Dear Providence families and friends,

To ensure everyone can view the MEWS and avoid any formatting issues, it is also attached to this email as a PDF. And, as always, the MEWS is available on the PHS PTSO Website.

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

February 9, 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.

To submit an article, refer to the MEWS Guidelines and then email articles here by 9 PM Wednesday.

View the current and past editions of the MEWS.

Click <u>here</u> to subscribe to or unsubscribe from the MEWS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 14	Early Release Day at 11:15 AM for teacher professional development
February 19	Presidents Day holiday
March 5	Optional teacher workday – no school
March 13	ACT testing for 11 th graders. 9 th , 10 th and 12 th graders will have class as usual. Early Release Day at 11:15 AM for teacher professional
	development.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

We have had a full week of teaching, learning and plenty of extracurricular events. It is never boring in our large high school. Today and this weekend we have the following athletic teams competing: Basketball, Wrestling, Indoor Track, & Swimming and Diving. Good luck to our student athletes.

For this coming week, our Executive Board has planned a "Reset and Recharge" week designed to give students time and space to reflect on how they are doing and to focus on their well-being. Each day, we will have a homeroom schedule. For 3 days in homeroom, students will have "Panther Pause." This is a quiet time for students to do homework, organize their planner, make their to-do list, write notes, reflections, or goals, daydream, catch their breath, etc. On Monday, they can wear pajamas! The Leadership students have listed more of the activities in the article below. I encouraged the students to take it all in and enjoy the events.

On Wednesday, in homeroom, **Course Request Cards are due from 9th, 10th, and 11th graders**. We will ask students to enter their requests into PowerSchool. Then, in the weeks following **February 14**, each counselor will meet individually with their students to review their selections, verify that courses needed for graduation are selected, and work with each student on their post-high school plans. We look forward to working on this process together with our students. We thoroughly

enjoy meeting with each student. It is a very time-consuming process but one that helps us get to know our students and help us guide them through the high school years.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are thankful to be able to work with each of them! They are a key ingredient to making our school a joyful place to teach and work each day!

I hope you have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New - Student Government Update

Hello Providence families,

Leadership and Sources of Strength have partnered to facilitate Reset and Recharge Week! Reset and Recharge Week is intended to provide students with an opportunity to unwind and stay motivated for this semester. It will take place from **Monday**, **February 12** to **Friday**, **February 16**. There will be themes and activities throughout the week to provide students with a stress-free environment.

Every day (February 12–16): Panther Pause and music during lunch

Monday (February 12): Pajama Day

Tuesday (February 13): Petting Zoo at lunch

Wednesday (February 14): Wear Valentine's Day colors (half-day)

Friday (February 16): Hot chocolate in the morning

The Leadership class is pleased to announce that Providence will be having a Sadie Hawkins dance this year! The dance will take place on **Saturday, March 23**. Look forward to more information soon,

Our next home basketball game will be on **February 9** against Rocky River. The theme will be "Valentines." We are excited to see everyone cheering on our Panthers!

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

(Submitted 02/06/2024 by Laura Bauer, <u>lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us</u>)

New - Shake Shack Spirit Day Fundraiser on February 13

Support the Providence High School PTSO by dining at Shack Shack anytime **Tuesday**, **February 13**. The restaurant is in the Blakeney shopping center at 9824 Rea Road. Show the flyer (available on PHS social media), mention PHS, or use the code DONATEFRY on the Shack App for pickup, delivery, or kiosk when checking out, and the restaurant will donate 25% of your purchase to Providence.

(Submitted 02/02/2024 by Jennifer Sbarra, jennfoleysbarra@gmail.com)

New – 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 <u>pay4schoolstuff.com site</u>. Once the payment is processed, you will receive an email notifying you that your sign is ready for pickup in the front office.

If you have any questions, please contact Naomi McRary at naomi90404@aol.com. Congratulations to your senior!

(Submitted 02/07/2024 by Naomi McRary, naomi90404@aol.com)

Updated – Providence Band Selling Butter Braid Frozen Pastries

This is the last week to order Butter Braids from Providence Band students! The sale ends **Friday**, **February 16**. These delicious pastries come in a variety of sweet and savory flavors and are great for breakfast, desserts, appetizers, and special occasions. Simply thaw overnight and bake. Stock up the freezer now!

Contact a band member or email PHSBandButterBraids@gmail.com to order. Orders will be picked up by band students at school on Tuesday, March 5 for delivery.

Thank you for your support of the Providence High School band program!

(Submitted 02/07/2024 by Sarah Mayse, sbmayse@gmail.com)

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Students have until **March 13** to accrue volunteer service hours for this school year's award. All paperwork must be submitted to Ms. Haywood in the guidance department by **3 PM** on **March 15**, but you are welcome to turn it in beginning **February 15**. No late submissions will be accepted.

As the deadline approaches, please keep the following in mind:

- Make sure your activities qualify. If you are unsure if your activities will qualify for the award, check the PHS PVSA website for additional information and requirements.
- Do not wait until the last minute to gather the required signatures and documentation to apply for this award; incomplete applications will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- The PVSA application form, PVSA summary log, and PVSA volunteer hour log sheet must be filled out completely and legibly, with all dates of service/description/hours listed, signatures from supervising adults, and contact information for verification purposes.

If you have any questions about the PVSA, please email <u>providence.pvsa@gmail.com</u>.

(Submitted 01/21/24 by Helen Kim, helenckim@gmail.com)

PHS Theatre Company Valentine's Day Cookie Sale

Order now to have a lovely box of gourmet cookies delivered to someone special. Use the link below to buy a box of seven delicious treats for only \$15. Cookies will be hand-delivered to the recipient of your choice. And if that's you, that's OK, too! Payment can be made via Venmo or Zelle.

Link to purchase: https://bit.ly/PHSvdaycookies

Venmo: phstheatrebooster.org (last four digits are 9153)

Zelle: phstheatrebooster.cms@gmail.com

All proceeds go back into our theatre company. Your support is truly appreciated!

(Submitted 01/31/2024 by Cristy Pizarro, Cristy.pizarro@gmail.com)

Help Providence by Linking to Harris Teeter and Publix Buyer Programs

Providence families: Did you know that Providence gets \$10 for every HT Plus trial or membership? If your card is linked to Providence High School and you sign up for a trial or a membership, Harris Teeter will give Providence \$10. Sign up today!

Also, Publix will donate money to Providence every time you shop. Join Club Publix and select Providence as a partner.

(Submitted 01/22/2024 by Melanie Bradle, melaniebradle@gmail.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

New - MeckPathways Internship Information and Application

Applications for the MeckPathways summer internship program are open through **February 29**. This opportunity offers high school students hands on experience in the day-to-day operations of various departments within Mecklenburg County. The eight-week program will run from **June 10–August 2** and will expose students to various careers within local government. Interns selected for the program will be paid \$15 per hour and will work 20-40 hours per week.

To be eligible for the program, students must turn 16 on or before **May 6**. There are no GPA requirements at this time. All internship hours must be served on-site; there is not a virtual option for this program.

Click below to access the MeckPathways application. A link to a description of the various Mecklenburg County departments where students could be placed is listed at the top of the application. A written essay and letter of recommendation are required as part of the application process.

MeckPathways Application Summer 2024

Click on the link below for a flyer with a QR code that you can scan for more information on the program.

MeckPathways Informational Flyer

(Submitted 02/02/2024 by Lisa Hall, <u>lisasc.hall@cms.k12.nc.us</u>)

New – Explore a Career in Finance

Explore a career in the finance industry through a program sponsored by Oakworth Capital Bank. The open house for the program will be **Tuesday**, **February 20** at **6:30 PM** at their office at 6000 Fairview Road, Suite 125, in Charlotte.

An overview of the weekly program sessions included in this experience is listed below.

- Feb 20: Open house, program overview, questions
- Feb 27: Learn about commercial banking
- Mar 5: Learn about private banking
- March 12: Learn about wealth planning/investments
- March 19: Learn about treasury management
- March 26: Creating a budget
- April 2: Learn about debt and how to borrow/creditworthiness
- April 9: Work ethic, values and professionalism in the workplace
- **April 16**: Wrap party and how to be successful in banking and finance. What degrees or certifications are good to have.

The cost to participate in the program is \$75, but there is no cost to attend the open house. Click below for more information and to register for the open house.

https://www.mccscouting.org/Finance24

(Submitted 2/02/2024 by Lisa Hall, <u>lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us</u>)

Below is a presentation that will answer many questions about the Career & College Promise (dual enrollment) program for rising PHS juniors and seniors. There are many specific requirements and details that are contained in this presentation, so please make sure to review in its entirety.

PHS CPCC Dual Enrollment Presentation 24-25 School Year

Any student who wants to participate in this program must complete the "9 Step Enrollment Process" outlined on the website below **no later than Monday**, **April 29**. Fall 2024 course registration for students who plan to participate in the dual enrollment program will open on **Wednesday**, **May 8**.

PHS Career & College Promise Website

Help session dates with the Career & College Promise application are for students only and are listed below:

- Tuesday, February 13 at 2:30 PM Application help session in person in Ms. Hall's office across from the mall.
- o Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 PM Application help session on Teams. Click here to join the meeting.
- o **Tuesday, March 12 at 2:30 PM -** Application help session in person in Ms. Hall's office across from the mall.
- o **Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 PM -** Application help session on Teams. Click here to join the meeting.
- Tuesday, April 16th at 2:30 PM Application help session in person in Ms. Hall's office across from the mall

(Submitted 02/07/2024 by Lisa Hall, lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

ACE Trades Day Career Exploration Event

It's time to start planning for our annual field trip for ACE Trades Day. The goal of ACE Trades Day is to introduce students to the myriad of different careers that exist in the growing skilled trades industry.

Date: Thursday, March 21

Location: CPCC Harper Campus, 315 W. Hebron St. in Charlotte

Departure time: **9 AM** Return time: **1 PM**

Space at the event and on our activity bus is limited, so slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Students who wish to attend the event should have interest in pursuing a skilled trade as a career. They must also complete the registration form below no later than 1 PM on Friday, February 16.

ACE Trades Day student registration form

(Submitted 01/31/2024 by Lisa Hall, lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

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.

Thursday, February 15 at 8:30 AM – Western Carolina University

Friday, February 16 at 1 PM – Winthrop University

Tuesday, February 20 at 1 PM – U.S. Air Force Academy

Tuesday, March 12 at 8:30 am – Samford University

Tuesday, March 12 at 1:00 pm – Baylor University

Monday, March 18 at 9:00 AM – University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Wednesday, March 20 at 1 PM - Georgia State University

Thursday, March 21 at 1:00 PM – Binghamton University

Friday, March 22 at 9:00 AM – University of Arizona

Friday, March 22 at 9:30 AM – Oglethorpe University

Friday, March 22 at 1 PM - Mississippi State University

Monday, March 25 at 9:30 AM – DePaul University

Monday, March 25 at 1:00 PM – University of Florida

Tuesday, March 26 at 8:30 AM – Augustana College

Wednesday, March 27 at 9:00 AM - University of Essex

Tuesday, April 9 at 9:00 AM - Ohio State University - Main Campus- Jacksonville University

Thursday, April 18 at 1:00 PM Friday, April 26 at 1:00 PM – Guilford College

(Submitted 02/01/2024 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

CPCC College Connection Program for Seniors

CPCC College Connection is an early registration opportunity and guided enrollment program for currently enrolled high school seniors. Participants will be registered for their fall semester of college before even graduating from high school. Students are required to complete all the College Connection enrollment steps prior to **Friday, March 15** to participate in the program. This includes completing and submitting an application to CPCC.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about this program, please reach out to PHS career development coordinator, Lisa Hall, for more information. She can be reached at lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us or you can stop by and visit her in her office, which is across from the mall.

(Submitted 01/16/2024 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

School Counseling website

Job Openings

Information on College Visits

College and Career Center website
Upcoming College Visits

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

Events for the Week

February

Monday	<u>Tuesday</u>	Wednesday	Thursday	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
	Basketball vs. Garinger @ Garinger High (JV Girls 3:30 pm) (JV Boys 4:30 pm) (V Girls 6 pm) (V Boys 7:30 pm)		NCHSAA 1st Round of Wrestling State Championship at Greensboro Coliseum Field House (5:00 pm)	Basketball vs. East Mecklenburg @ East Mecklenburg High (JV Girls 3:30 pm) (JV Boys 4:30 pm) (V Girls 6 pm) (V Boys 7:30 pm) NCHSAA 2nd & 3rd Rounds of Wrestling State Championship at Greensboro Coliseum Field House (9:00 am)	NCHSAA Final Rounds of Wrestling State Championship at Greensboro Coliseum Field House (9:00 am)

^{*}MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

Providence Athletic Club and Sports Updates

Mandatory Spring Sports Parent Meeting

The spring sports parent meeting will be at **6 PM** in the PHS auditorium on **Tuesday**, **February 20**. This is a mandatory meeting for any parents with a student athlete playing a spring sport.

Extremely Important Spring Sports Tryout Information

^{*}MCAC=Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center

Baseball Tryouts

Boys baseball tryouts will be held at **2:30 PM** on **February 14** at the PHS baseball complex. Please contact Coach Hignight at daniel.hignight@cms.k12.nc.us with questions.

Girls Softball Tryouts

Girls Softball tryouts will be held at **3 PM** on **February 14** at the PHS softball field. Become part of a great team and great family! Please contact Coach Micah at coachmicah.ep@gmail.com with questions.

Boys Tennis Tryouts

Tryouts for the boys' tennis team will be held from **2:30-4 PM** on **February 14-16** at the PHS tennis courts. Make sure all your information is updated on DragonFly before the first practice date. Please contact Coach Oxendine at joshuae.oxendine@cms.k12.nc.us with questions.

Girls Lacrosse Tryouts

Tryouts for girls lacrosse will be held from **3:30-5 PM** on **February 14** and **15** at Matthews Sportsplex Field #1. Official rosters will be posted on by **8 PM** on **February 15**. Please contact Coach Lindsay at peytona.lindsay@cms.k12.nc.us with questions.

Boys Lacrosse Tryouts

Tryouts for boys lacrosse will be held from **4:30-6 PM** on **February 14** and **15** at Matthews Sportsplex Field #5. Please contact Coach Nelson at jared@optimize.health with questions.

Outdoor Track & Field Tryouts

Tryouts for outdoor track & field will start at **3 PM** on **February 14** and **15** at the PHS track. Please contact Coach Touanjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us with questions.

Boys Golf Tryouts

Tryouts will be held at **3:30 PM** on **February 14** and **15** at Raintree Country Club. Please contact Coach Church at carefreehighway33@gmail.com with questions.

Girls Soccer Tryouts

Tryouts for girls soccer will be held from **3-5 PM** on **February 14 & 15** at the Matthews Sportsplex on fields 8 & 9. Please contact Coach Jackson at rodney.jackson37@yahoo.com with questions.

Boys Volleyball Tryouts

Tryouts for boys volleyball will be held from **4-7 PM** on **February 16** in the PHS gym. Please contact Coach Hamlett at mayag.hamlett@cms.k12.nc.us with questions.

Girls Flag Football Tryouts

Tryouts for girls flag football will be held from **3-4 PM** on **February 14-16** at the PHS football practice field. Please contact Coach Cruz at michaela.cruz@cms.k12.nc.us with questions.

Leave Your Footprint at Providence with a Personalized Brick

Show your Panther Pride and become a permanent part of the Providence campus with your own personalized brick! Bricks will be installed in the courtyard outside the stadium. Bricks can be etched with up to three lines of personalization including text and selected icons. Order on Pay4SchoolStuff.com.

Save the Date: Providence Athletic Club Golf Tournament

Mark **April 15** on your calendar for the Providence Athletic Club Golf Tournament. Registration link coming soon. For tournament questions, contact Melanie Bradle at melaniebradle@gmail.com.

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. 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:

- Download the Hometown Fan app at <u>https://www.hometownticketing.com/resources/hometown-fan-app/</u> 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 <u>ProvidenceSportsPhoto</u>. For assistance, contact Rusty Transou at <u>rtransou@gmail.com</u>.

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/