

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

January 12, 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

January 15	MLK Jr. Holiday – No School
January 18–24	4x4 Final Exams – School Dismissed at 12:30 PM
January 24	Makeup Exam Day
January 25	Teacher Workday
January 26	1st Day of 2nd Semester – Students Report to Homeroom at 7:15 AM
January 26	Course Registration for 2024–25 School Year Begins
February 14	Early Release Day at 11:15 AM for Teacher Professional Development

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

Since returning from Winter Break, students have quickly gotten back to work. I'm so proud of them. They have been working hard to prepare for mid-term or final exams. We have two more days of regular school and then we move into the exam schedule. As a reminder, mid-term exams for A/B day classes and final exams for 4x4 classes will be given on **January 18–24**. A copy of the specific exam schedule was sent home via ParentSquare on Tuesday of this week.

During exams, we will dismiss school at approximately **12:30 PM**. There can be **no early releases** until exams are finished each day so that we do not disrupt testing for any student. Please check your schedule and make sure there are no doctor appointments or other events planned that would take students out of school prior to **12:20 PM** on these days. If so, we kindly ask that you rearrange those appointments or plan for your child to take the make-up exam on **January 24** (the make-up exam day). Students who have practice may return to campus at **2:15 PM**.

As we prepare for exams, we have reminded the students that this is an excellent time to bring up any grade that may not be where they want it to be. Mid-term exams count as 20% of the first semester grade. Final exams count as 20% of the course grade. Twenty percent is enough of a percentage to make a difference. We want all of our students to study and put their best foot forward.

Here are some [study tips](#) that might help. Please share these with your child. We encourage them to get rest before each exam so they will be fresh and on top of their game.

This year is the first in several decades that CMS has allowed an Exam Exemption plan for high school students. On **Tuesday, January 16**, Providence teachers of semester-long classes will review with students if their course is eligible for an exam exemption and instruct eligible students on the process for notifying the teacher that they are choosing to take advantage of the exam exemption. Teachers will verify the exemption and mark the final exam "EX" in PowerSchool. Parents will be able to see the EX in PowerSchool (which means "exempt") so you know your child and teacher are on the same page. Students with an exam exemption who attend school on exam day will have a school-sponsored study hall. Students who are exempt from the exam and do not attend school will be marked absent with an excused absence code. These absences will not impact the exam exemption status.

Finally, it is important to note that the final exam exemption is only for non-state-required final assessments. It is not for mid-term exams or for State Required or EOC exams. Questions regarding if a final exam is eligible for exemption should be directed to the teacher of the course.

In other news, please be reminded that if your child has more than 10 absences (excused or unexcused) in any 4x4 course for first semester, they must do Attendance Recovery so they are able to receive the academic grade they earned. The last day for students in first semester 4x4 classes to do Attendance Recovery for this semester is **January 17, 2024**.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Credit by Demonstrated Mastery

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) is the process by which a student may earn credit for a high school course by demonstrating a deep understanding of the content without course enrollment or seat time. CDM was designed to respond to the needs of students, families, AIG community, school personnel, and leadership. CDM specifically offers North Carolina students the opportunity to personalize and accelerate their learning, thus allowing for optimal student growth while providing an opportunity to have effective seat time to learn new content.

The Spring window for submitting applications is open from **January 1–31**. You can find more information and the application on the CMS [webpage](#).

(Submitted 01/11/2024 by Dr. Harrill, tracey.harrill@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Student Government Update

We would like to congratulate and thank all of the Leadership applicants for their hard work and interest in our Student Council. Beginning on **January 8**, the Leadership class has been facilitating interviews for the 2024-25 Leadership class. The last day of interviews will take place on **January 17**.

We wish all applicants the best of luck!

Our next home basketball game will be on **January 12** against Garringer. The theme will be "Pajamas." The first 50 students to attend the Varsity Women's game may enter a raffle to win a free tardy pass. 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 01/10/2024 by Laura Bauer, lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – PHS Band Mattress Sale

The fourth annual Providence HS Band Mattress Sale is **Sunday, March 3**, from **11 AM to 6 PM** in the PHS mall, for one day only. Twenty-five-plus styles will be on display with full factory warranties: BRAND NEW Simmons Black Hybrids, Beautyrest, adjustable power bases, memory foam, luxury pillows, and more top brands sold by professionals. Mattresses are up to **50% below retail** prices and all forms of payment are accepted. Every purchase benefits the PHS band and students. For more information plus a special event coupon, visit bit.ly/beds4providence2024 or text PROVIDENCE to 980-399-6700.

(Submitted 01/10/2024 by Lindsay Brett, lindsayleebrett@gmail.com)

Senior Yard Signs

Celebrate senior year by displaying a Providence High School senior yard sign on your lawn. Purchasing is fast and easy through the pay4schoolstuff.com site. Once the payment is processed, you will get 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 01/03/24 by Naomi McRary, naomi90404@aol.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

New – 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 go to Naviance to register.

Friday, January 26 at 9 AM – Winston Salem State University

Thursday, February 1 at 1 PM – Long Island University

Wednesday, March 20 at 1 PM – Georgia State University

Friday, March 22 at 1 PM – Mississippi State University

(Submitted 01/03/2024 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

MeckPathways Summer Internship

MeckPathways is a partnership between Mecklenburg County Government and Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. This internship program (<https://hr.mecknc.gov/Internships>) provides students an opportunity to gain professional work experience that connects their classroom experiences and potential career choices. The goal of the program is to provide a variety of opportunities for students to learn about public service professions.

Details:

- Pay rate: \$15/hour
- Program dates: **June 10–August 2, 2024**
- Potential work week: 20–40 hours per week

Applicant Requirements:

- Applicant must be a CMS high school junior or senior
- Minimum Age: 16 years old by **May 3, 2024**
- No experience is required

Applications for MeckPathways will open in early February. Students who are interested in this internship program should complete this Google form so that Ms. Hall can follow up with additional application information: <https://forms.gle/XHAZbK4FwTHso9cC9>.

(Submitted 01/03/2024 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

Bank of America Student Leaders Summer Internship

Applications are now open for the Bank of America Student Leaders summer internship program. Through Student Leaders, Bank of America recognizes high school students who lead and serve their own communities and beyond. As a Student Leader, students will work as paid interns at a local nonprofit for eight weeks. They will also attend the weeklong Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C. This program also provides students the opportunity to develop leadership and career skills as well as the ability to connect with like-minded students from their own community and across the country. Applications close on **Wednesday, January 17**. Click on the link to apply today: <https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/student-leaders>

(Submitted 12/05/2023 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](#)

January

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> Basketball vs. Cuthbertson @ Providence High (JV Girls 3:30 PM) (JV Boys 4:30 PM) (V Girls 6 PM) (V Boys 7:30 PM)	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> V Boys Swimming & Diving vs. Multiple Schools @ MCAC (2 PM) Basketball vs. East Meck @ Providence High (JV Girls 3:30 PM) (JV Boys 4:30 PM) (V Girls 6 PM) (V Boys 7:30 PM) V Boys Rugby vs. Myers Park @ Myers Park (7 PM) Wrestling at Charlotte Catholic (5:30 PM)	<u>20</u> Indoor Track & Field @ JDL Invite in Winston-Salem

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

*MCAC=Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center

New – Congrats to the Providence Indoor Track Team

The boys 4x800m relay team qualified for the Indoor Track & Field State Championships this past Saturday at the Liberty Invitational. The boys combined for 8:19, which currently ranks them #9 in 4A! Members of the relay team are: Harrison Monahan, Gavin D'Souza, Matthew Perron, and Rowe Hopkins.

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.

(Submitted 11/16/23 by Sarah Novak, snovak428@hotmail.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.

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?schoools=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.nchsa.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/>

