

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## *December 15, 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

December 20-January 2	Winter Break – no school
January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday – no school

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

We have just 2 two more days before winter break begins. Students and teachers (and even I) are excited for a break from school. Over the break, students should not have homework unless they want to study for any upcoming tests, or unless they have an assignment that was given in advance that should be completed before break and the student waited until over break to work on it. Ideally, we want everyone to have plenty of opportunities to rest and enjoy time with family and friends.

Over the break, if you have a chance to clean out a closet or two, we could use gently worn large or extra-large t-shirts in SMC. We use these to help students who are not dressed in compliance with the dress code to quickly change so they can get back to class. The dress code offense is still an offense, but the less time the student misses from class, the better. If you can help, please send donated t-shirts into the main office. Thank you.

In the good news category, last week I was informed by the NC State Board of Education that one of our seniors, Anne Eilers, was selected as one of only two winners from NC for the 2024 United States Senate Youth Program and Scholarship. Anne will represent our state as a U.S. Senate Youth delegate. She will spend a week in Washington, D.C., in the spring and will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship. Hooray for Anne! We are very proud of her accomplishments and commitment to leadership and service.

This is the last edition of the Mews for this calendar year. We will be back on our regular Mews schedule on **Friday, January 5, 2024**.

I hope you have a great weekend and a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New – Student Government Update**

The Leadership class would like to thank everyone for their support throughout Officer Prep! We had great participation and wonderful student leaders attended the workshop.

The workshop helped participants grow as leaders and focused on learning specific leadership skills including time management, risk-taking, and creativity. Attendees were provided with information to apply for the 2024-25 Leadership class. Congratulations to future Leadership applicants for completing the first step, attending Officer Prep. The next steps include an application, which is due on **January 5** and an interview process.

Our next home basketball game will be on **January 16** against Cuthbertson. The theme will be “Western.” Until then, the Leadership class wishes all our Providence families a fantastic winter break and a happy holiday season!

To stay updated on upcoming events and information, follow @providenceeb on Instagram! If you have any questions, contact Leadership advisor Laura Bauer at [lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us).

*(Submitted 12/12/2023 by Laura Bauer, [lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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### **New – Spirit Wear Sale Update**

The winter PHS spirit wear online store was a great success. Thank you for those that ordered. You should receive an email by the end of this week (**December 15**) with directions for local pick up or shipping, depending on what you chose at checkout.

**\*\*PLEASE** check your junk/spam for your email as well. It will be sent from Providence High School. If you have any questions, please contact us at the emails below. Thank you for supporting PHS!

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### **PawPrints Wants to Celebrate Your Students’ Community Involvement**

PTSO is looking to honor students who have made noteworthy accomplishments in community involvement inside or outside of school in its upcoming edition of the PawPrints newsletter. If your students have shown leadership or a noteworthy support to their community, please submit a short article (with photos) to Marie Beavers at [providencehspawprints@gmail.com](mailto:providencehspawprints@gmail.com). For example, if your students have led a community service organization or project, achieved the highest rank of scouts or

another organization that required a community service project, or have been recognized for their volunteerism, we want to celebrate their accomplishments! Send something to us!

NOTE: Acceptance of any submission for publication in PawPrints is at the discretion of the PHS PTSO. Articles may be edited for brevity and clarity. Deadline for submission is **December 19**.

*(Submitted 12/1/2023 by Marie Beavers, [providencehspawprints@gmail.com](mailto:providencehspawprints@gmail.com))*

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## **PawPrints Submissions Deadline Extended**

PTSO has extended the deadline for PawPrints submissions to **December 19** to accommodate PHS groups who have upcoming December events.

Please submit your PHS group's events and accomplishments (with photos) to Marie Beavers at [providencehspawprints@gmail.com](mailto:providencehspawprints@gmail.com) by **December 19**.

*(Submitted 12/1/2023 by Marie Beavers, [providencehspawprints@gmail.com](mailto:providencehspawprints@gmail.com))*

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## **Important Cap and Gown Ordering Information for Seniors**

Class of 2024 graduation cap and gown orders are placed online. Pricing and product information are available at [www.hjcharlotte.com](http://www.hjcharlotte.com). Orders for the June 2024 graduation ceremony **MUST** be placed by **December 15**. If you are graduating mid-year, the deadline for ordering has passed.

To order, click "High School Caps and Gowns/Grad Supplies" and then scroll down and click "Shop Caps & Gowns." Type in "Providence High School" and choose our school from the drop-down menu. "2024" should already be selected. Click "Next." Click "Shop Grad Products." The next screen will display options for graduation packages. You may order as many items, keepsakes, or accessories as you wish. You may select one of the all-inclusive packages OR if you want to order the Graduation Cap/Gown unit **ONLY**, click the "Grad Gear and Apparel" tab and scroll to the bottom to select "Cap, Gown, and Tassel Unit."

Graduation and graduation rehearsal dates and information will be provided later. Please email Mrs. Davis ([margaretm.davis@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:margaretm.davis@cms.k12.nc.us)) or Mrs. Doty ([brandic.doty@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:brandic.doty@cms.k12.nc.us)) if you have any questions.

*(Submitted 12/5/2023 by Margaret Davis, [margaretm.davis@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:margaretm.davis@cms.k12.nc.us))*

# **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

## **New – Scholarship of the Week**

**The Army ROTC National Scholarship**

The Army National Scholarship process is the largest merit-based scholarship program in the United States. The benefits of the Army ROTC scholarship are:

- Full tuition and fees OR room and board: \$6,000 a semester
- Book allowance: \$1,200 a year
- Monthly stipend: \$420 a month while in school
- Travel reimbursement from home to college (once)
- No commitment through the first year (as either a four-year or a three-year winner). Students can thus walk away with no financial penalty if they feel the program is not right for them.
- Some schools provide additional benefits

The basic requirements (obviously higher academic scores are more competitive) are:

- U.S. citizen
- Age between 17 and 31
- GPA through junior year, 2.5 or higher unweighted.
- \*SAT or ACT. One has to be taken but there is no minimum score required
- \*Meet prescribed Army height and weight standards
- \*Pass a physical fitness test once on campus
- \*Medically qualified once on campus
- \*No civil convictions

See website for more details: <https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/find-your-path/army-officers/rotc/scholarships.html>

*(Submitted 12/13/2023 by Virginia Obringer, [virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **CPCPC Admissions and Financial Aid Workshop**

CPCPC will host an in-person application and FAFSA workshop for high school seniors on **Saturday, December 16 at 9 AM** on the Levine Campus of CPCPC in Matthews. Students will meet with staff from CPCPC Admissions and Financial Aid to receive hands-on assistance with determining your state residency (RDS), applying to Central Piedmont Community College, and creating your Federal Student Aid ID. Please visit <https://www.cpcpc.edu/events/next-steps> to register for the event.

*(Submitted 12/4/2023 by Lisa Hall, [Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **Bank of America Student Leaders Summer Internship**

Applications are now open for the Bank of America Student Leaders summer internship program. Through Student Leaders, Bank of America recognizes high school students who lead and serve their own communities and beyond. As a Student Leader, students will work as paid interns at a local nonprofit for eight weeks. They will also attend the weeklong Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C. This program also provides students the opportunity to develop leadership and career skills as well as the ability to connect with like-minded students from their own community and across the country. Applications close on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**. Click on the link to apply today. <https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/student-leaders>

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## CPCC Dual Enrollment

This is just a reminder that the CPCC Dual Enrollment program is only open to current PHS junior and senior students. More information will be coming to sophomore students who are interested in participating in the dual enrollment program for the 2024-2025 school year after the holiday break. Ms. Hall will also be holding multiple virtual information sessions about dual enrollment in the new year. If a student would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting with Ms. Hall to discuss future career and course options please have them email her directly at [lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us).

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[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

[PHS Athletics website – click to see Panther News and Sports Report](#)

[PHS teams spirit wear store](#)

[Follow PHS Athletics on Twitter – @ProvSports2023](#)

[Follow PHS Athletics on Instagram – @providence.panthers](#)

[Follow Panther Athletic Club on Instagram – @providencepac](#)

### December

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Girls V Basketball Classic vs. Charlotte Latin @ Charlotte Latin High (12:00 pm) Boys V Basketball Classic vs. Porter Ridge @ Ardrey Kell High (6:00 pm)	<u>21</u> Girls V Basketball Classic (Opponent & Time T.B.D.) Boys V Basketball Classic (Opponent & Time T.B.D.) Wrestling at Mallard Creek (Elizabeth Barry Memorial 9:00 am Start)	<u>22</u> Girls V Basketball Classic (Opponent & Time T.B.D.) Boys V Basketball Classic (Opponent & Time T.B.D.) Wrestling at Mallard Creek (Elizabeth Barry Memorial 9:00 am Start)	<u>23</u>

\*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

## **Save the Date: Providence Athletic Club Golf Tournament**

Mark **April 15** on your calendar for the Providence Athletic Club Golf Tournament. Registration link coming soon. For tournament questions, contact Melanie Bradle at [melaniebradle@gmail.com](mailto:melaniebradle@gmail.com).

*(Submitted 11/16/23 by Sarah Novak, [snovak428@hotmail.com](mailto:snovak428@hotmail.com))*

## **Panther Sports Report**

View this week's Panther Sports Report from our Athletic Director, Coach Caz: Go to [PHS Athletics page](#); click on Panther News in the Featured section.

## **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](http://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>.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:ttomljanovic@carolina.rr.com)
- PAC sponsorship lead: Kim Henry, [khenry696@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/grants-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/>