

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## *April 19, 2024*

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

May 27	Memorial Day – No School
June 8	Graduation

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

The “**Around the Wheel**” campaign organized by the Sources of Strength peer leaders has been a big success this week. The activities on Thursday helped students focus on the eight Sources of Strengths we can use as we work on creating a well-balanced and healthy life. Thank you to the Multicultural Club and the peer leaders for your leadership this week.

As we look toward next week, I have the following announcements to share.

### **ACT scores for 11<sup>th</sup> graders**

We received a surprise shipment of printouts of each 11<sup>th</sup> graders’ ACT score from the test they took on March 13. We were originally told that the only way for students to access their score was through their MyACT account. On **Monday**, we will distribute these reports in homeroom. If you have not seen the score, please ask your child to share it with you then.

### **Parents dropping off students**

We have noticed that students are being dropped off on Highway 51 in the morning rather than the driver pulling onto campus and safely dropping the student off in the carpool line. This is an unsafe practice and is not allowed. We encourage those who bring students to school to safely follow our established procedures for drop off and pick up. Thank you!

### **Seniors (and parents of seniors)**

By **May 1**, I will share a detailed letter with our seniors and their parents outlining end-of-year deadlines and activities for seniors. It’s an exciting time as they begin to finalize plans for after graduation. Please stay tuned.

**Tonight**, we have four main events at Providence.

- Softball v. Rocky River will begin at **5 PM**. Parking will be at the softball field.
- Friday Night Lights, an 18-school track and field meet, will begin at **5 PM** and conclude at about **10 PM**. Visitors for the meet will be directed to park in the bus parking lot only.
- Varsity baseball v. Ardrey Kell will begin at about **6:30 PM**. Parking will be in the student parking lot.
- It's opening night for our spring musical, "Mean Girls." Show time is **7 PM**. Tickets are available at the door, and parking will be in the student parking lot.

We invite you to come out and enjoy these events. It's one of those fun-filled evenings at our large, active, comprehensive high school. Go Panthers!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New – Junior Week: May 20-23**

To help rising seniors prepare for their post-high school plans, the PHS counseling department is excited to host "Junior Week" **May 20-23**. Each afternoon, counselors will host an in-person workshop for students, highlighting the various components of the college application process as well as information about additional post-high school options for students including CPCC, trade schools, or the military. Topics will include: application types, testing policies, letters of recommendation, resumes, scholarships, financial aid, tours, essays, and a panel of current seniors.

Stay tuned for more information and tell your rising seniors to save the dates. Junior Week presentations will not be recorded or broadcast, and there will be no make-up sessions.

*(Submitted 04/16/2024 by Lindsay S. Walker, [lindsays.walker@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lindsays.walker@cms.k12.nc.us))*

### **New – Prom Tickets for Sale Starting April 22**

Prom is **Saturday, May 18** at the Fillmore, 820 Hamilton St. in Charlotte.

Prom tickets will be for sale on OSP **April 22–May 1** (end of day). Juniors and seniors can buy tickets for themselves plus one guest. If the guest does not go to Providence, a guest form will need to be completed and turned in to room 134 by **May 3**. Guest forms are located on the Prom site (see the link on the Providence home page), and printed copies are available near room 134. Forms require a printed copy of an image of a photo ID.

Tickets will be distributed in homeroom on **May 13**. Students who are not in school that day should see Mrs. Simpson in room 134 on **May 14**.

Tickets are not transferable. Re-sale tickets will not be honored.

Please see the prom site for FAQs and answers.

(Submitted 04/17/2024 by Jill Simpson, [jillk.simpson@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:jillk.simpson@cms.k12.nc.us))

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## **PHS Spirit Night**

Support the Providence High School PTSO by dining at 800° Wood Fired Kitchen on **April 23** from **5-8 PM**. Mention #ONEPROV and PHS will receive 25% from sales. The restaurant is located at 6815 Phillips Place Ct. in the SouthPark area.

(Submitted 04/11/2024 by Jennifer Sbarra, [jennfolysbarra@gmail.com](mailto:jennfolysbarra@gmail.com))

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## **Seeking Volunteer Panelists for AP Research Presentations**

The AP Research students have done individual research all year, and this Presentation and Oral Defense (POD) is the culminating activity to showcase their work. As a panelist, you will be asked to attend the presentation at the time scheduled. Panelists will ask one question from a list of questions provided. Panelists will not score the presentation but may provide feedback. We greatly appreciate the support of community members who agree to be panelists. If you are able to help, please fill in your name for one or two time slots (blocks). Five time slots are available. If all the slots are filled, we can have another panelist join any of the sessions. Panelists will need to complete a short volunteer form on the CMS website if they have not already done so.

[Please complete name and contact information on this form](#)

(Submitted 04/11/2024 by Andrea Wise, [andrea.wise@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:andrea.wise@cms.k12.nc.us))

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## **Donate to PHS Staff Appreciation Week**

PHS Staff Appreciation Week is **April 22-26**, and we need your help to make it a big success! The PTSO has planned a fun week of events with food and treats. Our goal is to also present a special gift to every staff member, and we rely on your generous donations to make all of this happen. This year, there are two easy ways to give:

<https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com>: Log in and select “2024 PHS Staff Appreciation Week” to donate

<https://givebutter.com/6xrHrI>: New this year—click the link to donate

(Submitted 04/11/2024 by Meridith Doub, [merimac76@gmail.com](mailto:merimac76@gmail.com))

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## **Last Chance to Order Yearbooks**

Our yearbook is complete and has been sent to the publishers. We only have 79 books left, so order yours today at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com).

If you are interested in donating a yearbook to a student in need, please email our social worker, Ms. Thompson, at [symonem.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:symonem.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us) and she can coordinate the purchase.

*(Submitted 03/24/2024 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**

Graduation is almost here! 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 receive an email notification that your sign is ready for pickup in the front office.

If you have questions, please contact Naomi McRary at [naomi90404@aol.com](mailto:naomi90404@aol.com).

*(Submitted 4/11/2024 by Naomi McRary, [naomi90404@aol.com](mailto:naomi90404@aol.com))*

# **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

## **Junior Panther Soccer Clinic**

The Providence High School women's soccer team is hosting a Junior Panther Soccer Clinic for girls K-5th grade in an effort to raise funds for their women's program and directly impact our community of future soccer players. The clinic will take place on **Friday, April 26** from **5-8 PM** (Parent's Night Out) and **Saturday, April 27** from **9-11 AM** at Providence High School stadium and practice fields. The clinic will focus on teaching basic soccer skills and techniques in a fun and interactive environment.

The cost to participate in the clinic is \$65 (Friday only) or \$100 (Friday and Saturday). Please spread the word to friends and family members. The registration deadline is **Sunday, April 14**. For more information and for complete registration details, follow us on Instagram @**provwsoccer** or email us at [provwomenssoccer@gmail.com](mailto:provwomenssoccer@gmail.com).

*(Submitted 03/25/2024 by Ann Miller, [annmiller28277@gmail.com](mailto:annmiller28277@gmail.com))*

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## **PHS Spring Musical**

PHS Theatre invites the community, parents, staff, students, and alumni to its spring musical, *Mean Girls – High School Version*. The fiercely hilarious musical follows the story of Cady Heron, naive newbie in a suburban high school, as she takes on Queen Bee Regina George and the Plastics.

Performances will be **April 19-21** and **April 26-28** (Fridays and Saturdays at 7 PM, Sundays at

**3 PM).** Don't miss out on this entertaining musical experience presented by our talented students. Parental guidance is suggested for younger audiences due to the theme and language.

Follow the link below to purchase tickets. It's going to be so fetch!  
<https://bit.ly/PHSMeanGirls>

(Submitted 03/25/2024 by Cristy Pizarro, [cristy.pizarro@gmail.com](mailto:cristy.pizarro@gmail.com))

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### Upcoming College Visits

The following colleges are planning visits to PHS over the next few weeks. Junior and senior students who are interested in attending these visits should register on Naviance.

**Friday, April 26 at 1 PM** – Guilford College

(Submitted 03/20/2024 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](#)

### Providence Athletic Club and Sports Updates

**April**

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>22</u> Girls JV Softball vs. Hickory Ridge	<u>23</u> Boys Tennis hosting SW4A Conference	<u>24</u> Boys Golf at Pinecrest Invitational	<u>25</u> Baseball vs East Meck @ Providence	<u>26</u> Track & Field @ East Meck (4 PM)	<u>27</u> Flag Football @

@ Providence High Softball Field (4 PM)	Tournament (3:30 PM)	(8 AM)	High "Senior Night" (JV 4 PM) (V 6:30 PM)	Varsity Softball vs East Meck @ East Meck High (5 PM)	Ardrey Kell High (9 AM)
Girls Soccer vs Marvin Ridge @ Providence High (JV 5:30 PM) (V @ 7 PM)	Baseball vs East Meck @ East Meck High (JV 4 PM) (V 6:30 PM)	Boys Tennis hosting SW4A Conference Tournament (3:30 PM)	JV Softball vs Weddington @ Weddington High (4:30 PM)	Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Butler @ Providence High (7 PM)	Track & Field @ East Meck (10 AM)
	Varsity Softball vs Garinger Double Header @ Garinger (4 PM)	Softball vs Hough @ Hough High (JV 4 PM) (V 5:30 PM)	Girls Soccer vs East Meck @ East Meck High (JV 5:30 PM) (V 7 PM)		
	Girls Soccer vs Garinger @ Garinger High (JV 5:30 PM) (V @ 7 PM)	Boys Volleyball vs Butler @ Butler High (4:30 PM)			
	Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Porter Ridge @ Providence High (6 PM)	Girls Lacrosse vs South Meck @ South Meck High (JV 5 PM) (V 7 PM)			
	Girls V Lacrosse vs Butler @ Providence High (5 PM)				

\*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

\*MCAC=Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center

### **New** – Track & Field Highlights from Queen City Relays

The relays were held **April 13** at Myers Park High School.

- First place, boys distance medley relay: Gavin D'Souza, Harrison Monahan, Hyrum Brown, Rowe Hopkins
- First place, boys 4x800m relay: Harrison Monahan, Caleb Maxwell, Matthew Perrone, Rowe Hopkins
- First place, boys shot put: Burke Menniger
- Second place, boys sprint medley relay: Carter Weinke, Ben Gran, Caleb Maxwell, Matthew Perrone
- Second place, boys shuttle hurdle relay: Zach Laglenne, Peter Okoye, Matthew Perrone, Ben Gran
- Second place, boys 300mIH: Peter Okoye

- Second place, girls distance medley relay: Rachel Lyon, Mallory Weinke, Isabella Hall, Helen Chen

### **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.

### **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](#). 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/>