

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

Feb. 3, 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

February 8	Early Release Day
February 20	President's Day Holiday – No School
March 8	Early Release Day
March 24	Last Day of 3 rd 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 th Quarter
June 12 – June 13	Teacher Workday – No School
June 14	Class of '23 Graduation Day

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Brandi Doty for being selected by the faculty as the Providence High School Teacher of the Year. Ms. Doty began working with me in the late 1990s at a CMS middle school. After living in Mexico for ten years, she returned to Charlotte and called to ask if I would be reference for her as she was applying for middle school vacancies. I quickly worked to convince her to teach at the high school level. Kudos to her for taking on the new challenge. Year after year, her students surpass the goals set by the NC Department of Public Instruction for individual growth in math. In addition to teaching, she serves as our Chess Club sponsor and our Sources of Strengths lead adult advisor. We are proud to recognize Ms. Doty for this honor. If your child has Ms. Doty as their teacher this year or has previously been taught by Ms. Doty, please consider reaching out to her with a personal note of congratulations!

In other school news, we have automated and centralized our process to notify parents when their child has three, six, or ten unexcused absences from school for the day. This is a requirement by NC law and CMS board policy. CMS has revised the form letter to be “kinder and gentler” than one parents may have previously received while still communicating the importance and law requirement of student attendance. Whenever your child is sick or has a doctor’s appointment, please report the absence to us on our website, under the main picture, by clicking the tab “Report an Absence.” This can result in absences being excused rather than unexcused.

This change of centralizing our process to notify parents of unexcused absences does not impact the CMS attendance recovery policy or process. Students who have more than 10 excused or unexcused absences from a class must complete attendance recovery to receive the academic grade they earn. Overall, during first semester our students did a great job with this. Let’s keep that up for the second semester.

Finally, I want to remind you that **Wednesday, February 8** is an early release day for teacher professional development. We will dismiss school at **11:15 AM**. All students are to depart campus by **11:45 AM**. Students who need to return to school for practice may do so beginning at **2:15 PM**. In addition, course request cards are due from students. We will spend time in homeroom to enter the course requests into PowerSchool, and then counselors will start their individual meetings with students. Please remember to send the completed, signed course request card in with your child on Wednesday morning.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – **Flock Your 2023 Senior**

Want to celebrate your senior? Send them a flock! For \$10, PHS parent volunteers will put a flock of 23 black and gold flamingos on your lawn for 24 hours. This is a great way to celebrate a birthday or milestone, or just congratulate them on their senior year. Orders can be placed by emailing your student’s name, address, and preferred date to flockasenior@gmail.com. Orders must first be paid for on [Pay4SchoolStuff](#). Proceeds go toward senior events hosted by PTSO.

(Submitted 1/31/2023 by Stacey Ellis, staceyellis11@gmail.com)

New – **Spirit Wear Cooler Bags Now Available**

New Item alert! Fabulous cooler bag available now on [Pay4SchoolStuff](#) that are great for tailgating. Quantities are limited, so purchase now so you don’t miss out.

Hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts, and trucker hats are available on [Pay4SchoolStuff](#) as well.

(Submitted 2/02/2023 by Beth MacPhail, bmacphail35@outlook.com)

New – **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.

(Submitted 1/31/2023 by Helen Kim, helenkim@gmail.com)

Urgent need for tissues

The office is in desperate need of tissues. They do not need wipes. If you can donate tissues, please contact Jane Caldwell at the front office.

(Submitted 1/24/2023 by Lee Sugg, leesugg@gmail.com)

CM Library Laptops

If you are an adult in need of a laptop, check out the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library: Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). Twenty-thousand laptops are being given for free to those who qualify. Please visit the following website to apply.

<https://digitalbranch.cmlibrary.org/mecktech/computer-kits/>

(Submitted 1/20/2023 by Symone Thompson, symonem.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Updated – Butter Braid Pastry Sale Underway

Providence Band members are selling Butter Braid frozen pastries through **Wednesday, February 15**. These delicious pastries come in a variety of sweet and savory flavors and are great for breakfast, desserts, appetizers, and special occasions. Simply thaw overnight and bake. Stock up the freezer now!

Contact a band member or email PHSBandButterBraids@gmail.com to order. Orders will be picked up by band students at school on **Tuesday, March 7** for delivery.

Thank you for your support of the Providence High School band program!

(Submitted 2/02/2023 by Nancy Knox, teamknox@carolina.rr.com)

Drama Boosters Valentine Cookie Fundraiser

It's time for the Drama Boosters Valentine Cookie Fundraiser! Support the drama department by purchasing these sweet treats. Valentine cookie boxes are available again this year.

The Valentine Cookie Boxes contain an assortment of six gourmet cookies beautifully wrapped in a valentine-themed cookie box and will be hand delivered to local addresses. All proceeds go to the Providence High School Theatre Booster. Assortment includes: one chocolate chip, one brownie, one gooey bar, one molasses ginger, one snickerdoodle, and one lemon shortbread heart (\$15/box).

Fill out the Google form to buy your box (or boxes) at the link below.

<https://forms.gle/V6vdS28cb2d98qUN7>

(Submitted 1/22/2023 by Erica McGee, ericaallenmcgee@hotmail.com)

Updated – Student Government Update

Hello Providence families,

We hope you all are doing well. As we progress through the third quarter, our student government team is working hard on planning our upcoming events. The week of **February 13**, we will be having our Rest and Recharge week. On Monday, we will have Pajama Day. On Tuesday, students will wear red, pink, or white for Valentine's Day. On Wednesday, we will have cornhole and coloring pages during lunch. On Thursday, we will have a petting zoo at the greenhouse during lunch. On Friday, we will have hot chocolate before school in the mall.

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

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

As we close out the winter sports season and head into the spring season, make sure to come out and support the Panthers! 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 any questions, please contact the Leadership advisor, Laura Bauer (lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us). Thank you!

(Submitted 2/02/2023 by Aarav Bhaskar)

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.

All American Swim is hiring

Kiefer Aquatics/All American Swim is hiring. Part-time position available for Fitters.

- Responsibilities include mobile sales and customer service at off-site locations.
- Computer skills and retail background are a plus.
- Ability to multi-task, work with people, take initiative, and attention to detail.
- Pay is hourly.
- Knowledge of swimming is preferred.

Email resume and availability to Julie Neal at jneal@allamericanswim.com

(Submitted 1/12/2023 by Theresa Joiner, theresajoiner@carolina.rr.com)

ATHLETICS

[PHS Athletics Website](#)

[Student Athlete Forms and Packets](#)

[Online Providence Team Stores](#)

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

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

Upcoming Events

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11
	Girls/Boys JV/V Basketball vs Garinger	Swim & Dive State Meet	Swim & Dive State Meet	Girls/Boys JV/V Basketball vs East Meck Indoor Track & Field State Meet Swim & Dive State Meet	Indoor Track & Field State Meet Swim & Dive State Meet Wrestling Regional Meet

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*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

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.

PAC Membership

Spring sports are starting soon, and you can still purchase a membership online. 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>.

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. 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), 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. For assistance, email Rusty Transou at rtransou@gmail.com.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER SPORTS

Men's Basketball: For information, contact Coach Boney at nicholasa.boney@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Basketball: For information, contact Coach Bean at 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 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.

Indoor Track and Field: For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Wrestling: For information, contact Coach Bosak at scotte.bosak@cms.k12.nc.us.

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball: For information, contact Coach Hignight at daniel.hignight@cms.k12.nc.us.

Men's Golf: For information, contact Coach Church at carefreehighway33@gmail.com.

Men's Lacrosse: For information, contact pyslaxcms@gmail.com.

Women's Lacrosse: Women's JV and Varsity Lacrosse tryouts are February 13-14. Players MUST be eligible via DragonFly and prospective players must complete the tryout form at bit.ly/23LAXTRYOUTS. 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.

Women's Soccer: Women's soccer tryouts for JV and varsity will be **February 13 and 14** from **3 PM-4:30 PM** on the field behind the student parking lot. Players MUST complete information on DragonFly to participate. For information, contact Coach Bolar at robb.bolar@cms.k12.nc.us.

Softball: Offseason workouts have begun. For information, contact Coach Mace at donaldb.mace@cms.k12.nc.us.

Men's Tennis: For information, contact Coach Oxendine at joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us

Men's Track & Field: For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Track & Field: For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at 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.

Women's Cross Country: For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Field Hockey: For information, contact Coach Erin Sanders at pfs.fieldhockey.club@gmail.com. Follow us on Instagram @provfieldhockey.

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

Women's Golf: For information, contact Coach Church at carefreehighway33@gmail.com.

Men's Soccer: For information, contact Coach Sosa at nsosa1010@gmail.com.

Women's Tennis: For information, contact Coach Oxendine at joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us.

Volleyball: For information, contact Coach Malone at margaret1.malone@cms.k12.nc.us.