

Dear Providence families and friends,

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# PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

## May 3, 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 6-17	AP Exams
May 18	Prom
May 20-23	Junior Workshops for students after school
May 27	Memorial Day – No School
May 28	Senior Awards Night, 6:30 PM
May 31	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal for Seniors, 5:30 – 7 PM
June 8	Graduation

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS parents and families,

We have had a busy week at school this week. We have just 4 weeks before final exams and we are all working hard to make sure our students are prepared. I've been encouraging our students to persevere. Fourth quarter is a hard time of the school year. No one wants to be in school or do homework when the weather is so nice outside (not even me). But we are on the right track and we need to finish strong. I'm reminded that "It's not how you start, but how you finish that counts." Let's work together to finish strong!

At this time every year, the pace of school and the number of events and activities seem to kick into overdrive. Please see the following bits of information to help you keep up:

All students have been reminded of their **Attendance Recovery** obligations. The last day to do Attendance Recovery is **May 30**. Please review your child's absences per course. If they have absences above 10 in any course, they automatically receive a failing grade (F) in the course unless they do Attendance Recovery to make up any time over 10 absences. Students can do Attendance Recovery every morning before school at **6:15 AM** in room 403. They can also do Attendance Recovery every afternoon (except Fridays) in SMC (the Student Management Center) from **2:15 – 3:00 PM**. Lastly, any time they spend with their teacher in tutoring after school, making up a test or

quiz after school, etc. can count towards Attendance Recovery. Ms. Reda, our Attendance Secretary, is the expert in Attendance Recovery so if you have any questions, please contact her in the main office.

Students who cannot fully complete all of their Attendance Recovery time, can do as much time as is available and submit an Attendance Recovery Appeal Form. Forms will be available at the end of **May**. In order for an appeal to be granted, students will need to have doctor's notes or other documentation to explain why they have a large number of absences and / or why they were unable to complete the Attendance Recovery.

Next week, we plan to share with you the specific **Final Exam** schedule. Please plan for **June 3 – 6** as the final exam days. (The English 2 Final Exam will be on **May 31**). If students have doctor appointments or other off-campus obligations during this time, we ask that you please reschedule them. Students will not be able to leave campus before **12:30 PM** each day during exams (unless they have Early Release in their schedule). If they are unable to reschedule an appointment, we will have a make-up exam day on June 7 and the student can take the exam then.

Our AP students will start their **AP exams** on Monday. We have 894 students taking 1718 AP exams covering 32 subjects using 100 classrooms. This is a big project stretched out over 2 weeks, while at the same time we keep regular school moving ahead. Most of our AP Exams will be given at CPCC Levine campus. We have communicated this with each class of AP students and encouraged them to drive to Levine this weekend to make sure they know how to get there. They do not need the added anxiety on the day of their exam of trying to locate a new place. Please help your child with this. Also, attendance for AP students who are taking exams may experience a delay in appearing in PowerSchool, especially for students who are in afternoon exams. We must report the attendance to Providence which may be late in the afternoon, after our Attendance Secretary leaves for the day. You should wait 24 hours before contacting us that your child was counted absent from school but was in an AP exam.

Good luck to our spring sports teams as they head into playoff season. Our student athletes are working so hard on and off the field, court, or green and we are excited to see them go very far in playoff season. Go Panthers!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Harrill, principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **New – Elizabeth Lane Class of 2024 Senior Walk**

Seniors who attended Elizabeth Lane Elementary are invited to walk the halls of ELE in their cap and gown for a pre-graduation celebration on **June 5** at **1:30 PM**. Parents of seniors may attend but should arrive by **1:15 PM** to allow time to sign in through LobbyGuard (with a photo ID). Seniors and parents should park in the bus lot, and sign-in is not required for students. Group photos will be taken in the courtyard at **1:55 PM** and on the front sidewalk at **2 PM**.

We can't wait to welcome our former Hawks back to the halls of ELE!

(Submitted 05/01/2024 by Crystal Lail, [crystal.lail@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:crystal.lail@cms.k12.nc.us))

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## **New – Prom Corsages and Boutonnieres**

Providence students can order their prom flowers right here at school with FFA! This year we are selling corsages, boutonnieres and mini-bouquets! All are made by Honors Horticulture 2 students. Corsages are \$25, Boutonnieres are \$13, and mini bouquets are \$25. Please use this link to choose color and ribbon details no later than **May 14**.

Go to [https://linktr.ee/prov\\_FFA](https://linktr.ee/prov_FFA) to order. You can also see examples on our website <https://sites.google.com/cms.k12.nc.us/providenceffa/prom-corsages-and-boutonnieres>.

All flowers should be picked up at **2:15 PM** on **May 17** in Room 131 (Edens). Please email [loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us) with any questions.

(Submitted 04/29/2024 by Michelle Edens, [loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us) )

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## **New – Last Call for Yearbooks**

Thirty yearbooks are still available and can be purchased online at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) through **May 6**. Senior distribution and signing day will be **May 28** during 4<sup>th</sup> block, and underclassmen distribution will be **May 29** during lunch. Email <mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us> for questions.

(Submitted 04/30/2024 by Pamela Mann, [pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us))

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## **New – CLASS OF 2025 Senior Portraits**

Senior portrait appointments can now be scheduled at Cady Studios, located at 2201 Crownpoint Executive Dr. #E. Go to [www.cady.com/schedule](http://www.cady.com/schedule) to book. Students will have all summer to schedule their portrait session in their studio at a time that is convenient to them. All students must have a formal portrait taken by Cady to be included in the yearbook. Email [pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us) with questions.

(Submitted 05/02/2024 by Pamela Mann, [pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us))

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## **New – Spirit Night at Super Chix**

Make the end of the school year easier and support PHS! Get Super Chix for dinner on **May 9** from **4 PM–8 PM**, and Providence will receive 15% of your order. Eat in, take out, or order online.

(Submitted 05/02/2024 by Andria Kokoszka, [akk623@gmail.com](mailto:akk623@gmail.com))

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## **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](mailto:lindsays.walker@cms.k12.nc.us))*

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## **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](http://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](mailto:naomi90404@aol.com).

*(Submitted 4/11/2024 by Naomi McRary, [naomi90404@aol.com](mailto:naomi90404@aol.com))*

## **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

### **New – Student Government Update**

The Leadership class would like to thank the students, families, and staff who supported us throughout the Student Hunger Drive. With the help of donations from feeder schools and after-school events, Providence raised approximately 65,000 pounds of food, which has been distributed to families in need throughout our community. In addition to this success, Providence has raised the most donations out of six area high schools, winning the community-wide Student Hunger Drive. Once again, we appreciate all the contributions throughout spirit nights, sporting events, and in-school collections!

As we move into the end of the school year, the Leadership class presents the opportunity for students to take on a larger role within Providence by running for their grade level’s **2024-25** class council officers. Three officer roles are available per grade level: president, vice president, and first officer, and students can choose which position to run for. Applications are open through **May 14** and can be found at [bit.ly/CCofficer2425](http://bit.ly/CCofficer2425). Voting will take place during homeroom on **Monday, May 20**, and each grade level will vote for the candidates running for their class’s council. We hope our students take this opportunity to get more involved in our school, strengthen their leadership skills, and support their grade level throughout our next school year!

To stay updated on upcoming events and information, follow @providenceeb on Instagram. If you have questions, contact Leadership advisor Laura Bauer at [lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us).

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# COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

[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.*

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

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## 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](http://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](mailto:nc.2751.waverly@chipotle.com) if you are interested in applying.

*(Submitted 04/24/2024 by Lisa Hall, [Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:Lisac.hall@cms.k12.nc.us))*

## **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](mailto:helpdesk@cpcc.edu).

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## **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**

**May**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>
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Girls Soccer vs Charlotte Catholic High School @ Providence High  (JV 5:30 PM)  (V 7 PM)	NCHSAA Boys Golf Regional Championship at Brushy Mountain Country Club in Taylorsville, NC (8 AM)  NCHSAA Baseball Playoffs - Round 1 @Providence vs TBD  (Time TBD)	Round 3 of NCHSAA Tennis Team Duals @ Providence High  (4 PM)	Girls JV Soccer vs Myers Park @ Providence High  (5:30 PM)	NCHSAA Baseball Playoffs - Round 2 @Providence vs TBD  (Time TBD)  NCHSAA Softball Playoffs - Round 2 @ TBD  (Time TBD)	NCHSAA Boys Tennis Individual Championships - Round 2 at Millbrook Tennis Complex in Raleigh, NC  (Time TBD)  NCHSAA Track & Field Regional Meet at Palisades High School  (Time TBD)
Round 2 of NCHSAA Tennis Team Duals @ Providence High  (4 PM)	NCHSAA Softball Playoffs - Round 1 @ TBD  (Time TBD)			NCHSAA Boys Tennis Individual Championships - Round 1 at Millbrook Tennis Complex in Raleigh, NC  (Time TBD)	

\*MSP=Matthews Sportsplex

\*MCAC=Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center

### **New – Boys and Girls Cross Country**

A mandatory boys and girls cross country meeting will be held **Thursday, May 9** after school in the cafeteria.

### **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](#). 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/>