

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

January 27, 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:

Second semester classes began yesterday and all indications are that we are off to a good start. With new courses, students' lunch times may have changed. They have quickly adjusted. We have encouraged our students to make a good impression on their new teachers and start strong. Starting strong now can help lead to good results at the end of the year. For those students who are in A/B day classes, even though half the year is over, only 40% of the overall course grade has been earned. There is 60% of the grade still to be earned (40% for 2nd semester and 20% for the Final exam). Students still have plenty of time to make sure they are where they want to be with regard to their academics by June.

Today, I shared with students some recent data that was released by NC Department of Public Instruction (this information was also shared in the PawPrints)

Providence has:

- The highest Advanced Placement exam (AP) pass rate of any comprehensive HS in CMS (84.5%)
- The highest average SAT score of any comprehensive HS in CMS (average score of 1244)
- The highest ACT average in CMS (average score of 24.5).

I encouraged students to continue to listen to their teachers and learn from them. The combination of eager students willing to listen and learn with highly experienced and qualified teachers who know the recipe for academic success is what creates these excellent results year after year.

Also, yesterday, we launched the **Course Request Process for the 2023-24 school year**. Here is a copy of the [parent letter](#) that was sent home. Each student also received their Course Request Card. Students have until **February 8** to consult with their parents, consult with their current teachers, etc. and complete their card. We require the student to consult with the parent and get their signature on the card. We will collect all cards on February 8. Then, counselors will meet with each student to review their selections and talk about their future plans. Students can change their mind anytime up until **April 4 which is Last Chance Day**. That gives students (and parents) a solid two months to consult, consider, and think about their course requests so informed decisions can be made.

We will host three events on **Tuesday night (January 31)** to help students / parents with course decisions:

- 1) **AP Capstone Information session**, 5:00pm- 5:30pm, Auditorium: This information session is for current honors level 9th graders and their parents who might be interested in earning an AP Capstone diploma. Acceptance into the AP Capstone program is by application. Students will take 2 AP Courses (AP Seminar and AP Research) and 4 additional AP courses of their choice which will lead to the AP Capstone Diploma. To learn more, please attend this information session.
- 2) **AP Night**, 5:30pm – 6:30pm, Mall: This is a drop-in event whereby all AP classes will have a table set up in the Mall. Students / parents can meet with the AP teachers and learn more about each course to help them make informed decisions.
- 3) **10th grade Parent / student workshop**, 6:30pm, Auditorium: This workshop will feature Rob Franek, Editor and Chief of The Princeton Review. (He loves Providence). He will discuss the college entrance exams (SAT vs. ACT) and the college planning process. Juniors and their parents are also invited to attend because it has been a few years since Rob was able to visit with Providence so they have not heard his message.

In other school news, we have a few parking spaces that have opened up in the Student Parking lot due to mid-year graduates moving on from Providence. Juniors and Seniors who qualify are to submit their paperwork to the main office by **Monday, January 30, 2:30pm**. We will have a lottery process to sell these few parking spots. We have announced this to the students during this week and last week but I wanted to inform parents as well.

And finally, on Monday, students will receive their 1st semester Report Cards in homeroom. If a student failed a course due to attendance, the F will be reflected on the Report Card. In PowerSchool, the numeric grade may show a passing grade, but in compliance with CMS Policy, the grade has been changed to F which will show on the Report Card. Overall, our students have done a great job of taking care of their Attendance Recovery responsibilities. We need to keep that up during 2nd semester.

As always, thank you for sharing your children with us. It is our pleasure to get to work with them.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Urgent need for tissues

Office is in desperate need of tissues. They do not need wipes. If you're able to 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). 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)

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)

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 – PHS Navy JROTC

Providence NJROTC qualified for the Navy JROTC Area Six (NC/SC) championship to be held on **February 25** for the chance to go to Navy Nationals. The competition includes academics, color guard, drill, physical fitness, and a uniform inspection. Students visited the campuses of Duke University and Coastal Carolina university to promote higher education. Our orienteering team came in 3rd place at Latta National Park this month. Our students collected and donated food items to the Charlotte USO and separated toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program distributing toys to local families. On January 25 we toured the York County Amateur Radio Society in Rock Hill.

Upcoming events include White Knoll HS, Area Managers Inspection, Naval Base Norfolk, VA fieldtrip and the end of year awards ceremony.

Contact Master Gunnery Sergeant Ricky Osborne at ricky.osborne@cms.k12.nc.us or Commander Davin O’Hora at davinj.ohora@cms.k12.nc.us for details.

(Submitted 1/26/2023 by Ricky Osborne, ricky.osborne@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Butter Bread Pastry Sale

Providence Band members are selling Butter Braid frozen pastries beginning **Monday, January 30 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 1/25/2023 by Nancy Knox, teamknox@carolina.rr.com)

New – 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 6 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: 1 Chocolate Chip, 1 Brownie, 1 Gooley Bar, 1 Molasses Ginger, 1 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,

As we begin second semester, we would like to thank all our families, students, and staff for your support throughout the first two quarters of this school year. We have many more events planned for the rest of the year, so make sure to stay up to date through Instagram (@ProvidenceEB), the MEWS, and the morning announcements. The application process for the 2023-24 Leadership Class officially began before Winter Break, and all interviews have been completed. Decisions were announced today, January 27. This year had a record amount of applicants and talent. Thank you to all students who applied!

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 2/13-2/17. 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, winter track, 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 (lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us). Thank you!

(Submitted 1/25/2023 by Natalie Kim)

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

January-February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02	03	04
	Girls/Boys JV/V Basketball @ Independence		Swim/Dive Regionals	Girls/Boys JV/V Basketball @ Rocky River Swim/Dive Regionals	Swim/Dive Regionals

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.

Updated – PAC Membership

Spring Sports are starting soon! 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.

Updated – Women’s Soccer: Women’s soccer tryouts for both JV and Varsity will be held February 13 and 14 from 3 PM - 4:30 PM on the field behind the student parking lot. Players **MUST** complete information on DragonFly in order to participate. Women’s soccer will start preseason training next week. 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

Updated – Men’s Track & Field: There will be a mandatory information meeting on Monday, January 30 after school in the cafeteria. For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Updated – Women’s Track & Field: There will be a mandatory information meeting on Monday, January 30 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.