

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

January 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

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,

Students began their mid-term or final exams yesterday. Everything is running smoothly so far. This morning on the announcements, I encouraged students to rest from this week and then study for the exams they have on Monday and Tuesday of next week. We rarely have a schedule where the exam week is broken up at the half-way point to allow the students a rest/study break. I hope they will take advantage of that.

On Monday and Tuesday, we will continue to 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's 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**.

On Wednesday, we have make-up exam day. This day is for students who have missed a regular exam day for illness, a doctor's appointment, or other reason. Students who have completed all their exams do not have a make-up exam to complete. On the make-up exam day, students who do not have a make-up exam but who come to school will have school-sponsored study hall for the day

because teachers are giving make-up exams to other students. We cannot ever tell students they do not have to come to school.

On Thursday, we have a teacher workday for teacher professional development and for teachers to finish their grades from the semester. Then, on Friday, we start the second semester. We will have homeroom first on Friday, at which time we will launch the course request process for the 2024-25 school year. I'll send home very important information on Friday to help you help your child complete their course request card and select the classes they need to graduate and are interested in taking. Please stay tuned for that information forthcoming.

I hope you have a great weekend, and stay warm!

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Soup Needed for Teacher/Staff Souper Bowl

The PTSO is hosting a Souper Bowl for teachers and staff and needs your assistance. If you have an amazing soup or chili recipe, please sign up to bring a crockpot full on **February 2 by 9 AM**. Please make sure you label your crockpot or dish with your name and indicate either on the crockpot or on a card what type of soup or chili it is. You can pick your dish up in the front office either at the end of the day or the next morning. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in making this a fun lunch celebrating the upcoming Super Bowl. Please review the available slots through the link below and click on the button to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AE2FA02-47253832-souper>

Please reach out to Francesca at (704) 340-8625 or Meridith at (301) 980-9266 with questions.

(Submitted 01/16/2024 by Francesca Totty, francesca5581@gmail.com)

New – Ilios Crafted Greek Spirit Night on January 22

The next spirit night for PHS is **January 22** at Ilios Crafted Greek in the Stonecrest shopping center. Mention Providence High School with your dine-in or takeout order, and 10% of all sales will come back to Providence.

(Submitted 01/17/2024 by Andria Kokoszka, Akk623@gmail.com)

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 **January 1–31**. You can find more information and the application on the CMS [webpage](#).

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

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. More than 25 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 – Explore Interior Design Careers

Are you interested in exploring a career in interior design? If so, please join Little Diversified Architectural Consulting for its Career Exploration Open House on **Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30 PM** at its office at 615 S. College St. in Charlotte.

The interior design career exploration program consists of eight weekly meetings on Wednesdays through March. Topics include:

- Design 101

- Drafting
- Drawing and floorplans
- Education pathways
- Furniture selection
- Materials selection
- Design showcase

Cost of the program is \$75 per student, but financial assistance is available if needed. Please email Lisa Hall, PHS career development coordinator, at lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us with questions about this opportunity.

(Submitted 01/17/2014 by Lisa Hall, lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

Updated – 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, January 26 at 9 AM – Winston Salem State University
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Thursday, February 1 at 1 PM - Long Island University
Friday, February 9 at 9:30 AM – Appalachian State University
Friday, February 16 at 1 PM – Winthrop University
Tuesday, February 20 at 1 PM – U.S. Air Force Academy
Wednesday, March 20 at 1 PM – Georgia State University
Friday, March 22 at 9 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 1 PM – University of Florida

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

New – 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)

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**
- 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)

[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>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Basketball vs. Charlotte	<u>27</u> Indoor Track & Field City Championship

<p>Basketball vs. Garinger @ Providence High (JV Girls 3:30 PM) (JV Boys 4:30 PM) (V Girls 6 PM) (V Boys 7:30 PM)</p> <p>V Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving vs. Myers Park @ Providence High (6 PM) SENIOR NIGHT</p>	<p>Indoor Track & Field at Marvin Ridge (3:30 PM)</p> <p>Wrestling at Parkwood (5:30 PM)</p>	<p>Catholic @ Providence High (JV Girls 3:30 PM) (JV Boys 4:30 PM) (V Girls 6 PM) (V Boys 7:30 PM)</p> <p>V Boys Rugby vs. Sun Valley @ Providence High (7 PM) SENIOR NIGHT</p>	<p>@ Cuthbertson High (10 AM)</p>
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*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

*MCAC=Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center

Providence Athletic Club and Sports Updates

New – Indoor Track & Field Results

Senior Burke Menninger qualified for the 4A State Indoor Track & Field Championships in the shot put on **January 11** with a throw of 47' 3".

New – Girls Softball Tryouts

Girls softball tryouts are **February 14** at **3 PM**. Become part of a great team and great family! If you have any questions, please contact Coach Micah at coachmicah.ep@gmail.com.

New – 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:

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/>