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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## June 2, 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

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| June 8          | Graduation Rehearsal, 5:30-7 PM, Bojangles Coliseum |
| June 9          | Last Day of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter                 |
| June 12-June 13 | Teacher Workdays – No School                        |
| June 14         | Graduation Day, 12:30-2 PM, Bojangles Coliseum      |

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS Parents and Families:

Our seniors have had a great senior week – full of activities and events just for them. We've had fun seeing them in their different dress-up themes each day. Today, was "Decades day" where many of them dressed like it was a different decade, past or future, so wouldn't you know one of them wore a dinosaur costume to school! That one took the prize. Our students make us laugh. I think we all need a little more laughter in our lives.

We also met with our Seniors this week to discuss the graduation ceremony. Parents of Seniors will receive an email, probably on Monday, with many of the specific details we discussed with the students in case your child did not come home and tell you everything. Please stay tuned for that.

As we finish up the year, next week, **June 5 – 9**, is the FINAL EXAM week for all students. [Here](#) is the schedule. Please note that students who have exams, may not leave early. All of our students deserve a silent testing environment so they can do their best, free of distraction. Therefore, if your child has a doctor's appointment or otherwise must leave during the exam time, they will need to rearrange the appointment or plan to take the make-up exam on June 9.

During exam week, *some* of our students can arrive late or leave early **IF** they are in the courses in which they have already taken their final exams and **IF** they have do not have more than 10 absences in the course. Here is the plan:

## Late Arrival / Early Dismissal for *some* classes during Exam Week

There are several courses in which students have already taken their final exam. Students in those classes have asked about late arrival / early dismissal during exam week. We have created the following plan which applies to students in these classes ONLY:

**AP courses, English 2, Marketing, Digital Marketing, Intro to Adobe, Adobe Video, Adobe Visual, Entrepreneurship, Python, CTE Internship, Advanced Studies, Drafting 1 and Drafting 2. (Students in a class with a FINAL EXAM will NOT be released early).**

ATTENDANCE COUNTS AND WILL BE TAKEN IN ALL CLASSES (even those listed above).

A day students who do not have a B day exam (and can afford the absence) may sign out early. Students are to follow the normal sign out procedure with dismissal at 9:45am. The normal sign out procedure is for students to bring a signed note from a parent, including phone number, and submit it to the main office by 7:15am. At 9:45am, the student will pick up the early dismissal slip from the office and may then depart campus.

B day students who do not have an A day exam (and can afford the absence) may arrive late. They are to follow the normal sign in procedure. They may enter the front door of the school or they may enter the student parking lot door (if they are an approved student driver). They should be on campus by 9:30am so they can sign in, go through the scanner, and be in class on time for their B day exam. Students will wait in the mall until the 9:45am bell and will then proceed to class.

Students in the courses listed above who cannot afford the absence are expected in class on time. They will have study hall so they should bring materials to maximize their time.

As we close out school and move into the exciting summer months, we have again provided students in honors and AP English classes with a **Required Summer Reading** opportunity. There is a large body of academic research that shows reading during the summer months helps prevent the summer slide (or backwards decline in reading comprehension). Our teachers have chosen these selections to support the theme for the year in English and preface other readings we will embark upon during the school year. The summer reading assignment grade will be one of the very first next year so students are encouraged to start off strong by doing a good job on this assignment. [Here](#) is the link to the Summer Reading webpage.

Speaking of summer, CMS will offer summer school for students who have failed a course. Counselors have begun reaching out to students and families to register students for the appropriate summer school class(es). If this applies to your child, please be on the lookout for information from the counselor.

I hope you have a great weekend. Please remind your child to do some studying for their final exams. It is not best to cram the night before an exam. A little studying each day for a few days prior is a great strategy. We want our students to FINISH STRONG. They are ready and we know they can do it.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, Principal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **New – Update from Mews editorial team**

This is the last edition of Mews for the current school year. Be on the lookout for the middle of summer edition of Mews in July.

*(Submitted 6/2/2023 by Mews Editorial Team)*

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## **New – PAC Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Award Winners**

Congratulations to 2023 PHS Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Student Athlete award winners.

Scott Katowitz Memorial Scholarship for Leadership

\$1,000 Lilly Deaton, Softball

\$500 Clayton Gaither, Basketball

Bell-Davis-Kessie Scholarship for Spirit

\$1,000 Blair Taylor, Cross Country and Track & Field

\$500 Esther Manoim, Soccer

Coaches Award Scholarship

\$1,000 Ben Delmar, Swimming

\$500 Berkeley Whitten, Softball

Best of luck to all the amazing student athletes in their next life adventure!

*(Submitted 5/31/2023 by Kristi Datta, [Kristi.datta@gmail.com](mailto:Kristi.datta@gmail.com))*

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## **Elizabeth Lane Elementary Class of 2023 Senior Walk**

Seniors who attended Elizabeth Lane Elementary are invited to walk the halls of ELE in their cap and gown for a pre-graduation celebration on **June 7 at 1:30 PM**. Parents of seniors may also attend. Seniors and parents should park in the bus lot. Seniors, you do not have to sign in when you arrive. Parents, arrive by **1:15 PM** to allow time to sign in through LobbyGuard (with a photo ID). Group photos will be taken in the courtyard at **1:55 PM** and on the front sidewalk at **2 PM**.

We can't wait to welcome our former Hawks back to the halls of ELE!

*(Submitted 5/15/2023 by Crystal Lail, [crystal.lail@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:crystal.lail@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **Navy JROTC Awards and Summer Training Schedule**

Navy JROTC held its annual end-of-year awards ceremony on May 3. Numerous awards recognized our top cadets in the program based on academics, community service, team participation, physical fitness, and leadership. The Cadet of the Year is Jasmine Laing. The cadet of the year is awarded annually to the top performing cadet in JROTC I.

The cadet staff for 2023-2024 includes Aaditya Pattanaik, commanding officer; Sirivennala Julakanty, executive officer; and Ashleigh Plyler, cadet master chief petty officer.

### **Summer Training Schedule**

New Cadet Orientation: **July 24-26, 8 AM-12 PM** at the Providence NJROTC trailers

Drill Camp: **July 31-August 3, 8 AM-12 PM** at the Providence NJROTC trailers

Wear comfortable clothing that is PHS/CMS dress code-compliant and sneakers.

Email Commander Davin O’Hora at [davinj.ohora@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:davinj.ohora@cms.k12.nc.us) for details.

(Submitted 5/17/2023 by Ricky A. Osborne, [rickya.osborne@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:ricky.osborne@cms.k12.nc.us))

## **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

## **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 - @ProvAthletics](#)

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

### **Events for the Week**

Spring sports are in playoffs. Please follow the teams’ social media accounts to find their game times and locations. Good luck to our Panthers through the playoffs and other tournaments and meets.

### **PAC Membership**

A PAC membership is valid for the entire school year – all sports, any season, multiple membership options. (Does not include club sports and home playoff games.) Engraved bricks are also available for purchase for your student and/or family to remember your time as PHS. Bricks are displayed outside the field and are for sale all school year. Memberships and bricks can be purchased online at <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>.

### **Foundations for Excellence (FFE)**

Providence Athletics’ main fundraiser is funded by all sports players’ FFE fee. If the student’s first sport is in the spring, then the expectation is that \$80 is donated to the fundraiser. For students who have played another sport, the donation for the year is \$130. So, if you paid \$80 earlier this year and your student is now playing a second sport, please donate an additional \$50. The fee can be paid on <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>. Look for PAC Foundation for Excellence Athletic Support Fund.

### **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 this information must be completed before first games, but many coaches may require this to be completed 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.

### **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**

**New – New Additions to The Athletic Program** - We are excited to announce that we have four new additions to the Athletic Program. Congratulations to the new additions and welcome to the Providence Family!

- Athletic Director - Jonathan Castator “Coach Caz”
- Men’s Soccer Coach - Michael Kovach
- Women’s Soccer Coach - Rodney Jackson
- Women’s Volleyball - Maya Hamlett

## **FALL SPORTS**

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

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

**New – Women’s Soccer:** For information, contact Coach Jackson at [Rodney.jackson37t@yahoo.com](mailto:Rodney.jackson37t@yahoo.com)

**Updated – Cheerleading:** We are excited to get ready for our PHS Fall 2023 Varsity and JV cheerleading. **Tryouts will be held July 31-August 2 from 3:30-5:30 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 from this form to share all tryout, practice, and game-related information. Reach out to Megan DeJohn ([megandejohn@gmail.com](mailto:megandejohn@gmail.com)) with any questions. Thanks!

**Updated – Men’s Cross Country:** Summer training starts **Saturday, June 10!** Mandatory practice starts on **Tuesday, August 1 at 7 AM** at McAlpine Creek Park. All forms are to be completed by **Friday, July 21** on <https://www.DragonFlymax.com>. Please join the XC Team Remind: Send a text to: 81010, text this message: @2023outdo. For more information, please contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Updated – Women’s Cross Country:** Summer training starts **Saturday, June 10!** Mandatory practice starts on **Tuesday, August 1 at 7 AM** at McAlpine Park. All forms are to be completed by

**Friday, July 21** on <https://www.DragonFlymax.com> Please join the XC Team Remind: Send a text to: 81010, text this message: @2023outdo. For information, please contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Updated – Men’s Track & Field:** Reid Herring and Devin Coleman both competed in the 4A Track & Field State Championships at North Carolina A&T! The awards ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, June 6 at 5:30 PM** in the auditorium. For information, please contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Updated – Women’s Track & Field:** The 4x800m relay team of Isabella Hall, Helen Chen, Blair Taylor, and Keely Bradle competed at the 4A Track & Field State Championships at North Carolina A&T! Keely also competed in the 3200m run. The awards ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, June 6 at 5:30 PM** in the auditorium. For information, please contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@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 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@panthersrugby.com). 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).

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

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

**Women’s Soccer:** For information, contact Coach Jackson at [Rodney.jackson37t@yahoo.com](mailto:Rodney.jackson37t@yahoo.com)

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

**Women's Track & Field:** For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).