

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

August 25, 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

August 25	New Student Orientation
August 28	First day of school
September 4	No school – Labor Day holiday
September 13	Senior Night, 6:30 PM, PHS auditorium
September 20	Early release day
September 25	No school – teacher workday
October 1	Last day for senior portraits
October 13	Underclassmen portraits for absentees, new students, and retakes

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Providence parents and families:

We are ready! We are excited to welcome our new ninth graders and their parents for Open House today. There is great enthusiasm about the first day of school. Here is some last-minute information to help you and your child be prepared for next week.

- You should have received a “Back to School” letter via U.S. mail. If you have not received one, please let us know so we can check your address in PowerSchool. We have some extra copies in the office. I also emailed the letter via the listserv and ParentSquare.
- All vehicles in the student parking lot MUST have a parking decal beginning Monday. Students who have purchased but not yet picked up their decal can make arrangements to do so after school on Tuesday (but should make other transportation arrangements to school). We have about 10 spots left in the Student Parking lot. I’ll make announcements next week as to when we will sell the remaining spaces.
- All ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders will take their pictures for the yearbook on either Thursday or Friday of this coming week. Ninth graders will go with their homeroom teacher. Tenth and eleventh graders will go with their English teacher. The teachers will tell students

when their specific day is. Picture forms will be sent home on Monday. We encourage you to purchase pictures (the school gets a percentage of the purchase). However, even if you do not purchase pictures, each student will have their picture taken so they can be in the yearbook.

- Tonight, **August 25**, we will host a home football game versus South Meck. The dress up theme is “USA.” We want to cheer on our team to a great win. We have a full concession stand waiting for you. Come out and support the Panthers. Game time is **8 PM** (delayed by CMS due to heat).
- All CMS schools will be utilizing ParentSquare for school-to-home communication. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with Providence. For even more convenience, download the CMS ParentSquare app (available for free for iOS and Android devices). During the transition period, we will continue to send information via the listserv, the Mews, and ConnectEd phone calls. This week’s MEWs article was also sent via ParentSquare.
- An automated invitation was sent to all families last week asking families to register for ParentSquare. An additional invitation will be sent to parents this evening who have not yet registered. If you did not receive this information, please contact Christy Felder (christinac.felder@cms.k12.nc.us) to verify that your contact information is correct in PowerSchool.
- This week, the CMS Board of Education reviewed the new legislation in North Carolina honoring the rights of parents and families in promoting involvement in our district. We recognize the fundamental rights of parents and families to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their minor children. Therefore, CMS has created a webpage dedicated to Senate Bill 49: Parents’ Bill of Rights. We welcome you to visit the page to learn more about how to be informed and engaged in your child’s education. Please note that the webpage is under construction and will continue to be updated to centralize all you need to support your child’s education. Thank you for your partnership and support.
- On Monday, please look for an email from me by midday with homeroom information, forms to sign, information about paying fees, etc.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW – Yearbook Portraits, Senior Ads

Class of 2024 parents: Celebrate your student's achievements and milestones by purchasing a senior ad in the 2024 Prowler yearbook. Parents can create and purchase the ad online at www.jostensadservice.com. More details can be found [here](#). **December 4** is the last day to purchase senior yearbook ads.

Class of 2024 senior portraits: Time is running out to get your formal senior portraits taken for the 2024 Prowler yearbook. Click [here](#) for details for booking your appointment time at Cady Studios, located at 2201 Crownpoint Executive Dr. #E, Charlotte, NC 28227. Information is also available online at <https://home.cady.com/order-products/seniors/>. Formal portraits must be taken by Cady

Studios to be included in the yearbook. **October 1** is the last day to be photographed. Email pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us with questions.

(Submitted 8/17/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Beautification Day Thank You

What a perfect morning we had for Beautification Day! A huge thanks to all the volunteers who removed dead bushes, picked weeds, spread mulch, and cleaned up our campus. Please be on the lookout for a spring date. We need all the help we can get. This is a great way to show off your Panther Pride!

(Submitted 8/22/2023 by Jane Mokos, janemokos@gmail.com)

New – Senior Yard Signs Available for \$15

Welcome back seniors! Celebrate senior year by displaying a Providence High School senior yard sign on your lawn.

Purchasing is fast and easy through pay4schoolstuff.com. Once the payment is processed, you will get an email notification that your sign is ready for pick up in the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Naomi McRary at naomi90404@aol.com.

Congratulations to your senior!

(Submitted 8/23/2023 by Naomi McRary, naomi90404@aol.com)

Donations Needed for PHS Nurse and Front Office

As we are starting the new school year, we are in need of some supplies to stock our nurse's office and the front office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

- Feminine products
- Band-Aids
- Tissues
- Lysol wipes

Donations can be dropped off at the PHS front office during the school day or can be ordered from Amazon or other vendors and sent to:

Providence High School
1800 Pineville-Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28270
Attn: Sue Reda

(Submitted 8/16/2023 by Sue Reda, susan.reda@cms.k12.nc.us)

Underclassmen Portraits

Cady Studios will take underclassmen portraits on **August 31** and **September 1**. Homeroom teachers will distribute informational flyers during the first days of school, and students will be informed of their portrait times. Parents will receive email notifications about the upcoming portrait day and how to purchase packages. All orders are placed online. Cady Studios will send emails to the address shown on PowerSchool.

(Submitted 8/09/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

How You Can Have an IMPACT on Providence

It's time to log into Pay4SchoolStuff and see the many great ways to support our wonderful school! Go to <https://pay4schoolstuff.com/> to join the PTSO, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and donate to our IMPACT campaign. The IMPACT campaign is the PTSO's only fundraiser and benefits all Providence students. Through your generous donations, the PTSO provides funding for staff support, technology enhancements, student scholarships and awards, and campus improvements. We also accept stock donations. To make an IMPACT on the future of Providence, visit <https://pay4schoolstuff.com/> to donate. Questions? Please email phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com.

(Submitted 8/15/23 by Lee Sugg, leersugg@gmail.com)

Celebrate Your 2023 Senior with a Yard Flock

Kick off your student's senior year by celebrating with a Providence yard flock! For \$15, PHS parent volunteers will flock your front yard with 24 black and gold lawn flamingos and a sign to commemorate the flocking. Flocks arrive in the evening and stay for 24 hours. This is a great way to recognize your senior's birthday or honor their senior year.

Email requests to flockasenior@gmail.com and include the student's name, address, and whether you have a preferred date. Payment can be made through <https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com>.

(Submitted 8/15/23 by Vicky Shannon, vshannon4@gmail.com)

PHS Spirit Wear

Get ready for PHS spirit wear! Hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, and more will be on sale throughout the school year. We will be selling items on **Friday, August 25**, at freshman orientation from **3-5 PM**. We take cash, cards, and Apple Pay. We will open an online store in the upcoming weeks, and information will be available in the Mews and on social media. Spirit wear will also be on sale at several athletic events this fall.

(Submitted 8/16/23 by Karen Crawford, karencrawford@hotmail.com)

Sign up for Theater Auditions in September

Auditions for the 2023-2024 theatre productions will be **September 11-15**. The sign-up sheets are in the fine arts hallway, and auditions are open to all PHS students. The fall show is “You Can’t Take It with You,” and the spring musical is “Mean Girls.” If students have questions, please see Mrs. Altmeyer or Mr. Turski in the auditorium. You may also contact them via email at jacqueline1.altmeyer@cms.k12.nc.us or richarda.turski@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 8/16/2023 by Jessica Aycock, jessicam.aycock@cms.k12.nc.us)

Pride of Providence Fall Season Updates

The Pride of Providence marching band is hard at work on the 2023 production of “Lighthouse” for the competitive marching season. Our first competition is a doubleheader at Hickory Ridge High School and Mount Pleasant High School on **September 30**.

We are hosting our very own Providence Cup marching band competition on **October 28** at PHS. We have a stacked roster of competitors planning to attend and internationally known judges flying and driving in. Save the date!

This year will also launch the first year-long Jazz Band class Providence has seen in a while. David Vergato and Nicholas Blackwood will co-teach the course. We are thrilled to add this new element to the fine arts course list.

You can find all band-related events, dates, and contact information on our [website](#). Follow us on [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#) for all band updates and recordings of our performances.

(Submitted 8/16/2023 by Nicholas Blackwood, nicholasw.blackwood@cms.k12.nc.us)

Upcoming NJROTC Events

Upcoming Providence NJROTC events include the Matthews Alive! parade on **September 2**, NJROTC Parents’ Night on **September 7**, and a roadside cleanup on **September 9**.

These events are fun ways to earn community service hours, which go toward cadets’ quarterly grades. These events also give cadets’ parents insight into NJROTC and our curriculum. If you have any questions, please contact providencehighnjrotc@gmail.com or phsnjrotcbooster@gmail.com, or reach out through the PHS NJROTC Instagram page @providencenjrotc.

(Submitted 8/16/2023 by Matthew Draper, matthewandlisadraper@gmail.com)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

New – German Club News

Willkommen! We hope everyone had a great summer (*einen tollen Sommer*).

New or returning German students should consider joining German Club for unique and fun experiences, including opportunities for social events, service hours, and volunteering. We wish you a great end to your summer and a great year here at Providence!

(Submitted 8/22 by Deron Hablutzel, deron.hablutzel@cms.k12.nc.us)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Morehead-Cain Scholarship to UNC Chapel Hill

The Morehead-Cain scholarship to UNC Chapel Hill is the oldest, most prestigious merit scholarship program in the United States. The Morehead-Cain selects scholars based on four criteria: moral force of character, scholarship, physical vigor, and leadership. Annually, Providence High School is given the opportunity to endorse four worthy students that best embody the criteria Morehead-Cain is searching for in its applicants. The application deadline for the Morehead-Cain is **October 1**, and schools are required to let nominees know by **September 1**. To help the PHS scholarship committee pick our endorsed students, you must submit the application no later than **August 29 at 2:30 PM**. If you are serious about the Morehead-Cain, you must also complete your undergraduate application to UNC Chapel Hill by the **October 15** deadline. Please click on <https://forms.gle/9SMHMk5s9PThhLiV6> for the application to apply to be a PHS endorsed nominee.

(Submitted 8/16//2023 by Ginger Obringer, virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us)

[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.

ATHLETICS

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August/September

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>28</u> Girls V Tennis @ Piedmont High	<u>29</u> Girls V Golf vs. TBA Girls JV/V Volleyball @	<u>30</u> Girls V Golf vs. Phillip O. Berry Acad. @ Raintree CC	<u>31</u> Girls V Tennis @ Independence High	<u>1</u> Football @ Hunter Huss High	<u>2</u>

Charlotte Catholic	Boys JV Football vs. Hunter Huss High
Boys JV/V Soccer vs. Myers Park	Girls JV/V Volleyball vs. Butler
Girls JV/V Field Hockey vs. Charlotte Latin	Girls JV/V Field Hockey vs. Cuthbertson

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

Providence Athletic Club and Sports Updates

2023-2024 Head Coaches Contact Information

Below is the link to our web page with contact information for all Providence head coaches. Please reach out if you have not been connected with the sport you are interested in participating in.

<https://providenceathleticzone.com/athletics-information/providence-athletic-department-directory>.

Player Registration

This year CMS has changed its process for athlete registration. The Dragonfly site will be used to collect all documents, including physicals, proof of residency, and other required documents. This site will also be where the required CMS athletic participation fee will be collected. All this information must be completed prior to first games, but many coaches may require this information to be completed shortly after tryouts. The registration site is dragonflyathletics.com. Please start this process now so there is no delay in students' participation in PHS sports.

Providence Athletic Fee

The Providence athletic fee, which is paid by student athletes, is the primary fundraiser for Providence Athletics and supports all PHS sports. Athletes are asked to contribute \$80 if they play one season and \$130 if they play two or three seasons, and all have the option to contribute more. The Providence athletic fee can be paid through <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>.

Providence Pajama Pants Are Back

Get your cozy, comfortable pajama pants. They come in ladies' and men's styles, and all sizes are \$40. The sale ends **September 10**, and delivery will be at the end of September. Click [here](#) to order.

PAC Membership via Hometown Fan App

Purchase your PAC membership and get admission to all home athletic games. Membership is valid for the entire school year: all sports, any season, multiple membership options. It does not include club sports and home playoff games.

The funds raised go directly to Providence Athletics to support field and facility maintenance, athletic equipment purchases, equipment maintenance, scholarships, continuing education for coaches, student athlete recognition, transportation to games, and senior recognition.

To purchase your membership, please follow these steps:

1. Download the Hometown Fan app at <https://www.hometownticketing.com/resources/hometown-fan-app/> and search for Providence Athletic Club, or go to <https://charlottemeck.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=203>.
2. The app will generate a QR code for every home sporting event as your admission to the game.
3. Family memberships: each family member will use the same QR code to access all events. This will allow four, five, or six QR code scans for each event.
4. There is a \$3 convenience fee added to the cost of each membership.

Please contact membership chairperson Heidi Peltz at heidipeltz3@gmail.com with questions.

Athletic Ticket Purchases

Tickets for Providence Athletics events can be purchased through this link: <http://charlottemeck.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=103>

Download the Hometown Fan app at: <https://www.hometownticketing.com/resources/hometown-fan-app/>.

2023-2024 Corporate Sponsorship Campaign

If you would like to be a Providence Athletic Club corporate partner, please reach out to the following people for details on how to get involved.

- PAC president: Tony Tomljanovic, ttomljanovic@carolina.rr.com
- PAC sponsorship lead: Kim Henry, khenry696@gmail.com

Harris Teeter VIC Card PAC Support

Please support the Panther Athletic Club by linking your VIC card to #1062. You can link this number to your card at any Harris Teeter or go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>. A total of five school organizations can be added to each VIC card.

Sports Photos

To learn more about sports photo options with Providence athletics visit [ProvidenceSportsPhoto](https://www.providencesportsphoto.com). For assistance, contact Rusty Transou at rtransou@gmail.com.

Live Stream PHS Sports

Providence is thrilled to announce its partnership with the NFHS Network to livestream all events in our stadium and main gym through the NFHS Network, including football, basketball, cheer, volleyball, wrestling, lacrosse, soccer, track & field, and swimming. Please access the link below, subscribe to our channel, and select Providence High School as your school of choice. A percentage of each subscription will return to Providence Athletics to support our programs and student athletes. <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/providence-high-school-charlotte-nc>

2023-2024 Providence Athletic Forms Page

Be sure to visit the Providence athletic forms page to get all the information needed for athletic participation. <https://providenceathleticzone.com/athletic-forms>.

2023-2024 Providence Athletics Schedule Page

The 2023 fall sports schedules are being posted on our Providence Athletics calendar page. Please visit the following link to view up-to-date schedules as they unfold throughout the school year: <https://providenceathleticzone.com/events>.

Student-Athlete Scholarship Opportunities for Senior Student Athletes

NCHSAA Scholarships

The application period has opened for many NCHSAA scholarships. Please visit the below link if you are interested in learning more about the scholarships available and to apply.

<https://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/nchsaa-endowed-fund-scholarships>

Liz Murray Scholarship (sponsored by the Hood Hargett Breakfast Club)

The Hood Hargett Breakfast Club awards a monthly scholarship throughout the school year, with the first application deadline in early September. Once your application is submitted, it will remain in the applicant pool for the remainder of the school year. Click the link below for the application and contact your head coach or the PHS athletic director with questions.

<https://hoodhargettbreakfastclub.com/hhbc-scholarship-fund/liz-murray-scholarship-application/>

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