

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

March 24, 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:

Last night, you should have received a phone call from CMS outlining the process for student reassignment/school boundaries for the new south relief high school and new middle school. This reassignment plan may impact Providence and students who attend Providence. Here is the script of the message sent out last night:

Hello Charlotte-Mecklenburg School families:

As you may know, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is building a new relief high school and a new relief middle school in the southern part of Mecklenburg County. The district will be holding virtual and in person sessions March 27–30 to share information and gather input on potential school boundary changes. Community feedback and input in this redistricting process is valued as we develop a recommendation to present to the Board of Education for vote in late May 2023.

During the sessions, we will seek feedback on a draft scenario. Sessions will be held in person at South Mecklenburg and Myers Park high schools and virtually through Zoom. Please visit cmsk12.org and click on the Phase 2 South County relief banner for more information. Spanish interpreters will be available at all sessions, and the presentation recordings and slides will also be posted at cmsk12.org.

Thank you for your engagement in this process.

Students have worked hard on their 4x4 mid-term exams this week. We are out of school on Monday, March 27 for a teacher workday. On **Tuesday, March 28**, the first day of fourth quarter, we will administer the Panorama Survey in homeroom. This survey is administered twice a year to all students in CMS. We are asking that all of 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).

Also, on **Tuesday**, freshman, sophomores, and juniors will receive a copy of the courses they requested for next year (primary courses and alternates). Please review this with them. Students have until **Tuesday, April 4 at 3 PM to submit a last chance day form** if they have changed their mind about any of their requests. Forms will be available on our website and are due to the main office by the deadline. After **April 4 at 3 PM**, we will begin the scheduling/hiring process for next year, and changes cannot be made due to classes being full.

In other news, tonight, our spring musical, *Sweeney Todd*, opens. The musical begins at **7 PM on Friday and Saturday** and at **3 PM on Sunday**. It will show at the same times next weekend also. We have a full student-led orchestra, our set was designed and built by our students, and of course our actors, actresses, tech crew, and stage crew are all student teams led by students. We are so excited for them and for opening weekend as they have worked incredibly hard. *Sweeney Todd* is a dark show not suitable for young children. We hope you will come out to support our students and see their great work. Tickets are available in advance or at the door.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New -- Important Information for Seniors (Parents: please read)

Herff Jones representatives will be in the mall area during both lunches **April 25-26** to distribute graduation caps and gowns and announcements. Seniors, please pick up your items on these dates.

- Graduation rehearsal: **5:30 PM–7 PM on Thursday, June 8** at Bojangles Coliseum
- Graduation: **12:30 PM-2 PM on Wednesday, June 14** at Bojangles Coliseum

Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for all seniors. Please adjust your work schedule and do not plan college visits/orientations on this date. Also, if you have any unpaid financial obligations, you will not

be allowed to participate in the rehearsal. Seniors have received financial obligation notices throughout the school year and will continue to receive these notices through the end of May.

Parents, if your senior still needs to order their graduation cap and gown, please go to the Herff Jones website at www.hjcharlotte.com to place the order. Prices continue to increase, so get your order in quickly.

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Bowen at fritzig.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 3/22/2023 by Fritzi Bowen, fritzig.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Spring Plant Sale

The Providence horticulture department is thrilled to announce the return of our annual plant sale! Please join us **April 21-22** to stock up on flowering annuals, perennials, houseplants, succulents, fruits, and vegetables. This year we have added flowering and fruiting shrubs and more perennials. All proceeds go back into our agriculture program and fund class projects and field trips. The Providence greenhouse will be open to the public from **2:45 PM–4:30 PM** on **April 21** and **9 AM-3PM** on **April 22**. On Friday, please do not enter the parking lot until all school buses have left. Cash, checks, and online school payments will be accepted at the sale.

(Submitted 3/21/2023 by Michelle Edens, loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Spring Spirit Nights Are Back

Get ready for pizza from **11 AM to 10 PM** on **March 28** at Papa Johns, 7741 Colony Road. Please use the code PROVIDENCE for all orders, including phone-in, online, or through the app, and 20% will be donated back to #ONEPROV.

A shout out to Papa Johns for supporting PHS. A few weeks are still open, and if your business would like to host a spirit night, please reach out to Shannon at skinlaw1@att.net or Naomi at naomi90404@aol.com.

(Submitted 3/19/2023 by Shannon Kinlaw, skinlaw1@att.net)

New -- \$1,000 PTSO Scholarships Available

The PTSO is happy to announce that we will offer three \$1,000 scholarships to 2023 seniors. To be eligible, the student must be a **member of the PTSO**. If you are not a member and would like to join, please go to pay4schoolstuff.com.

Application instructions can be found at this [link](#).

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is **April 5**. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to ptso.scholarships@gmail.com.

(Submitted 3/19/2023 by Dana Xiao, danaxiao@gmail.com)

New – Information About South Charlotte Relief High School and Middle School

CMS is building a new relief high school and a new relief middle school in the southern part of the county. The district is eager to share the latest information regarding boundary development and receive your input before the school board votes on it in late **May**. Updates and community engagement sessions are now posted on the planning services webpage here: <https://charmeckschools.org/southcountyrelief>. Presentation recordings and slides will also be posted on this page.

On **March 14-15**, we held reset meetings, recapping what we have learned so far and presenting our next steps (no specific boundary scenarios were shown). During the sessions on **March 27-30**, we will ask for your feedback on draft scenarios, and at the meetings on **April 19-21**, we will discuss the final scenario(s).

(Submitted 3/21/2023 by Lee Sugg, leersugg@gmail.com)

Updated -- 2023-2024 PTSO Volunteer 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 need co-chairs for two committees: spirit wear and beautification.

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

(Submitted 3/21/2023 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)

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)

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 -- **Jane Osborne Memorial Scholarship Program**

Along with the Charlotte Metro Area Relocation Council, we are happy to share the release of this year's Jane Osborne Memorial Scholarship Program, which offers a one-time award of \$1,000 that will be presented to one Charlotte area high school senior this year. Applications must be submitted no later than **April 17**

(Submitted 3/21/2023 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

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Boys Golf vs Independence	28 JV/V Baseball vs Independence V Softball @ East Meck JV/V Girls Soccer @ East Meck Boys Lacrosse vs Mooresville Boys Tennis vs Butler	29 Boys Golf vs South Meck JV/V Baseball vs Lake Norman High V Softball @ Piedmont High JV Girls Lacrosse vs South Meck @ MSP V Girls Lacrosse @ Lake Norman Charter Girls/Boys Track @ Marvin Ridge	30 JV/V Girls Lacrosse vs Ardrey Kell @ MSP JV/V Girls Soccer @ Charlotte Catholic Boys Lacrosse @ Ardrey Kell	31 JV Baseball @ Independence V Softball @ Charlotte Catholic	1 JV Baseball vs Ardrey Kell V Girls Soccer vs Padua Academy Boys/ Girls Queen City Relays @ Myers Park

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

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.

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 tomljanovic@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 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: 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.

Updated -- Women's Field Hockey: Rising 9th graders—come visit our table in the gym on **Thursday, March 30** at Panthers on the Prowl night to learn more about field hockey and get answers to any questions you may have. For information about field hockey, 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 - 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.