

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## July 14, 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

July 31	Fall Sports Tryouts Begin
August 10	Student Parking Permit Sale for Qualifying Seniors
August 11	Student Parking Permit Sale for Qualifying Juniors
August 19	Fall Campus Beautification Day
August 25	New Student Orientation
August 28	First Day of School

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families:

Happy summer! I hope your children are enjoying a wonderful summer break, and I hope you have been able to spend some time with them.

We are pleased to report that graduation was a great celebration for our seniors and their families. Over the last several weeks, test scores from End-of-Course exams and AP exams have been coming in, and you will be excited to know that academic achievement at Providence remains HIGH. During the pandemic, we saw a decline in academic achievement (among other skills) in our students. For the last two school years, we have continued to see a strong rebound in student achievement. We are so proud of our students and the teachers who prepare them! The EOC test results have not been certified so I'm not allowed to share the details until later in the fall. Our AP exam scores look awesome, but we do not have comparison data yet. Please stay tuned...

During the summer months, we often get questions about **summer school**. By CMS Board Policy, students may attend private (non-CMS) summer school with the PRIOR permission of the principal. I approve requests for summer school only if a student has previously failed the specific course and wants to make it up at an approved summer school site. The prior approval forms are available in our guidance office. In addition, CMS is offering summer school for many core classes for students who

previously failed them. If you have any questions about summer school, please contact the guidance office. We have a counselor working throughout the summer to assist you.

Looking forward...we are at the halfway mark of the summer, and it's time to start thinking about events and procedures to start another year. I have made a list of the important items below so that you are all informed and I encourage you to share this information with your child:

**You are receiving this newsletter because you are on our listserv.** If you know any new Providence parents who have not received it, please share with them the process to sign up for our Listserv so they do not miss any other important information. On the PHS website, click Parents and Students in the upper right corner, click PTSO, and click Newsletters on the top tool bar. Follow the directions to sign up to receive school communication. Make sure to click the appropriate grade level for your child.

**Summer Reading** is REQUIRED for all students in Honors English students (grades 9-12), AP English, AP Seminar, and AP Research. Some grade levels have a written assignment as well. Summer reading is highly suggested for all standard level English students as well. In keeping with the district-wide push to improve literacy in CMS, we want to help our students avoid the summer slump. If students haven't started yet, it is time for them to do so. What better way to start the year than with a strong grade in English class because students took the time to do it right? See [this link](#) for the specific books and assignments per grade level. Since the students have summer reading assignments, our counselors would like to suggest a summer read for parents as well. Several years ago, our counselors read *How to Raise an Adult* by Julie Lythcott-Haims and found it quite informative to them as parents and educators. I have recommended it to parents in the past and want to do so again for the benefit of our new parents or those who might have missed it. The author is the former Dean of Freshmen at Stanford University, and she uses many anecdotes from her time in this role to help parents avoid certain pitfalls. Other high schools across the country have recommended this to their parents. The book discusses how parenting has changed over the years and decades, the impact of technology on our families, etc. It can be found in paperback on Amazon.

**At school we are working hard on the master schedule.** Our objective is to ensure that every student has a great schedule designed specifically for them. More information will be sent to you about accessing your child's schedule in PowerSchool in mid-August. Schedules will not be ready until then. We are still working to hire teachers so that we have the best teachers for our students, and we have many more steps to complete before the schedule is ready for students.

**Student parking permits** will be sold on **Thursday, August 10 for qualifying seniors** and **Friday, August 11 for qualifying juniors**. We have about 600 parking spaces but have 1,000 students in the junior and senior classes combined. So we must sell parking spaces based on established criteria. Students with a cumulative weighted GPA of 2.5 and higher may apply to select a student parking permit. Students can verify their cumulative GPA in Naviance. Look for the weighted GPA. There are specific times allotted depending upon student GPA where students will select their parking space. Permits may not be purchased early. Applications and additional information will be under the Announcements section of the home page of our website by **July 15**. Please read the application carefully, print it, complete it in ink, and remind students to bring the necessary copies of their driver's license and vehicle registration with them to the school at the designated time. We will not be able to make copies for students at school. Students who will be out of town at these times, and who otherwise qualify to purchase a parking permit, can send their completed forms by a parent or friend who can select the space for them. We will reserve the space and affix the parking permit to their vehicle on another date. Juniors and seniors who do not yet have their driver's license will have an opportunity later to purchase a parking permit (after school starts). Right now, we are selling permits only to students who qualify and have their actual license.

**The Providence student dress code is on our website.** Under Parents and Students, click Policies. As you plan back-to-school shopping, please reference the dress code so that students comply with our expectations beginning on the first day. Rising 9th graders need *to pay special attention* to the dress code at Providence as it differs from the dress code at some of our feeder middle schools. Students who are not in compliance will receive administrative consequences as outlined in the dress code policy. The dress code is the same as last year. Please note that shorts, skirts, tops over leggings, etc., are to be fist length. Please carefully watch the length of shorts. Tops over shorts may not be longer than the shorts underneath. We must be able to see that the student is wearing shorts. Providence remains a very high performing school partly because we maximize time in class and minimize disruptions in school, including those created by dress code violations. We appreciate your partnership to continue this tradition.

**New Student Orientation for rising 9th graders and students new to Providence** (where students can follow their schedule and find their way around Providence) is **Friday, August 25, 3-5 PM**. We will have an information session in the auditorium at **3 PM** for students with last names A-L and again at **4 PM** for students with last names M-Z. This will give an opportunity for new students and parents to hear about the procedures for the opening days of school, the lunchroom process, afternoon dismissal procedures, etc. More information will be emailed directly to rising 9th grade parents in August. This event will help our new students become comfortable with our school layout. Students will be able to find their way from 1st block to 2nd block and so on.

**When school starts, we will begin the first several days in homeroom**, which will be listed on the student schedule when provided. School supply lists will be included in each teacher's course prospectus, which will be distributed and explained to students on the first day of school. For the first days of school, students will need the basics (paper, pens, pencils, calculator, etc.). After students receive their course prospectus, they can get the specific supplies needed for their classes.

**Fall sports officially begin July 31.** Visit the PHS Athletics link on our school website for information on summer workouts and try out information. The mandatory pre-season parent meeting will be communicated to parents by the fall coaches after **July 31**.

Please look forward to another update from us via US mail around **August 10** (this will contain bus rider information) and via email around the middle of August. Until then, please continue to enjoy your summer! I look forward to seeing you and your child in August!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, Principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New – Class of 2024 Senior Portraits**

Class of 2024, you have all summer to schedule your senior portrait appointment at Cady Studios at a time convenient for you. You must have a formal portrait taken by Cady to have it appear in the yearbook. The studio is located at 2201 Crownpoint Executive Drive #E.

Click [here](#) to book your appointment. Click [here](#) for additional details. Email Pamela Mann at [pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us) with questions.

(Submitted 7/12/2023 by Pamela Mann, [pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us))

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## **New – Summer Service Hours Available**

Students, do you need service hours for a club, honor society, class, or service award scholarship? Sign up for Ms. Edens' Workday Wednesdays (**July 26, August 2, and August 9**) to earn hours and help with campus beautification at the same time. Click [here](#) to sign up.

You will work outside and in the greenhouse. Please bring water, bug spray, and sunscreen. Students who want to work together as a group but can't sign up on the given dates should email Ms. Edens at [loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us).

*(Submitted 7/12/2023 by Michelle Edens, [loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **New – Fall Beautification Day**

Show your Panther Pride and join us **Saturday, August 19** to help us beautify the campus before the start of the new school year. We will need help weeding, mulching, and trimming, etc. We will also need at least 12-14 adults, so please recruit your parents and neighbors! Click [here](#) to sign up. Remember, this counts toward your volunteer hours.

If you have any questions, email Jane Mokos at [janemokos@gmail.com](mailto:janemokos@gmail.com) or Melynda Ciafre at [melynciafre@gmail.com](mailto:melynciafre@gmail.com).

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## **New - Attention Providence High School Athletic Families**

There are less than three weeks left to get your student-athlete registered on Dragonfly! Remember, your student-athlete may not participate until you complete the Dragonfly registration! Click here to access Dragonfly: <http://dragonflymax.com/forms/R6Q8VM>. You must:

- Complete and sign all forms
- Upload a copy of your insurance card
- Upload a current and updated copy of your physical
- Upload two proofs of residency

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# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

## **New – Pride of Providence Marching Band Starts Fall Season**

The Pride of Providence marching band starts its fall season with band camp on **July 27** and will continue Monday through Friday until **August 11**. The band will perform a portion of their production "Lighthouse" at the parent preview on **August 19 at 6 PM**. Come out to support your marching band!

New members are still welcome to sign up. If you are interested, please email Nicholas Blackwood, Director of Bands, at [nicholasw.blackwood@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:nicholasw.blackwood@cms.k12.nc.us).

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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.*

## ATHLETICS

[PHS Athletics Website](#)

[Online Providence Team Stores](#)

[Follow PHS Athletics on Twitter - @ProvSports2023](#)

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

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Complete and sign all forms

Upload a copy of your insurance card

Upload a current and updated copy of your physical

Upload two proofs of residency

### **New - Student-Athletes: Register on Dragonfly**

The Providence Athletics website has been updated and is now the best place to go to locate the latest news on our Providence athletic teams: [Providence Athletic Zone](#). We also have a new Providence sports Twitter account: [Providence Sports Twitter](#).

### **New - Providence Athletic Club (PAC) Information**

**Membership:** 2023-2024 PAC memberships will be available for purchase on [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com) in early August. The membership provides students, individuals, and families entrance to home sporting events at Providence High School (excluding club sports and home playoff games). The membership program has several options.

**Engraved Bricks:** Purchase an engraved brick for your student and/or family to remember your time at PHS. Bricks are displayed in the patio area of the stadium. Bricks will be available for purchase throughout the year beginning in early August on [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com).

**Sponsorship:** If you know any company interested in a corporate sponsorship for the 2023-2024 school year, please email Kim Henry at [khenry696@gmail.com](mailto:khenry696@gmail.com) or Syndee Lee at [syndeealee@gmail.com](mailto:syndeealee@gmail.com) for information about the PAC sponsorship program.

**Foundation for Excellence (FFE) Fundraiser:** To help support PHS athletic programs, PAC raises funds annually to purchase athletic equipment, provide transportation, senior recognition banners, and scholarships, assist with facility maintenance, and engage in special projects. Beginning in early August, student-athletes can pay their fee on [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com). Look for PAC Foundation for Excellence Athletic Support Fund. We ask parents of students playing one sport to pay an \$80 fee. If a student plays multiple sports throughout the year, we ask for a \$130 fee. The PAC is a charitable organization so these donations are tax deductible and qualify for matching by employers who have a gift matching program.

### **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 at any Harris Teeter or at [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com). You can link up to five school organizations to each VIC card.

### **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**

### **FALL SPORTS**

**Cheerleading:** Tryouts are **July 31-August 2** from **3:30 to 5:30 PM** in the PHS mall. Practice will begin **August 3**. If you are interested in trying out, please complete [this interest form](#). We will use the responses in this form to share all tryout, practice, and game-related information. Email Megan DeJohn at [megandejohn@gmail.com](mailto:megandejohn@gmail.com) with any questions. For information, visit our webpage at <https://phscheer1.weebly.com>.

**Men's Cross Country:** Mandatory practice starts **August 1 at 7 AM** at McAlpine Creek Park. All forms are to be completed by **July 21** on <https://www.DragonFlymax.com>. Please join the XC Team Remind: Text @2023outdo to 81010. For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Cross Country:** Mandatory practice starts **August 1 at 7 AM** at McAlpine Creek Park. All forms are to be completed by **July 21** on <https://www.DragonFlymax.com>. Please join the XC Team Remind: Text @2023outdo to 81010. For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Field Hockey:** If you are interested in playing field hockey, email Coach Sanders at [phs.fieldhockey.club@gmail.com](mailto:phs.fieldhockey.club@gmail.com). Team Instagram: @provfieldhockey

**Football:** To join the parent football distribution list, email [providence.football2023@gmail.com](mailto:providence.football2023@gmail.com). To reach Coach Weslee 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 [carefreehighway33@gmail.com](mailto:carefreehighway33@gmail.com).

**Men's Soccer:** For more information, contact Coach Kovach at [mikekovach06@gmail.com](mailto:mikekovach06@gmail.com).

**New - Women's Tennis:** Tryouts are **July 31-August 3** from **8 AM to 10 AM**. Students must have submitted all of their updated information (physicals, etc.) to [DragonFly](#) before they can try out. For information, contact Coach Oxendine at [joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Volleyball:** For information, contact Coach Hamlett at [mayag.hamlett@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:mayag.hamlett@cms.k12.nc.us).

## **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 <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](#). Follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/ProvidenceRugby/>.

**Swimming and Diving:** For information, contact Coach Davis at [providenceswimdive@gmail.com](mailto:providenceswimdive@gmail.com).

**Indoor Track & 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 [carefreehighway33@gmail.com](mailto:carefreehighway33@gmail.com).

**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 Jackson at [Rodney.jackson37t@yahoo.com](mailto:Rodney.jackson37t@yahoo.com)

**New - Softball:** We are in the process of hiring our new softball coach. Check back here for updates.

**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:** For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

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