

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

March 10, 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

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 Workdays – No School
June 14	Class of '23 Graduation Day

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families:

Next week, we will have a week full of events sponsored by our Student Government / Leadership class. We are in the midst of the **Student Hunger Drive** and are organizing many competitions between homeroom classes, between grade levels, between clubs, etc. to create a fun way to raise awareness and interest in the food drive. Thus, we entitled the week, "Versus Week." Ultimately, we want to raise lots of money and food to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank. And, of course, we'd love to earn the top spot as the high school that raised the most for them! Those bragging rights would be great fun. Below this message in the *Mews*, please see all the details for the week in an article from the Leadership class.

Students in 4x4 classes will have mid-term exams on **March 21 – 24** during their regular class time. All other classes will continue to meet as usual. The last day of the 3rd quarter is **March 24**. The 4th quarter begins on **March 28**.

We are continuing the Course Request process for next year.

- 1) Each year, we have a few juniors or seniors who are able to skip Chemistry (which is a pre-requisite) and go directly into AP Chemistry or AP Biology. Since Chemistry is a pre-requisite course, we want to make sure students will be successful even if they skip the foundational skill building course. If students who have already passed Biology, want to skip Chemistry and enroll in AP Chemistry or AP Biology for next year (2023-24), and they have strong math and science skills, they can submit their request at this [link](#). They will have a records review and/or an interview with either Dr. Krahn or Ms. Wise. **The deadline to request and complete the link is Friday, March 24.** Once a decision is made about permitting the student to skip Chemistry, the student will be contacted by his/ her counselor.
- 2) Rising sophomores take Civic Literacy, a graduation requirement, in 10th grade. AP Government and Politics will now count toward the Civic Literacy graduation requirement. Our counselors have already met with the rising 10th grade students. If a rising 10th grader wants to take AP Government and Politics instead of Honors Civic Literacy, please complete the request at this [link](#). Please refer to the full course description in our PHS Course Offering Guide to ensure that your child has the time, commitment, and work ethic to manage this AP class prior to requesting AP Government instead of Honors Civic Literacy. Families should consider that the majority of students in AP Government will be upper classmen who have previously completed Honors Civics and will have a deeper background prior to enrolling in AP Government. Rising 10th graders should expect work outside of class to fill in some knowledge gaps because they have not previously taken Civic Literacy. **The deadline to request and complete the link is Friday, March 24.**

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – 2023-2024 PTSO Opportunities

Volunteering is said to make people happier and the PTSO has opportunities just for you! If you are looking to get involved with PHS but not sure where to start, we have 3 committees that need volunteers. We have Spirit Wear positions, Beautification positions and Staff Support positions!

Please contact Megan Walsh at mlwalsh5@icloud.com if interested. Thank you and GO PANTHERS!

(Submitted 3/9/2023 by Megan Walsh, mlwalsh5@icloud.com)

New – PHS Staff Appreciation Week Donations

PHS Staff Appreciation Week is coming up on **April 24-28** and we need your help showing the PHS staff how much we appreciate all they do for our students!

The PTSO has a fun week of food and treats planned and will also present a well-deserved special gift to each staff member. We rely on your donations to make all of this happen!

Donations may be made by logging onto Pay4SchoolStuff at: <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com/>. (Just add "Donations for Staff Appreciation Week" to your cart with your donation amount entered!).

Thank you so much for your support!

(Submitted 3/9/2023 by Kate Milheim, katemilheim@hotmail.com)

New – President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Reminder: Providence High School students have until **March 13** to complete their volunteer hours for this school year's award! All paperwork is due to Ms. Haywood in the Guidance Department by **Wednesday, March 15 at 3 PM**. No late paperwork will be accepted. When students turn in their paperwork, they will need to sign the PVSA Log Sheet with their name, date, signature, and have a Providence staff member also sign it. Please do not just leave your application in the guidance office. It cannot be accepted for verification without a staff member verifying the time/date it was turned in. We look forward to seeing the wonderful ways Providence students give back to our community!

If you have any questions about the PVSA, please email providence.pvsa@gmail.com

(Submitted 3/8/2023 by Helen Kim, helenckim@gmail.com)

Senior Yard Signs

It's not too late! Celebrate your 2023 PHS Senior by displaying a Senior Yard Sign on your lawn! Purchasing is fast and easy through the P4SS site. Once the payment is processed, you will get an email notifying you that your sign is ready for pickup in the front office. Congratulations to you and your senior!

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Johnson at amyhjohanson@gmail.com

(Submitted 3/3/2023 by Amy Johnson, amyhjohanson@gmail.com)

Cap and Gown Portraits and Yearbook Order Deadline

Class of '23 Parents, cap and gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady Studios. Celebrate this special achievement. Go to cady.com/capgown23 to order.

Time is running out to order your 2023 Prowler yearbook! We have 110 yearbooks left to sell, and we have sold out the past six years. Click [here](#) to place your order today.

(Submitted 3/2/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

New – PHS Musical

The PHS drama department is proud to present “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street”. Come see this musical by Stephen Sondheim about a man seeking revenge for a life stolen by corruption. **March 24-26** and **March 31-April 2**. This Tony Award-winning tale of love, murder, and revenge is dark and witty and due to mature content is appropriate for ages 12 and up.

We are also collecting cans for the annual student hunger drive campaign. Bring ten cans to the show or donate \$5 and receive a free concession item. Buy your tickets here. <https://bit.ly/SweeneyPHS>

(Submitted 3/8/2023 by Erica McGee, ericaallenmcgee@hotmail.com)

New – PHS Orchestra Fundraiser

Don't feel like cooking? The PHS Orchestra invites you to consider a meal at Nothing but Noodles in Stonecrest. Choose to dine in or take out, order [online](#) or in person and 25% of your order will go back to the PHS orchestra. Bon Appetit!

What – PHS Orchestra fundraiser

Where – Nothing but Noodles, 7930 Rea Road

When – **Thursday, March 16** from **4 PM to 8 PM**

(Submitted 3/7/2023 by Kate Uslan, kateuslan@gmail.com)

Student Government Update

Hello Providence families,

We hope you are all doing well. On March 1, we kicked off our annual Student Hunger Drive campaign. We are partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank to collect canned food and monetary donations. We will also be having homeroom and club competitions, and prizes will be awarded! CANZ 12.0 (our annual Student Hunger Drive music video) will also be released in March. On **March 14**, we will have Chipotle fundraiser night and on the **March 23** we will have a Nothing But Noodles fundraiser. All proceeds from these fundraisers will go toward the Student Hunger Drive. Locations and times for these nights will be announced soon.

To donate to the Student Hunger Drive online, please use the link below.

<http://bit.ly/ProvSHDOnlineDonation>

Providence Leadership is hosting our annual ReVersus pep rally on **March 17** during 4th block! There will be Pie a Panther, a student dodgeball tournament, student-teacher tug of war, and the ReVersus team winner will be crowned. Tickets are \$5 and are for sale on Online School Payments (OSP) through **March 10**. All students are welcome to attend! Get your tickets now. Proceeds from ticket sales are going toward the Student Hunger Drive.

The week of **March 13**, we will be having our Versus Spirit Week. On **Friday March 17**, we will cap off Versus with the dodgeball tournament and the pep rally.

Applications to participate in the Versus dodgeball tournament have now been closed. We are excited to see all of the teams compete!

As we progress into the spring sports season, make sure to come out and support your Panthers in their athletic events.

At these games below, we will be collecting donations for the Student Hunger Drive. Please bring your cans or monetary donations to these home games. There will be fun, spirited prizes available at each game.

Women's Soccer:

- **Thursday, March 16** vs Independence (**7 PM**)

Baseball:

- **Friday, March 17** vs Butler (**6:30 PM**)

Track:

- **Wednesday, March 22** Home Meet (**4 PM**)

Make sure to also follow @ProvidenceEB on Instagram for more information on games and other upcoming events!

If you have any questions, please contact the Leadership advisor, Laura Bauer (lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us). Thank you!

(Submitted 3/1/2023 by Aarav Bhaskar, aaravbhaskar09@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 – Daniel B. Kellas Community Service Scholarship

Named in honor and loving memory of a dedicated former member of our service club, the Daniel B. Kellas Community Service Scholarship honors a graduating high school senior who has demonstrated a high school life of service to their school and/or to their community.

Scholarship Award: \$2,500 paid in three (3) parts: \$1,000 directly to the recipient's college/university tuition account prior to each semester, and \$500 paid directly to the recipient.

Qualifications: Open to graduating students from any of our three partnered schools: David W. Butler High School, Providence Senior High School, and Trinity Prep, and to qualifying children of the members of the Kiwanis Club of Matthews.

Application due: **March 20**. Go to website for application and more information: <https://www.matthewskiwanis.org/scholarship>

(Submitted 3/6/2023 by Ginger Obringer, virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us)

PAC Scholarships

2022 – 2023 PAC Scholarship Nominations Now Open

The PAC will award scholarships to six deserving senior athletes in the areas of leadership (2) and spirit (2). There will also be a Coaches Award given to two outstanding athletes nominated by his or her varsity coach.

PAC scholarships are open to senior athletes of both school sports and club sports. To be eligible to interview for a PAC scholarship the athlete must have paid their team FFE for 2022-2023. The form is now live. Only nominations/applications submitted through this [google form](#) will be accepted. The deadline is **April 6**.

If you have any questions please contact the PAC Scholarship Chair at phspacscholarship.2022@gmail.com

(Submitted 3/2/2023 by Monique Parker, jmonique.parker@yahoo.com)

ATHLETICS

[PHS Athletics Website](#)

[Online Providence Team Stores](#)

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

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

Upcoming Events: March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14	15	16	17	18
	JV/V Baseball @ Butler	Boys Tennis @ Ardrey Kell	JV/V Girls Lacrosse @ Charlotte Catholic	JV/V Baseball vs Butler	Boys/Girls Track @ Marvin Ridge
	JV/V Girls Soccer @ Marvin Ridge	V Softball @ Weddington	V Boys Lacrosse @ Cuthbertson	V Softball vs Independence	
	V Girls Lacrosse vs Catawba Ridge	Girls/Boys Track @ Weddington	JV/V Girls Soccer vs Hickory Ridge		
			Men's Tennis @ Butler		

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

PAC Membership

Spring Sports are HERE! 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>.

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.

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 .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

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: 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: The participation fee needs to be paid ASAP on <https://www.dragonflymax.com>. For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Track & Field: The participation fee needs to be paid ASAP on <https://www.dragonflymax.com>. 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.

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 & Field - Devin Coleman placed 3rd in the shot put earning "All State" honors, Reid Herring placed 5th in the high jump and Keely Bradle was 8th in the 3200m run at the 4A State Indoor Track & Field Championships. For information on indoor track and field, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Wrestling: For information, contact Coach Bosak at scotte.bosak@cms.k12.nc.us.