

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## September 1, 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

September 4	No school – Labor Day holiday
September 13	Senior Night, 6:30 PM, PHS auditorium
September 20	Early release day
September 25	No school – teacher workday
October 1	Last day for senior portraits
October 13	Underclassmen portraits for absentees, new students, and retakes

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Providence parents and families:

We have had a great first week of school. Students are doing an awesome job of getting back to work. We have worked on procedures, rules, and how we do things to make sure everyone in our large school can work smoothly and collaboratively together. We have had a grade level assembly for each grade level, our counselors have visited their students in homeroom, our assistant principals have visited their students in homeroom, homeroom teachers have reviewed the cell phone policy, dress code policy, Honor Code, and have read word for word the CMS Student Code of Conduct with their homeroom students. It is very important to us that students know and understand the expectations. We firmly believe that students will rise to the level of expectation we have if they are **taught** what the expectations are. We believe this because we have seen it happen year after year. **Students have responded very well.** Our staff members who are new to Providence have commented on how respectful our students are and how eager they are to learn. Many of them even thank their teacher at the end of class. You have done a good job sending them to us prepared. Now, we will do our job and get them ready to go out into the world prepared and ready!

As I met with each grade level in an opening assembly and reviewed the expectations, I gave students tips for success and some encouragement.

Those tips include:

- a. *Impress your teachers.* That doesn't mean you have to have the highest grade in the class, but you should always show good character, work hard, and try. Teachers can write a good recommendation for college or for a job when they see students consistently display good character.
- b. *Be nice. Be positive.* People would rather be around other people who are positive and have a "get it done" attitude.
- c. *Utilize your Sources of Strength.* In homeroom next week, our Sources of Strength Peer Leaders are training our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students on the SOS wheel and introducing them to the 8 Sources of Strength.
- d. *Persevere and ask for help* when you need it. In addition to all their teachers, students have access to their assigned counselor, their assigned administrator, an additional career counselor (Ms. Hall), Nurse Cunningham, and me. We made students aware of these resources and how to reach out to any of us when they need help. We are here to work together as a team for **their** success. After high school, students won't have all of us as their support, so we are working on teaching them how to utilize their Sources of Strength and persevere when they are confronted with challenges.

I wanted you to know what was shared so you can reinforce these tips at home. Maybe this would be good dinner conversation this weekend.

We are looking to add two or three parents to our School Improvement Team. This team meets about once a month and monitors the school improvement plan. As required by state law, the school improvement plan set goals and action steps for continuous school improvement. We have four great parents who are serving on the team currently. We'd love to add more. If you are interested in serving, please self-nominate by completing the information at this [link](#). Nominations are due by 5 PM on Thursday, September 15. Then, our PTSO will facilitate an election for these open seats. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

I hope you have a great weekend and enjoy a break on Monday for Labor Day.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New – Online Spirit Wear Store Is Live**

Use this [link](#) to buy your PHS gear. Multiple items, colors, and sizes are available. The store will be open for two weeks, and items can be picked up from the Cotton Gin in Matthews or shipped directly to you.

For more information, contact Karen Crawford at [karencrawford@hotmail.com](mailto:karencrawford@hotmail.com) or Reyna Watson at [reynarnq@yahoo.com](mailto:reynarnq@yahoo.com).

(Submitted 8/30/2023 by Karen Crawford, [karencrawford@hotmail.com](mailto:karencrawford@hotmail.com))

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## **Yearbook Portraits, Senior 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](http://www.jostensadservice.com). More details can be found [here](#). **December 4** is the last day to purchase senior yearbook ads.

Class of 2024 senior portraits: Time is running out to get your formal senior portraits taken for the 2024 Prowler yearbook. Click [here](#) for details for booking your appointment time at Cady Studios, located at 2201 Crownpoint Executive Dr. #E, Charlotte, NC 28227. Information is also available online at <https://home.cady.com/order-products/seniors/>. Formal portraits must be taken by Cady Studios to be included in the yearbook. **October 1** is the last day to be photographed. Email [pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us) with questions.

*(Submitted 8/17/2023 by Pamela Mann, [pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **Senior Yard Signs Available for \$15**

Welcome back seniors! 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 8/30/2023 by Naomi McRary, [naomi90404@aol.com](mailto:naomi90404@aol.com))*

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## **Donations Needed for PHS Nurse and Front Office**

As we are starting the new school year, we are in need of some supplies to stock our nurse's office and the front office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

- Feminine products
- Band-Aids
- Tissues
- Lysol wipes

Donations can be dropped off at the PHS front office during the school day or can be ordered from Amazon or other vendors and sent to:

Providence High School  
1800 Pineville-Matthews Road  
Charlotte, NC 28270  
Attn: Sue Reda

(Submitted 8/16/2023 by Sue Reda, [susan.reda@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:susan.reda@cms.k12.nc.us))

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## **How You Can Have an IMPACT on Providence**

It's time to log into Pay4SchoolStuff and see the many great ways to support our wonderful school! Go to <https://pay4schoolstuff.com/> to join the PTSO, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and donate to our IMPACT campaign. The IMPACT campaign is the PTSO's only fundraiser and benefits all Providence students. Through your generous donations, the PTSO provides funding for staff support, technology enhancements, student scholarships and awards, and campus improvements. We also accept stock donations. To make an IMPACT on the future of Providence, visit <https://pay4schoolstuff.com/> to donate. Questions? Please email [phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com).

(Submitted 8/15/23 by Lee Sugg, [leersugg@gmail.com](mailto:leersugg@gmail.com))

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## **Celebrate Your 2023 Senior with a Yard Flock**

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

Email requests to [flockasenior@gmail.com](mailto:flockasenior@gmail.com) and include the student's name, address, and whether you have a preferred date. Payment can be made through <https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com>.

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## **PHS Spirit Wear**

Get ready for PHS spirit wear! Hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, and more will be on sale throughout the school year. We will open an online store in the upcoming weeks, and information will be available in the Mews and on social media. Spirit wear will also be on sale at several athletic events this fall.

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## **Sign up for Theater Auditions in September**

Auditions for the 2023-2024 theater productions will be **September 11-15**. The sign-up sheets are in the fine arts hallway, and auditions are open to all PHS students. The fall show is "You Can't Take It with You," and the spring musical is "Mean Girls." If students have questions, please see Mrs. Altmeyer or Mr. Turski in the auditorium. You may also contact them via email at [jacqueline1.altmeyer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:jacqueline1.altmeyer@cms.k12.nc.us) or [richarda.turski@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:richarda.turski@cms.k12.nc.us).

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## Pride of Providence March Band Fall Season Updates

The Pride of Providence marching band is hard at work on the 2023 production of “Lighthouse” for the competitive marching season. Our first competition is a doubleheader at Hickory Ridge High School and Mount Pleasant High School on **September 30**.

We are hosting our very own Providence Cup marching band competition on **October 28** at PHS. We have a stacked roster of competitors planning to attend and internationally known judges flying and driving in. Save the date!

This year will also launch the first year-long Jazz Band class Providence has seen in a while. David Vergato and Nicholas Blackwood will co-teach the course. We are thrilled to add this new element to the fine arts course list.

You can find all band-related events, dates, and contact information on our [website](#). Follow us on [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#) for all band updates and recordings of our performances.

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## Upcoming NJROTC Events

Upcoming Providence NJROTC events include the Matthews Alive! parade on **September 2**, NJROTC Parents’ Night on **September 7**, and a roadside cleanup on **September 9**.

These events are fun ways to earn community service hours, which go toward cadets’ quarterly grades. These events also give cadets’ parents insight into NJROTC and our curriculum. If you have any questions, please contact [providencehighnjrotc@gmail.com](mailto:providencehighnjrotc@gmail.com) or [pshsnjrotcbooster@gmail.com](mailto:pshsnjrotcbooster@gmail.com), or reach out through the PHS NJROTC Instagram page @providencenjrotc.

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## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### New – Scholarship of the Week: P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

One Providence female student is eligible to be recommended for the P.E.O. STAR scholarship. This is a community service-based scholarship. Students should:

- Exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and potential for future success.
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Get two letters of recommendations.

Please submit your resume highlighting your community service and including your GPA/rank and SAT/ACT (if taken) to Mrs. Obringer ([virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us)) by **September 20** to be considered for recommendation for the scholarship.

*"In compliance with Federal Law, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools administers all education programs, employment activities, and admissions without discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability."*

(Submitted 8/24//2023 by Ginger Obringer, [virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:virginiaa.obringer@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](#)

[PHS teams spirit wear store](#)

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

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

### September

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>
	Girls V Golf vs. Butler @ Charles T Myers (3:30 PM)  Girls V Tennis @ Rocky River High (4 PM)  Girls Volleyball @ Weddington High JV (5 PM) V (6 PM)	JV Football v. Hunter Huss (6 PM)  Girls V Golf vs. Independence @ Raintree CC (3:30 PM)  Girls Field Hockey vs. Hough @ Hough High JV (4 pm) V (5:30 pm)  Boys Soccer @ Lake Norman High JV (5:30 PM) V (7 PM)  Women's Tennis @ AK (4 PM)	Girls JV/V Volleyball @ Independence High JV (4:30 PM) V (6 PM)  Girls Field Hockey vs. Ardrey Kell @ MSP #1 V (4:30 PM) JV (5:45 PM)  Boys Soccer vs. Ardrey Kell JV (5:30 PM) V (7 PM)	Cross Country Meet @ Ivy Redmon Park in Kernersville, NC (5-8 PM)	

## **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](http://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>.

### **Providence Pajama Pants Are Back**

Get your cozy, comfortable pajama pants. They come in ladies' and men's styles, and all sizes are \$40. The sale ends **September 10**, and delivery will be at the end of September. Click [here](#) to order.

### **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/students-parents/nchsaa-endowed-fund-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/>

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