

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## *February 24, 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

March 8	Required ACT Testing Day for 11 <sup>th</sup> Graders/Early Release Day
March 24	Last Day of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
March 27	Teacher Workday – No School
April 7	Teacher Workday – No School
April 10–April 14	Spring Break Holiday – No School
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday – No School
June 9	Last Day of 4 <sup>th</sup> 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:

Today, I was talking to a group of students who said this short week seems like it has been a long one. I know what they mean. Somehow, we have managed to fit what feels like 6 days of work into 4 school days! As we look ahead to the month of March, that trend might continue. There is no room left on the school calendar. Students will be very busy with their school work but have also made time to plan some school-wide events with their clubs, organize the Student Hunger Drive, put the finishing touches on the Spring Musical, and pack the schedule with many athletic events. We'll guide you through the events week by week. Here are some upcoming highlights:

- 1) Our 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the ACT on March 8. This test is required, is being paid for by the State of NC, and scores are reportable to colleges. On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> graders will bring home a booklet with reminder information. I'll also email 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents some reminders. Our core 11<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are working hard to prepare students for the test. At this point, it is not so much about teaching content, but is about teaching them specific test strategies to conquer the ACT. Year

after year Providence has the highest ACT test scores in CMS (and tops in NC) so encouraging your child to listen, learn, and apply the strategies we are teaching them can pay off.

- 2) March 8 is an Early Release day for all students (for teacher professional development). 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will have all 4 classes with dismissal at **11:15 AM**. 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the ACT with dismissal at **11:15 AM**. We will start promptly at **7:15 AM** so students should be at school a few minutes early.
- 3) Our Student Government/Leadership has planned a great Versus week **March 13–17**. Please see the information in the section below for a brief update.
- 4) Senior Exit presentations will be on **March 16** for seniors in English IV this semester.
- 5) Midterm exams for 4x4 classes will be **March 21–24** during the regular school day, during regular classes. We will communicate more information to students in school about which exam will be on which day.
- 6) The Spring Musical opens on **March 24** and will show for 6 days over 2 weekends.

In addition, we are beginning the Course Request process for our rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders. We are visiting each of our feeder middle schools this month. We will host Panthers on the Prowl, our rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation, on **March 30** at Providence HS.

We are excited about the many happenings at Providence. Thank you for sending your child to work with us. We love having them at school. I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill, Principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New – Cap and Gown Portraits and Yearbook Order Deadline**

Class of '23 Parents, cap and gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady Studios. Celebrate this special achievement. Go to [cady.com/capgown23](https://cady.com/capgown23) to order.

Time is running out to order your 2023 Prowler yearbook! We have 142 yearbooks left to sell, and we have sold out the past six years. Click [here](#) to place your order today.

*(Submitted 2/22/2023 by Pamela Mann, [pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us))*

### **Staff Appreciation Week is Coming – Donations Needed!**

PHS Staff Appreciation Week is **April 24-28**, and we need your help showing the PHS staff how much we appreciate all they do for our students. 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.

Donations may be made by logging into Pay4SchoolStuff at <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>. Just add “Donations for Staff Appreciation Week” to your cart with your donation amount entered. Thank you so much for your support!

*(Submitted 2/15/2023 by Kate Milheim, [katemilheim@hotmail.com](mailto:katemilheim@hotmail.com))*

## **Campus Beautification Day on March 25**

Spring is right around the corner, and we're excited to make the campus look amazing! We are looking for crew leaders (adults) and volunteers (students) to help in various areas of the campus **9 AM-12 PM** on **March 25**.

Jobs include picking up sticks, pruning low branches on trees, weeding, spreading mulch, and re-stacking small stone edging around the school. All easy work, and students can get much-needed volunteer hours! All volunteers must sign up to participate here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845A9AF2AA3FF2-phsbeautification3>

*(Submitted 2/6/2023 by Kalie Koivisto, [kkoivisto@cottinghamchalk.com](mailto:kkoivisto@cottinghamchalk.com))*

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## **PTSO 2023 Scholarships**

The PTSO is happy to announce that we will offer three \$1,000 scholarships for 2023 seniors. To be eligible, the student must be a member of the PTSO. If you are not a member and would like to join, please go to [Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://Pay4SchoolStuff.com).

Application instructions can be found at [2023 PHS PTSO Scholarship Application Instructions](#), and the deadline to apply is **April 5**. Email [ptso.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ptso.scholarships@gmail.com) with any questions.

*(Submitted 2/7/2023 by Dana Xiao, [danaxiao@gmail.com](mailto:danaxiao@gmail.com))*

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## **The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)**

Students have until **March 13** to accrue volunteer service hours for this school year's award. All paperwork must be submitted to Ms. Haywood in the guidance department by **3 PM** on **March 15**, but you are welcome to turn it in beginning **February 15**. No late submissions will be accepted.

As the deadline approaches, please keep the following in mind.

- Make sure your activities qualify. If you are unsure if your activities will qualify for the award, check the PHS PVSA website for additional information and requirements.
- Do not wait until last minute to gather the required signatures and documentation to apply for this award; incomplete applications will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- The PVSA application form, PVSA summary log, and PVSA volunteer hour log sheet must be filled out completely and legibly, with all dates of service/description/hours listed, signatures from supervising adults, and contact information for verification purposes.

If you have any questions about the PVSA, please email [providence.pvsa@gmail.com](mailto:providence.pvsa@gmail.com).

*(Submitted 1/31/2023 by Helen Kim, [helenckim@gmail.com](mailto:helenckim@gmail.com))*

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### New – Orchestra News

Please join us in the PHS auditorium on Wednesday, **March 1** at **6:30 PM** to hear performances from our Chamber, Symphonic, and Concert Orchestras. Student concert attire is required for this performance.

Orchestra parents, we hope you will consider joining the PHS Orchestra Board for the 2023-24 school year. Serving on the board is a wonderful way to contribute to your student's "orchestra life" while supporting the program that brings music into the school day. We have a variety of positions available, and we will find a way to work with your skills and schedule! If you are interested and would like to learn more, email [providencehsorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:providencehsorchestra@gmail.com).

*(Submitted 2/21/23 by Kate Uslan, [kateuslan@gmail.com](mailto:kateuslan@gmail.com))*

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### Student Government Update

On **March 1**, we will kick off our annual Student Hunger Drive campaign. We are partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank to collect canned food and monetary donations. We will also have homeroom and club competitions, and prizes will be awarded! Our infamous CANZ music video will also be released in March. We will have a Chipotle fundraising night on **March 14** and a Nothing But Noodles fundraiser on **March 23**. All proceeds from these fundraisers will go toward the Student Hunger drive. Locations and times for these nights will be announced soon.

The week of **March 13**, we will have our Versus Spirit Week. On **Friday, March 17**, we will cap off Versus with a dodgeball tournament and a pep rally. Information regarding dodgeball tournament entry and pep rally tickets will be announced in the near future.

As we progress into the spring sports season, make sure to come out and support your Panthers in their athletic events. Themes for games are posted on the @ProvidenceEB Instagram page, so make sure to follow to stay up to date on those and other school events.

If you have questions, please email Laura Bauer, Leadership advisor, at [lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us). Thank you!

*(Submitted 2/15/2023 by Aarav Bhaskar, [aaravbhaskar09@gmail.com](mailto:aaravbhaskar09@gmail.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 - Scholarship of the Week: Bridge Scholarship

The Bridge Scholarship is a \$20,000 four-year scholarship, \$2,500 at the beginning of each semester, awarded to the student who can best present their case to receive the scholarship to the Bridge Foundation. This scholarship is designed for the student who is driven to succeed to the best of their personal ability. The Bridge Scholarship is intended to provide for the student who has scholastic goals and the ability to clearly explain their plan for achieving those goals. While there is no specific grade-point average requirement, test-score standard, or academic baseline; nor is there is specific need-basis for the scholarship's award, each of these criteria may be considered during the deliberation to determine our annual scholarship recipient. We are an entrepreneurial-focused group looking for a candidate who best represents values we respect: self-determination, clarity of vision, and confidence to achieve goals regardless of one's current position. You can visit our website at [www.thebridgefoundation.net](http://www.thebridgefoundation.net) and read more about the Foundation and the Scholarship. Applications are due April 17.

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## ATHLETICS

[PHS Athletics Website](#)

[Online Providence Team Stores](#)

[Follow PHS Athletics on Twitter - @ProvAthletics](#)

[Follow Providence Athletic Club on Twitter - @ProvBoosterClub](#)

### Upcoming Events: February/March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> V Softball vs Ardrey Kell	<b>28</b> JV/V Baseball @ Weddington  JV/V Girls Soccer vs Porter Ridge  Boys Tennis vs Charlotte Catholic	<b>1</b> V Boys Golf  JV Girls Lacrosse vs Myers Park @ MSP  V Girls Lacrosse @ Sun Valley	<b>2</b> V Girls Lacrosse vs Parkwood  JV/V Girls Soccer @ South Meck  Boys Tennis @ Butler	<b>3</b> JV/V Baseball @ Marvin Ridge  V Softball @ South Meck  Boys Lacrosse vs Rocky River	<b>4</b>

### 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, 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 \(dragonflyathletics.com\)](http://dragonflyathletics.com) will be used to collect all required documents including physicals and proof of residency and **the required CMS athletic participation fee**. All of this information must be completed before first games, but many coaches may require this to be complete 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. Link this number to your card at any Harris Teeter or at [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com). You can link a total of five school organizations to each VIC card.

## **Amazon Smile PAC Support**

When you shop at Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), please select Providence Senior High Athletic Booster Club as your charity. Amazon Smile will donate .5% of purchases to support the PAC.

## **Sports Photos**

To learn more about sports photo options with Providence Athletics, visit [www.ProvidenceSportsPhoto.com](http://www.ProvidenceSportsPhoto.com). For assistance, email Rusty Transou at [rtransou@gmail.com](mailto:rtransou@gmail.com).

## **SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SPRING SPORTS**

**Baseball:** For information, contact Coach Hignight at [daniel.hignight@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:daniel.hignight@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Men's Golf:** For information, contact Coach Church at [carefreehighway33@gmail.com](mailto:carefreehighway33@gmail.com).

**Men's Lacrosse:** For information, contact [phslaxcms@gmail.com](mailto:phslaxcms@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](mailto:peytona.lindsay@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Soccer:** For information, contact Coach Bolar at [robb.bolar@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:robb.bolar@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Softball:** Offseason workouts have begun. For information, contact Coach Mace at [donaldb.mace@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:donaldb.mace@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Men's Tennis:** For information, contact Coach Oxendine at [joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Track & Field:** For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Track & Field:** For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto: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](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Cross Country:** For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Field Hockey:** For information, contact Coach Erin Sanders at [phs.fieldhockey.club@gmail.com](mailto:phs.fieldhockey.club@gmail.com). Follow us on Instagram @provfieldhockey.

**Football:** Parents who are not on the football distribution list, email [providence.football@yahoo.com](mailto:providence.football@yahoo.com) to be added or get any questions answered. To reach Coach Ward directly, email [weslees.ward@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:weslees.ward@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Golf:** For information, contact Coach Church at [carefreehighway33@gmail.com](mailto:carefreehighway33@gmail.com).

**Men's Soccer:** For information, contact Coach Sosa at [nsosa1010@gmail.com](mailto:nsosa1010@gmail.com).

**Women's Tennis:** For information, contact Coach Oxendine at [joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Volleyball:** For information, contact Coach Malone at [margaret1.malone@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:margaret1.malone@cms.k12.nc.us).

## **WINTER SPORTS**

**Men's Basketball:** For information, contact Coach Boney at [nicholasa.boney@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:nicholasa.boney@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Basketball:** For information, contact Coach Bean at [JenniferBean20@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.panthersrugby.com) and [contact us](#). 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](mailto:providenceswimdive@gmail.com).

**Indoor Track & Field** - For information on indoor track and field, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Wrestling:** For information, contact Coach Bosak at [scotte.bosak@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:scotte.bosak@cms.k12.nc.us).