

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

April 7, 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 10-April 14	Spring Break – No School
April 14	MEWS on break; next issue is April 21
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:

I hope that your child has a wonderful, relaxing break from school. Everyone needs rest and fun times with friends and family. As you read in the calendar, we will not have an edition of the Mews next Friday. When we return from Spring Break, there are just two weeks (or 5 class days) before we begin AP exams. Students will be working hard to finish their courses strong.

AP students will receive a schedule listing their exam day, time, and location. If this is the first year your child has taken an AP exam, please ask them for this information. Most of our AP exams are given off campus so we can have a quiet, uninterrupted testing environment while also having school for the students who are not testing. We want to make sure students have communicated with you if they will need a ride to the location of their test.

In addition, by the beginning of May, I will provide a list of events, details, and information for seniors. This will outline the senior events, graduation rehearsal details, graduation details, etc. I'll send a copy home to parents as well so you can 'remind' your child if necessary.

I hope you have a great weekend, and I hope you have the opportunity to spend some time with your child over Spring Break.

Sincerely, Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New - Last Chance: Online Yearbook Sales End April 15

We have 17 books left to sell, and we have requested extra overrun copies in case we sell out. Click [here](#) to place your order. Not sure if your student has ordered a yearbook? Call 877-723-6344 (available 8:30 AM-8:30 PM). Yearbooks will be distributed in May.

(Submitted 4/5/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

Help Us Celebrate the 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 make a donation, [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)

Important Information for Seniors (Parents, Please Read)

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

- Graduation rehearsal: **5:30–7 PM** on **Thursday, June 8** at Bojangles Coliseum
- Graduation: **12:30-2 PM** on **Wednesday, June 14** at Bojangles Coliseum

Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for all seniors. Please adjust your work schedule and do not plan college visits/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 cap and gown, please go to the Herff Jones website at www.herffjones.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 3/22/2023 by Fritzi Bowen, fritzg.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us)

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)

Information About South Charlotte Relief High School and Middle School

CMS is building a new relief high school and a new relief middle school in the southern part of the county. The district is eager to share the latest information about boundary development and receive your input before the school board votes on it in late **May**. Updates and community engagement sessions are now posted on the [planning services webpage](#). Presentation recordings and slides will also be posted on this page.

At the **March 14-15** reset meetings, we recapped what we've learned so far and presented our next steps (no specific boundary scenarios were shown). During the **March 27-30** sessions, we asked for your feedback on draft scenarios. At the **April 19-21** meetings, we will discuss the final scenario(s).

(Submitted 3/21/2023 by Lee Sugg, leersugg@gmail.com)

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)

Student Government Update

Thank you to all our students, parents, staff, and other wonderful individuals who contributed to our Student Hunger Drive. We are proud to announce that we exceeded our goal of 60,000 pounds! An official number will soon be confirmed and announced. We could not have done it without your consistent support and gracious efforts. Through our dodgeball tournament ticket sales, club can donation competition, versus spirit week donation contest, Chipotle and Nothing But Noodles fundraisers, and more, we were able to achieve this spectacular goal.

Follow @ProvidenceEB on Instagram for information on games and upcoming events. Our lacrosse, women's soccer, tennis, baseball, softball, golf, and track & field teams are in season. Make sure to support your Panthers in their athletic events!

If you have any questions, email Laura Bauer, Leadership advisor, at lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 3/29/2023 by Aarav Bhaskar, aaravbhaskar09@gmail.com)

Providence Athletic Club (PAC) Volunteers Needed

PAC has many open roles, and we need to extend our volunteer pool to support our student athletes. Whether you have a student athlete or just a passion to serve our future leaders, come out and volunteer. If you are interested in learning more about what roles are available and how you can get engaged and support PAC, please reach out to PAC president Tony Tomljanovic at ttmljanovic@carolina.rr.com.

(Submitted 3/15/2023 by Monique Parker, jmonique.parker@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 - Tacy Anna Smith Scholarship (\$500)

Tacy Anna Smith Scholarship applicants must:

- Be a graduating senior at Providence High School and must have been a student at Providence High School for a minimum of two years.

- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher at the end of the first semester of their senior year.
- Intend to earn at least a four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution.
- Have participated in extracurricular activities and been involved in community service.

Preference shall be given to students attending North Carolina State University and to female applicants. Financial need may be considered in the selection of scholarship recipients. Please complete [this form](#) by **May 3** to be considered for this scholarship.

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 4/3/2023 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](#)

Upcoming Events: April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13	14 V Softball @ Mooresville	15 V Softball @ Mooresville
17	18 Boys Golf vs South Meck V Softball @ Independence V Baseball @ Garinger V Girls Soccer @ Independence V Girls Lacrosse vs Independence V Boys Lacrosse vs Legion Collegiate Academy	19 Boys Golf vs Cuthbertson JV/V Baseball vs Hough JV/V Softball @ Marvin Ridge V Girls Soccer @ Rocky River Girls/Boys Track @ Ardrey Kell	20 JV/V Girls Lacrosse @ Myers Park JV Girls Soccer @ Hickory Ridge Boys Tennis vs East Meck	21 JV/V Baseball vs Garinger Girls/Boys Track @ Prov - Friday Night Lights	22 JV/V Baseball @ Ardrey Kell

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.

PAC Membership

Spring sports are here! Skip the Hometown Fan App and purchase your PAC membership and get admission to all home games for the rest of the year. Membership is valid for the entire school year – all sports, any season, with multiple membership options. (Does not include club sports and home playoff games.) Memberships can be purchased online at <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>.

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 pyslaxcms@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: Reid Herring placed 2nd in the HJ, Gavin D'Souza placed 6th in the mile, the 4x800 placed 5th, the 4x200 placed 7th, and Brendan Doty placed 7th in the PV at the Weddington

Invite this past Saturday! For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Track & Field: The DMR placed 2nd (Isabella Hall, Blair Taylor, Rachael Lyon & Helen Chen) at the Weddington Invitational this past Saturday. The team travels to Myers Park High School this Saturday for the Queen City Relays starting at **9:30 AM**. 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.

Updated - 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](mailto:contact@panthersrugby.com). Follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/ProvidenceRugby/>.

Swimming and Diving: All DragonflyMax forms are now past due. 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.