

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

September 8, 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 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 another busy week at school. Our students and staff have gotten back into their “groove.” You would be proud of the teaching and learning going on in our classrooms.

I have several things I want to share with you today:

- On Wednesday of this week, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction released 2022-23 School Level Data for all schools in North Carolina. We are so excited to share this brief summary:
 - Providence is again the **HIGHEST** performing high school in CMS with a **School Performance score of 92, a School Growth Score of 100, and grade of A** (the highest grade that can be earned).
 - In fact, **Providence has the HIGHEST growth of any high school in North Carolina** and the second highest in North Carolina overall. The highest growth was earned by a middle school in another county.
 - Providence students again **EXCEEDED Expected Growth**, which means that students grew more than they were predicted to grow (based on their individual state test scores from previous years). We are most proud of this achievement. “Growth” is an indicator that the state uses to determine the difference between the performance a student should make in a course as compared to their actual performance in a course.

- ALL subgroups (White, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Economically Disadvantaged, Multilingual Learners, and Students with Disabilities) **MET or EXCEEDED Expected Growth**.
- Our graduation cohort rate is above 95%. This means when students enter 9th grade, they graduate on time in four years with the peer group in which they entered high school. It also means that students who transferred in graduate with the graduating class based on when they entered 9th grade.
- Our **ACT pass rate is the highest in CMS** (including when we look at Middle and Early College high schools). It is the **highest of any comprehensive high school in North Carolina**.

In summary, the hard work our teachers, staff, and students did last year has resulted in strong achievement for our students. The staff and I will comb through the data in the days ahead to determine areas in which we can do better. We will share other data with you (SAT data and AP scores) as they become available. **CONGRATULATIONS to Team Providence!**

- As school is in full swing, please know that we have **Senior Night on Wednesday (September 13) at 6:30 PM** in the auditorium. This is for seniors and their parents. We will outline the college application process and other post-secondary opportunities for our students. Parents will want to know what is going on, so you are invited as well. In addition, parents of seniors, please mark your calendar for **November 28**, when we will host Financial Aid Night in the Media Center. Even if you do not anticipate needing financial aid to help pay for college, there are great tips and strategies to help you and your child save money by earning merit-based scholarships. Our guest speaker in November will be Tamika Ruffkin from the College Foundation of NC (CFNC).
- CMS announced an **Exam Exemption** plan for high school students just prior to the start of school. I explained this to students in their opening assembly, and many teachers have included the plan in their course prospectus. I wanted to share it with you in writing:
 - Students who meet the criteria below may be exempt from taking a final exam in a course that does not require participation in a state-required (i.e., CTE) or End of Course Assessment:
 - Students with a grade of an 'A' (90%) or above and no more than 3 absences (excused or unexcused).
 - Students with a grade of a 'B' (80%) or above with no more than 1 absence (excused or unexcused). Students would have the option to take the final exam to improve their grade rather than the exemption. ***If a student chooses to take the exam, CMS grading practices are followed, and the exam counts for 20% of the student's final grade.***
 - Students who participate and complete Advanced Placement exams may choose to take the teacher-made final to include in their final grade for the class.
- Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to serve on our School Improvement Team. The ballot to select the finalists is located [here](#). **Voting will close on Monday, September 11, at 5 PM**. Each parent may cast one vote. In order to account for that, please sign into Google to activate your ballot. We do not keep or record your address so that voting is anonymous. Please let us know if you have any questions.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Providence Fall Mum Sale

The Providence Horticulture classes and FFA are preselling mums for the fall season. Two size options are available: a 9-inch pot for \$12, or a 12-inch pot for \$25. Customers can choose between yellow, bronze, red, or purple mums. Order the mums at <http://bit.ly/PHSmums23> by **September 11**. Pickup will be on **September 15** at the PHS greenhouse from **2:30–4 PM**. Email Ms. Edens at loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us for special arrangements.

(Submitted 8/31/2023 by Michelle Edens, loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – 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 and click "Order Now" to place your order. Problems with online ordering or need other options? Contact pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 9/3/2023 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)

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. Online store will close **September 14**.

For more information, contact Karen Crawford at karencrawford@hotmail.com or Reyna Watson at reynarnq@yahoo.com.

(Submitted 8/30/2023 by Karen Crawford, karencrawford@hotmail.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 8/30/2023 by Naomi McRary, naomi90404@aol.com)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

[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](#)

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[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>
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>

Girls V Tennis vs. East Meck (4 PM)	Girls V Golf @ Palisades High (2:30 PM)	Girls V Golf vs. TBA @ Raintree CC (3:30 PM)	Girls V Golf @ Independence (3 PM)	CMS Observed Religious Holiday	Cross Country Meet @ Wake Med Soccer Complex in Cary, NC
Girls Volleyball @ Rocky River JV (5 PM) V (6:30 PM)	Girls JV/V Volleyball vs. Palisades High JV (5 PM) V (6:30 PM)	Women's Tennis vs. Charlotte Catholic (4:00 PM)	V Football vs. Charlotte Catholic (7 PM)	No Athletic Activities	
Boys Soccer @ Charlotte Catholic JV (5:30 PM) V (7 PM)	Girls Field Hockey vs. Marvin Ridge @ MSP V (4:30 PM) JV (5:45 PM)	Girls JV/V Volleyball vs. Garinger JV (5 PM) V (6:30 PM)	Girls Field Hockey vs. South Meck @ MSP V (4:30 PM) JV (5:45 PM)		
Girls Field Hockey vs. Providence Day @ MSP JV (4:30 PM)		Boys Soccer vs. Butler JV (5:30 PM) V (7 PM)			
		JV Football @ Charlotte Catholic (6 PM)			

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

Providence Athletic Club and Sports Updates

Last Week to Order Providence Pajama Pants

Cooler air is coming! Lounge in style with Providence pajama pants. They come in ladies' and men's styles, and all sizes are \$40. Sale ends **September 17!** Click [here](#) to order.

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/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/>