

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

January 20, 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 23	Block 4 Exams
January 24	Last Day of 2 nd Quarter
January 25	Teacher Workday – No School
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:

We have had a smooth week of exams. Students seem to be doing well and persevering through some long testing sessions. Here’s the schedule for next week:

Monday: 4th block exam. Again, no early dismissals until 12:20 PM. Students must bring their fully charged Chromebook for exams. We do not have any extra Chromebooks to loan. After school on Monday, we will have our Sources of Strengths Peer Leader Orientation for the new 9th grade Peer Leaders joining our SOS team.

Tuesday: Make-Up Exam day. This day is for students who have a make-up exam due to an absence on one of the other exam days. Students who need to take an EOC test will be scheduled to take that exam at 7:15 AM. Students who need to take a mid-term or final exam that is not an EOC exam should make arrangements with their individual teachers to do so. All of those exams will also begin at 7:15 AM. Students who do not have a make-up exam are welcome to come to school. They will have study hall in homeroom for the day.

Wednesday: Teacher Workday

Thursday: Second Semester classes begin. Today is a B day (for A/B day classes). Students will receive a new copy of their schedule in homeroom today. The time that students have lunch may change for 2nd semester depending upon the location of their 3rd block class. We will explain this to students at school.

We will also launch the Course Request process for the 2022-23 school year on Thursday. Please be on the lookout for your child to bring home their Course Request card and a letter outlining the process. Cards will be due on **February 8**. More information will be in the letter you will receive on Thursday.

Good luck to our basketball teams as they travel tonight to Charlotte Catholic high school. Go Panthers!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – **CM Library Laptops**

If you are an adult in need of a laptop, check out the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library: Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). 20,000 laptops will be given for free to those who qualify starting January 19, 2023. Please visit the website to apply:

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

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

New – **PHS Spirit Night – Hawthorne's Pizza**

The next #ONEPROV Spirit Night is not ONE night, it's a whole WEEK!! Come out to Hawthorne's Pizza in Ballantyne. Just tell them when placing your order that you're with Providence High School and they will donate 10% of the sale to PHS. A ton of different pizzas plus salads, appetizers, pastas, wings and more!! Yum!!

Where - Hawthorne's Pizza, 8410 Rea Road, Charlotte, NC-28277

When - **Tuesday, January 24 through Sunday, January 29**

Tuesday & Wednesday 4-9 PM

Thursday 11 AM – 9 PM

Friday & Saturday 11 AM – 10 PM
Sunday 11 AM – 9 PM

Thank you Hawthorne's Pizza for your support!

(Submitted 1/18/2023 by Naomi McRary, naomi90404@aol.com)

New – CMS Community Engagement Sessions

CMS is working on a Student-Centered Plan for Programs, Boundaries and Facilities called the Comprehensive Review and would like your input on the updated draft of the capital investment plan and potential changes to magnet programs and boundaries before the CMS Board of Education votes on changes in February 2023.

There will be a series of eight meetings, including both in-person and virtual sessions, beginning **Wednesday, January 18**. Everyone is encouraged to attend, and interpreters will be provided.

For more information on the community engagement sessions, dates, times, and locations please visit the district calendar on the CMS website. There are several dates in January and the first week of February.

(Submitted 1/16/2023 by Tracey Harrill, tracey.harrill@cms.k12.nc.us)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

New - Student Government Update

Hello Providence families

As we approach the end of finals week and the first semester, we would like to thank all our families, students, and staff for their support throughout the first two quarters of this school year. We have many more events planned for the second semester, so make sure to stay up to date through Instagram (@ProvidenceEB), the MEWS, and the morning announcements as well. The application process for the 2023-24 Leadership Class officially began before Winter Break, and all interviews have been completed. Decisions will be announced on **January 27**. Students can pick up their envelope containing their decision from room 235 before or after school.

In the coming months, our Student Government team is looking forward to planning many more exciting events. We will have our Rest and Recharge week on the week of **February 13 to February 17**. In March, we will be holding Reversus, which includes the Reversus spirit week and pep rally, the Student Hunger Drive, and the annual CANZ video.

Our basketball, wrestling, rugby, and swimming 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, please contact the Leadership advisor, Laura Bauer.

(Submitted 1/18/2023 by Aarav Bhaskar, aaravbhaskar09@gmail.com)

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)

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 - 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)

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
23	24	25	26	27	28

	Girls/Boys JV/V Basketball vs Butler			Indoor Track & Field @ JDL	Indoor Track & Field @ JDL
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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.

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

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

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.