

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## *December 1, 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.

To submit an article, refer to the [MEWS Guidelines](#) and then [email articles here](#) by 9 PM Wednesday.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 6	NCAA Clearinghouse workshop, 6:30 PM, PHS Auditorium
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,

Happy December. Can you believe how quickly the semester is going? We have had a good, full week at Providence. Students and staff have been working hard to make the most of the class time remaining before winter break.

On Thursday, our fall theatre production, “You Can’t Take it With You,” opened. The students had a fabulous opening night. The production will show tonight and tomorrow night at **7 PM** and on Sunday at **3 PM**. Tickets are available at the door.

As we look to next week, on Monday, in homeroom, all 10th graders will receive their pre-ACT test booklet and score sheets. Please ask your child for this information. We are encouraging students to review the score sheet to see which questions they missed, and then refer to the test booklet to determine why they missed that question. This is an excellent learning and reflective process. Students could see if they missed the question due to a careless error or if that question asked about content they did not know. It might be an informative weekend process.

Also, on **Wednesday at 6:30 PM** in our auditorium, we will host an NCAA Clearinghouse workshop for any student interested in playing college sports and their parents. It has been several years since we have hosted this workshop, but due to many changes in NCAA athletic eligibility, we wanted to make sure our families are well-informed.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The Leadership class is pleased to announce our Officer Prep Leadership Workshop on **December 14**. With instructor approval, students will attend workshops on various leadership topics including creativity, flexibility, communication, and teamwork during their third and fourth block classes. The day will include lunch from Chick-fil-A. The theme is Wild West!

The purpose of this event is to give students a chance to improve their leadership skills through interaction, activities, and reflection. The intended audience is anyone who is interested in gaining skills in our 10 featured areas.

Applications for Officer Prep have officially closed as of **November 28**. This event is mandatory for anyone who would like to apply for the student council leadership class and program next year. If students are interested, information on how to apply for the 2024-25 Leadership class will be provided during the workshop. We are looking forward to another wonderful experience for our students.

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 11/15/2023 by Laura Bauer, [lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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### **New** – **PTSO Staff Support Presents the Tastiest Day of the Year**

It's the tastiest day of the year for our Providence High School staff! **Friday, December 15** is the Annual PHS Staff Cookie Swap.

PHS's wonderful staff is invited to attend the cookie swap, where they will enjoy a festive gathering, complete with hot cocoa, coffee, and homemade goodies. They also get to fill a box of cookies to take home with them! The more cookies we have, the merrier our staff. Please consider making 3 to 4 dozen cookies and delivering them to PHS on **Friday, December 15** between **7 AM and 12 PM**. Please contact Francesca Totty at [francesca5581@gmail.com](mailto:francesca5581@gmail.com) or Meridith Doub at [merimac76@gmail.com](mailto:merimac76@gmail.com) with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AE2FA02-46369284-providence>

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### **Flock a 2024 Senior**

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

Don't forget to schedule the flocking by emailing your requested date to [flockasenior@gmail.com](mailto:flockasenior@gmail.com) and include the student's name and address. Payment can be made through Pay4SchoolStuff at this [link](#).

*(Submitted 11/06/2023 by Vicky Shannon, [vshannon4@gmail.com](mailto:vshannon4@gmail.com))*

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## **PawPrints Submissions**

Attention parents, coaches, advisors, and leaders of Providence High School sports teams, clubs, and other organizations: We need your articles (with photos) of your PHS group detailing your accomplishments this past semester. Please send your submissions to [providencehspawprints@gmail.com](mailto:providencehspawprints@gmail.com) no later than **Friday, December 1**.

*(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Marie Beavers, [providencehspawprints@gmail.com](mailto:providencehspawprints@gmail.com))*

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## **Your Donations Making a Difference**

Thank you to those who have already given to the IMPACT Campaign! We are excited to announce that projects are underway, and you will soon see improvements around our school. Bathrooms and the auditorium lobby have been repainted, and soon you will see cosmetic improvements in all the stairwells as well as the auditorium lobby.

The PTSO would love to have the support of more of our families. Your generous donations will allow us to support our teachers and our students and tackle more projects on our wish list.

To make an IMPACT on the future of Providence, please log in to [www.pay4schoolstuff.com](http://www.pay4schoolstuff.com). We are also accepting stock donations.

Questions? Email [phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com). Thank you!

*(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Lee Sugg, [leersugg@gmail.com](mailto:leersugg@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 is **November 17**.

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.

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## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### **New – Providence Orchestra and Guitar Winter Concert**

Panther students, friends, and families: Winter is here, and our Providence orchestra and guitar students have been practicing their holiday favorites. Come enjoy some amazing music and the warmth of the auditorium at our concert at **6:30 PM** on **Wednesday, December 13**. Admission is free. Mr. Vergato and the students would love to see you there!

Contact Orchestra Booster Board President Kristan Robinson at [providencehsorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:providencehsorchestra@gmail.com) with questions or if you are interested in helping out our students by joining the Board.

*(Submitted 11/29/2023 by Allison Haden, [ahaden@hotmail.com](mailto:ahaden@hotmail.com))*

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### **New – German Night Fundraiser**

Guten Tag German Club members, German students, and families!

From **4-8 PM on Tuesday, December 5**, we will hold a German night restaurant fundraiser at Chipotle in Stonecrest. This is a great opportunity to meet with friends and support the German Club. We hope to see you there! For those unable to stay and visit, we hope you will still support the German Club by ordering online and including the following promo code: JC37VGM. Guten Appetit!

*(submitted 11/29/2023 by Deron Hablutzel, [deron.hablutzel@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:deron.hablutzel@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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### **Updated – PHS Theatre Company News**

Get tickets now for our fall production *You Can't Take It with You*, a Pulitzer-prize winning comedy. Come see the show **December 1** and **December 2** at **7 PM** or on **December 3** at **3 PM**. Tickets are \$12 and are available via this link: <http://bit.ly/PHSFallShow>

NOTE: Due to our agreement with BookTix there will be NO refunds or exchanges. All ticket sales are final.

DONATIONS FOR CONCESSIONS: Please help us to stock the concession stand available at each of the shows by making a cash donation. Proceeds from sales go right back into the program! Please make your generous contribution via our Venmo: @PHSTheatreBoostersOrg or via Zelle: [phstheatrebooster.cms@gmail.com](mailto:phstheatrebooster.cms@gmail.com).

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## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### **New** – CMS Middle College Magnet Lottery Now Open

The magnet lottery for rising PHS juniors and seniors who are interested in the CMS Middle College program opened on Monday and closes on **December 29**.

#### **Program Information**

- The Middle College High School is a Cooperative Innovative High School program, offering accelerated learning opportunities for students.
- Students are dual enrolled in CMS and CPCC.
- Open to eligible rising 11th and 12th grade students who reside in Mecklenburg County.
- All high school classes are taught on an Honors or AP Level.
- Students may continue to participate in their CMS home school athletics, cheerleading, and marching band.
- CPCC tuition, fees, and textbooks are free to MCHS students.
- The Middle College HS calendar is consistent with CPCC's calendar.
- Transportation is provided by CATS at no cost to students (no CMS transportation).

#### **Entrance Requirements**

- Students need to be able to manage their time and work independently to be successful in this program.
- Rising 11th grade students must have passed the following courses by the end of their 10th grade year: Math I and II, English I and II, Biology, Health/PE, 2 SS credits.
- All students must have:
  1. A current unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher OR
  2. An unweighted GPA of 2.5 with qualifying test score(s). Qualifying test scores are listed on our websites.

(Submitted 11/20/2023 by Lisa Hall, [Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us))

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### **Apprenticeship Programs**

Looking for a post-high school opportunity that is different from the traditional four-year college pathway? If so, consider an apprenticeship program. Today's high-tech manufacturing requires companies to have a well-trained and highly skilled workforce. Chiron, GroningerUSA, Pfaff, and

Siemens are actively beginning their recruitment season for summer pre-apprenticeship and fall 2024 Apprenticeships. Benefits of an apprenticeship include:

- Paid career opportunity with excellent benefits package.
- Graduate from school debt-free.
- Four years of advanced technical training at our facilities.
- Graduate from CPCC with Associates of Applied Science (Mechatronics Engineering Technology).
- Receive Journeyman Certificate from North Carolina Department of Labor (NCDOL).
- \*Guaranteed employment after graduation.

\*Excellent grades and performance must be maintained throughout the program

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please click on the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeW\\_LSHKnpmn2sba5xvyLkJFnmolRdVuwotq5AAhHC18s3\\_Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeW_LSHKnpmn2sba5xvyLkJFnmolRdVuwotq5AAhHC18s3_Q/viewform)

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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>4</u>	<u>5</u> Boys JV/V Basketball vs. West Cabarrus @ Providence High (JV 5:30 PM) (V 7:30 PM)	<u>6</u> Indoor Track & Field @ Weddington High (3:30 PM start) <b>NCAA Athletic Eligibility Information Meeting @ 6:30 PM in PHS Auditorium</b>	<u>7</u> Girls and Boys V Swimming vs. Ardrey Kell @ Providence High (6 PM)	<u>8</u> Girls JV/V Basketball vs. Charlotte Catholic @ Charlotte Catholic (JV 3:30 PM) (V 6 PM) Boys JV/V Basketball vs.	<u>9</u> Indoor Track & Field @ Winston Salem for the JDL Invite (8 AM start) Wrestling @ Piedmont High for the

				Charlotte Catholic @ Charlotte Catholic (JV 4:30 PM) (V 7:30 PM)	Piedmont Invitational (9 AM start)
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\*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

## **Updated – Just in Time for Winter Break: Order Cozy Providence Lounge Pants**

Take it easy this winter break in style with Providence lounge pants. They come in ladies' and men's styles, and all sizes are \$40 with free shipping. Order by **Sunday, December 3!** Click [here](#) to order.

## **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/>