

Dear Providence families and friends,

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PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

April 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

May 27	Memorial Day – No School
June 8	Graduation

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

This week, we were contacted by US News and World Report to announce that Providence is nationally ranked as one of the top schools in North Carolina. In fact, Providence ranked 12th in the state, ahead of all other comprehensive high schools in Charlotte and the surrounding region. Except for East Chapel Hill High School and Green Level High School in Wake County, the top 11 schools in NC seem to be Early Colleges or charter schools with admission criteria. Here is a link to the report: <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools>. Congratulations to our teachers and students. We are so proud of their continued success and achievement!

I have four additional announcements this week.

1) Attention parents of seniors: This afternoon, we received a shipment of graduation announcements and other graduation orders. If you completed an online order and shipped the items to Providence, please have your senior stop by Ms. Doty's classroom (room 120) on **Monday, April 29** and pick up their items. We find that many students do not know if their parents ordered items for them, so please notify your child if this applies to you.

2) Also, senior parents: On **Monday, April 29**, in homeroom, students will be directed to complete the senior survey in Naviance. This survey will ask students to provide their post high school plans so that we can send the final transcript to their future school right after graduation. We know that some colleges have extended the decision deadline to **May 15**, but we also know that if we don't capture the survey information from seniors before AP exams start, we have a hard time tracking our seniors down.

The senior survey is due by **May 10** in Naviance if students want their information included on the “Wall of Fame” located on the ramp near the mall at Providence. If students do not want their name included on the wall, they must inform their counselor by **May 10**. The final date to complete the survey so that we can sent transcripts to their future school or organization is **May 26**.

3) Our AP students are one week away from the beginning of AP exams. As I mentioned in the last Mews, most of our AP exams are given off campus so that we can have a quiet, uninterrupted testing environment while also having regular school for the students who are not testing. A copy of the schedule has been provided to the students via the #OneProv Canvas page and by their AP teacher. If your child has an AP exam, please review this schedule and these directions. Make sure they read the reminders at the top and the bottom of the schedule.

4) Each year, we have a few juniors or seniors who can skip chemistry (which is a pre- requisite) and go directly into AP Chemistry. Since chemistry is a pre-requisite course, we want to make sure students will be successful even if they skip the foundational skill-building course. If students who have passed biology want to skip chemistry and enroll in AP Chemistry (2024-25) and have strong math and science skills, they can submit their request at this [link](#). They will have a records review and/or an interview with Dr. Krahn. The deadline to request and complete the link is **Friday, May 3**. Once a decision is made about permitting the student to skip chemistry, the student will be contacted by their counselor and will determine which course previously requested will be dropped from the request card.

(Note: In previous years, we have allowed students to skip chemistry and go directly to AP Biology also. For 2024-25, AP Biology is full, so there is not room for additional students).

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill, principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Week: May 20-23

To help rising seniors prepare for their post-high school plans, the PHS counseling department is excited to host “Junior Week” **May 20-23**. Each afternoon, counselors will host an in-person workshop for students, highlighting the various components of the college application process as well as information about additional post-high school options for students including CPCC, trade schools, or the military. Topics will include: application types, testing policies, letters of recommendation, resumes, scholarships, financial aid, tours, essays, and a panel of current seniors.

Stay tuned for more information and tell your rising seniors to save the dates. Junior Week presentations will not be recorded or broadcast, and there will be no make-up sessions.

(Submitted 04/16/2024 by Lindsay S. Walker, lindsays.walker@cms.k12.nc.us)

Prom Tickets for Sale Starting April 22

Prom is **Saturday, May 18** at the Fillmore, 820 Hamilton St. in Charlotte.

Prom tickets will be for sale on OSP **April 22–May 1** (end of day). Juniors and seniors can buy tickets for themselves plus one guest. If the guest does not go to Providence, a guest form will need to be completed and turned in to room 134 by **May 3**. Guest forms are located on the Prom site (see the link on the Providence home page), and printed copies are available near room 134. Forms require a printed copy of an image of a photo ID.

Tickets will be distributed in homeroom on **May 13**. Students who are not in school that day should see Mrs. Simpson in room 134 on **May 14**.

Tickets are not transferable. Re-sale tickets will not be honored.

Please see the prom site for FAQs and answers.

(Submitted 04/17/2024 by Jill Simpson, jillk.simpson@cms.k12.nc.us)

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 pay4schoolstuff.com. Once the payment is processed, you will receive an email notification that your sign is ready for pickup in the front office.

If you have questions, please contact Naomi McRary at naomi90404@aol.com.

(Submitted 4/11/2024 by Naomi McRary, naomi90404@aol.com)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

PHS Spring Musical

PHS Theatre invites the community, parents, staff, students, and alumni to its spring musical, *Mean Girls – High School Version*. The fiercely hilarious musical follows the story of Cady Heron, naive newbie in a suburban high school, as she takes on Queen Bee Regina George and the Plastics.

Performances will be **April 26-28 (Friday and Saturday at 7 PM, Sunday at 3 PM)**. Don't miss out on this entertaining musical experience presented by our talented students. Parental guidance is suggested for younger audiences due to the theme and language.

Follow the link below to purchase tickets. It's going to be so fetch!
<https://bit.ly/PHSMeanGirls>

(Submitted 03/25/2024 by Cristy Pizarro, cristy.pizarro@gmail.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Our scholarship list is in Naviance. Under the College tab, click Scholarship List and then click Local and Regional Scholarships.

New – Atrium Health Teen Cancer Careers Program

The Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center is pleased to announce the 2024 “Teens Cancer Careers Program” (TCCP) for students who are rising high school juniors and seniors in the Winston-Salem and Charlotte areas. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a \$500 payment. Priority will be given to students who are from backgrounds underrepresented in medical careers.

Program components

“Discover the Field of Oncology”: A two-week online course with a value of \$1,295 paid by the program. Access to online course available from **July 7-July 21**.

Two in-person site visits that include:

- Tour of the Comprehensive Cancer Center or Levine Cancer Institute (depending on student location)
- Tour of cancer research laboratories
- Hands-on simulation experiences
- Lunch with Comprehensive Cancer Center trainee members (undergraduate and graduate students, postdocs, and clinical fellows currently involved in cancer research)
- Career exploration discussions

Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to participate in this program. Applications must also include the name and email addresses of two teacher references. Click below to apply today. Hurry, as applications are due by **Friday, May 3**.

<https://redcap.wakehealth.edu/redcapccc/surveys/?s=CKTMML77X3FWHYJE>

(Submitted 04/24/2024 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Summer Job Openings

1. Role models wanted for the TPC Piper Glen camp team. Camp season runs from **June 17–Aug. 2**. View openings at www.KECamps.com.
2. Conservation Corps North Carolina is looking for high school students ages 15-18 to spend three weeks working and camping in the Uwharrie National Forest.
 - There will be two work sessions: **June 17–July 5** and **July 15–Aug. 2**.
 - For more information, along with program application, click on following link: <https://corpsnc.org/crew-positions>
 - If you are interested, make sure to apply as soon as possible. Applications close on **Monday, May 13**.

3. Chipotle Waverly (store #2751) is hiring! Please reach out to John Brown, franchise owner for that location, at nc.2751.waverly@chipotle.com if you are interested in applying.

(Submitted 04/24/2024 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – After-School CPCC Dual Enrollment Advising Sessions

CPCC registration opens for many students on **Monday, May 6**, and PHS Career Development Coordinator Lisa Hall will offer after-school group advising sessions. These group sessions will only be mandatory for students who are new to the dual enrollment program, not returning students. However, if a returning student has questions and would like to attend one of these sessions, they are more than welcome to attend. Sessions will be held immediately after school in the mall area. If a student elects to attend one of these group advising sessions, they will not need to schedule a one-on-one advising session with Ms. Hall.

- Dual Enrollment Group Advising Session #1: **Friday, April 26, 2:30–3:15 PM**
- Dual Enrollment Group Advising Session #2: **Tuesday, April 30, 2:30–3:15 PM**
- Dual Enrollment Group Advising Session #3: **Tuesday, May 14, 2:30–3:15 PM**

Keep in mind that the dates that students are processed for registration by CPCC will vary. The date on which they finished their nine-step process will shape the date that they are processed for registration by CPCC. Students should be checking their CPCC email regularly to find out when they are eligible to register.

Students must be able to log in to the “My College” portal at CPCC to register for courses. Students must have also activated their DUO authentication account to access My College. If a student didn’t activate and needs another bypass code, they will need to reach out directly to the CPCC IT department for assistance at (704) 330-5000 or helpdesk@cpcc.edu.

(Submitted 04/24/2024 by Lisa Hall, Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us)

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

April/May

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Boys Lacrosse vs Hough @ William Amos Hough High (JV 5 PM) (V 7 PM)	Girls Soccer vs Charlotte Catholic High School @ Charlotte Catholic High School (JV 5:30 PM) (V @ 7 PM)		Girls V Soccer vs Butler @ Providence High (6 PM)		
Boys Volleyball vs Marvin Ridge @ Marvin Ridge High (JV 5 PM) (V 6 PM)					

*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

*MCAC=Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center

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](https://www.providencesportsphoto.com). 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/>