

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

March 1, 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

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.

Dear PHS parents and families,

We are heading into an exciting spring at Providence. Students continue to work hard in class; our 11th graders are preparing for the ACT, which they will take in school on **March 13**; our seniors in English are working on the senior exit presentations, which will be presented on **March 14**; and we will have 4x4 mid-term exams during regular class on **March 25–28**. In addition, our Leadership students have planned the Student Hunger Drive for March, 11 sports teams have started their spring seasons, and our Navy JROTC unit scored an “outstanding” rating on their annual military inspection this week. Our theatre students are working on the spring musical, “Mean Girls,” which will show for two weekends in March.

It is the series of events, like these I have mentioned, that keep school exciting and students engaged in both their academics and the extra-curricular activities they enjoy. And, a busy schedule keeps us older folk young!

As a reminder, please mark your calendars for **March 5**, which is now a teacher workday due to many schools being used for voting sites that day. **March 13** is also a half day, with early release at **11:15 AM** for teacher professional development in the afternoon.

I hope you have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill, Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

PHS Band Mattress Sale

The fourth annual Providence High Band Mattress Sale is **Sunday, March 3** from **11 AM–6 PM** in the PHS mall—one day only. Over 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. Prices are up to 50% below retail and all forms of payment are accepted. Every purchase benefits the PHS band and students! For more information plus a special event coupon: bit.ly/beds4providence2024 or text PROVIDENCE to 980-399-6700.

(Submitted 02/11/2024 by Lindsay Brett, lindsayleebrett@gmail.com)

PTSO Scholarships

The PTSO will offer three \$1,000 scholarships for 2024 seniors. To be eligible, the student must be a member of the PTSO. If you are not a member and would like to join, please go to pay4schoolstuff.com. Application instructions can be found at:

[2024 PHS PTSO Scholarship application instructions](#)

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is **March 28**. Please email ptso.scholarships@gmail.com with questions.

(Submitted 02/12/2024 by Dana Xiao, danaxiao@gmail.com)

Cap & Gown Portraits

Cap & Gown portraits are here for the Class of 2024! They are available to view and purchase through the CADY Studios portal. The deadline to order your items to receive them by graduation is **Thursday, April 4**. Go to cady.com/capgown24.

(Submitted 02/14/2024 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

New – Student Government Update

We would like to thank everyone for their participation and support throughout Reset and Recharge Week. We hope our students and staff enjoyed all the themes and activities this past week and had a chance to recharge for the rest of the quarter! A special thank you to Summersong Farms and A Zoo 2 You who shared their amazing animals with our students during lunch. We would also like to send our appreciation to the PTSO for providing hot chocolate to our students!

The Leadership class is pleased to announce our Sadie's Dance on **March 23** from **7:30-10:30 PM**. This Sadie's event is part of our Reversus week where we engage in a spirit week, charity dodgeball

tournament, and support each other and the Second Harvest Food Bank through the Student Hunger Drive. Unlike a traditional Sadie's dance, this dance is more about celebrating our Providence community and everyone is encouraged to attend despite who initiated the invitation. We will have 800 tickets available for our students and their approved guests, and tickets will be sold through OSP for \$14 from **March 4-12**, or until they sell out.

Students also can support the Student Hunger Drive by purchasing a ticket to our charity dodgeball tournament, which is a wonderful Providence tradition and takes place during fourth block on **March 22**. Tickets for this event will be available on OSP for \$5 from March 11-19. All proceeds directly benefit the Student Hunger Drive.

(Submitted 02/27/2024 by Laura Bauer, lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

New – CPCC Summer STEM Program

CPCC is offering a STEM-focused program for rising 11th and 12th graders and graduating 12th grade students who are interested in pursuing associate degrees in health sciences, information technology, or engineering technology disciplines. CPCC's funding agency, Honeywell, provides support for this program with emphasis on students from underrepresented backgrounds. If a graduating scholar of the class of 2024 completes this program and is interested in attending CPCC for fall 2024 with interest in health sciences, information technology, or engineering technology majors, they are automatically eligible to receive the Honeywell STEM Scholars Academy Scholarship, which covers tuition and books and provides many more benefits for incoming students.

The program will take place in-person on CPCC's central campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays **12-5:15 PM, June 18-July 18**. There will be no classes on **July 2** and **July 24**. Lunch will be provided every meeting day. Participants are required to attend all sessions.

There will be a mandatory orientation for those accepted into the program from **6-7:30 PM on June 13**.

Scholars can find more information at [Honeywell STEM Prep](#) or by emailing honeywellacademy@cpcc.edu.

Deadline: **May 31** or until filled.

(Submitted 02/28/2024 by Lisa Hall, lisasc.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Aquatics Facilities Job Openings

Multiple local aquatic facilities need students to help fill vacancies for the upcoming pool season. Please contact the representatives listed below if you'd like to learn more about these opportunities.

Mecklenburg County Aquatics Center: Five aquatic facilities open year-round and three facilities open seasonally are filling lifeguard and other aquatics positions. If interested, please contact Breanna Cooper on the recruiting training team at 980-314-1159.

Swim Club Management Group: Hiring students as lifeguards for local country clubs, recreation centers, and HOA pools. If interested, text SCMG to 464646 or contact Breeanna Teater, director of recruiting and training at 704-766-2726 x170 or bteater@swimclubmanagement.com.

Charlotte Country Day School: Hiring for positions including lifeguards and swim instructors. Please contact Mackenzy Vancil, assistant aquatics manager, at 704-943-4650 for more information.

(Submitted 02/27/2024 by Lisa Hall, lisasc.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

American Legion Girls State Summer Program

Recruitment is now taking place for the American Legion Girls State summer program. Girls State is a unique government-in-action learning program for rising senior students in North Carolina. American Legion Post 235 would like to sponsor young women from South Charlotte and Matthews to participate. Session dates are **June 9–15** on the campus of Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC.

- American Legion Auxiliary Tar Heel Girls State originated in 1940 to provide an opportunity to study and practice citizenship.
- Tar Heel Girls State is the longest continuously running Girls State program in the country.
- Rising seniors from across the state spend a week creating city government, political parties, and a state government. They elect officials, write and debate bills, create working governments, and attend various workshops to prepare them for their senior year and college.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a junior in high school at the time of selection
- Must be between the ages of 16 and 18
- Must be ranked in the top one-third of her class academically or have at least an unweighted GPA of 3.0
- Must be a resident of North Carolina for a minimum of one year prior to selection and be attending high school in North Carolina
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Must be a mature individual capable of setting priorities and be in good physical condition to withstand the week's intense activities and demanding schedule. Contact alathgs@gmail.com if there are concerns.
- Preference will be given to children of U.S. military veterans
- If selected, must attend an orientation session to be held in **May**

To apply, interested students can contact Shannon Klug, member of American Legion Post 235 (301-875-9925, shannon.r.klug@gmail.com). Deadline to apply is **April 15**.

(Submitted 02/09/2024 by Lisa Hall, lisasc.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

Rise to Success Healthcare Opportunity

Rise to Success is a program that has been created by Atrium Health to enable high school graduates to earn an associate degree or certification in a health-related discipline from a local community college. Tuition, textbooks, activity fees, and scrubs are paid for by Atrium Health. While participants are in college, they are hired into an entry-level part-time position. Participating individuals will have access to a career coach who will support their academic and work success throughout the program.

Applications will be accepted **February 1–March 1**. Candidates must meet these minimum requirements:

- Graduated with a high school diploma (current high school seniors can apply)
- Must be 18 years of age by **August 1**
- Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Must complete and submit all required application materials

Participants are expected to obtain an associate degree or certification in a health care-related field. Examples include:

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Paramedic Programs
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Nursing
- Occupational/Physical Therapy Assistant
- Pharmacy Technology
- Phlebotomy
- Radiology
- Respiratory Therapist
- Sonography
- Surgical Technologist

*other health care fields of study will be considered

For more information, visit the Atrium Health Career Development Center:

<https://teammates.atriumhealth.org/careers/career-development-center/rise-to-success>

(Submitted 02/13/2024 by Lisa Hall, lisasc.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

Dual Enrollment Process

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 contained in this presentation, so please make sure to review in its entirety:

[PHS CPMC Dual Enrollment Presentation 24-25 School Year](#)

Any student who decides that they want to participate in this program must complete the “9-Step Enrollment Process” outlined in the website below no later than **Friday, April 5**. Submission by this date will allow PHS students to register for Fall 2024 courses on the first day they open for dual

enrollment students, which is **Monday, May 6**. Students who complete the 9-Step Enrollment Process after **April 5** will have a delayed registration date.

[PHS Career & College Promise Website](#)

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

- **Tuesday, March 12 at 2:30 PM** – Application help session in person (Ms. Hall’s office across from the mall)
- **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 (Ms. Hall’s office across from the mall)

(Submitted 02/13/2024 by Lisa Hall, lisasc.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.

Monday, March 4 at 9 AM – North Carolina State University
Tuesday, March 4 at 9:30 AM – Huston-Tillotson University
Tuesday, March 4 at 1 PM – West Virginia State University
Tuesday, March 12 at 8:30 AM – Samford University
Tuesday, March 12 at 1 PM – Baylor University
Monday, March 18 at 9 AM – University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Wednesday, March 20 at 8:30 AM – Campbell University
Wednesday, March 20 at 9:30 AM – UNC-Pembroke
Wednesday, March 20 at 1 PM - Georgia State University
Thursday, March 21 at 8:30 AM – University of the South
Thursday, March 21 at 9:30 AM – Drexel University
Thursday, March 21 at 1 PM – Binghamton 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 9 AM – University of Kentucky
Monday, March 25 at 9:30 AM – DePaul University
Monday, March 25 at 1 PM – University of Florida
Tuesday, March 26 at 8:30 AM – Augustana College
Wednesday, March 27 at 9 AM – University of Essex
Thursday, March 28 at 8:30 AM – UNC-Asheville
Tuesday, April 9 at 9 AM – Ohio State University (main campus)
Thursday, April 18 at 1 PM – Jacksonville University
Friday, April 26 at 1 PM – Guilford College

(Submitted 02/28/2024 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](#)

Providence Athletic Club and Sports Updates

March

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>4</u> Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Charlotte Latin @ Charlotte Latin (4:30 PM) Girls V Lacrosse vs. Christ the King Catholic High School @ Christ the King Catholic High School (5 PM) Boys Golf at Carmel Invitational (11 AM)	<u>5</u> Girls V Lacrosse vs. Sun Valley @ Sun Valley High (5 PM) Boys Lacrosse vs. Charlotte Catholic @ MSP (JV 3 PM) (V 5:15 PM) Baseball vs. Charlotte Catholic @ Charlotte Catholic (JV 4:30 PM) (V 7 PM)	<u>6</u> Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Charlotte Catholic @ Charlotte Catholic (5 PM) Boys V Volleyball at Olympic (5 PM)	<u>7</u> Girls JV Lacrosse vs. South Meck @ South Meck High (3:30 PM) Girls Softball vs. Marvin Ridge @ Providence High (JV 4:30 PM) (V 6 PM) Girls V Lacrosse vs. Parkwood @ Parkwood High (5:30 PM) Girls Soccer vs. Parkwood @ Parkwood High (JV 5:30 PM) (V 7 PM)	<u>8</u> Baseball vs. Charlotte Catholic @ Providence High (JV 4 PM) (V 6:30 PM) Girls V Softball vs. Butler @ Providence High (5 PM)	<u>9</u> Flag Football @ Julius Chambers (9 AM)

Boys V Volleyball at Porter Ridge (4:30 PM)		Boys V Lacrosse vs. Parkwood @ Parkwood High (7 PM)	
Girls V Softball vs. Charlotte Catholic @ Charlotte Catholic High (5:15 PM)		Track & Field @ Weddington High (3:45 PM)	
Girls Soccer vs. South Meck @ Providence High (JV 5:30 PM) (V 7 PM)		Boys Golf vs Weddington @ Monroe Country Club (3 PM)	
Girls JV Lacross V Charlotte Christian @ MSP (4 PM)		Boys Tennis @ Independence High (3:30 PM)	

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

*MCAC=Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center

Providence Athletic Club Golf Tournament

Sign-ups are live for the Providence Athletic Club Golf Tournament on **April 15** at Raintree Country Club. Proceeds benefit Providence High athlete scholarships. Register at <https://birdease.com/23128>. For tournament questions, contact Melanie Bradle at melaniebradle@gmail.com.

Refrigerator Needed

Do you have a new or used refrigerator you are looking to donate? Providence Athletics concessions organization is looking for a new one for Providence athletics events. Please contact Tina at tbutte09@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.

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/>