

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## January 6, 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 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter |
| January 25    | Teacher Workday – No School         |

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS Parents and Families:

Happy New Year. I hope you and your family had a wonderful break from school (and work). Providence is back in session, and it looks like we have not missed a beat. Students have quickly gotten back to work. I'm so proud of them. We have one more week of regular school, and then we move into the exam schedule.

As a reminder, mid-term exams for A/B day classes and final exams for 4x4 classes will be given **January 18-24**. [Here is the exam schedule](#) for students. A copy has been posted on our #OneProv Canvas page for access by all students.

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. Please 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).

As we prepare for exams, we have reminded the students that this is an excellent time to bring up any grade that may not be where they want it to be. Mid-term exams count as 20% of the 1<sup>st</sup>

semester grade. Final exams count as 20% of the course grade. Twenty percent is enough of a percentage to make a difference. We want all of our students to study and put their best foot forward. Here are some [study tips](#) that might help. Please share these with your child. We encourage them to get rest before each exam so they will be fresh and on top of their game.

Also, please be reminded that if your child has more than 10 absences (excused or unexcused) in any 4x4 course for 1<sup>st</sup> semester, they must do Attendance Recovery so they are able to receive the academic grade they earned. The last day for students in 1<sup>st</sup> semester 4x4 classes to do Attendance Recovery for this semester is **January 17**.

In other news, please see the announcements below:

**Pre-ACT Scores:** On Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their test booklet and their Pre-ACT scores. Please ask that they bring them home to you. On **Tuesday, January 31**, we are hosting 10<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Night, which will feature information on the ACT/SAT, how to interpret the scores, and how to help prepare your child for one of the two college entrance exams accepted by colleges and universities.

**Credit by Demonstrated Mastery:** There is a State Board Policy that provides an option for students to demonstrate mastery and receive credit for a course by taking an assessment and then completing an artifact reflecting content mastery. Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) is only available for standard-level courses. CDM credits are awarded as a pass/fail grade and therefore do not impact grade point averages. Students requesting CDM for Math courses must have completed (or be currently enrolled) in the previous course of the math course sequence (i.e., if a student requests CDM for Math 3, the student must have taken or be currently taking Math 2).

If a student chooses to participate in CDM for a course and successfully meets the assessment score and demonstrates mastery on the completed artifacts, credit will be provided for the upcoming semester. **Students who wish to participate in CDM must have a completed application turned in no later than January 20.** The Student Application and FAQs here: [SpringCDM2023](#). Please print pages 5-6, complete, and **submit to Ms. Haywood in the guidance office by 3 PM on January 20.**

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill, Principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New - 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 Marie Beavers at [providencehpawprints@gmail.com](mailto:providencehpawprints@gmail.com). 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 their accomplishments! *Note: Acceptance of any submission for publication in Paw Prints is at the discretion of the PHS PTSO. Articles may be edited for brevity and clarity. Deadline for submission is January 18.*

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

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## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

Providence High 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: <https://providencehighptso.weebly.com/presidents-volunteer-service-awards.html>
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:helenckim@gmail.com))

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### **Eat Out, Support PHS Drama Department**

Eat out for a great cause at the PHS drama department's upcoming Dine Out Nights, which raise funds for the theater department.

**January 11: 5-8 PM** at Brixx in Blakeney (bring attachment filled out, <https://bit.ly/phstheatrebrixx>)  
**February 4: 5-9 PM** at Chipotle in Waverly (tell the cashier you're with PHS Boosters or use code RLVXCA7 if ordering online)

Thanks to all who dine out!

(Submitted 12/06/2022 by Erica McGee, [ericaallenmcgee@hotmail.com](mailto:ericaallenmcgee@hotmail.com))

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### **Updated – Student Government Update**

We hope everyone had a relaxing winter break 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. All Leadership applications were due **January 5**, and teacher recommendations are due on Monday, **January 9**. Interviews, the final step of the application process, are **January 9-17** before and after school. We can't wait to read your applications and get to know you all better.

In the coming months, 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, please contact the Leadership advisor, Laura Bauer ([lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us)).

*(Submitted 1/5/2023 by Natalie Kim)*

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## 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: 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](mailto:virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## New - 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](mailto: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  |
|----------|---|--|--|--|---|
| <b>9</b> | <b>10</b><br>Girls/Boys<br>JV/V<br>Basketball @<br>Garinger | <b>11</b><br>Wrestling vs<br>Charlotte<br>Catholic | <b>12</b><br>Indoor Track<br>@ Providence<br><br>Girls/Boys<br>Swim & Dive<br>@ MCAC | <b>13</b><br>Girls/Boys<br>JV/V<br>Basketball @<br>East Meck | <b>14</b><br>Wrestling @<br>Piedmont High<br>School |

\*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

***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](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 0.5% 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**

### **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](mailto: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 and Field:** For information, 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).

### **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 [carl.church@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:carl.church@cms.k12.nc.us).

**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:** 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](mailto: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](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:** Congratulations to the following players for their post-season recognition: All State 2nd Team, Leah "Mav" Powell; All Conference 1st Team, Leah "Mav" Powell and Frances Asby; All Conference 2nd Team, Avery Bogan and Brynn Sanders. 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 [carl.church@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:carl.church@cms.k12.nc.us).

**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).