

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

December 8, 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 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 are excited about the last full week of school before Winter Break. This week, we will send home Mid-Quarter Progress Reports on Tuesday. Please expect an email through ParentSquare from each teacher. If you have your setting programmed to “digest,” you will get them in one email. If not, you will get the messages one at a time. The settings are user preference.

Then, on **Thursday, December 14** about 200 of our students will participate in Officer Prep led by our Executive Board (EB). The EB team has worked hard to plan the various workshops to teach the art and skill of leadership to our future EB or elected class leaders.

Lastly, it is concert season at Providence... we have orchestra and chorus concerts this coming week and jazz / percussion on **Monday, December 18**. All parents are invited (even if your child is not in one of the productions).

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – **Hungry Howie’s Spirit Night**

Make your Friday easy while helping the Providence PTSO. Order pizza from any Hungry Howie's on **December 8** from **4–8 PM**, in person or online. Use the code SPIRIT for online orders. 25% of all sales will go back to Providence.

(Submitted 12/2/2023 by Andria Kokoszka, akk623@gmail.com)

New – Taziki's Spirit Night on December 13

Support the Providence High School PTSO by ordering ahead or dining in at Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe on **Wednesday, December 13**. The restaurant is in the Waverly shopping center at 7107 Waverly Walk Ave. Be sure to mention Providence High School and we will receive 25% of sales.

(Submitted 12/4/2023 by Jennifer Sbarra, jennfoleysbarra@gmail.com)

New – 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. 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)

Updated – 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 by **December 19**.

(Submitted 12/1/2023 by Marie Beavers, providencehspawprints@gmail.com)

Updated – 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. 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) or Mrs. Doty (brandic.doty@cms.k12.nc.us) if you have any questions.

(Submitted 12/5/2023 by Margaret Davis, margaretm.davis@cms.k12.nc.us)

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 all students attending 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.

(Submitted 12/6/2023 by Laura Bauer, lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us)

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 or Meridith Doub at merimac76@gmail.com with any questions.

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

(Submitted 11/28/2023 by Francesca Totty, francesca5581@gmail.com)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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 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)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

New – Scholarship of the Week

NC Teaching Fellows Program

- Study at one of eight select educator preparation programs.
- Receive up to \$4,125 per semester in financial aid.
- Benefit from unique enrichment experiences at your chosen institution.
- Enjoy the interact and network with the full state cohort of Teaching Fellows at statewide enrichment events.
- Join the ranks of a strong program alumni network.
- Profit from the potential opportunity to be supported by the New Teacher Support Program, which provides individualized coaching and professional development for beginning teachers.
- See website for more details: <https://myapps.northcarolina.edu/ncteachingfellows/apply/>.
- Applications Due – **January 21, 2024**.

(Submitted 12/5/2025 by Virginia Obringer, virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – CPCC Admissions and Financial Aid Workshop

CPCC 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 CPCC in Matthews. Students will meet with staff

from CPCC 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.cpcc.edu/events/next-steps> to register for the event.

(Submitted 12/4/2023 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – 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>

(Submitted 12/5/2023 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – 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.

(Submitted 12/5/2023 by Lisa Hall, lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

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)

[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>11</u> Girls JV/V Basketball vs. Marvin Ridge @ Marvin Ridge (JV 4 PM) (V 6 PM) Boys JV/V Basketball vs. Marvin Ridge @ Marvin Ridge (JV 5 PM) (V 7:30 PM)	<u>12</u> Girls JV/V Basketball vs. Butler @ Providence High (JV 3:30 PM) (V 6 PM) Boys JV/V Basketball vs. Butler @ Providence High (JV 4:30 PM) (V 7:30 PM)	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> Girls JV/V Basketball vs. Porter Ridge @ Porter Ridge High (JV 4 PM) (V 6 PM) Boys JV/V Basketball vs. Porter Ridge @ Porter Ridge High (JV 5 PM) (V 7:30 PM)	<u>16</u> Wrestling at Porter Ridge Invitational (9 AM start) Indoor Track & Field at Winston Salem for JDL Invitational (8 AM start)

	Indoor Track & Field at Weddington (3:30 PM start)			Boys V Wrestling vs. multiple schools @ Rocky River High (6 PM)	
				Boys V Rugby vs. Clayton @ Clayton High (7:00 pm)	

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

New – 2023-24 Boys and Girls Indoor Track & Field Results

Saturday's Results (at Marvin Ridge Invitational):

1. Helen Chen, 2nd place in the 1000m run
2. Claire Page, 3rd place in the 1600m run
3. Brendan Doty, 1st place in pole vault
4. Girls 4x800 1st place (Helen, Isabella, Lilly and Rachel)
5. Boys 4x800 2nd place (Rowe, Ethan, Matthew and Alex)

(Submitted 12/6/2023 by Sarah Novak, snovak428@hotmail.com)

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.

(Submitted 11/16/23 by Sarah Novak, 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. 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 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/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/>