

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

May 26, 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

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:

Providence students are working hard to finish the year strong. Just like a long-distance runner, we will not coast to the end. Instead, we will power through to pull out our best effort to FINISH STRONG.

We start final exams next **Friday, June 2** with the English 2 exam. This is a **regular school day** for all other students. English 2 students will take their EOC exam in 1st–3rd block, have 2nd lunch, and then go to 4th block class. School will dismiss at **2:15 PM**. The week of **June 5–9** is the FINAL EXAM week for all students. Click [here](#) to view the schedule. Students have had a copy of this for several weeks. Please note that students who have exams may not leave early. All students deserve a silent testing environment so they can do their best, free of distraction. Therefore, if your child has a doctor's appointment or otherwise must leave during the exam time, they will need to rearrange the appointment or plan to take the make-up exam on **June 9**.

Today, I announced a plan to permit *some* of our students to arrive late or leave early during exam week **IF** they are in the courses in which they have already taken their final exams and **IF** they do not have more than 10 absences in the course. Here is the plan:

Late Arrival/Early Dismissal for some classes during Exam Week:

There are several courses in which students have already taken their final exam. Students in those classes have asked about late arrival/early dismissal during exam week. We have created the following plan which applies to students in these classes ONLY:

AP courses, English 2, Marketing, Digital Marketing, Intro to Adobe, Adobe Video, Adobe Visual, Entrepreneurship, Python, CTE Internship, Advanced Studies, Drafting 1, and Drafting 2. (Students in a class with a FINAL EXAM will NOT be released early).

ATTENDANCE COUNTS AND IT WILL BE TAKEN IN ALL CLASSES (even those listed above).

A-Day students who do not have a B-Day exam (and can afford the absence) may sign out early. Students are to follow the normal sign-out procedure with dismissal at **9:45 AM**. The normal sign-out procedure is for students to bring a signed note from a parent, including phone number, and submit it to the main office by **7:15 AM**. At **9:45 AM**, the student will pick up the early dismissal slip from the office and may then depart campus.

B-Day students who do not have an A-Day exam (and can afford the absence) may arrive late. They are to follow the normal sign-in procedure. They may enter school through the front door or the student parking lot door (if they are an approved student driver). They should be on campus by **9:30 AM** so they can sign in, go through the scanner, and be in class on time for their B-Day exam. Students will wait in the mall until the **9:45 AM** bell and then proceed to class.

Students in the courses listed above who cannot afford the absence are expected in class on time. They will have study hall, so they should bring materials to maximize their time.

The last day to do **Attendance Recovery** is **June 1**. Students who have more than 10 absences (excused or unexcused) per course will receive an F in the course unless they complete Attendance Recovery for the absences over 10. Students who are not able to complete the Attendance Recovery time can appeal the absences. To appeal, students are to complete this [form](#) **FOR EACH CLASS** in which they have more than 10 absences and could not complete the required Attendance Recovery time. Forms are to be printed, completed, and submitted to our main office by **June 1**. Forms are also available in our main office. Submitting a form does not automatically mean the appeal will be granted. Our Attendance Appeals committee will review each case individually.

A student's printed Report Card (not PowerSchool) will provide the academic grade earned if the appeal is granted. A student's printed Report Card (not PowerSchool) will indicate a grade of 59 (F) if the student's appeal was denied. Report Cards will be mailed by **June 14**. Students may contact Ms. Reda in the main office or their individual counselor if they have questions about Attendance Recovery or the Attendance Appeals Process.

As we close out school and move into the exciting summer months, we have again provided students in honors and AP English classes with a **Required Summer Reading** opportunity. There is a large body of academic research that shows reading during the summer months helps prevent the summer slide (or backwards decline in reading comprehension). Our teachers have chosen these selections to support the theme for the year in English and preface other readings we will embark upon during the school year. The summer reading assignment grade will be one of the very first next year, so students are encouraged to start off strong by doing a good job on this assignment. View the [Summer Reading webpage](#). (AP Lang, Honors 12th, and AP Research are in the final edits and will be added shortly.)

In the coming week, we will spend much time with our seniors as they wind down 13 years of hard work and prepare to celebrate at graduation. Senior Week will have several activities just for them. Senior parents can reference the Senior Letter sent to students via our #OneProv Canvas page for all of the details.

I hope you have a great weekend and the opportunity to enjoy some time with your child. Monday is Memorial Day (school is closed). Today, I reminded students of the importance of Memorial Day and why it is a national holiday. Let's take time to remember that as we appreciate time with our friends and family. We will see students back in class on Tuesday.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Articles and Photos Needed for Paw Prints

Attention parents, coaches, advisors, and leaders of Providence High School sports teams, clubs, and other organizations! We need your articles (with photos!) of your PHS group detailing your accomplishments this past semester. Please send your submissions to providencehspawprints@gmail.com no later than **Monday, May 29**.

(Submitted 5/19/2023 by Marie Beavers, mdichoso65@gmail.com)

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)

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 PHS/CMS dress code-compliant and sneakers.

Email 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](mailto:ricky.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, Eeena 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)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

[PHS Athletics Website](#)

[Online Providence Team Stores](#)

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

[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.