

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

March 17, 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:

Tomorrow, **Saturday, March 18**, CMS will host the drill meet for all JROTC programs throughout the district. **THERE CAN BE NO VEHICLES parked on campus**. We will have to tow any vehicle left on campus. We have discussed this with the students several times this week but wanted to make our parents aware as well. Thank you!

We have had a fun Spirit Week this week at Providence. Organized by our Leadership class, we have had competitions to see how many cans students can donate to the Student Hunger Drive. We've had themed dress-up days, and we ended the week with a dodgeball tournament and "Pie a Panther" contest. Ultimately, it has all been to bring awareness and raise funds for the Second Harvest Food Bank. To give online toward the food bank and have your gift go toward Providence's overall donation, please visit this [link](#).

Mid-Term exam week is next week. 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 third quarter is **March 24**. The fourth quarter begins on **March 28**. Also, during this coming week,

200 seniors are required to take the ACT WorkKeys test. This is an industry-ready exam (reading and math test) that gives the students a score of Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze. Students were notified today if they are required to take the test.

We are continuing the **Course Request process** for next year.

- 1) Each year, we have a few juniors or seniors who can 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 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 or 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.**

We are out of school on **Monday, March 27** for a teacher workday at the end of third quarter. On **Tuesday, March 28** we will administer the Panorama Survey, which is administered twice a year to all CMS students. We are asking that all our students participate in the survey, as their feedback will provide invaluable insight into their experiences and how to improve and adapt our school to their needs. The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on their own social-emotional learning skills, such as self-management and self-efficacy. The survey takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. We thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. McHugh (mark.mchugh@cms.k12.nc.us).

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

2023-2024 PTSO Opportunities

Volunteering is said to make people happier, and the PTSO has opportunities for you! If you would like to get involved with PHS but are not sure where to start, we have three committees that need volunteers: spirit wear, beautification, and staff support.

Please contact Megan Walsh at mlwalsh5@icloud.com if interested.

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

PHS Staff Appreciation Week Donations

PHS Staff Appreciation Week is **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>. (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)

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 Pay4SchoolStuff at <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>. Once the payment is processed, you will receive 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 amylhjohnson@gmail.com.

(Submitted 3/3/2023 by Amy Johnson, amylhjohnson@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. 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

PHS Musical

The PHS drama department is proud to present "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" **March 24-26** and **March 31-April 2**. Come see this musical by Stephen Sondheim about a man seeking revenge for a life stolen by corruption. 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 10 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 -- Student Government Update

We hope you are all doing well. We are currently hosting our annual Student Hunger Drive. We need your help to help end hunger! Approximately 489,000 people in our 24-county region live at or below the poverty level. Over 42% of the people at risk of hunger in our region are children and seniors - 159,000 children and 52,000 seniors. We need to take action to help our community. A \$1 donation is equivalent to seven pounds of food. Please take a moment to visit the link below and help make a difference in ending hunger. Your contributions will go a long way in both our community and our world.

Online donation link: <http://bit.ly/ProvSHDOnlineDonation>.

On **March 22** our track team has a home meet at **4 PM**. We will be there collecting cans and monetary donations for the Student Hunger Drive. Please come support your Panthers athletes and bring some cans.

On **March 23**, we will have a Nothing But Noodles fundraiser from **4 PM to 8 PM** at the Stonecrest location. All proceeds from these fundraisers will go toward the Student Hunger Drive.

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

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

(Submitted 3/15/2023 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.

Daniel B. Kellas Community Service Scholarship

Named in honor and loving memory of a dedicated former member of the Kiwanis Club of Matthews, 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 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

The 2022–2023 PAC Scholarship nominations are now open for six scholarships that will be awarded to deserving senior athletes in the areas of leadership and spirit. A Coaches Award will also be 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, athletes 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 questions, please contact the PAC Scholarship chairperson 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
20	21	22	23	24	25
Boys Golf @ Charlotte Catholic	V Girls Lacrosse vs Sun Valley	JV/V Baseball @ Alexander Central	V Girls Soccer @ Garinger	V Softball @ Garinger	JV/V Baseball @ Asheville High
V Girls Lacrosse vs Parkwood	V Boys Lacrosse @ Butler	V Softball vs Hough	V Girls Lacrosse vs South Meck	Boys/Girls Track @ Weddington	Boys/Girls Track @ Weddington
JV/V Girls Soccer @ Myers Park	Boys Tennis @ East Meck	Girls/Boys Track @ Providence	V Boys Lacrosse @ South Meck		

Boys Tennis @ South Meck	JV/V Girls Soccer vs Rocky River		Boys Tennis vs. Catholic		
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*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

New -- 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.

New -- PAC Volunteers Needed

PAC has many open roles, and we need to extend our volunteer pool to support our student athletes. Whether you have a student athlete or just a passion to serve our future leaders, come out and volunteer. If you are interested in learning more about what roles are available and how you can get engaged and support PAC, please reach out to PAC president Tony Tomljanovic at ttomljanovic@carolina.rr.com.

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, with 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) 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. 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. 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 pyslaxcms@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: For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Track & Field: 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 p hs.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 - 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.