

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## *September 22, 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 25	No school – teacher workday
October 1	Last day for senior portraits
October 7	Homecoming dance
October 13	Underclassmen portraits for absentees, new students, and retakes

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Providence parents and families:

Happy Fall. As summer gives way to fall, it is an especially busy time of year for our large, comprehensive high school. But, we love it! We love the excitement of teaching and learning and the many activities that permeate the school. This week, I have the following announcements and information to share so that we can all stay informed:

### ParentSquare

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports in all PHS classes will be sent out via ParentSquare on **October 3**. If you have not been receiving messages via ParentSquare, please make sure you can receive them by **October 3** so you do not miss important information. (Today's edition of the [Mews](#) will go out via direct email and via ParentSquare). If you have questions about accessing ParentSquare, please contact Ms. Felder, our School Registrar, at [Christinac.Felder@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:Christinac.Felder@cms.k12.nc.us).

Please note: You will get a report from each class in which your child is enrolled. If you have your ParentSquare setting on "digest," they will come on one list, rather than 6 or 8 separate messages. We wanted you to be aware so that on **October 3**, you are not alarmed by the number of messages going out in a single day. As a parent, I think you will appreciate the ease of ParentSquare Progress Reports rather than separate emails, separate paper copies, separate Google forms to complete for each of your child's courses. We hope this helps you stay informed.

### Parent Workshops

Each year, our School Counseling team offers a series of Parent Workshops to help parents learn information relevant to their child's progression through High School and preparation for life after High

School. Some Parent Workshops feature guest presenters. Some of them feature our very own, talented counselors. Listed below is the Parent Workshop schedule (except for 9<sup>th</sup> grade parent night which is still in the planning phase) for this school year so that you will know well in advance:

Date	Audience, Topic, Information
<b>October 25, 6:30 PM</b>	<b>College Board Digital SAT workshop.</b> Guest speaker from The College Board. The target audience is 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. There are many changes to the SAT due to the digital format and we want to give our students the best information. Meet in the PHS Auditorium.
<b>November 15, 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Junior Night:</b> Information for 11 <sup>th</sup> graders and their parents regarding ACT / SAT testing for college entrance, other items students need to work on during their Junior year to be prepared for summer and the college application process. Meet in the PHS Auditorium.
<b>November 28, 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Financial Aid Night.</b> Meet in the Media Center. Our guest speaker is Tamika Rufkin from CFNC. She will discuss the FAFSA, Financial Aid, Scholarships, and how to pay for college.

### **Pre-ACT and PSAT testing**

In mid-October, our 10<sup>th</sup> graders will take the Pre-ACT test. This test is paid for by CMS and is a practice to help show students what will be on the ACT which is one of the college admissions tests they will take as 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Testing will be during the regular school day on **October 18**. Parents will receive a report and be able to help identify any weak areas for their child that need to be worked on prior to next year. More details are forthcoming.

Also, in mid-October, our 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT test. This test is also paid for by CMS and is a practice for the SAT which is the other admissions test colleges will accept. The PSAT will be given during the regular school day on **October 25**. Tenth and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will need their fully charged Chromebooks since the test is online. This will give them a taste of what the new online SAT looks like. Again, parents will receive a report and be able to help identify any weak areas that need to be improved upon.

### **Mid-Term Exams for 4x4 Classes**

Mid-Term exams for 4x4 classes will be given during the regular school day on **October 31** and **November 1-3**. We will follow the normal bell schedule. Students will have only 1 4x4 mid-term per day so they can put their best foot forward. Other classes will meet and continue to carry on as usual. The last day of the quarter is **November 3**, which means we are at the half-way point in the course for all 4x4 classes.

If you have any questions, please let us know.  
Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, principal

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## **New – Jersey Mike’s Subs Spirit Night**

Support the Providence HS PTSO and enjoy a dinner out at Jersey Mike’s Subs on **September 28** from **4-8 PM**. Offer good at the 3116 Weddington Road location only. Providence will receive 25% of all orders placed in the store or online during this timeframe. (Note that orders placed via DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc. are not eligible.)

*(Submitted 9/18/2023 by Andria Kokoszka, [akk623@gmail.com](mailto:akk623@gmail.com))*

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## **New – Have a Big IMPACT on Providence**

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. Go to <https://pay4schoolstuff.com/> to join the PTSO, order spirit wear, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and donate to our IMPACT campaign. We also accept stock donations. Please help 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 by Lee Sugg, [leersugg@gmail.com](mailto:leersugg@gmail.com))*

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## **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))*

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## **Re-link Your Harris Teeter VIC Card**

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 9/12/2023 by Melanie Bradle, [melaniebradle@gmail.com](mailto:melaniebradle@gmail.com))

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## **Back-to-School Yearbook Sale**

Order your 2024 Prowler yearbook before **September 30** for the year's best price. The first 500 orders will receive a free literary magazine (a \$25 value) that is filled with student artwork, literature, poetry, and prose. Go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) and click "Order Now" to place your order. Problems with online ordering or need other options? Contact [pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us).

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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**

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 9/20/2023 by Naomi McRary, [naomi90404@aol.com](mailto:naomi90404@aol.com))

# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

## **New – Providence Theater Company News**

Congratulations to the students cast in the fall show "You Can't Take It with You" and the spring musical "Mean Girls"! The Drama Boosters will host an informative meeting on **Tuesday, October 3**

at **6 PM** for all members and parents/guardians of cast and crew. For more information, including a complete list of cast members, visit and follow us on Instagram @phstheatredept. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Cristy Pizarro, [cristy.pizarro@gmail.com](mailto:cristy.pizarro@gmail.com).

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## **New – Upcoming Providence NJROTC Events**

**September 23:** Catawba Ridge Drill Meet

**October 21:** CMS Drill Meet

During these events we will have competition-based events. Catawba Ridge competitions consist of PT, drill, and academics. The CMS drill will be at Providence High School, and all 21 CMS schools will attend.

This past week we 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.

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

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## **New – Guten Tag!**

Time is running out for the annual German Club T-shirt contest. We will be selecting two designs: a small design on the front and a large one on the back. Designs must be limited to three colors (black, red, and gold) and should look good on a charcoal gray T-shirt. For examples of past T-shirt designs, you can check [provdeutschklub.weebly.com](http://provdeutschklub.weebly.com). Make sure to turn in your designs by **September 29** to Herr Hablutzel, either in person or by email.

Viel Glück und viel Spaß!

*(Submitted by Deron Hablutzel, [deron.hablutzel@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:deron.hablutzel@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **Willkommen Schüler!**

We at the German Club hope that you are having a great start to your school year! German Club and German National Honor Society members are strongly encouraged to consider signing up to race or volunteer in the annual Fight the Flame 5K. This is a great opportunity to support people affected by CRPS and represent the PHS German Club. The race will take place on **September 24**. For more information, go to [fighttheflame.org](http://fighttheflame.org). Vielen Dank.

*(Submitted 9/12/2023 by Deron Hablutzel, [deron.hablutzel@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:deron.hablutzel@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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**COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND  
CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

## **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.
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Due **November 21**.

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

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## **NEW – 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 a CPCC hold put 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.

- **Sept. 26 at 2:30 PM** - Application help session in person or [Teams](#)
- **Sept. 28 at 6:30 PM** – Application help session on [Teams](#)
- **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](#)

A representative from CPCC will be in the mall area during lunch on **Wednesday, September 27** to also answer questions.

*(Submitted 9/20/2023 by Lisa Hall, [Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us) )*

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## Mayor's Youth Employment Program

Applications are now open for the 2023-2024 Mayor's Youth Employment Program (MYEP), which provides all Charlotte youth with equitable career development opportunities to explore the world of work, build social capital, and enhance economic mobility. MYEP seeks to build partnerships with host employers in Charlotte's economy to provide one-of-a-kind career experiences for MYEP participants. In order to participate, students must:

- Be 16 on or before **April 15, 2024**.
- Be enrolled as a current student in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools or reside in the City of Charlotte.
- Successfully complete a Job & Career Readiness Training on **October 12**.
- Have a current photo ID and Social Security number.
- Complete an online application and interview.
- Follow instructions (provided in the spring) to complete a background check and drug screen.
- Participate in a student orientation.

Applications are open through **September 27**. Find out more at <https://sites.google.com/cms.k12.nc.us/phs-college-career-center/announcements>.

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[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](#)

### September

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b><u>25</u></b> Women's Tennis @ Piedmont High School (3 PM)	<b><u>26</u></b> Girls V Golf vs. Ardrey Kell @ Charles T Meyers (3:30 PM)	<b><u>27</u></b> Girls V Golf vs. Charlotte Catholic High School @ Raintree CC (3:30 pm)	<b><u>28</u></b> Women's Tennis vs. Rocky River (4 PM)	<b><u>29</u></b> Girls Field Hockey @ Providence Day V (4:30 PM)	<b><u>30</u></b> Girls V Volleyball Quad Match Game vs. Hough @

Girls V Tennis vs. Independence (4 PM)	Girls Field Hockey vs Weddington at MSP V (4:30 PM) JV (5:45 PM)	V Football @ Mooresville (7 PM)	Ardrey Kell High (9 AM)
Girls JV/V Volleyball @ Butler High JV (5 PM) V (6:30 PM)	Boys Soccer @ Garinger High JV (5:30 PM) V (7:30 PM)		Girls V Volleyball Quad Match Game vs. Mallard Creek @ Ardrey Kell High (10:30 AM)
Girls JV Field Hockey vs Christ The King (5:45 PM at MSP)	JV Football vs. Mooresville (6 PM)		
Boys Soccer @ Rocky River V (7 PM)			

### **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](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>.

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