

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

April 21, 2023

The following articles were submitted by staff, various PHS clubs, booster organizations, etc., and compiled by the PTSO for your convenience. Direct questions related to specific articles to the contact person listed.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 27	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:30 PM
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday – No School
June 9	Last Day of 4 th Quarter
June 12-June 13	Teacher Workdays – No School
June 14	Class of '23 Graduation Day

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families:

We have had an excellent week after returning from spring break. It has been a tiring but joyful week around campus. Students are “back in the groove,” and we are working hard to finish the year strong. We have six weeks of school before our final, end-of-year exams. To give students resources to help with stress, anxiety, and the rush of a busy schedule, our **Sources of Strengths** team organized a wonderful Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday after lunch. With their homeroom peers, students had the opportunity to enjoy activities that focused on different parts of the SOS wheel. Healthy activities, mentors, positive friends, gratitude, and mental wellness were strengths that we practiced and resources that we explored during the fair. Students told us that they had a great afternoon. Among their comments were, “This is so fun,” “I really enjoyed the time to play music with my friends,” and, “It was good to know about more resources available to us.”

Our AP students are one week away from the beginning of AP exams. As I mentioned in the last Mews, most of our AP exams are given off campus so we can have a quiet, uninterrupted testing environment while also having regular school for the students who are not testing. For your reference, [here](#) is the schedule and directions for those students. If your child has an AP exam, please review this schedule and these directions. Make sure they read the reminders at the bottom of page three.

As planning for next year is underway, we have received the following message from CMS transportation:

Does your student plan to ride the bus next school year? If so, we need your help. To prepare and accommodate your student's transportation needs, **all families must register for bus service by Friday, May 19.** The registration form can be accessed from the district's homepage and must be completed for each student in your household. Visit <https://charmeckschools.org/bussurvey> to complete your registration form.

Families needing to request an alternate stop such as a daycare or different express stop can do so in June.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Campus Clean-up May 20

Spring is right around the corner, and we're excited to make the campus look amazing! Join us from **9 AM to 12 PM on May 20** for a campus clean-up. We are looking for crew leaders (adults) and volunteers (students) to help in various areas of the campus. Jobs include picking up sticks, pruning low branches on trees, weeding, spreading mulch, and re-stacking small stone edging around the school. All easy work. Students can get much needed volunteer hours! All volunteers must sign up to participate please.

Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845A9AF2AA3FF2-phsbeautification3>

(Submitted 4/19/2023 by Kalie Koivisto, kkoivisto@cottinghamchalk.com)

New -- Junior Week: College Admissions and Post High School Planning

To help rising seniors prepare for their post high school plans, the school counseling department is excited to host Junior Week **May 15-18**. Each afternoon, counselors will host an in-person workshop for students, highlighting components of the college application process as well as information about additional post-high school options such as CPCC, trade schools, and the military. Topics will include applications, testing policies, letters of recommendation, resumes, scholarships, financial aid, tours, essays, and a panel of current seniors. Stay tuned for more information and tell your rising seniors to save the dates.

(Submitted 4/18/2023 by Lindsay Walker, lindsays.walker@cms.k12.nc.us)

New -- Important Information for Seniors (Parents, Please Read)

On **April 25-26**, Herff Jones representatives will be in the mall area during both lunches to distribute graduation caps, gowns, and announcements. Seniors, please pick up your items on these dates.

- Graduation rehearsal: **Thursday, June 8** from **5:30-7 PM** at Bojangles Coliseum

- Graduation: **Wednesday, June 14** from **12:30–2 PM** at Bojangles Coliseum

Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for all seniors. Please adjust your work schedule and do not plan college visits or orientations on this date. Also, if you have any unpaid financial obligations, you will not be allowed to participate in the rehearsal. Seniors have received financial obligation notices throughout the school year and will continue to receive these notices through the end of **May**.

Parents, if your senior still needs to order their graduation cap and gown, please go to the Herff Jones website at www.hjcharlotte.com to place the order. Prices continue to increase, so get your order in quickly!

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Bowen at fritzig.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 4/19/2023 by Fritzi Bowen, fritzig.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us)

Help Us Celebrate PHS Staff

PHS Staff Appreciation Week is **April 24-28**, and we need your help! The PTSO has a fun week of food and treats planned and will also present a well-deserved special gift to each staff member. We rely on your donations to make all of this happen. To donate, log into [Pay4SchoolStuff](#) and add “Donations for Staff Appreciation Week” and your donation amount to your cart.

(Submitted 3/27/2023 by Kate Milheim, katemilheim@hotmail.com)

Senior Parents: Save the Date for Our First-Ever Chalk the Walk

Parents of seniors are invited to Chalk the Walk with messages for their senior students on **Wednesday, May 31** between **4 PM** and **8 PM**. Stop by the school’s front entrance and chalk a message to wish your senior student well on their last days of classes at Providence. Bring your own sidewalk chalk or use ours. PTSO will have a limited amount of chalk on hand. Please email Stacey Ellis at staceyellis11@gmail.com with questions.

(Submitted 3/24/2023 by Stacey Ellis, staceyellis11@gmail.com)

Horticulture Department’s Spring Plant Sale

Please join us **April 21-22** to stock up on flowering annuals, perennials, houseplants, succulents, fruits, and vegetables. This year we have added flowering and fruiting shrubs and more perennials. All proceeds go back into our agriculture program and fund class projects and field trips. The Providence greenhouse will be open to the public from **2:45 to 4:30 PM** on **April 21** and **9 AM to 3 PM** on **April 22**. On Friday, please do not enter the parking lot until all school buses have left. Cash, checks, and online school payments will be accepted at the sale.

(Submitted 3/21/2023 by Michelle Edens, loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

PHS Band Mattress Sale

The third annual mattress sale is **April 23** from **11 AM** to **6 PM** in the PHS mall. There are brand new Simmons Black Hybrids, Beautyrest, adjustable power bases, memory foams, latex, pillows, and more top brands sold by professionals. They will be displayed at up to 50% below retail prices! All forms of payment accepted. Every purchase benefits the PHS band and students.

(Submitted 3/26/2023 by LeAnn Squier, lwsquier@carolina.rr.com)

Providence Women's Soccer Team Fundraiser

The Providence women's soccer team has been competing successfully for 30 years with minimal financial support. We'd like to help this program become even more successful, and we'd love your support! Using the Give Butter platform, the team is raising money to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, and create a base for future teams to use for team needs. We hope the impact the team can make through this fundraising effort will be felt for many years to come. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help provide equity in funding for Providence athletics. Please visit our fundraising website and consider donating, helping to create a legacy in women's sports at Providence: <https://givebutter.com/PHSwomenssoccer>. Thank you for your support!

(Submitted 3/28/2023 by Anne Broz, kubroz@yahoo.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

[School Counseling website](#)

[Information on College Visits](#)

[College and Career Center website](#)

[Job Openings](#)

[Upcoming College Visits](#)

Our scholarship list is in Naviance. Under the College tab, click Scholarship List and then click Local and Regional Scholarships.

New - Matthew Tennyson Wanke Scholarship (\$3,500)

Matthew Tennyson Wanke Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A. Be a graduating senior at Providence High School and must have been a student at Providence High School for a minimum of two years.
- B. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher at the end of the first semester of their senior year.
- C. Participated in extracurricular activities.
- D. Preference may be given to applicants who have been involved in community service.
- E. Financial need may be considered in the selection of scholarship recipients.
- F. Recipient must attend an accredited college, university, or vocational school.

G. Scholarships must be awarded without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Please complete the below google form by **May 3** to be considered for this scholarship.

<https://forms.gle/71BkGHsUvjXjAR3F6>

In compliance with federal law, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools administers all education programs, employment activities, and admissions without discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

(Submitted 4/17/2023 by Ginger Obringer, virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us)

ATHLETICS

[PHS Athletics Website](#)

[Online Providence Team Stores](#)

[Follow PHS Athletics on Twitter - @ProvAthletics](#)

[Follow Providence Athletic Club on Twitter - @ProvBoosterClub](#)

April events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	29
Boys Golf	JV/V Baseball @ East Meck Softball vs Garinger V Girls Soccer vs Garinger V Boys Lacrosse vs Community School of Davidson @ Spartan Park	Boys Golf @ Pinecrest JV/V Girls Soccer @ Ardrey Kell V Softball @ Ardrey Kell V Boys Lacrosse @ Sun Valley Girls/Boys Track @ Prov (Sr Night)	JV/V Baseball vs Ardrey Kell JV/V Girls Soccer vs East Meck	JV/V Baseball vs East Meck V Softball vs East Meck Girls/Boys Track @ East Meck (Dick Williams Invite)	

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

New -- PAC Membership

A PAC membership is valid for the entire school year – all sports, any season, multiple membership options. (Does not include club sports and home playoff games.) Engraved bricks are also available for purchase for your student and/or family to remember your time as PHS. Bricks are displayed outside the field and are for sale all school year. Memberships and bricks can be purchased online at <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>.

Foundations for Excellence (FFE)

Providence Athletics' main fundraiser is funded by all sports players' FFE fee. If the student's first sport is in the spring, then the expectation is that \$80 is donated to the fundraiser. For students who have played another sport, the donation for the year is \$130. So, if you paid \$80 earlier this year and your student is now playing a second sport, please donate an additional \$50. The fee can be paid on <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>. Look for PAC Foundation for Excellence Athletic Support Fund.

Player Registration

CMS has changed its process for athlete registration. DragonFly MAX (dragonflyathletics.com) will be used to collect all required documents, including physicals and proof of residency and **the required CMS athletic participation fee**. All this information must be completed before first games, but many coaches may require this to be completed shortly after tryouts. Please register at the site and start the process now so there is no delay in your student participating in Providence sports.

Athletic Ticket Purchases

Tickets for Providence athletics can be purchased using the Hometown Fan app.

Harris Teeter VIC Card PAC Support

Please support the Panther Athletic Club by linking your VIC card to #1062 at any Harris Teeter or at www.harristeeter.com. You can link up to five school organizations to each VIC card.

Sports Photos

To learn more about sports photo options with Providence Athletics, visit www.ProvidenceSportsPhoto.com. For assistance, email Rusty Transou at rtransou@gmail.com.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball: For information, contact Coach Hignight at daniel.hignight@cms.k12.nc.us.

Men's Golf: For information, contact Coach Church at carefreehighway33@gmail.com.

Men's Lacrosse: For information, contact phslaxcms@gmail.com.

Women's Lacrosse: Follow us on Instagram @provwolax for pre-season updates. For information about women's lacrosse, contact Coach Peyton Lindsay at peytona.lindsay@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Soccer: For information, contact Coach Bolar at robb.bolar@cms.k12.nc.us.

Softball: Offseason workouts have begun. For information, contact Coach Mace at donaldb.mace@cms.k12.nc.us.

Men's Tennis: For information, contact Coach Oxendine at joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us.

Men's Track & Field: For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Track & Field: For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading: For information, visit our webpage at <https://phscheer1.weebly.com>.

Men's Cross Country: For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Cross Country: For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Field Hockey: If you are interested in field hockey for fall 2023, come to our interest meeting on **Wednesday, April 26** at **6:30 PM** in room 140 at PHS. (Beginners are welcome.) The coaches will provide general information about the team, summer activities, and plans for the fall season. Our contact email is phs.fieldhockey.club@gmail.com. Team Instagram: @provfieldhockey

Football: Parents who are not on the football distribution list, email providence.football@yahoo.com to be added or get any questions answered. To reach Coach Ward directly, email weslees.ward@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Golf: For information, contact Coach Church at carefreehighway33@gmail.com.

Men's Soccer: For information, contact Coach Sosa at nsosa1010@gmail.com.

Women's Tennis: For information, contact Coach Oxendine at joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us.

Volleyball: For information, contact Coach Malone at margaret1.malone@cms.k12.nc.us.

WINTER SPORTS

Men's Basketball: For information, contact Coach Boney at nicholasa.boney@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Basketball: For information, contact Coach Bean at JenniferBean20@gmail.com.

Cheerleading: For information, visit our webpage at <https://phscheer1.weebly.com>.

Rugby: If you have questions about or are interested in playing rugby, visit www.panthersrugby.com and [contact us](#). Follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/ProvidenceRugby/>.

Swimming and Diving: For information, contact Coach Davis at providenceswimdive@gmail.com.

Indoor Track & Field - For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Wrestling: For information, contact Coach Bosak at scotte.bosak@cms.k12.nc.us.