

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

October 20, 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 3	End of Quarter
November 6-7	Teacher Workdays
November 10	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

We have had a busy week at school, but things have gone very smoothly. On Wednesday, we had different events for each grade level so that we could accomplish several of our goals and tasks. While the 10th graders took the required Pre-ACT and the 11th graders took the Practice ACT, our 9th graders participated in guidance lessons. They learned about the importance of doing their best work as often as they can. We talked about the Grade Point Average (GPA) and that all classes (yes, even elective classes) impact the GPA. Our counselors explained how it is in the student's best interest to do their best in every class, not just the core classes. This is a common misconception among 9th graders. They often think only the English, Math, Science and Social Studies classes "count." Ninth graders also learned about Naviance, the online program that creates and houses an individual student profile for each student at Providence, houses career interest inventories, and helps students look for colleges. Parents of ninth graders might want to ask your child to show you their Naviance page (if they can explain it to you, then they learned it). This would make for interesting weekend conversations.

As we look ahead, I have several upcoming events to share with you:

Our Schedule for Wednesday: Students in 10th and 11th grade will take the PSAT (Pre-SAT) on Wednesday. This is a regular school day (7:15 AM – 2:15 PM) for everyone. For 11th graders, the PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test. For 10th graders, it is practice for the SAT and will give them exposure to the new digital version of the SAT. Score reports will be received soon, and we will discuss how to read the reports and how to interpret results. This will help students (and parents) know what to work on prior to taking the real SAT, for college admission purposes.

All 9th graders will work with their counselors on study skills, managing stress, setting goals, planning, and they will hear a guest speaker in the auditorium who will discuss the benefits of a positive mindset. This is a crucial part of 9th grade orientation to high school and **will not be replicated** on any other day.

Seniors will take the CPR requirement required for graduation. They are to report to the gym at **7:15 AM**. Typically, students pass the CPR requirement in 8th grade, but the year our seniors were in 8th grade was the year schools closed due to COVID. About 75% of our seniors have not met the CPR requirement so we will teach and assess that on Wednesday. Once CPR lessons and assessment are complete, students will have study hall to work on their college applications or they can do any homework they need to do. The students who are required to take CPR will receive a specific letter regarding the criteria and the plan for Wednesday morning.

When testing is complete, we will go to all 4 blocks, and have lunch. Lunch on Wednesday will be at around **10:20 AM**. Students will go to 1st or 2nd lunch depending upon the location of their 1st block class.

Parent Workshop: On Wednesday evening, we will host a **guest speaker from The Princeton Review** to discuss the new digital SAT. **The presentation will be at 6:30 PM** and the target audience is 10th and 11th grade parents and students. Topics include test structure, content alignment, and scoring. This test will be fresh on your student's brain, as all 10th and 11th graders will be taking the new digital PSAT that morning!

Mid-Term Exams: Looking a bit further ahead, **October 30 -November 3** is the last week of 1st quarter and the week we will give **mid-term exams** in 4x4 classes. The quarter ends on **November 3**. We will be on a regular bell schedule during mid-term exams. Mid-term exams count as 20% of the 1st quarter grade which can be very impactful for the student's overall average. We want our students to put their best foot forward. We like to protect students from having multiple major assignments or exams in one day. Therefore, the schedule below is created to ensure that students do not have more than one 4x4 mid-term exam in one day. Students in A/B day classes will not have mid-term exams. They may have a quiz or other regular homework.

Day	Exam
October 31	1
November 1	2
November 2	3
November 3	4

Upcoming Bond Referendum: On **November 7**, voters in Mecklenburg County will have the opportunity to vote on a \$2.5 billion **bond referendum** for our district. The 30 projects in the bond request address our district's highest-need, student-facing capital projects and play an important role in enhancing our schools, improving facilities and supporting the education of our students. [Here](#) is the Bond Referendum Website which contains information about the 30 projects.

Good luck to our football team tonight as they travel to Garinger High School. Good luck tomorrow to our NJROTC Drill Team who is hosting the CMS Drill Team competition at Providence, and good luck to our Pride of Providence Marching band as they participate in their final competition of the season tomorrow. I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Nothing But Noodles Spirit Night

Support the Providence PTSO and enjoy a dinner out at Nothing But Noodles on **October 26** from **4-8 PM**. Dine in or order via phone or online for takeout. (Note that orders placed via DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc are not eligible.) Providence will receive 25% of your order!

(Submitted 10/17/2023 by Andria Kokoszka, akk623@gmail.com)

New – 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 10/18/2023 by Margaret Davis, margaretm.davis@cms.k12.nc.us)

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)

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)

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

Updated – **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? You can volunteer at this fun event while earning service hours. National Honor Society, Tri-M, Key Club, or any other club where service hours are needed, this opportunity is for you! Students who are looking for service hours, please sign up at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ACAB2BAB9-45115791-providence>

Contact Nancy Knox at teamknox@carolina.rr.com for more information.

(Submitted 10/18/2023 by Nancy Knox, teamknox@carolina.rr.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

New – **College Board Presents: The New Digital SAT**

The SAT is changing! College Board will be presenting next **Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 PM** in the auditorium to parents and students about the *new* Digital SAT. Topics include test structure, content alignment, and scoring. This test will be fresh on your student's brain, as all 10th and 11th graders will be taking the new digital PSAT that morning!

(Submitted 10/17/2023 by Lindsay Walker, lindsay.walker@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – **Scholarship of the Week: Greenhouse Scholars Program**

Eligible students must:

- Be a graduating high school senior planning to attend a four-year accredited academic institution.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a legal resident of California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, New York, or North Carolina.
- Have a cumulative, unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above.
- Demonstrate financial need (annual household income no greater than \$80,000).
- Possess excellent leadership skills, an ability to persevere through difficult circumstances, and a strong interest in and commitment to your community.
- Due **November 21**.

For more information, visit <https://greenhousescholars.org/our-scholars/become-a-scholar/>

(Submitted 10/17/2023 by Ginger Obringer, virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – North Carolina School of Science and Math Visit

A representative from the North Carolina School of Science & Math (NCSSM) will be at PHS on **Monday, October 23** to answer any questions that students might have about participating in programs at their school. The meeting will be held at **11:30 AM** in room 127. Please let Ms. Hall know if you plan to attend so that she can communicate with teachers about your class absence. Her email is lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us, or you can stop by her office across from the mall.

(Submitted 10/17/2023 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 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 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**

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)

CPCC Dual Enrollment Registration for Spring 2024

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. 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>
<p><u>23</u> Girls Golf, NCHSAA Regionals @ Brushy Mountain Golf Course (10 AM)</p> <p>GirlsTennis @ Myers Park, Round 2, NCHSAA Dual Playoffs (4 PM)</p>	<p><u>24</u> Boys JV/V Soccer vs. Garinger JV (5:30 PM) V (7 PM)</p> <p>Girls JV/V Field Hockey @ Ardrey Kell stadium JV (5:45 PM) V (7:15 PM)</p>	<p><u>25</u></p>	<p><u>26</u> Boys JV/V Soccer @ East Meck JV (5:30 PM) V (7 PM)</p> <p>JV Football vs. East Meck (7 PM)</p>	<p><u>27</u> V Football @ East Meck (7 PM)</p>	<p><u>28</u></p>

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

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](https://www.providencesportsphoto.com). 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/>