

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

November 10, 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

November 10	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 15	Junior Night, 6:30 PM, PHS Auditorium
November 22–24	Thanksgiving Break
November 28	Financial Aid Night, 6:30 PM, PHS Auditorium
December 6	NCAA Clearinghouse Workshop, 6:30 PM, PHS Auditorium

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

Recently, the National Merit Scholarship Program notified us of the semifinalists for this year. The 2024 National Merit Scholarship program is based initially on student performance on the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) taken by all Juniors at Providence in 2022. The nationwide pool of semifinalists consists of less than one percent of all US high school seniors. As semifinalists, the students listed below will continue in the competition to earn a spot as a finalist. They will produce their academic record, participate in school and community activities, and demonstrate their leadership abilities, employment, and honors or awards received. Finalists will compete for a \$2500 college scholarship.

Congratulations to the following PHS Seniors who are National Merit Semifinalists:
Savannah Bachmann, Anne Eilers, Maxwell Hu, Lydia Johnson, Sophia Kuncoro, Aiden Li, Nikhil Perego, Sara Schubert, Benjamin Uslan, and David Xie.

This week, we began Attendance Recovery. Students have been reminded that if they have more than 10 absences (excused or unexcused) in any course, they must complete Attendance Recovery in order to receive the academic grade they earned. If they do not complete their Attendance Recovery, the student will receive an F in the course. Attendance Recovery opportunities are available every morning from **6:15–7 AM** in room 402 (Mr. Rorie's classroom). Attendance Recovery opportunities are also available every afternoon (Monday–Thursday) in SMC with Ms. Fuller. Students can also earn Attendance Recovery credit by tutoring individually with their teacher. Each teacher has set tutoring opportunities. If a student wants to count the time in which they attended

tutoring toward their Attendance Recovery, they are to get an Attendance Recovery slip from Ms. Reda in the main office, ask their teacher with whom they attended tutoring to sign it, and then return the signed slip to Ms. Reda who will keep track of the Attendance Recovery time. **The last day to do Attendance Recovery for first semester will be January 17.**

Looking ahead to coming events, on **November 20** we will administer the Panorama Survey. Prior to this year, the survey was administered to all students twice a year. In August, parents were asked to complete a “Student Information Form” in alignment with SB49 – “Parents Bill of Rights.” Only those students whose parents completed the form and opted for them to complete the survey will participate. The survey will ask students to self-reflect on their own social-emotional learning skills, like self-management and self-efficacy. The feedback will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how to improve and adapt our school to their needs. The survey takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete and will be administered in Homeroom. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don’t hesitate to contact Mr. McHugh (mark.mchugh@cms.k12.nc.us).

This weekend, our NJROTC cadets will participate in the Charlotte Salute to Veterans Parade. We are proud of their work and preparation. Thank you to the US Veterans who served our country and continue to serve our school and community: CDR O’Hora, 1st SGT Worthy, and Mr. Cawthon.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – **Holiday Wreath Sale**

The horticulture classes are having their annual holiday wreath sale. Live Frasier fir wreaths are \$25 without a bow and \$30 with a bow. You can also order matching bows for \$5 each as long as ribbon is available. Orders will be taken until **November 20** using online school payment (OSP). See our website for order forms and ribbon samples so you can choose your bows: [Bit.ly/PHSFFAholiday](https://bit.ly/PHSFFAholiday)

Wreaths can be picked up on **Wednesday, November 29** from **2:30–4:30 PM** in the PHS Greenhouse. Email Ms. Edens at Loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us with any questions.

(Submitted 11/2/2023 by Lois Edens, Loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – **Spirit Wear Update**

It’s shopping time! The second round of the PHS Spirit Wear online store is open now and will run until **November 14**. After the close of the store, there is a 10-day window for items to be made and then you will receive an email. When you check out, you can choose local pick up in Matthews or delivery. The store has classics like T-shirts and hoodies as well as NEW winter items like long-sleeve shirts, sweatpants, beanie hats, and more—all great ideas for holiday gifts for students, parents, and teachers. Use this link to order:

https://cottonginapparel.com/providence_high_school/shop/home

Please reach out if you have any questions, and thank you for supporting PHS.

Karen Crawford, karencrawford@hotmail.com; Reyna Watson, reynarnq@yahoo.com.

(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Karen Crawford, karencrawford@hotmail.com)

New – Spirit Night at Tacos 4 Life

Support the Providence PTSO! Enjoy dinner out at Tacos 4 Life at the Arboretum on **November 13** from **4–9 PM**. Show the electronic flier or use code FUNDRAISER for online orders to receive a free personal queso or salsa. For each of these redeemed, Providence will receive \$5.

(Submitted 10/08/2023 by Andria Kokoszka, akk623@gmail.com)

New – Flock a 2024 Senior

Honor your student's senior year by celebrating with a Providence yard flock. For just \$15, PHS parent volunteers will flock your front yard with 24 black and gold lawn flamingos and a sign to commemorate their flocking. Flocks arrive in the late afternoon/evening and stay for 24 hours. This is a great way to recognize your senior's birthday or just honor their senior year.

Don't forget to schedule the flocking by emailing your requested date to flockasenior@gmail.com and include the student's name and address. Payment can be made through Pay4SchoolStuff at this [link](#).

(Submitted 11/06/2023 by Vicky Shannon, vshannon4@gmail.com)

New – PawPrints Submissions

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 providencehpawprints@gmail.com no later than **Friday, December 1**.

(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Marie Beavers, providencehpawprints@gmail.com)

New – Your Donations Making a Difference

Thank you to those who have already given to the IMPACT Campaign! We are excited to announce that projects are underway, and you will soon see improvements around our school. Bathrooms and the auditorium lobby have been repainted, and soon you will see cosmetic improvements in all the stairwells as well as the auditorium lobby.

The PTSO would love to have the support of more of our families. Your generous donations will allow us to support our teachers and our students and tackle more projects on our wish list.

To make an IMPACT on the future of Providence, please log in to www.pay4schoolstuff.com. We are also accepting stock donations.

Questions? Email phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com. Thank you!

(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Lee Sugg, leersugg@gmail.com)

Thanksgiving Meal Drive

The Student Services Team is hosting a Thanksgiving meal drive for students and families in need. As the seasons change, let's take time to reflect on sources of strength and hope in our own lives. We invite you to extend an act of kindness and inspire hope through providing holiday meal assistance to a family. The gift card donation collection (sign up at the link below) will conclude on **Friday, November 17**. Please contact Mrs. Thompson (school social worker) with questions at symonem.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AAA72CA6FAC34-45718960-expressions>

(Submitted 10/30/2023 by Symone Thompson, symonem.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us)

Student Government Update

The Leadership class is pleased to announce our Officer Prep Leadership workshop on **December 14**. With instructor approval, students will attend workshops on various leadership topics including creativity, flexibility, communication, and teamwork during their third and fourth block classes. The day will include lunch from Chick-fil-A.

The purpose of this event is to give students a chance to improve their leadership skills through interaction, activities, and reflection. The intended audience is anyone who is interested in gaining skills in our 10 featured areas.

This event is mandatory for anyone who would like to apply for the student council leadership class and program next year. Applications for Officer Prep will close on **November 28**. Seats for this event are limited, so we encourage students to sign up early.

Information on how to apply for the program will be available for students on our news program and outside of room 235. Payment will be available on OSP only. We are looking forward to another wonderful experience for our students.

To stay updated on upcoming events and information, follow @providenceeb on Instagram. If you have any questions, contact Leadership advisor Laura Bauer at lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Laura Bauer, lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us)

Link your Harris Teeter VIC Cards

Providence families: Don't forget to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC cards. Select Providence High School, 1261. Click on this link to get started. <https://tie.harristeeter.com/tie/login>

(Submitted 10/24/2023 by Melanie Bradle, melaniebradle@gmail.com)

Senior Yearbook Ads

Class of 2024 parents: Celebrate your student's achievements and milestones by purchasing a senior ad in the 2024 Prowler yearbook. Parents can create and purchase the ad online at www.jostensadservice.com. More details can be found [here](#). **December 4** is the last day to purchase senior yearbook ads.

(Submitted 10/24/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

Important Cap and Gown Ordering information for Seniors

Class of 2024 graduation cap and gown orders are placed online. Pricing and product information are available at www.hjcharlotte.com. Orders for the June 2024 graduation ceremony **MUST** be placed by **December 15**. If you are graduating mid-year, the deadline for ordering is **November 17**.

To order, click "High School Caps and Gowns/Grad Supplies" and then scroll down and click "Shop Caps & Gowns." Type in "Providence High School" and choose our school from the drop-down menu. "2024" should already be selected. Click "Next." Click "Shop Grad Products." The next screen will display options for graduation packages. You may order as many items, keepsakes, or accessories as you wish. You may select one of the all-inclusive packages OR if you want to order the Graduation Cap/Gown unit **ONLY**, click the "Grad Gear and Apparel" tab and scroll to the bottom to select "Cap, Gown, and Tassel Unit."

Graduation and graduation rehearsal dates and information will be provided later. Please email Mrs. Davis (margaretm.davis@cms.k12.nc.us) or Mrs. Doty (brandic.doty@cms.k12.nc.us) if you have any questions.

(Submitted 11/03/2023 by Margaret Davis, margaretm.davil@cms.k12.nc.us)

President's Volunteer Service Award

There is still plenty of time to accrue your volunteer hours for this year's President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). Hours for this year's award must be accrued between **March 14, 2023, and March 13, 2024**, with all paperwork due to Ms. Haywood in the guidance department by **March 15 at 3 PM**.

Trying to find places to volunteer? Here are a few local places that might have volunteer opportunities: Bright Blessings, Matthews Help Center, Loaves and Fishes, Promising Pages, Urban Ministry Center (Operation Sandwich or collection drives), and The Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte. Also check with your house of worship, teachers, or club sponsors to see if they know of volunteer opportunities.

- Make sure your activities qualify! If you are unsure, check the PHS website for this information and all required paperwork. <https://providencehighptso.weebly.com/presidents-volunteer-service-awards.html>
- Be sure to get your log sheets signed by a supervising adult. Parents, family members, and high school students (even if 18 or older) cannot sign for you.
- The 2023-2024 application form and log sheet must be filled out legibly and completely.
 - Each date of service and corresponding number of hours must be listed separately.
 - Current contact information for the supervising adult is required for verification purposes.
 - Late or incomplete applications and paperwork will not be accepted.

If you have questions about the PVSA, contact Meridith Doub or Helen Kim at providence.pvsa@gmail.com

(Submitted 10/10/2023 by Meredith Doub, merimac76@gmail.com)

Senior Yard Signs Available for \$15

Celebrate senior year by displaying a Providence High School senior yard sign on your lawn.

Purchasing is fast and easy through pay4schoolstuff.com. Once the payment is processed, you will get an email notification that your sign is ready for pick up in the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Naomi McRary at naomi90404@aol.com.

Congratulations to your senior!

(Submitted 10/11/2023 by Naomi McRary, naomi90404@aol.com)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

New — **PHS Theatre Company News**

Our production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *You Can't Take It with You* premieres **November 30**. This engaging and wildly funny comedy reminds us what is truly important in life – the pursuit of happiness. Join us for shows **November 30–December 2 at 7 PM** and one on **December 3 at 3 PM**. Tickets are \$12 and will go on sale next week. A link and details will be posted on our IG [@phstheatredept](#) and in next week's MEWS.

DONATIONS FOR CONCESSIONS: Please help us to stock the concession stand available at each of the shows by making a cash donation. Proceeds from sales go right back into the program. Please make your generous contribution via our Venmo [@PHSTheatreBoostersOrg](#) or via Zelle at phstheatrebooster.cms@gmail.com.

(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Cristy Pizarro, cristy.pizarro@gmail.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

New — **Apprenticeship Programs**

Looking for a post-high school opportunity that is different from the traditional four-year college pathway? If so, consider an apprenticeship program. Today's high-tech manufacturing requires companies to have a well-trained and highly skilled workforce. Chiron, GroningerUSA, Pfaff, and Siemens are actively beginning their recruitment season for summer pre-apprenticeship and fall 2024 Apprenticeships. Benefits of an apprenticeship include:

- Paid career opportunity with excellent benefits package.
- Graduate from school debt-free.
- Four years of advanced technical training at our facilities.
- Graduate from CPCC with Associates of Applied Science (Mechatronics Engineering Technology).
- Receive Journeyman Certificate from North Carolina Department of Labor (NCDOL).
- *Guaranteed employment after graduation.

*Excellent grades and performance must be maintained throughout the program

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please click on the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeW_LSHKnpmn2sba5xvyLkJFnmoIRdVuwoTq5AAhHC18s3_Q/viewform

(Submitted 11/08/2023 by Lisa Hall, lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

CPCC Dual Enrollment

Are you or your student interested in learning more about the dual enrollment process? The Career & College Promise Dual Enrollment program at Central Piedmont Community College is a tuition-free program available to rising high school juniors and seniors in CMS. Attending an information session is a great way to gain insight into getting started in the program. Please join CPCC as they host a virtual information session on **Monday, November 13 at 4:30 PM**. Click on the link below to attend the session.

<https://www.cpcc.edu/events/dual-enrollment-information-session>

If you prefer to learn the information on your own, watch this [recorded information session](#) as often as you like.

(Submitted 10/25/2023 by Lisa Hall, lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

Scott Clark Toyota Scale Internship Program

Applications are now being accepted for spring 2024 high school interns for the SCALE program at Scott Clark Toyota. The SCALE internship program is designed to bring a motivated group of students with diverse backgrounds and perspectives together to grow their skills and benefit non-profit organizations in the Charlotte area community. Interns will explore the world of digital, social media, and traditional marketing and will have the opportunity to learn from Scott Clark's team of professionals, as well as community leaders. Throughout the program students will access a robust network of relationships both within the Scott Clark dealership and outside in the local community. The result of successful completion of the SCALE program will transfer directly to workforce employment and/or post-secondary education.

Click below to learn more about the program and to apply today! Students can also see Ms. Hall, our career development coordinator, in her office across from the mall for more details on this opportunity.

<https://www.scottclarkscale.com/>

(Submitted 10/25/2023 by Lisa Hall, lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

Upcoming College Visits

Below is a listing of the schools who are scheduled to visit PHS. If students would like to attend a college visit, they need to go under the "Colleges" tab on Naviance, then select "Visits."

Wednesday, November 15

Salisbury University — **9 AM**

(Submitted 10/09/2023 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

[School Counseling website](#)

[Job Openings](#)

[Information on College Visits](#)

[College and Career Center website](#)

[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 – click to see Panther News and Sports Report](#)

[PHS teams spirit wear store](#)

[Follow PHS Athletics on Twitter – @ProvSports2023](#)

[Follow PHS Athletics on Instagram – @providence.panthers](#)

[Follow Panther Athletic Club on Instagram – @providencepac](#)

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> Varsity Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving vs multiple schools @ Providence (6 PM)	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Girls JV/V Basketball vs. Ardrey Kell @ Providence (JV 3:30 PM) (V 6 PM) Boys JV/V Basketball vs. Ardrey Kell @ Providence (JV 4:30 PM) (V 7:30 PM)	<u>18</u> Wrestling @ Hough High School “Husky Invitational” (9 AM – 3 PM)

2023-2024 PHS Indoor Track Team Tryouts

Indoor track Tryouts will be held on **Monday, November 13** and **Tuesday, November 14 at 3 PM** on the Providence track. All paperwork must be completed and submitted on DragonFly to participate in tryouts.

Athletics Facilities Improvements

See what the Providence Athletic Club (PAC) funds have done for the athletic program at PHS by clicking [here](#) to see pictures of new improvements. Thank you all who have contributed!

(Submitted 10/25/2023 by Sarah Novak, snovak428@hotmail.com)

Panther Sports Report

View this week’s Panther Sports Report from our Athletic Director, Coach Caz: Go to [PHS Athletics page](#); click on Panther News in the Featured section.

Providence Athletic Club and Sports Updates

2023-2024 Head Coaches Contact Information

Below is the link to our web page with contact information for all Providence head coaches. Please reach out if you have not been connected with the sport you are interested in participating in.

<https://providenceathleticzone.com/athletics-information/providence-athletic-department-directory>.

Player Registration

This year CMS has changed its process for athlete registration. The Dragonfly site will be used to collect all documents, including physicals, proof of residency, and other required documents. This site will also be where the required CMS athletic participation fee will be collected. All this information must be completed prior to first games, but many coaches may require this information to be completed shortly after tryouts. The registration site is dragonflyathletics.com. Please start this process now so there is no delay in students' participation in PHS sports.

Providence Athletic Fee

The Providence athletic fee, which is paid by student athletes, is the primary fundraiser for Providence Athletics and supports all PHS sports. Athletes are asked to contribute \$80 if they play one season and \$130 if they play two or three seasons, and all have the option to contribute more.

The Providence athletic fee can be paid through <https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>.

PAC Membership via Hometown Fan App

Purchase your PAC membership and get admission to all home athletic games. Membership is valid for the entire school year: all sports, any season, multiple membership options. It does not include club sports and home playoff games.

The funds raised go directly to Providence Athletics to support field and facility maintenance, athletic equipment purchases, equipment maintenance, scholarships, continuing education for coaches, student athlete recognition, transportation to games, and senior recognition.

To purchase your membership, please follow these steps:

1. Download the Hometown Fan app at <https://www.hometownticketing.com/resources/hometown-fan-app/> and search for Providence Athletic Club, or go to <https://charlottemeck.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=203>.
2. The app will generate a QR code for every home sporting event as your admission to the game.
3. Family memberships: each family member will use the same QR code to access all events. This will allow four, five, or six QR code scans for each event.
4. There is a \$3 convenience fee added to the cost of each membership.

Please contact membership chairperson Heidi Peltz at heidipeltz3@gmail.com with questions.

Athletic Ticket Purchases

Tickets for Providence Athletics events can be purchased through this link:

<http://charlottemeck.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=103>

Download the Hometown Fan app at: <https://www.hometownticketing.com/resources/hometown-fan-app/>.

2023-2024 Corporate Sponsorship Campaign

If you would like to be a Providence Athletic Club corporate partner, please reach out to the following people for details on how to get involved.

- PAC president: Tony Tomljanovic, ttomljanovic@carolina.rr.com
- PAC sponsorship lead: Kim Henry, khenry696@gmail.com

Harris Teeter VIC Card PAC Support

Please support the Panther Athletic Club by linking your VIC card to #1062. You can link this number to your card at any Harris Teeter or go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>. A total of five school organizations can be added to each VIC card.

Sports Photos

To learn more about sports photo options with Providence athletics visit [ProvidenceSportsPhoto](#). For assistance, contact Rusty Transou at rtransou@gmail.com.

Live Stream PHS Sports

Providence is thrilled to announce its partnership with the NFHS Network to livestream all events in our stadium and main gym through the NFHS Network, including football, basketball, cheer, volleyball, wrestling, lacrosse, soccer, track & field, and swimming. Please access the link below, subscribe to our channel, and select Providence High School as your school of choice. A percentage of each subscription will return to Providence Athletics to support our programs and student athletes. <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/providence-high-school-charlotte-nc>

2023-2024 Providence Athletic Forms Page

Be sure to visit the Providence athletic forms page to get all the information needed for athletic participation. <https://providenceathleticzone.com/athletic-forms>.

2023-2024 Providence Athletics Schedule Page

The 2023 fall sports schedules are being posted on our Providence Athletics calendar page. Please visit the following link to view up-to-date schedules as they unfold throughout the school year: <https://providenceathleticzone.com/events>.

Student-Athlete Scholarship Opportunities for Senior Student Athletes

NCHSAA Scholarships

The application period has opened for many NCHSAA scholarships Please visit the below link if you are interested in learning more about the scholarships available and to apply.

<https://www.nchsaa.org/grants-scholarships/>

Liz Murray Scholarship (sponsored by the Hood Hargett Breakfast Club)

The Hood Hargett Breakfast Club awards a monthly scholarship throughout the school year, with the first application deadline in early September. Once your application is submitted, it will remain in the applicant pool for the remainder of the school year. Click the link below for the application and contact your head coach or the PHS athletic director with questions.

<https://hoodhargettbreakfastclub.com/hhbc-scholarship-fund/liz-murray-scholarship-application/>