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Secondary Newsletter



Letter From the Principal

Are the fine arts really that important? Many schools around the country, both public and private, have decided to eliminate art, music, and drama because of financial difficulty and time constraints. William Zinsser, a professor of journalism at Columbia, has noted that “long gone are the days of sampling a wide variety of courses – music, art, philosophy, classics, and poetry – that would send students out as liberally educated men and women.” He wrote those words in 1979, a full thirty years ago. I am sure that today’s landscape looks no better. Fortunately, Providence Academy is a school that values the fine arts, as should all classical Christian schools. After all, the fine arts provide great opportunities to explore truth, beauty, and goodness. This edition of the Providence Post targets some of the great things that are happening in art, chorus, and drama. As you read through the articles and view the photos, allow yourself to be reminded of the importance of these areas of study.

Early Spring

“Once more the Heavenly Power
Makes all things new,
And domes the red-plowed hills
with loving blue;
The blackbirds have their wills,
The throstles too.

Opens a door in Heaven;
From skies of glass
A Jacob's ladder falls
On greening grass,
And o'er the mountain-walls
Young angels pass.”

Lord Alfred Tennyson

Save the Date!

Chorus

April 22 7pm.
Choral department
presents their
spring concert.

Drama

May 6 and 8 7pm.
The Drama
Department
performing *Singin’
in the Rain*.

Art

May 14 7pm.
The secondary art
show in
Jonesborough.

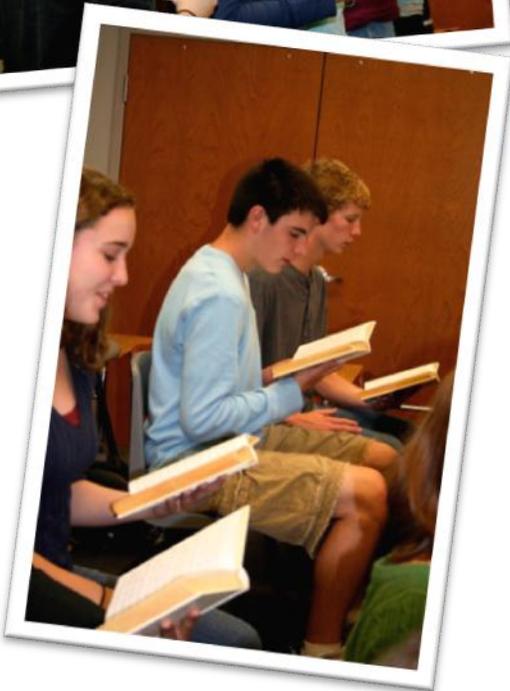


SING IT OUT!

Singing, singing, singing... Providence students are sharing music together in school and in the community. Over the last two years, the music and fine arts departments have added some incredible new programs, events, and activities. Last year the Chamber Ensemble members took Providence Academy's first singing tour when they traveled to New York City to perform in several churches and schools. Another landmark for Providence Academy was the first full length Broadway musical produced by the music, drama, and art departments last spring. This year several Providence students participated for the first time in the All-East Choral Festival in Greeneville, TN, performing with the finest high school singers from the region. The Chamber Ensemble caroled throughout the community at Christmas time and produced the "Saturday Night Live: Music at the Valentine Diner" as fundraisers for the 2011 trip to New York City.

The students still have a few more exciting events this year: the full length musical, *Singin' in the Rain*, produced in conjunction with the drama department, the annual Spring Choral Concert, and Providence Academy Graduation. Additionally, the Union University Chorale will be visiting Providence Academy this spring to perform and participate in some music classes. This spring's choral repertoire includes pieces by Aaron Copland, Eric Whitacre, John Rutter, and Moses Hogan, to name a few. Come support the music department as we sing out!

-Claire Woodard





Letter from the Board

During the past couple of weeks, you've received from the PA Board and Administration a letter outlining changes in tuition for the upcoming school year. Despite our best efforts to have discussion about the budget and to provide information on financial issues, I'm sure some were caught by surprise at the amount of the tuition increase. For most of us, it's a difficult time economically, and we see this reflected daily in our personal affairs and the world around us. Let me take this opportunity to say a few things regarding the outcome of the budget process for the 2010-11 school year. The Board and Administration, as well as the Finance Committee, entered into serious thought, prayer, and discussion about the appropriate path forward for the budget. There are many things we want to do at PA that cannot be done today due to economic conditions (new facilities, activity busses, and

technology items, for example.) However, there are others we must do to preserve the soundness of the school, to begin to move our teacher and administration salaries to an improved position, and to properly maintain the physical plant of the school. The Board and Administration believe it is important to take the action on tuition increases we have opted for. As one of our Board members stated earlier in the year, the sacrifice for Christian education should fall primarily on the parents, not the teachers and employees of the school. I pray that you will be able to share this conviction and graciously bear this burden to the glory of God.

Robert Smith,
Board Chairman



Running Club

This club is for all secondary students and parents looking to enjoy the outdoors and exercise.

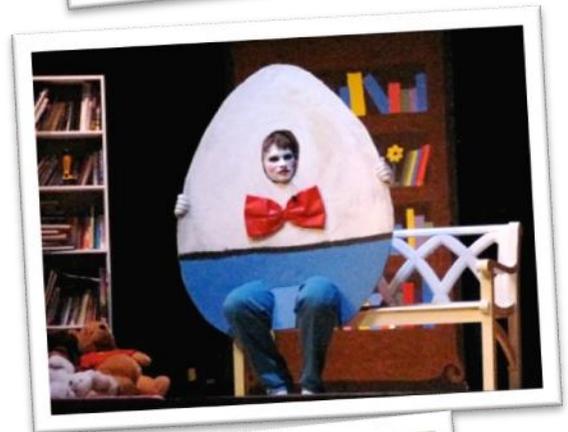
Are you looking for a way to get some exercise, increase your speed, or stay in shape for another sport? If so, this Running Club is for you. We will be meeting twice a week to run at a pace and distance suited for runners of all abilities.

Beginners are welcome, and all ability levels will have a group to run with.

Parents and walkers are welcome!
We meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:15 by the flagpole.

The Drama Department

“An actor is as great as his imagination.” How exciting to see the continual growth of the Drama Department at PA over the past few years! It allows the students to use their God-given gifts of creativity, expression, and imagination, whether through acting, designing costumes, building sets or applying makeup. The Drama Program has brought great things to PA and will hopefully continue to add to the community of the school. We have had a busy year so far and are in the midst of preparing for the Spring Musical, *Singin’ in the Rain*. In the fall the Drama students presented a double feature, “Light in the Library,” and “After Hours.” These performances included some of your favorite storybook characters coming to life and mannequins saving the day. To say the least, it was an experience filled with lots of laughter and entertainment for all ages. Currently the students are busy learning their lines, trying on costumes, practicing the music, and learning dance routines. Our performance dates are Thursday, May 6, and Saturday, May 8, at 7 p.m. We would love to see you there!



Mission Statement

Providence Academy equips students to achieve academic excellence and spiritual maturity through a biblically based, Christ centered, classical education, so they will think and live in a manner, which brings glory to God.

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