

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

September 29, 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

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 Friday. I hope you have had a good week. At Providence, it has been fast-paced week with many activities. Next week promises to be much the same. It is Homecoming week. In the 34 year history of Providence, we have had a strong tradition of excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics. We hope your child will have a good week participating in the events planned by our Leadership students to celebrate Homecoming week. The week will conclude with our Homecoming Dance next Saturday night.

Listed below are several updates for the week:

Blue Health Cards

Each year, parents are asked to complete a blue Health Card to leave on file with our school nurse. Please make sure you have completed it and returned to your child's homeroom teacher. We will have homeroom again on **Monday, October 2**. If we do not have a health card on file, then we do not know which hospital you prefer, if your child has any allergies to medication that paramedics might want to give if there were an injury on campus, etc. We want to take care of your child as quickly and efficiently as possible so please help us by ensuring that we have a blue health card on file.

School Improvement Team

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to serve on our School Improvement Team. Voting closed last week. We have added three additional parents to our School Improvement Team. All

names are listed on our website. The School Improvement Plan is on our school website for anyone to view. Last year, we wrote a two -year plan so the plan is still active. We have added and adjusted some strategies and action steps as needed.

PTSO Budget Approval

[Here](#) is the PTSO Proposed Budget for the 2023-24 School Year. Our wonderful PTSO Executive Board is working hard to provide financial support to Providence through donations made by our families, and funds raised through spirit wear sales or restaurant spirit nights. The proposed budget aligns priorities for this school year. The proposed budget must be voted on by the parents of Providence each year. In lieu of holding a meeting and voting in person, we will vote by phone. On **Tuesday** evening, **October 3**, we will send a ConnectED phone call to each home. When you get this message, please press 1 to approve the proposed budget. Press 2 to object to the proposed budget. Thank you.

Good luck to our football team as they travel to Mooresville High tonight. Good luck to our marching band as they participate in competition tomorrow and good luck to our volleyball team as they participate in a tournament at AK tomorrow.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Homecoming Week

Hello Providence families,

We hope everyone is having a great year so far and is just as excited for October as we are. On **October 7** we will have our annual Homecoming dance. The theme is “Candyland.” Our Homecoming Spirit Week will take place **October 2-6**. We will have our Homecoming Pep Rally and football game on **October 6**. The game will be against Independence High School with the theme “Pink Out”!

Here are the Spirit Week themes:

Monday, October 2: Pajama Day (“ROLO”-ver and get out of bed)

Tuesday, October 3: Royalty Day (“100 Grand”)

Wednesday, October 4: Wacky Wednesday (“Laffy Taffy”)

Thursday, October 5: Neon (“Skittles”)

Friday, October 6: Pink Out (“Bubblegum”)

Homecoming dance ticket sales and guest forms have officially ended. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. If you were not able to get one, you can still participate in our Homecoming Spirit Week and pep rally.

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

(Submitted 10/27/2023 by Laura Bauer, lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – 800° Woodfired Kitchen Spirit Night

Support the Providence High School PTSO by dining at 800° Woodfired Kitchen on **Tuesday, October 3** from **5–8 PM**. The restaurant is in Phillips Place in South Park at 6815 Phillips Place Ct. Providence PTSO will receive 25% from sales. Please mention #ONEPROV when ordering.

(Submitted 9/25/2023 by Jennifer Sbarra, jenfoleysbarra@gmail.com)

New – 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)

Updated – Back-to-School Yearbook Sale Extended

Due to a website link glitch that one of our Panther parents discovered last weekend, we have extended the back-to-school sale until **October 3**. Prices will increase after that. Go to this link to place your order:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1052199/Providence-High-School/>. Please email pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us with any questions or concerns.

(Submitted 9/26/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

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. 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 with questions.

(Submitted 8/17/2023 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

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.

(Submitted 9/19/2023 by Lee Sugg, leersugg@gmail.com)

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

(Submitted 9/13/2023 by Meredith Doub, merimac76@gmail.com)

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)

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 – German Club

Hallo!

This week, **October 2-6**, we will be having our annual German week! This will include many fun activities for all German students to enjoy. On **Monday**, students will watch a German fairy tale and begin guessing how many Gummibärchen (gummy bears) are in a jar. On **Tuesday**, the guessing will continue, and we will watch a video on the Day of German Unity. On **Wednesday** and **Thursday**, German 1 and 2 students will prepare presentations on famous German Americans, while German 3, 4, and AP will create presentations on German expressions. Additionally, there will be a German trivia game on **Thursday** and **Friday**. Finally, the week will end with the results of the Gummibärchen guess as well as the T-shirt design winner, which will be voted on throughout the week. Tschüss!

(Submitted 9/27/2023 by Deron Hablutzel - deron.hablutzel@cms.k12.nc.us)

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.

(Submitted 9/20/2023 by Cristy Pizarro, cristy.pizarro@gmail.com)

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, phsnjrotcbooster@gmail.com, or reach out to PHS NJROTC’s Instagram page @providencenjrotc.

(Submitted 9/20/2023 by Matthew Draper, providencehighnjrotc@gmail.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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 2

East Carolina University – **9 AM**

Bard College – **9:30 AM**

UNC-Chapel Hill – **1 PM**

Tuesday, October 3

Duke University – **8 AM**

UNC-Wilmington – **8:30 AM**

Wednesday, October 4

University of Chicago – **9:30 AM**

University of the South – **1 PM**

Thursday, October 5

Belmont Abbey – **9 AM**

University of Miami – **1 PM**

Friday, October 6

Marist College – **8:30 AM**

UNC-Greensboro – **9 AM**

Johnson & Wales, Providence, RI campus – **1 PM**

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)

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.

- o **Oct. 10 at 2:30 PM** - Application help session in person or [Teams](#)
- o **Oct. 17 at 6:30 PM** - Application help session on [Teams](#)
- o **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>2</u> Girls V Tennis @ Marvin Ridge High (4:00 PM)	<u>3</u> Girls V Golf vs. Charlotte Catholic @ Charles T Meyers (3:30 PM)	<u>4</u> Girls V Golf vs. TBA @ Raintree CC (3:30 PM)	<u>5</u> Girls V Tennis @ East Meck (4:00 PM) Girls JV/V Volleyball vs. Rocky River	<u>6</u> V Football vs. Independence (7 PM)	<u>7</u> Cross Country Meet at McAlpine Park (9:00 AM -12:00 PM)

Boys V Soccer vs. Ardrey Kell (6 PM)	Girls JV/V Field Hockey vs Myers Park @ MSP V (4:30 PM) JV (5:45 PM) Girls JV/V Volleyball vs. Independence JV (5 PM) V (6:30 PM) Boys JV/V Soccer vs. East Meck JV (5:30 PM) V (7 PM)		JV (5 PM) V (6:30 PM) Boys JV/V Soccer vs. Charlotte Catholic JV (5:30 PM) V (7:30 PM) JV Football @ Independence High (6 PM)		
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*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

New – 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/>