

Providence Academy

Developing Providence

A Newsletter from the Development Office at Providence Academy

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Providence signs option for 14.8 acres! Grandparents helping to secure the future of Providence!



Pictured L to R:
L.D. Simmons,
Janey Simmons (grand-
parents of Nicholas
Wilson, Malachi Hayes,
and soon to be kinder-
gartener Selena Hayes),
Mark Koscak,
and Mark Hecht

C.S. Lewis- A prolific reader

He read "every book written in English during the 16th century, as well as every book translated into English, in it's original language as well as the translation".

See page 6: *C.S. Lewis: A Student of the Classics*

You might be wondering...

What is our philosophy on additional debt?
What is the plan to improve our salary structures?
When will we add a third tier of classes?
When will we add a new building to address space needs?
How do we plan to address scholarship needs in the future?
What is our vision for the athletic program?

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Looking to the Future - "Growing in God's Providence!"

Future School Building

New Property

School Building

Practice Field

Parking

Soccer Field

Baseball Field



WE ARE ... ON THE WAY!

By Mark Koscak, Director of Development

After much prayer, the board recently shared the draft of their initial 5-10 year vision for Providence Academy at the year-end association meeting. The



A Christ-centered and Classical Education

"We are here for a simple reason. Jesus is welcome."

Sue Ellen Lowe

vision discussion included an announcement that the school had secured an option to purchase 14.8 acres next to the school. They also announced that School Administrator Jerry Williams and the board are working closely with a group from Morristown that is creating a school in the Providence image that is set to open this fall.

The plans are God-sized and the vision is exciting, but we need to remember what all this effort is about. In David Noebel's recent book "The Battle for the Truth" he says "As believers, we need to consider how our commitment to Christ and His Word affects not only our political and ethical convictions, but also the way we think about science, theology, philosophy, psychology, economics,

universities, news media, entertainment industry, judiciary, federal bureaucracy, in business, medicine, law, psychology, sociology, in the arts, in many public schools and, to be sure, in the halls of Congress."

At Providence Academy one of our primary goals is to provide a Christ-centered education. We believe that all subjects point back to God the creator, and this starting point leads to a worldview that

Class of 2005-06



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law, and a host of other areas of contemporary thought. This collection of convictions is what we call a worldview. And it is in the area of worldviews that one of the greatest battles of our time is now being waged, a battle for our hearts and minds."

Noebel continues by saying that "As Christians, our basic assumptions about life are formed by our central belief in the person and message of Jesus Christ. Those who do not hold this commitment will usually come to some very different conclusions about life and what makes it worthwhile."

James Dobson discussed the secular humanist worldview in the book *Children at Risk* "The secular humanist system of values has now become the predominant way of thinking in most of the powers centers of society. It has outstripped the Judeo-Christian precepts in the

influences the way we teach.

May is the time when we see the culmination of the classical education. Our seniors have progressed

through the grammar, the logic and the rhetoric stage of their education in a Christ-centered atmosphere that comes together as they write and defend their thesis.

As we finish our 12th year, and send our fourth graduating class into the world, please join us in praying that our students would be "salt and light" in the world. Pray that they would bring a Christian perspective, Christian love and Christian worldview to whatever path they choose.

Class of 2005-06

Future Plans

Carly Altizer
Elon University

Jordan Bland
Northeast State, Eastern Kentucky

Keith Carpenter
Tennessee Tech

Rex Carpenter
ETSU, Milligan, and King

Tyler Clendenon
US Military Academy Preparatory School

Zachary Deaderick
Tennessee Tech

Matthew Gilchrist
University of Mississippi

David Gill
Furman University

Elizabeth Lindsay
Covenant College

Jacob Richards
University of Alabama

Marcelle Sibley
Johnson and Wales University

Daren Stoltzfus
University of Tennessee

Caitlin Tomski
Samford University

Christopher Tomski
University of Tennessee,
Chattanooga

Whitney Turner
King College

Julian Wood
University of Tennessee

Board Vision



Note from Board Chair Mark Hecht "As we continue to share and refine this vision we look forward to your questions and/or input. Please feel free to contact me or a board member to discuss!!"

Two Priorities...

There are two fundamental priorities tied directly to the long-term health of Providence Academy:

1. Elimination of debt

- Primary goal at this time is the elimination of debt.
- Need to reflect Christian principles in handling debt

2. Improving our salary structure

- While some increases in salaries are possible while paying down the debt, a major restructuring of our salary structure cannot take place without elimination of current debt
- When debt is eliminated, improving our salary structure should be a primary use of funds that are currently going toward debt service

Target Enrollment and New Building

How big do we grow?

3 tiers – 870 students (maximum student population to allow maintenance of school philosophy and mission)

When do we add the 3rd tier?

- Additional property is acquired
- B & C series bonds are repaid
- Substantial funds have been raised for construction of new building

Best case scenario (assuming requirements above are met):

- Start capital campaign by August 2009
- Start construction of building in fall of 2010
- Have a new building by August 2012

Athletic Program

Do we join an association? Do we stay independent?

- Continue to monitor development of the NC/SC private school league as an alternative
- Study guidelines and cost of competing within TSSAA
2008-09 is earliest we could go to TSSAA (1st year with 50 juniors)

How do we balance the demands of a healthy/competitive sports program with the academic demands of Providence Academy?

- Volleyball & baseball - limit to 20 dates
- Other sports – limit to 20 games (25 game limit for basketball)
- Target for no more than half of the dates or games to be away games

What about other sports - tennis, girls' softball, track?

- Tennis – need facilities or access to - would not pursue until girls' soccer and golf are established
- Girls' softball – not enough girls for both soccer and softball in spring – only a possibility if we go to TSSAA
- Track – facilities very expensive – might be part of a future building program

What about Football?

Not in our 5-10 year vision

4 Generations attend Grandparent Cook-out!



Annie Poppenhusen, Michael & Susie Way, Dr. Brian Way and Taylor Way.

Mark your calendar for our next Grandparent Academy on September 29, 2006!

Scholarships

- Fully fund FFNA recommendations (limited to 50% of tuition)
- Excess scholarship funds will go to help build the endowment
- Endowment funds could be used to address a shortfall in funds to fully fund FFNA recommendations



Recycle used printer cartridges

Thanks to your used cartridges, we have received **\$956** since March 05 towards the Annual Scholarship Fund from Cartridge World. Please show them our support by giving them your business.

Lowe's Grant adds beauty to PA!



Thanks to Arlene and Danny Kellum (parents of Creighton and Campbell) for leading the volunteer project to improve the landscaping in back of the building. Lowe's provided the funding and Arlene

and Danny provided the leadership as well as many hours of landscaping. Thanks to everyone that helped. We appreciate your dedication and hard work.

SCHOLARSHIP AT PROVIDENCE

The Lord is with you mighty warrior!

The focal point of our scholarship banner for this coming year is *Bill Bledsoe's* work entitled "*Knight Watch*." We are privileged to once again have Bill's support of the scholarship program.

Judges 6:12 "The Lord is with you mighty warrior" is the verse that we picked to highlight the campaign for the next year. We felt that this verse was especially appropriate for the scholarship fund. The Providence student mascot is a knight, and this image is a wonderful way to capture the thought process that through the scholarship fund the Lord is using many to provide for students so that they can grow into strong warriors for the Christ.

This image also does a good job of representing

those making a five year pledge to the scholarship fund. These five year pledges are undergirding the program and providing confidence to potential scholarship parents by showing that our support for the program is long term. With your help we can encourage these families and students by saying "**The Lord is with you mighty warrior!**"

"If it wasn't for the scholarship program our children wouldn't be at PA right now.

Thank you!"

An Anonymous Scholarship Dad

Monthly Gifts Add Up!

Small monthly gifts make a huge impact over a number of years. If you give a monthly gift of \$10 per month during the 13 years your child (or grandchild) attends Providence, you will give \$1560 to the Scholarship Fund

Did you know that you can give to the scholarship fund through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)?

by the time your child graduates!

Did you know that you can give

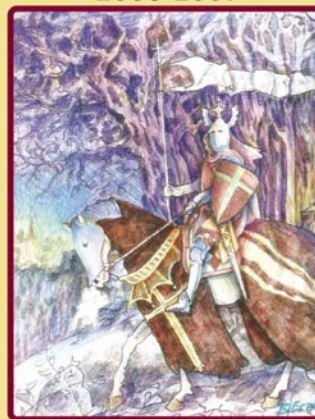
monthly gifts to the scholarship fund through Electronic Funds Transfer (E.F.T.)?

For questions or further information please contact Mark Koscak, Director of Development at (423) 854-9819.

PROVIDENCE ACADEMY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2006-2007

"The Lord is with you mighty warrior."

Judges 6:12



"Knight Watch" by William Bledsoe

TOTAL NEEDED BY 6/30/2007



■ Pledges ■ Cash

Alumni Parents Committed to Providing Need-Based Scholarship

An interview with Dr. David Sibley by Mark Koscak

“Denise and I are thankful and excited to be able to make a five year pledge to the scholarship fund as alumni parents.” David and Denise’s daughter Marcelle is graduating this month, and the Sibleys are grateful for her time at Providence.

“We look at this pledge as a love offering to the Lord, and we hope that He will see it as a fragrant offering of thanks. We are glad to

be part of the group of Alumni Parents Committed to Providing Need-Based Scholarship.”

David and Denise will officially become alumni parents this month. But, they also have another daughter Noelle that will be in 9th grade next year. “Our Providence days are starting to wind down and it will definitely

be different once the days of volleyball games, choir events etc. are completed. We will greatly miss being involved at Providence, but we are excited to know that as each of our children graduates, it opens the door for the Lord to bless another child with an education from Providence. We are glad to have the opportunity to help others attend Providence and I would encourage every alumni parent to consider a commitment to the scholarship fund as way to thank God for the time our children have had a PA.”

Scholarship gifts “A love offering to the Lord”

If you are interested in helping support a student through the Annual Scholarship Fund you can contact Mark Koscak at (423) 854-9819, or you can write to Providence Academy Development Office, 2788 Carroll Creek Rd, Johnson city, TN 37615

HONORARY GIFTS TO PROVIDENCE

*In loving memory of:
Bob Thompson*

Thank You Mrs. Savery!



After 12 years of teaching 1st grade at Providence Academy, Mrs. Dynel Savery is retiring. God bless you in your new season of life!

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Alumni Parents

Committed to providing need-based scholarship



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A Student of the Classics: C.S. Lewis

The book *Narnia Beckons* by Ted and James Baehr shares a variety of essays by a number of different authors on the life and works of C.S. Lewis. As we read about Lewis it becomes clear that he was very well read.

In an article profiling his life, Lyle Dorsett shares that "C.S. Lewis was born in a bookish family....they purchased and read many books." In an article by Jerry Root, he shares that, Lewis eventually became an expert on English literature from the 16th century. He read "every book written in English during the 16th century, as well as every book translated into English, in its original language as well as the translation."

Yet, Lewis' education greatly benefited from a detailed study of classics.

He was personally mentored by W.T. Kirkpatrick a brilliant teacher and friend of Lewis's father.

Kirkpatrick led Lewis to read great books, and he pushed him to understand them in their native language (Latin, Greek, Italian and German). He also helped him to learn how to criticize them and analyze

Read the classics with your child(ren).

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them, as he taught him how to think, speak and write logically. After three years of this tutoring, Kirkpatrick shares that Lewis was "tough minded and widely read."

Lewis said his debt to Kirkpatrick was great, and that it was great preparation for his studies at Oxford where Lewis's outstanding performance at University College led him to the highest honors in Honor Moderations, Greats, and English in 1920, 1922, and 1923.

In 1931 Lewis became a believer and started a thirty year stream of books on Christian apologetics and discipleship.

Lewis died in 1963 and had a great impact on many during his lifetime. His impact continues to grow as. "60 million readers have discovered the world of Narnia since Lewis created it over 50 years ago."

Lewis had a strong background in logic and rhetoric. Lewis was well read in the classics, and this combined with his strong understanding of language, helped shape him to impact generations.

At Providence Academy we are only 12 years old. But, our hope is that our classical approach to education based on a strong dose of grammar, logic and rhetoric, a strong dose of Latin, and a strong dose of classical books will help us to shape and mold the C.S. Lewis's of the next generation.

Below you will find a list of the major literary works studied by secondary students at P.A. If you would like to read along with your student you can purchase a copy at the upcoming book fair at Barnes and Noble.

Baehr, Ted & Baehr, James, Narnia Beckons. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2005.

Major Literary Works Studied at PA December 1, 2005

7th Grade

Evangeline
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes
A Christmas Carol
Treasure Island
Bronze Bow
Twelfth Night

8th Grade

Romeo and Juliet
Emma
Great Expectations
Call of the Wild

9th Grade

Odyssey
Antigone
Julius Caesar
Essays by Priestley, Twain, Irving, Addison, E.B. White, Bacon, and others
Midsummer. Night's Dream
Tale of Two Cities
Count of Monte Cristo
The Hiding Place, other Holocaust literature

10th Grade

The Scarlet Letter
Deerslayer

The Red Badge of Courage
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Our Town
Old Man and the Sea
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (AP)

11th (Rhetoric I)

Plato's Dialogues
Aristotle's Rhetoric
De Oratore
On Christian Doctrine
Consolation of Philosophy

11th (British Literature elective)

Pride and Prejudice
Macbeth, other selected Shakespearean drama
Pilgrim's Progress
Murder in the Cathedral
Satire
Everyman
Dr. Faustus (AP)
Beowulf
Arthurian Myth
Lord of the Rings (AP)

12th (Rhetoric II)

"Job"
"Ecclesiastes"
Classic Poetry

Aristotle's Rhetoric/Poetics

12th (Classical Literature)

Comparative Creations
Oedipus the King
Lyric Poetry
Iliad
Aeneid
Hamlet
Yvain and Lancelot
Divine Comedy
Utopia
The Prince
Praise of Folly
Book of the Courtier
Canterbury Tales

Books read in non-literature courses:

The Bible
Mere Christianity
The Universe Next Door
Animal Farm
Murder at the Margin

Electives

Social and Political Philosophy
Story of Philosophy
The Seven Laws of Teaching

P. A. Gift cards (SCRIP)

“Gas cards are great for teenage drivers - they can’t use them for anything else. Also, with Gift Cards (SCRIP), we can easily track how much we spend on gas and groceries.”

A Gift Card User



Meet Mrs. Debbie Roberts. She is the wife of Mr. R. B. Roberts who joined the Providence faculty this year. Debbie volunteers with our Gift Card program and in the Development office every other Friday. Thanks for all you do!

Table Sale Dates are:

Friday, May 12
Friday, May 26
Thursday, June 8

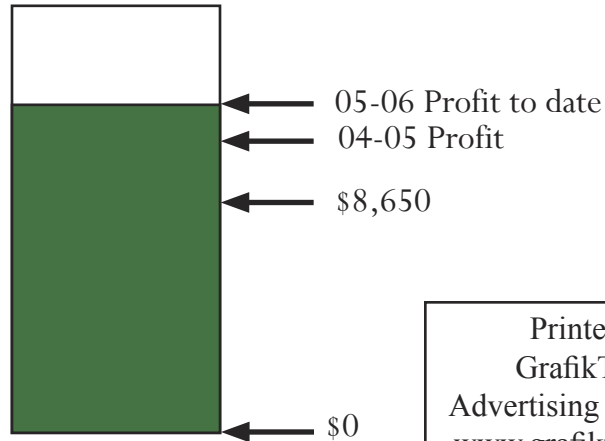
or call us during the summer!

HELP Providence finish strong!

Don't forget to make your June and July grocery, restaurant, and gas card purchases before school is out! We have already passed last year's total profit mark for the year. We need strong sales in May and June to finish funding the science hood installation. **Thanks for your support!**

Profit

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Siemens Science Day



Mr. Galen Freemon and Mr. Rick Schaftlein, two PA dads, "teach" Mrs. Little's 5th grade class. "Siemens Science Days" is a new program, sponsored by the Siemens Foundation, which helps present math and science as cool subjects that can lead to exciting career opportunities.

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"Lord, how can I help?"



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Picture of Josh

Alumni JOSHUA M. KING of the class of 2003 was named to the Wake Forest Board of Trustees as the student trustee for the 2006-07 school year.

Congratulations Josh!

Omission - Thanks to Sam Watson / Johnson City Press for the picture of our Mathcounts Team in our last newsletter. Thanks also goes to Julian Wood for use of Art Festival pictures.