

Dear Providence families and friends,

To ensure everyone can view the MEWS and avoid any formatting issues, it is also attached to this email as a PDF. And, as always, the MEWS is available on the [PHS PTSO Website](#).

MEWS Editorial Team

[PHS Website](#)

[PTSO Website](#)

[PTSO Facebook](#)

PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

October 13, 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.

To submit an article, refer to the [MEWS Guidelines](#) and then [email articles here](#) by 9 PM Wednesday.

View the current and past editions of [the MEWS](#).

Click [here](#) to subscribe to or unsubscribe from the MEWS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 18	Early release day
------------	-------------------

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

The current crisis in Israel is emotionally challenging for some of our students. Our counselors have been seeing students and teachers and talking with parents this week as the crisis has been top of mind for many in our community. We have students who are Jewish, families of Jewish decent, students who are refugees of war, students with active military family members, and students who have experienced certain types of trauma. Any student who is aware of the crisis may be afraid or concerned about America being drawn into a war.

We are very cognizant of student emotional needs in relation to the Israeli crisis and are prepared to respond appropriately at school. We care about all our students. When they are hurting and dealing with very serious issues, we are here to provide care and support to them. We should also note that some students are emotionally unaffected because they are unaware of or do not see a connection between themselves and the current situation.

At Providence, we work hard, thorough our curriculum, to teach students the danger of not being educationally informed about world events, how to empathize and support our fellow man.

Listed below is a resource that you might find helpful with your child. I will provide more information about how we are available to support our students and community next week.

Information for parents: [Talking with Children about Violence](#)

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Leadership Update

The Leadership class would like to thank everyone for their support throughout Homecoming! We had lots of participation during our Spirit Week and pep rally and had a great turnout at the football game and dance.

We sold out 800 tickets for the Homecoming dance, and during halftime of the football game, we crowned our Homecoming king and queen, Stanley Urban and Lexi Howell. We hope everyone had a great time this past weekend, and we appreciate all the support from our Providence community, teachers, and chaperones.

Our last home football game is **October 13** against Rocky River, and it's Senior Night. Seniors get to dress up, and freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will wear white. We hope to see you there.

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

(Submitted 10/11/2023 by Laura Bauer, lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Spirit Wear Update

Thank you to everyone who bought items in our first online store. You should have received an email with pick up and/or shipping information. Check your junk/spam folder or reach out to one of us if you need help getting your items.

Our next online store will open **November 1-14** with some new gear. Long-sleeve items, sweatpants, beanies, etc. We hope you will check it out for your holiday and winter needs. Thank you for your support and for sharing your school spirit for PHS!

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

(Submitted 10/06/2023 by Karen Crawford, karencrawford@hotmail.com)

New – 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 Meredith Doub or Helen Kim at providence.pvsa@gmail.com

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

Improving Our School Starts With YOU!

Thank you to those who have already given to the IMPACT Campaign! We are excited to be working on projects that will improve Providence for all our students. The PTSO would love to have the support of more of our families. Through your generous donations, the PTSO provides staff support, technology enhancements, student scholarships and awards, and campus improvements. We are currently working on bathroom updates, cosmetic improvements throughout the building, and an update and sound panel replacement in the auditorium.

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 10/04/2023 by Lee Sugg, leersugg@gmail.com)

Underclassman Portraits

If your student was absent or needs a portrait retake, Cady Studios will be on campus **October 13**. Teachers will inform those students when to report to the media center to have their photo taken. Email pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us if you have further questions.

(Submitted 9/27/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

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 9/27/2023 by Naomi McRary, naomi90404@aol.com)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

New – **Support the Pride of Providence Marching Band at The Providence Cup**

The **2023 Providence Cup Marching Band Competition** will be held at Providence High School on **October 28**. This event will bring 16 bands from across North and South Carolina to our campus for an exciting day of great music and marching! Tickets are \$10 and available at the gate. Ages 5 and under are FREE. Free admission for PHS staff.

Students: Need service hours? Check the MEWS next week for volunteer opportunities at this event.

(Submitted 10/10/2023 by Nancy Knox, teamknox@carolina.rr.com)

New – **Providence Orchestra and Guitar Fall Concert**

Panther students, friends and families are invited to come enjoy great music from our Providence orchestra and guitar students at **6:30 PM on October 18**. The concert will include fall-themed favorites such as “Thriller” and “Phantom of the Opera.” Admission is free. Mr. Vergato and the students would love to see you there!

For orchestra student parents, there will be a quick Orchestra Booster meeting in the choir room following the concert. All parents of students are automatic members and invited to attend. Thanks so much for your support!

Contact Orchestra Booster Board President Kristan Robinson at providencehsorchestra@gmail.com with questions or if interested in helping out our students by joining the board.

(Submitted 10/11/2023 by Allison Haden, aohaden@hotmail.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

New – **Daughters of the American Revolution High School Essay Contest**

To enter, select a figure from the era of the American Revolution (1773-1783). Discuss how he or she influenced the course of the American Revolution, who he or she was, and the contribution that historic character made to the founding of a new nation. Your figure must have been an actual person, either someone who is well-known or an everyday man, woman, or child who supported the American Revolution in ways large or small. Open to grades 9-12. Length: between 800-1,200 words. Submit essay entries to jknoe@carolina.rr.com. Due **November 1**.

(Submitted 10/10/2023 by Ginger Obringer, virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Upcoming College Visits

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

Monday, October 16

University of Mary Washington – **9:30 AM**

Miami University, Oxford – **1 PM**

Tuesday, October 17

George Mason University – **8:30 AM**

High Point University – **1 PM**

Wednesday, October 18

Virginia Tech University – **8:30 AM**

Elon University – **9 AM**

Babson College – **1 PM**

Thursday, October 19

Northwestern University – **8:30 AM**

New York University – **1 PM**

Friday, October 20

Baylor University – **9:30 AM**

Monday, October 23

Boston College – **9:30 AM**

Wednesday, October 25

UNC-Asheville – **9 AM**

Thursday, October 26

Birmingham Southern College – **1 PM**

Monday, October 30

College of Charleston – **8:30 AM**

Wofford College – **9 AM**

University of Alabama – **9:30 AM**

Wednesday, November 8

Manhattan College – **9:30 AM**

Wednesday, November 15

Salisbury University – **9 AM**

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

Attention PHS dual enrollment students. Please check your student email for information that Ms. Hall sent out this week concerning registering for CPCC courses for the spring 2024 semester. There are deadlines that are quickly approaching and action that needs to be taken on your part. Only students who registered for the CPCC Dual Enrollment program during registration last year and who had CPCC put a hold on their schedule for the second semester are eligible to have a CPCC course reflected on their PHS transcript. Please email Ms. Hall if you have questions about this process.

Also, Ms. Hall is hosting in-person and virtual Q&A sessions to answer questions about the CPCC dual enrollment program. Please go to Ms. Hall's office, across from the mall, or join Microsoft Teams via the links below to participate.

- **Oct. 10 at 2:30 PM** - Application help session in person or [Teams](#)
- **Oct. 17 at 6:30 PM** - Application help session on [Teams](#)
- **Oct. 24 at 2:30 PM** - Application help session in person or [Teams](#)

(Submitted 9/20/2023 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

[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 – 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](#)

October

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>16</u> Girls V Volleyball Tournament Game @ Providence High (4 PM, 5:45 PM, 7:30 PM)	<u>17</u> Girls V Golf @ East Meck (3:30 PM) Girls V Volleyball Tournament Game @ Providence High (4 PM, 5:45 PM, 7:30 PM) Girls JV Field Hockey vs.	<u>18</u> Girls V Volleyball Tournament Game @ Providence High (6 PM)	<u>19</u> Boys JV/V Soccer vs. Rocky River V (6 PM)	<u>20</u> V Football @ Garinger High (7 PM)	<u>21</u>

Weddington @ MSP (5:45 PM)				
Boys JV/V Soccer vs. Independence JV (5:30 PM) V (7 PM)				

**MSP=Matthews Sportsplex*

New – 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 10/10/2023 by Sarah Novak, snovak428@hotmail.com)

2023-2024 PHS Swim and Dive Team

Parents and students,

It is time to start thinking about joining Providence HS winter sports. The Varsity swim and dive team will have try-outs **October 30** from **2:45–3:45 PM**. We are presently having pre-season practices every **Tuesday** from **2:45–4 PM**. To attend practice, you must be entered in DragonFly with your physical and proof of insurance approved. You can come by Room 125 and meet Coach Brian Cattaneo if you are new to PHS or have not attended a practice. To qualify for the team, swimmers need to be able to swim all four strokes and four laps without stopping. Divers need experience in tumbling or gymnastics, but we can work with you if you have a passion for adventure. See you on the pool deck.

(Submitted 9/27/2023 by Brian Cattaneo, brianc.cattaneo@cms.k12.nc.us)

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/>