

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

March 03, 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 8	Required ACT Testing Day for 11 th Graders/Early Release Day
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:

On Wednesday, March 8, we will have an Early Release Day for Teacher Professional Development. This is also the day our 11th graders will take the required ACT. A separate email is forthcoming to parents of 11th graders that will contain last minute tips and details regarding taking the ACT.

All 9th, 10th, and 12th graders will have class as normal on March 8th but on an abbreviated schedule. We will dismiss school at 11:15am. There will be a “grab and go” lunch opportunity for students. All students must depart campus by 11:45am. Students who have after school practice and / or games can return to campus at 2:15pm.

In other news, the CMS Student Survey will be provided to students on March 13 in homeroom. This survey asks questions about student engagement, bullying, school climate, behavior, and harassment. The district will use the results to better understand student needs and to ensure every school is a caring, welcoming learning environment.

Later this month, the Panorama Survey will be provided to students. We will let our parents know in advance the date of that survey. It is the same survey provided in the Fall. CMS offers it twice a year to analyze any changes in the data to help guide school programming for students.

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.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – 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)

New – Scoliosis Awareness Drive

Hello! My name is Keisha Kalra, and I am a junior at Providence High School. I would like to ask for your time to read this so I can share something I have been working on with you all.

When I was nine years old, I was diagnosed with a spine condition called scoliosis, a sideways curvature of the spine. For about three years, I had to wear a brace every night; it was meant to stop my spine from curving. Unfortunately, as the years passed, it continued to curve despite the brace. The only options left were to live with it, which would make everyday tasks incredibly challenging, or have surgery. Luckily, my family was able to afford the option of surgery, and afterward, I was able to recover quickly. On top of the costly surgery, many individuals do not have anyone their own age to talk comfortably about their experiences.

These reasons are why Angels' Arc was created. Angels' Arc is a non-profit organization that strives to raise awareness and provide support for kids with scoliosis and their families, helping them make connections to people who are going through the same experiences as them, as well as inspiring others to help.

June is National Scoliosis Awareness month. We would like to ask for your help in fulfilling our goal of raising awareness of scoliosis and helping patients and their families by donating to Angels' Arc through our website. Or, if you are interested and would like to learn more, our website is <https://www.angelsarc.org>. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

(Submitted 2/28/2023 by Keisha Kalra, keishakalra2@gmail.com)

Updated – 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)

Staff Appreciation Week is Coming – Donations Needed!

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 into 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 2/15/2023 by Kate Milheim, katemilheim@hotmail.com)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

New – 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 9** vs Hopewell (7 PM)
- **Thursday, March 16** vs Independence (7 PM)

Baseball:

- **Tuesday, March 7** vs CCHS (7 PM)
- **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 – 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)

Scholarship of the Week: Bridge Scholarship

The Bridge Scholarship is a \$20,000 four-year scholarship, \$2,500 at the beginning of each semester, awarded to the student who can best present their case to receive the scholarship to the Bridge Foundation. This scholarship is designed for the student who is driven to succeed to the best of their personal ability. The Bridge Scholarship is intended to provide for the student who has scholastic goals and the ability to clearly explain their plan for achieving those goals. While there is no specific grade-point average requirement, test-score standard, or academic baseline; nor is there is specific need-basis for the scholarship's award, each of these criteria may be considered during the deliberation to determine our annual scholarship recipient. We are an entrepreneurial-focused group looking for a candidate who best represents values we respect: self-determination, clarity of vision, and confidence to achieve goals regardless of one's current position.

You can visit our website at <http://www.thebridgefoundation.net> and read more about the Foundation and the Scholarship. Applications are due **April 17**.

(Submitted 2/22/2023 by Ginger Obringer, 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: March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11
V Girls Soccer @ Christ the King	JV/V Baseball vs Charlotte Catholic	Boys Golf vs Ardrey Kell	JV/V Girls Soccer vs Hopewell	JV/V Baseball @ Charlotte Catholic	
Boys Tennis vs Cuthbertson	V Softball vs Charlotte Catholic	Boys Tennis vs Marvin Ridge	Boys Tennis vs Independence	V Girls Softball @ Butler	
		Girls Lacrosse @ Independence			

	V Girls/Boys Lacrosse @ Porter Ridge	V Softball vs Hickory Ridge JV/V Girls Soccer @ Palisades High Girls/Boys Track & Field @ Marvin Ridge		Boys Lacrosse @ Christ the King	
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*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 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

Updated – 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.

Updated – 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 psh.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.

Updated – 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.