

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## *March 31, 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

April 7	Teacher Workday – No School
April 10–April 14	Spring Break – No School
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday – No School
June 9	Last Day of 4 <sup>th</sup> 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:

On Tuesday, 9th-11th grade students received a copy of the courses (primary courses and alternates) they requested for next year. Please review this with them. Students who want to change their mind about any of their requests **must submit a Last Chance Day form to the main office by Tuesday, April 4 at 3 PM**. Forms are on our website. After **April 4 at 3 PM**, we will begin the scheduling/hiring process for next year and changes may not be made due to classes being full. We want our students to have all the classes they want. Thanks for helping us work to make that happen.

Now that fourth quarter has started, I want to ask for your help in reminding students about their Attendance Recovery obligations. Any student who is absent from a course (excused or unexcused) for more than 10 days must complete Attendance Recovery to receive the academic grade they earned in the class. If a student is absent for more than 10 days and does not complete Attendance Recovery, they will receive a grade of F in the class. Following are ways that students can complete Attendance Recovery time:

- Anytime the student attends tutoring after school with their teacher (i.e., making up a test/quiz, getting extra help, etc.).
- Every morning during the fourth quarter, room 403, **6:15 to 7 AM**

- Every afternoon (Monday-Thursday), SMC, **2:20–3 PM**

Students can see Ms. Reda in the main office if they have any questions. They can also pick up Attendance Recovery slips from Ms. Reda to be signed by their teacher and returned to Ms. Reda so they can get credit for the time spent in Attendance Recovery.

Good luck to our Fine and Performing Arts students as they host the last weekend of our spring musical, *Sweeney Todd*. Show times are tonight and tomorrow night at **7 PM** and Sunday afternoon at **3 PM**. Tickets can be purchased at the door. This show is not suitable for small children.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, Principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New - Help Us Celebrate the PHS Staff**

PHS Staff Appreciation Week is coming up on **April 24-28**, and we need your help! 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. To make a donation, [log into Pay4SchoolStuff](#) and add “Donations for Staff Appreciation Week” and your donation amount to your cart. Thank you!

*(Submitted 3/27/2023 by Kate Milheim, [katemilheim@hotmail.com](mailto:katemilheim@hotmail.com))*

### **New - Senior Parents: Save the Date for Our First-Ever Chalk the Walk**

Parents of seniors are invited to Chalk the Walk with messages for their senior students on **Wednesday, May 31** between **4 PM** and **8 PM**. Stop by the school's front entrance and chalk a message to wish your senior student well on their last days of classes at Providence. Bring your own sidewalk chalk or use ours. PTSO will have a limited amount of chalk on hand. Please email Stacey Ellis at [staceyellis11@gmail.com](mailto:staceyellis11@gmail.com) with questions.

*(Submitted 3/24/2023 by Stacey Ellis, [staceyellis11@gmail.com](mailto:staceyellis11@gmail.com))*

### **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: **5:30–7 PM** on **Thursday, June 8** at Bojangles Coliseum
- Graduation: **12:30-2 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.herffjones.com](http://www.herffjones.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](mailto:fritzig.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us).

*(Submitted 3/22/2023 by Fritzi Bowen, [fritzig.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:fritzig.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **Horticulture Department's Spring Plant Sale**

We are 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 to 4:30 PM on April 21** and **9 AM to 3 PM 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](mailto:loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **\$1,000 PTSO Scholarships Available**

The PTSO 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, go to [Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://Pay4SchoolStuff.com) to join.

Find application instructions at this [link](#). The deadline to apply for the scholarship is **April 5**. If anyone has any questions, please email [ptso.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ptso.scholarships@gmail.com).

*(Submitted 3/19/2023 by Dana Xiao, [danaxiao@gmail.com](mailto:danaxiao@gmail.com))*

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## **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 about 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](#). 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 asked for your feedback on draft scenarios. At the meetings on **April 19-21**, we will discuss the final scenario(s).

*(Submitted 3/21/2023 by Lee Sugg, [leersugg@gmail.com](mailto:leersugg@gmail.com))*

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### **New – PHS Band Mattress Sale**

The third annual Providence HS Band Mattress Sale is **Sunday, April 23** from **11 AM** to **6 PM** in the PHS mall. There are BRAND NEW Simmons Black Hybrids, Beautyrest, adjustable power bases, memory foams, latex, pillows, and more top brands sold by professionals. They will be displayed at up to 50% below retail prices! All forms of payment accepted. Every purchase benefits the PHS band and students.

*(Submitted 3/26/2023 by LeAnn Squier, [lwsquier@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lwsquier@carolina.rr.com))*

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### **New – Providence Women's Soccer Team Fundraiser**

The Providence Women's Soccer team has been competing successfully for 30 years with minimal financial support. We'd like to help this program become even more successful, and we'd love your support! Using the Give Butter platform, the team is raising money to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, and create a base for future teams to use for team needs. We hope the impact the team can make through this fundraising effort will be felt for many years to come. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help provide equity in funding for Providence athletics. Please visit our fundraising website and consider donating, helping to create a legacy in women's sports at Providence: <https://givebutter.com/PHSwomenssoccer>. Thank you for your support!

*(Submitted 3/28/2023 by Anne Broz, [kubroz@yahoo.com](mailto:kubroz@yahoo.com))*

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### **New – Student Government Update**

Thank you to all our students, parents, staff, and other wonderful individuals who contributed to our Student Hunger Drive. We are proud to announce that we exceeded our goal of 60,000 pounds! An official number will soon be confirmed and announced. We could not have done it without your consistent support and gracious efforts. Through our dodgeball tournament ticket sales, club can donation competition, versus spirit week donation contest, Chipotle and Nothing But Noodles fundraisers, and more, we were able to achieve this spectacular goal. We are extremely grateful to have reached our goal and are extremely thankful for all who helped us.

As we progress into the fourth quarter, we hope you'll stay up to date on student government events by following @ProvidenceEB on Instagram for information on games and upcoming events. Our lacrosse, women's soccer, tennis, baseball, softball, golf, and track & field teams are in season. Make sure to support your Panthers in their athletic events!

If you have any questions, email Laura Bauer, Leadership advisor, at [lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us).

*(Submitted 3/29/2023 by Aarav Bhaskar, [aaravbhaskar09@gmail.com](mailto:aaravbhaskar09@gmail.com))*

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## Providence Athletic Club (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](mailto:ttomljanovic@carolina.rr.com).

(Submitted 3/15/2023 by Monique Parker, [jmonique.parker@yahoo.com](mailto:jmonique.parker@yahoo.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.

## 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**.

*"In compliance with Federal Law, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools administers all education programs, employment activities, and admissions without discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability."*

(Submitted 3/21/2023 by Ginger Obringer, [virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us))

## ATHLETICS

[PHS Athletics Website](#)

[Online Providence Team Stores](#)

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

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

### Upcoming Events: April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>		
Boys Golf vs East Meck	JV/V Baseball vs Rocky River	Boys Golf vs Weddington	JV Baseball @ Ardrey Kell		
JV Girls Lacrosse @ South Meck	JV/V Girls Lacrosse @	JV/V Baseball vs Hopewell	V Softball vs Lincoln Charter		

V Baseball @ Independence	Charlotte Christian	V Girls Lacrosse vs Butler @ MSP			
Boys Tennis vs. Myers Park	V Boys Lacrosse vs Charlotte Catholic @ MSP				
	V Softball vs Butler				
	JV/V Girls Soccer vs Myers Park				
	Boys Tennis @ Indy				

\*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 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](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**

### **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 [pyslaxcms@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:peytona.lindsay@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Soccer:** For information, contact Coach Bolar at [robb.bolar@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:robb.bolar@cms.k12.nc.us).

**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:** Reid Herring placed 2nd in the HJ, Gavin D'Souza placed 6th in the mile, the 4x800 placed 5th, the 4x200 placed 7th, and Brendan Doty placed 7th in the PV at the Weddington Invite this past Saturday! For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Women's Track & Field:** The DMR placed 2nd (Isabella Hall, Blair Taylor, Rachael Lyon & Helen Chen) at the Weddington Invitational this past Saturday. The team travels to Myers Park High School this Saturday for the Queen City Relays starting at **9:30 AM**. For information, contact Coach Touranjoe at [steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto: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](mailto:steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us).

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

**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 [pfs.fieldhockey.club@gmail.com](mailto:pfs.fieldhockey.club@gmail.com). Follow us on Instagram @provfieldhockey.

**Football:** Parents who are not on the football distribution list, email [providence.football@yahoo.com](mailto:providence.football@yahoo.com) to be added or get any questions answered. To reach Coach 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 information, contact Coach Sosa at [nsosa1010@gmail.com](mailto:nsosa1010@gmail.com).

**Women's Tennis:** For information, contact Coach Oxendine at [joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us).

**Volleyball:** For information, contact Coach Malone at [margaret1.malone@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:margaret1.malone@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](#). 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](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).