

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

January 13, 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

January 16	MLK Holiday – No School
January 18-20	Block 1-3 Exams
January 23	Block 4 Exams
January 24	Last Day of 2 nd Quarter
January 25	Teacher Workday – No School

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS Parents and Families:

We are gearing up for exams. Students have been working hard to finish up the semester with final tests, projects, and presentations. School is closed on Monday for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Tuesday is our last day of regular class. Exams begin on Wednesday.

Today, I reviewed the exam schedule again. Especially for the 9th graders, I wanted to clearly communicate how each day will work. I reminded the students that during exams, there can be **no early releases** until exams are finished each day (**12:20 PM**) so that we do not disrupt testing for any student. I asked them to remind you to check your schedule and make sure there are no doctor appointments or other events planned that would take students out of school prior to **12:20 PM** on these days. If so, we kindly ask that you rearrange those appointments or plan for your child to take the make-up exam on **January 24** (the make-up exam day).

We also ask that parents monitor their child during exam week and encourage a regular bedtime, a breakfast with protein to last for several hours, and plenty of water for hydration. We know that these are keys to students feeling their best so they can do their best on their exams.

Tuesday is also the last day to do Attendance Recovery for this semester. If students have a valid excuse for their first semester 4x4 absences and if they were unable to complete their required Attendance Recovery, they must complete an Attendance Recovery Appeal Form. Appeal forms are

available in the guidance office and in the main office at school. The deadline for Appeal Forms to be submitted is **Tuesday, January 17**.

In other news, this week, CMS released the **High School Graduation Schedule**. Our seniors in the Class of 2023 will graduate on **Wednesday, June 14 at 12:30 PM** at Bojangles' Coliseum. All are invited to the ceremony. Tickets are not required. We hope you will plan to attend.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New - Free Queso or Salsa? Yes, Please!

The next #ONEPROV Spirit Night is **January 19 from 4 to 9 PM** at Tacos 4 Life at the Arboretum. Dine in or order online and you can get free queso or salsa with your order. Tacos 4 Life will then donate \$5 to PHS for every free queso or salsa redeemed! To redeem your free queso or salsa when ordering online, use the coupon code FUNDRAISER at checkout. When dining in, show the flyer posted on the PTSO Instagram and Facebook pages. Thank you, Tacos 4 Life, for your support.

(Submitted 1/10/2023 by Naomi McRary, naomi90404@aol.com)

Paw Prints Wants to Celebrate Your Students' Community Involvement!

The PTSO wants to honor students who have made noteworthy accomplishments in **community involvement** inside or outside of school in the upcoming issue of *Paw Prints*. If your students have shown leadership or a noteworthy support to their community, please submit a short article with pictures to providencehspawprints@gmail.com by **January 18**. 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 them! *Acceptance of any submission for publication in Paw Prints is at the discretion of the PTSO. Articles may be edited for brevity and clarity.*

(Submitted 1/5/2023 by Marie Beavers, mdichoso65@gmail.com)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Students have until **March 13** to accrue volunteer hours for this school year's award. As the deadline approaches, please keep the following in mind:

- Please make sure your activities qualify. If you are unsure if your activities will qualify for the award, please check the [PHS website](#) for the required paperwork and additional information:
- Do not wait until the last minute to gather the required signatures and documentation to apply for this award; incomplete applications will not be accepted. No exceptions. Remember, each date of service must be listed separately with hours served that date for verification purposes.

- Fill out the application form and “documentation of service hours” completely with all dates of service/hours, signatures from the supervising adult, and contact information for verification purposes.
- All paperwork is due to the counseling department by **March 15 at 3 PM**. No late paperwork will be accepted.

If you have any questions about the PVSA, please email providence.pvsa@gmail.com.

Giving back to the community is a wonderful way to understand the power that each person has to make a difference in our world. An added bonus to volunteering is that participating in programs like the PVSA may look good on a college resume.

(Submitted 1/4/2023 by Helen Kim, helenckim@gmail.com)

Updated – Student Government Update

We hope everyone is doing well and is having a great start to the new year! We are wrapping up the application process for the 2023-24 Leadership Class, which officially began before winter break. Interviews, the final step of the application process, are **January 9-17** before and after school. Decisions will be announced on **January 27**. Students can pick up their envelope containing their decision from room 235 before or after school.

Our Student Government team is looking forward to planning many more exciting events. We will have Mental Health Week **February 13-17**. In March, we will hold Reversus, which includes the Reversus spirit week and pep rally, the Student Hunger Drive, and the annual CANZ video.

Our basketball, wrestling, rugby, and swim teams are in season. Make sure to come out and support the Panthers! Themes for home basketball 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, email Laura Bauer, Leadership advisor, at lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 1/11/2023 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.

Scholarship of the Week: People Helping People Scholarship

The State Employee Credit Union (SECU) Foundation established the People Helping People four-year scholarship program to help North Carolina public high school students attend college. Although the SECU Foundation Scholarship program recognizes academic achievement, the People Helping People Scholarship recognizes leadership, integrity, and community involvement. This \$10,000 scholarship is available only to graduating public high school seniors who are either current members

of SECU or the child of a parent/guardian who is a member of SECU at the time of application. Membership eligibility does not include Local Government Federal Credit Union or NC Press Association Credit Union members. Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees (state, local or federal government; public health; public education) who live and work in North Carolina. Additionally, preference will be given to those majoring in public service degree programs (such as public health, education, public administration, and public policy). Students must attend one of the North Carolina public universities.

Additional details and the application process are in Naviance. The application is due **February 24**.

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(Submitted 1/4/2023 by Ginger Obringer, virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us)

Sophomore Night- Finding Your Best Fit College

Join The Princeton Review's Editor-in-Chief Rob Franek at Providence High School on **January 31 at 6:30 PM** in the auditorium! There is a dream college for every student, but with thousands of schools across the country, how do you know which one to choose? Join us for a lively discussion for both parents and students on how to find your best fit college. Rob will share expert advice on the college admissions process including deciding factors when selecting a college or university, what colleges are really looking for in applicants, the true cost of attending college, test-optional admissions, and the new digital SAT, and more! *Due to COVID, Rob has been unable to join us the last few years, so we encourage all 10th and 11th grade families to join us for this AMAZING program.*

(Submitted 1/5/2023 by Lindsay Walker, lindsays.walker@cms.k12.nc.us)

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

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18 Indoor Track & Field @ Providence	19	20 Girls/Boys JV/V Basketball @ Charlotte Catholic	21 Indoor Track & Field @ JDL Invite

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

If you missed the Winter Sports meeting, 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 0.5% 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.

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

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

New - 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: 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: 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: There is a mandatory information meeting on **Thursday, January 26** after school in the cafeteria. For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Track & Field: There is a mandatory information meeting on **Thursday, January 26** after school in the cafeteria. 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 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 to be added or get any questions answered. To reach Coach Ward directly, email weslees.ward@cms.k12.nc.us.

New - 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.