in the 1960 through 1963 seasons and for Xavier University in Cincinnati from 1964 to 1967. He was then drafted by the Miami Dolphins.

The following year, he moved to the Canadian Football League, where he played for three seasons.



Harris' No. 22 jersey will be retired in honor of his accomplishments as a high school and college football player. He played football for the Pioneers in the 1970 through 1973 seasons, leading the team to the 1A state finals his senior year. He was also named to the All-State team two years in a row. He played football at Purdue University from 1974 through 1977 and was a Purdue letterman.



Teams to be honored during halftime for their postseason anniversaries include 1976, 1981, 1986, 1996, 2001 and 2006 Volleyball; 2006 Boys Tennis; 2001 Girls Golf; 2001 Boys Soccer and 2001 Girls Soccer.

All alumni are invited to a pre-game meal between 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the new cafeteria (enter behind the school - look for the signs). The meal is free, but donations will be accepted.

First senior retreat after Fall Break

The first group of seniors will take part in the Christian Awakening Retreat Oct. 18-21. Please keep the seniors and their leaders in your prayers. For more information, please contact **Mrs. Leah (Cissell) Kelly '05** at lkelly@providencehigh.net.

Thank you for the birthday gifts!

Thank you to all who donated or replied with a submission as we celebrated the 65th anniversary of the first day of school for Providence. We received donations for several different areas of interest, from the Annual Student Assistance Program to class endowments. And we received several reflections, including the one below from **Daniel E. Burke '56**:

"Being a member of the second class of OLPHS, we and the first class were truly 'Pioneers!' We created so many 'firsts' and started traditions that only students in those early years had the opportunity and privilege to initiate. I will be forever grateful to the Sisters of Providence and the staff for creating an environment that enriched my Catholic faith and prepared me for the rigors of obtaining degrees in chemical engineering. My classmates were incredible, and I am still close to a number of them in spite of having lived away for 50 years! My joy-filled years at Our Lady of Providence High School are indelibly locked into my memory. I am so proud and grateful to be an alumnus, Class of 1956!"

Reunion dates for 2016

Reunions for 2016 include classes with years ending in one and six. If your class is listed below and you have not received an invitation or information, please contact **Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83** at rstumler@providencehigh.net.

Reunions scheduled for this year so far:

- **1955 & 1956** - Oct. 14. Combined class lunch/meeting at the Clarion Hotel, 505 Marriott Drive, Clarksville. Spouses or significant others

welcome, 11:30 a.m.

- **1964** - Oct. 16. Celebrating the class's collective 70th Birthday with a party at the home of **Noelle (Kramer) Gohmann '64**, 7305 Smith Creek Rd., Lanesville, IN 47136 - 3 p.m. Please RSVP to noellegohmann@gmail.com. \$10 per person payable at the door.
- **1971** - Nov. 5. Rocky's on the River Party Room and Patio, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
- **1996** - Nov. 12. Woods of Lafayette Clubhouse, 6:30-11:00 p.m. After party at Jack's, 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.

Planning has begun for the Class of 2011.



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

Class of '69 remembers classmate in torch relay



Providence had a special representative in the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay that made its way through New Albany earlier this month. **Nancy (Beaucond) Gulley '69** took part in the relay and carried the torch in memory of former classmate the late **Mike Naville '69**. Naville, who died in September 2014, was known for rallying his classmates and for his service to many organizations, including Providence and our Alumni Association, so remembering him and his contribution to Floyd County during the relay was important to many of his classmates.

Donna Sue (Kepley) Foster '69 suggested the idea, and **Vicki (Andres) Prince '69** and **Kathy Shaughnessy '69** submitted the application. Gulley agreed to run in the relay - as long as she could run down State Street in front of Naville's former law office. Many of his family, friends and classmates were on hand to cheer on Gulley.

"Mike has done so much for our class, our school and our community," Gulley said. "He kept our class together. He would be proud somebody represented our class. I'm glad I could do this for him."



COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 30:** First Quarter grades posted in Skyward
Oct. 3-14: Fall Break
Oct. 17: School resumes. "A" Day. BLUE Days schedule.
Oct 18-21: First senior retreat
Oct. 19: PSAT all sophomores and juniors.
Oct. 24: 2:30 p.m. dismissal
Oct. 24: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26: Next eVision

LET US PRAY

Oct. 3 is the feast day of St. Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence. The Sisters of Providence based at Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods in Terre Haute founded Providence in 1951. Here is a prayer in honor of her feast day.

Jesus, source of truth and life,
 who taught the world the way of salvation,
 grant us the help we humbly ask
 through your faithful servant
 Saint Mother Théodore Guérin,
 who spent all her life
 to make you known and loved.
 May this grace
 be consolation for us,
 and may it unite us ever more to you
 and to one another in life and in eternity.
 Amen.



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