

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## *January 26, 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 26	1st Day of 2nd Semester
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,

Happy Friday. We had a smooth finish to our exams this week and are off to a good start for second semester. At lunch today, some of our students told me they were very glad to be back at school. The exam exemption plan allowed some students to have six days off school, and I believe some boredom sat in. Do not worry, we are going to shake that boredom off by next week when we are fully into second semester courses.

Today, we launched the **course request process for the 2024-25 school year**. Students received a letter from me outlining the process and the timeline for events. Here are some helpful links so parents will know what the students were told today:

[Letter from Dr. Harrill](#)  
[Registration website](#)

Please note that **course request cards are due from students on February 14**. That gives students two weeks to consult with their parents, talk to their current teachers, review the PHS Course Offering Guide, and make informed decisions about which courses they want to take next year. In homeroom on **February 14**, students will enter their courses into PowerSchool and submit their card with parent and student signature. In the weeks following, counselors 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.

Congratulations to our seniors who got to have some extra homeroom time today because they do not have to complete this process.

I hope you have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New** – **Providence Band Selling Butter Braid Frozen Pastries**

Providence Band members are selling Butter Braid frozen pastries beginning **Monday, January 29** through **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](mailto: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 01/23/2024 by Sarah Mayse, [sbmayse@gmail.com](mailto:sbmayse@gmail.com))*

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### **New** – **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](mailto:melaniebradle@gmail.com))*

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### **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](mailto:francesca5581@gmail.com))*

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## **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](mailto:tracey.harrill@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **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](https://bit.ly/beds4providence2024) or text PROVIDENCE to (980) 399-6700.

*(Submitted 01/10/2024 by Lindsay Brett, [lindsayleebrett@gmail.com](mailto:lindsayleebrett@gmail.com))*

# **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

## **New – Gap Year Fair**

Providence Day School will host a Gap Year Fair for all interested high school students and families at **6:30 PM** on **Wednesday, February 7**.

Have you ever considered doing something "off the beaten path" between high school and college—travel, work, community service, language immersion—here in the U.S. or abroad? If so, this event is for you. The fair will include more than 30 companies that arrange gap year experiences, plus a gap year presentation with experts to answer all your questions. The speaker begins at **6:30 PM**, and the fair runs from **7-8:30 PM** in the Academic Center at Providence Day School, 5800 Sardis Road in Charlotte.

This event is open to all area students (public school, private school, charter school, home school) so please spread the word if you know of any families that may be interested. Pre-registration is requested via this link: <https://charlottegyf2024.eventbrite.com/?aff=Educators>

*(Submitted 01/19/2024 by Ginger Obringer, [virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **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 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](mailto:Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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[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](#)

## Events for the Week:

### January/February

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b><u>29</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>
	Basketball vs. Butler @ Butler High (JV Girls 3:30 PM) (JV Boys 4:30 PM) (V Girls 6 PM) (V Boys 7:30 PM)	NCHSAA Wrestling 3rd Round Duals and Regionals (location and time TBD)	NCHSAA Swim & Dive Regionals (location and time TBD)	Indoor Track & Field at JDL Invite in Winston Salem (2 PM to 8 PM)  NCHSAA Girl's Wrestling Individual Regionals (location and time TBD)  NCHSAA Swim & Dive Regionals (location and time TBD)	Indoor Track & Field at JDL Invite in Winston Salem (8 AM to 4 PM)  NCHSAA Wrestling Dual Team State Championship (location and time TBD)  NCHSAA Girl's Wrestling Individual Regionals (location and time TBD)  NCHSAA Swim & Dive Regionals (location and time TBD)

\*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

\*MCAC=Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center

## Providence Athletic Club and Sports Updates

### **New – 2024 Men's Golf Meeting and Try-outs**

There will be a final meeting on **Wednesday January 31** after school in room 221. We will assign tee times for try-outs that will begin on **February 14** at Raintree Country Club. It is very important to be in attendance for the tee times to be set. If you have questions, email [carefreehighway33@gmail.com](mailto:carefreehighway33@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:coachmicah.ep@gmail.com).

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](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](https://www.providencesportsphoto.com). 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/>