



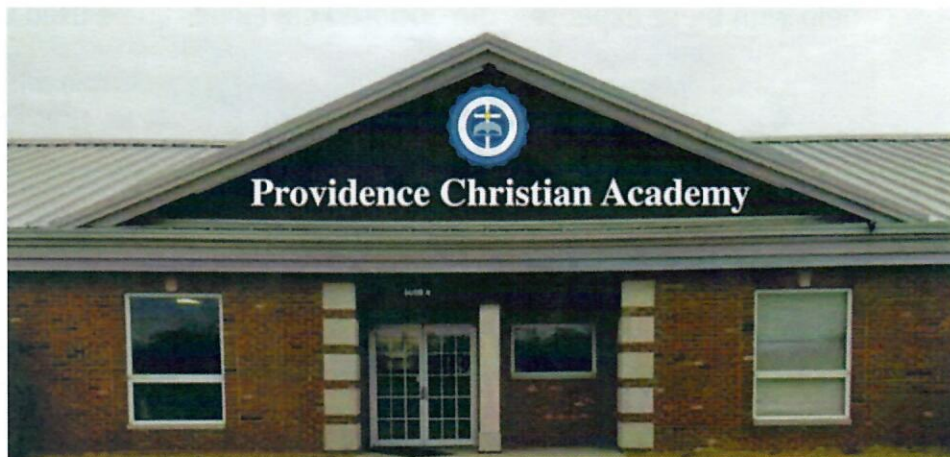
# PROVIDENCE PERSPECTIVES

*Equipping our covenant youth for the present and for the future.*

SPRING 2018

## A Home Of Our Own

Over the past nine years, Providence Christian Academy has met in three locations. We started out meeting at Village Woods retirement community in Crete, IL. Classes were held there for three years before we moved to Community United Reformed Church (Schererville, IN). During our time at CURC, enrollment grew substantially and after four years we needed to find a new place to meet. For the last two years we have been meeting at First United Methodist Church in Lansing, IL.



In the middle of our moving from location to location, we had the opportunity to purchase ten acres of property in St. John, IN. God blessed us abundantly, and we were able to pay off the debt on the property rather quickly. Our building committee had been working with the town of St. John to prepare our property for a new school building. However, as plans developed, the process was becoming more and more difficult. Obstacles popped up, and we seemed to be experiencing the proverbial "one step forward, two steps back."

Near the end of February our Building Committee chairman came across a building for sale at 14795 W. 101st Avenue, Dyer, IN. It is centrally located and in excellent condition. Members of the Board, Building Committee and the teachers had an opportunity to tour the facility. It did not take long for everyone to conclude that God had led us to an excellent option for us to consider. After much prayer and communication it was decided to make an offer to purchase the building. At our annual Association meeting on March 15, there was a unanimous vote to approve purchasing the building in Dyer and to sell the property we own in St. John. We are excited to share that we closed on April 27, 2018 and Providence Christian Academy now has a place to call "home."

The entire building is approximately 18,000 square feet, and we will be utilizing the largest section of the building, which is about 9,000 square feet. Three of the four remaining suites are currently leased out by other businesses. A preschool was previously operating in the space, so it is already set up for school use; however, renovations need to be made. Some notable things that will be done are: create separate boys and girls restrooms, reconfigure a few walls and doors, paint all of the walls, remove some fencing, and update the lighting fixtures. If you would like to track the renovation progress, please view our Facebook page or website!

July 14 is the date we intend to move from FUMC into our own building. That will give the teachers roughly one month to set up their classrooms how they want them. We look forward to many years of blessing in our new home. As soon as renovations are complete and classrooms are fully prepared for classes, we invite you to come in and see the new home of Providence Christian Academy!

## Building Fund Drive

In preparation to open our doors on August 16 for the first day of school, the Building Committee and Board have concluded that several improvements need to be made to our building. This includes updating light fixtures by switching to LED lights, installing 14 new magnetic white boards in classrooms, and hiring a professional contractor to paint all the interior walls. These items are needed in order to function well in our new space but were not part of our operating budget for the year. The total cost of these projects comes to \$22,750. In light of this, we ask that you consider assisting us in this specific time of need with a donation to help with these expenses. The enclosed envelope can be used to direct funds for this endeavor. We also ask that you continue to support us through prayer. Please pray for the Building Committee as it manages this project and directs the school community while we work together. Pray for our teachers since they are tasked with preparing new spaces in order to begin the school year in August. Most importantly, join us in giving thanks as we have seen God's hand at work in all of this and marvel at his faithfulness to us!

## Science Fair Review

Have you ever wondered which disinfectant is the most effective or if your tongue has tasting zones? Those are just a couple of the questions asked and answered by our 6th-8th graders with their Science Fair projects. The purpose of the projects was to understand how to use the scientific method to answer the questions that each student developed after doing some research work on a subject of interest to them. The 15 students each developed a hypothesis, designed and performed an experiment, gathered data, analyzed that data, and drew conclusions from their data.



## Fair Oaks Field Trip

On Thursday, April 12, 2018, the 3rd - 8th grade classes went to Fair Oaks Farms in Indiana for a field trip. This is a farm that produces milk and pork products, and for our field trip we toured the cow exhibits.

When we arrived we saw an exhibit on the importance of agriculture in feeding in the world. We then went into a classroom where we were given instruction on the different crops that are grown and how farmers are able to determine when crops need more or less minerals in order to thrive. We then went into the birthing barn and, within 5 minutes of our sitting, we saw a live calf birth. It was very exciting and interesting for us to witness. We ate lunch and then boarded a bus to see where the cows live and proceeded to the milk barn. It is an amazing process! The cows are milked 3 times within a 24 hour period. The cows step onto a revolving carousel where they are hooked up to the milking machines and they stand on this platform until they have completed the circle and then they step off. We sampled some cheese, played interactive games, and went back to the birthing barn to see newborn calves.

We were quite impressed with the farm. It is clean, tidy, and nothing is wasted. It was truly amazing to see how God has provided for all our needs in the works of His creation!



## Young Authors 2018

Congratulations to sixth graders Abbey Helmus and Lucas Vander Woude who were this year's Young Authors winners from the 5th-6th grade Composition class. Abbey wrote and illustrated *The Locked Box* and Lucas wrote *Agent 13: The Experience in New York*. Their stories were published into hardcover books, and both students represented Providence at the Young Authors Festival hosted by Trinity Christian College in April. Also, congratulations to Abbey Helmus whose poem "My Hiding Place" was selected for publication in the Summer 2018 edition of *The Classical Difference*, a publication of the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS).



Becky Ortiz (7th), first place in the Spelling Bee



National Latin Exam award recipients (L-R) Isabella VanderWoude (8th), Lucas VanderWoude (6th), Logan Darling (5th), Nolan Regnerus (5th) and Abbey Helmus (6th) with Latin teacher Mrs. Wright.



Geography Bee winner Ben Bruinsma (8th) and runner-up, Liam VanderWoude (4th).

## Thank You Ms. Lange!

For the past five years, Ms. Leann Lange has served as our music and physical education teacher. She came to us after "retiring" from 34 years of teaching, and now she has decided to fully retire. We have Ms. Lange to thank for our students singing in beautiful harmony! We are grateful for all of her hard work and love for each of the students in addition to the blessing she has been to the faculty. The impact of her time at Providence will be felt for a long time!

## Congratulations to the Class of 2018!

Back row: Principal McKenzie, Noah Bakker, Brandon Helmus, Benjamin Bruinsma, James Boer, Miss DeBoer

Front row: Emma Regnerus, Isabella VanderWoude, Annika Regnerus, Margaret Baugh





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"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

--Proverbs 22:6 ESV

## In memory of Koen Philip Regnerus

Barbara Van Schouwen

## In memory of Cora Martin

Richard and Judith Audritsh

Doris Bagull

Lloyd Bohl Family

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## Spring 2018 Memorial Gifts

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