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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

May 19, 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

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| May 20 | Campus Cleanup, 9 AM–12 PM |
| May 29 | Memorial Day Holiday – No School |
| June 8 | Graduation Rehearsal, 5:30-7 PM, Bojangles Coliseum |
| June 9 | Last Day of 4 th Quarter |
| June 12-June 13 | Teacher Workdays – No School |
| June 14 | Graduation Day, 12:30-2 PM, Bojangles Coliseum |

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families:

Our counselors facilitated a wonderful series of after-school workshops for juniors called **Junior Week**. They spent 4 afternoons helping our juniors get a head start on their college applications. We discussed the college application process, standardized testing, the Common App, Naviance, essay writing, what to do this summer to prepare for fall, trade school, CPCC, and the military. We had a good group of students each afternoon. Please encourage your child to put this information away until after final exams are complete. But then, sometime this summer, please encourage them to take a look at it and get started before school resumes in August. I required both of my children to finish their college essays before August 1, so I knew that was one thing they would not have to worry about once the busy-ness of senior year starts.

Speaking of final exams, I took some time this week to remind our students that we have two full weeks of school left before exams begin. We want them to finish strong. Everyone is tired, but we have to persevere and put our best foot forward to end on a strong note. Our students are resilient, and I have faith that they can do it! A good “pep talk” from you will be encouraging too!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New - Elizabeth Lane Elementary Class of 2023 Senior Walk

Seniors who attended Elizabeth Lane Elementary are invited to walk the halls of ELE in their cap and gown for a pre-graduation celebration on **June 7 at 1:30 PM**. Parents of seniors may also attend. Seniors and parents should park in the bus lot. Seniors, you do not have to sign in when you arrive. Parents, arrive by **1:15 PM** to allow time to sign in through LobbyGuard (with a photo ID). Group photos will be taken in the courtyard at **1:55 PM** and on the front sidewalk at **2 PM**.

We can't wait to welcome our former Hawks back to the halls of ELE!

(Submitted 5/15/2023 by Crystal Lail, crystal.lail@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Navy JROTC Awards and Summer Training Schedule

Navy JROTC held its annual end-of-year awards ceremony on May 3. Numerous awards recognized our top cadets in the program based on academics, community service, team participation, physical fitness, and leadership. The Cadet of the Year is Jasmine Laing. The cadet of the year is awarded annually to the top performing cadet in JROTC I.

The cadet staff for 2023-2024 includes Aaditya Pattanaik, commanding officer; Sirivennala Julakanty, executive officer; and Ashleigh Plyler, cadet master chief petty officer.

Summer Training Schedule

New Cadet Orientation: **July 24-26, 8 AM-12 PM** at the Providence NJROTC trailers

Drill Camp: **July 31-August 3, 8 AM-12 PM** at the Providence NJROTC trailers

Wear comfortable clothing that is compliant to PHS/CMS dress code and sneakers.

Contact Commander Davin O’Hora at davinj.ohora@cms.k12.nc.us for details.

(Submitted 5/17/2023 by Ricky A. Osborne, rickya.osborne@cms.k12.nc.us)

PVSA Announcement

Congratulations to the recipients of the President’s Volunteer Service Award for the 2022-2023 service year! We commend the following students for their commitment and dedication to making a positive impact on their community. You can pick up your PVSA Certificate from Ms. Haywood in the guidance office **on May 31 until the last day of school**. Thank you for your service!

Seniors: Aubrey Hamilton, Emma Sherrill

Juniors: Aditi Babar, Savannah Bachmann, Maia Campbell, Joseph Chen, Brice Cothran, Ellen Curley, Ethan Desai, Mrunal Dongre, Jude Eamigh, Anya Iyer, Hanna Joy Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Saidatha Kasani, Ansh Khurana, Uirim Kim, Tanner Kolb, Zachary Laglenne, Hayun Lee, Grant Partridge, Shanthi Pillai, Sahana Raghavan, Alan Shao, Julian Wu

Sophomores: Tanvi Anandkumar, Katherine Brodie, Diya Chandra, Riya Chivate, Chloe Critel, Youssef Elmashad, Akshara Gudipati, Joe Joseph, Arnav Mathew, Diya Mouleeswaren, Ratna Padma, Ashleigh Plyler, Matthew Pressly, Taher Shahid, Tavish Sheth, Katelyn Soden, Sindhu Sureshkannan, Nicholas Susanto, Leah Thomas, Shailey Vardineni, Isabella Wilhelm, Kevin Yu

Freshmen: Anoushka Awasthi, Julianna Bamert, Khushi Bhatia, Lillian Caldwell, Liam Campbell, Eleena Chacko, Amelia Gallinek, Ashley Ji, Tyler Kokoszka, Clara Milheim, Tanish Pai, Zane Short, Keshvi Verma, Emily Walker

(Submitted 5/10/2023 by Helen Kim, helenckim@gmail.com)

Summer CDMs

The CDM window for summer 2023 is now open. Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) is an option that allows students to demonstrate mastery and receive credit for a course by taking an assessment demonstrating proficiency by achieving the designated scale score or percent as established by NCDPI and then completing an artifact reflecting content mastery. CDM is only available for standard-level courses. CDM credits are awarded as a pass/fail grade and do not impact grade point averages.

Students who wish to participate in the CDM process during summer 2023 need to submit a completed application **no later than Friday, June 2 at 3 PM**. Phase I Assessments will be given from **July 18-31**. Phase II Assessments will be given **August 1-10**. The District Team will establish a testing plan and communicate all information to families. The team will also ensure that schools are notified of potential applicants for counseling sessions. Here is the [CDM One-Pager](#), which includes process guidelines, FAQ, and the link to the application form.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's counselor.

(Submitted 5/9/2023 by Kathleen McDonough, kathleens.mcdonough@cms.k12.nc.us)

Senior Parents: Save the Date for Chalk the Walk

Parents of PHS seniors are invited to Chalk the Walk with messages for their senior students on **Wednesday, May 31 between 4-8 PM**. Stop by the front PHS entrance with your sidewalk chalk (or use ours) and chalk a message to wish your senior student well on their last days of classes at Providence. The PTSO will have a limited amount of chalk on hand.

Questions? Email Stacey Ellis at staceyellis11@gmail.com

(Submitted 5/8/2023 by Stacey Ellis, staceyellis11@gmail.com)

Senior Portraits

CLASS OF 2024: Senior portrait appointments can now be scheduled at Cady Studios, located at 2201 Crownpoint Executive Dr. # E in Charlotte. Go to <https://home.cady.com/order-products/seniors/> to book. Students will have all summer to schedule their portrait session in their studio at a time that is convenient to them. All students must have a formal portrait taken by Cady to be in the yearbook.

Click [here](#) for additional details. Email pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us with further questions.

(Submitted 5/9/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

McAlpine Elementary Grad Walk

Graduating seniors who attended McAlpine Elementary are invited to come back to where it all started for our first-ever **Grad Walk** on **Monday, June 5 at 1:30 PM**. Seniors should wear their graduation cap and gown and meet in front of McAlpine no later than **1:15 PM** (park in the lot to the left) to line up. Because of space limitations, we ask that only seniors attend, not their parents. Please help us spread the word to any graduating seniors you know!

If you have questions, please contact Stacey Ellis at staceyellis11@gmail.com.

(Submitted 5/2/2023 by Stacey Ellis, staceyellis11@gmail.com)

Yearbook Information

Yearbook distribution day is fast approaching. Seniors will receive their yearbooks during 4th block on **May 31**. This is a B day. Underclassmen will receive their yearbooks during lunches on **June 1**. Online sales have ended, and very few books remain. Email pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us to inquire about purchasing our student publication.

(Submitted 5/1/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

New – Join Us for the Final PHS Orchestra Concert of the School Year

You're invited to the PHS Orchestra's final performance of the school year on May 25. This is not your average, run-of-the-mill concert. You will be thoroughly entertained by our "Movies That Rock" theme! Bring your friends and family to support our guitar and orchestra students, who have all worked so hard this year. Auditorium doors will open at **6:15 PM**, and the concert will begin at **6:30 PM**. We look forward to seeing you there!

(Submitted 5/18/2023 by Kate Uslan, kateuslan@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.

ATHLETICS

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

Events for the Week

Spring sports are in playoffs. Please follow the teams' social media accounts to find their game times and locations. Good luck to our Panthers through the playoffs and other tournaments and meets.

PAC Membership

A PAC membership is valid for the entire school year – all sports, any season, multiple membership options. (Does not include club sports and home playoff games.) Engraved bricks are also available for purchase for your student and/or family to remember your time as PHS. Bricks are displayed outside the field and are for sale all school year. Memberships and bricks can be purchased online at <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>.

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.

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.

Women's Field Hockey: If you are interested in learning more about playing field hockey for PHS, email Coach Erin at phs.fieldhockey.club@gmail.com to get added to the contact list. Team Instagram: @provfieldhockey

Football: For any parents who are not on the football distribution list, please email providence.football2023@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list or get any questions answered. If you'd like to reach Coach Ward directly, please contact Coach Ward at 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: 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.