

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 6, 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 7	Homecoming dance
October 13	Underclassmen portraits for absentees, new students, and retakes
October 18	Early release day

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families:

We have had a fun and exciting Spirit Week led by our Leadership class. Students (and staff) have tried to see who can dress in the most spirited fashion! I hope you have seen some of the pictures from the week. We conclude our Homecoming Week festivities with the Homecoming football game tonight, presentation of the Homecoming Court at half-time, and the Homecoming dance tomorrow night! A huge thank you to Ms. Bauer and the student Leadership team for organizing, planning, supporting, and leading this week.

As we look toward upcoming events, here are some things I need to highlight.

- On **Monday, October 9** in homeroom, our tenth and eleventh graders will use their new Chromebooks to complete a Chromebook readiness test in preparation to take the electronic PSAT later this month.
- The following week, on **Wednesday, October 18**, we will have a unique bell schedule because of the mandatory PreACT test. This is a CMS early release day for teacher professional development, and we will be on an abbreviated bell schedule to accommodate testing. We will dismiss school at **11:15 AM**. Tenth and eleventh graders will take the PreACT. This test is on paper. More information forthcoming about plans for ninth and twelfth graders.
- Parents are invited to mark your calendar for **Wednesday, October 25**. We will host a College Board Digital Testing Workshop at **6:30 PM**, where we will learn about the digital SAT and

changes that are coming to college admissions tests. This workshop will be helpful for tenth and eleventh grade students and their parents.

I look forward to seeing our students and parents at tonight's Homecoming football game. And, I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New** – **Leadership Update: Homecoming Dance**

It has been an exciting and busy week at Providence! The Leadership class has done a great job facilitating our Homecoming Spirit Week. Our Homecoming festivities will conclude today with a pep rally, Homecoming football game against Independence with the theme Pink Out, and the crowning of our Homecoming queen and king during half time. Please come out and cheer on the Panthers and our students!

Our Homecoming dance is **Saturday, October 7**, and it will be in the gymnasium from **7:30 PM-10:30 PM**. The theme is Candyland!

Following are the rules and information that students must know for the Homecoming dance.

- Be at the dance by **8:30 PM** or you will not be admitted
- Re-entry is not permitted
- A coat check will be available upon entry
- Have student ID, driver's license, or PowerSchool pulled up before checking in
- Have ticket ready before checking in
- Tickets are NON-TRANSFERRABLE

We can't wait to see everyone at the 2023 Homecoming dance!

*(Submitted 10/04/2023 by Laura Bauer, [lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us))*

---

### **New** – **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](http://www.pay4schoolstuff.com). We are also accepting stock donations.

Questions? Email [phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com). Thank you!

(Submitted 10/04/2023 by Lee Sugg, [leersugg@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us) if you have further questions.

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

---

## **President's Volunteer Service Award**

Providence students who volunteer in their community may be eligible to apply for the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). Hours for this year's award must be accrued by **March 13, 2024**.

As you plan your volunteer time, please remember:

- Make sure your activities qualify. Check the PHS website for this information and all required paperwork. <https://providencehighptso.weebly.com/presidents-volunteer-service-awards.html>
- Don't wait to gather the required signatures and documentation to apply. Be sure to get your log sheets signed by a supervising adult. Parents, family members, and high school students (even if 18 and older) cannot sign, and the log sheet must be filled out legibly and completely.
- Each date of service must be listed separately. For example, we cannot accept "40 hours as a Camp Boomerang volunteer July 1-5." Each date/day served must list "8 hours."

Questions? Contact Helen Kim or Meridith Doub at [providence.pvsa@gmail.com](mailto:providence.pvsa@gmail.com)

(Submitted 9/13/2023 by Meredith Doub, [merimac76@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:naomi90404@aol.com).

Congratulations to your senior!

(Submitted 9/27/2023 by Naomi McRary, [naomi90404@aol.com](mailto:naomi90404@aol.com))

# **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

## **Upcoming Providence NJROTC Events**

## October 21: CMS Drill Meet

The CMS drill will be at Providence High School, and all 21 CMS schools will attend.

We recently participated in the Harris Teeter VIC Card event, and the roadside cleanup. Thank you to all who participated. If you have any further questions, please contact [providencehighnjrotc@gmail.com](mailto:providencehighnjrotc@gmail.com), [phsnjrotcbooster@gmail.com](mailto:phsnjrotcbooster@gmail.com), or reach out to PHS NJROTC's Instagram page [@providencenjrotc](https://www.instagram.com/providencenjrotc).

*(Submitted 9/20/2023 by Matthew Draper, [providencehighnjrotc@gmail.com](mailto:providencehighnjrotc@gmail.com))*

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### **New – Scholarship of the Week: Heisman High School Scholarship**

The Heisman Trophy Trust along with Acceptance Insurance are proud to award \$128,000 in scholarships to the national's most accomplished and community-minded male and female senior scholar-athletes. With winners from every school, 88 state winners, 10 national finalists, and two national winners, your graduating seniors have many ways to join the ranks of more than 600,000 past winners. Apply before the **October 17** deadline at [heismanscholarship.com](https://heismanscholarship.com).

*(Submitted 10/03/2023 by Virginia Obringer, [virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:virginiaa.obringer@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 9**

James Madison University – **1 PM**

#### **Tuesday, October 10**

Ohio University, main campus – **8:30 AM**

Bryn Mawr College – **1 PM**

#### **Wednesday, October 11**

University of Connecticut – **8:30 AM**

University of Toledo – **9:30 AM**

Florida Polytechnic University – **1 PM**

#### **Thursday, October 12**

Bucknell University – **9:30 AM**

American University – **1 PM**

#### **Friday, October 13**

Vanderbilt University – **9 AM**

West Virginia University – **9:30 AM**

University of Alabama – Birmingham – 1 PM

(Submitted 9/26/2023 by Lisa Hall, [Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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>9</u> Girls V Golf @ East Meck (3:30 PM)	<u>10</u> Girls V Golf @ Butler High (2:30 PM)	<u>11</u> Girls V Golf vs. Marvin Ridge @ Raintree CC (3:30 PM)	<u>12</u> Girls JV/V Volleyball @ East Meck JV (5 PM) V (6:30 PM)	<u>13</u> V Football vs. Rocky River (7 PM)	<u>14</u> Cross Country Meet at Ivy Redon Park in Kernersville, NC (8 AM start)

Girls JV/V Volleyball vs. Ardrey Kell JV (5 PM) V (6:30 PM)	Girls JV/V Field Hockey vs Hough @ MSP V (4:15 PM) JV (5:45 PM)		Girls JV/V Field Hockey vs Marvin Ridge @ MSP V (4:30 PM) JV (5:45 PM)		
	Girls JV/V Volleyball @ Garinger High JV (5 PM) V (6:30 PM)		JV Football @ Rocky River High (6 PM)		
	Boys JV/V Soccer @ Butler High JV (5:30 PM) V (7 PM)				

\*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

## **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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:ttomljanovic@carolina.rr.com)
- PAC sponsorship lead: Kim Henry, [khenry696@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/>