

# Paw Prints

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PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

## A MOMENT TO PAWS...

BY DR. HARRILL

Dear PHS Parents and Families:

The first semester of this school year has gone very smoothly. We are only a few short weeks away from mid-term or final exams. I'm so proud of the progress our students continue to make. They are working hard and I'm sure you would be very proud to see what I can see as I visit the classrooms each day. Our teachers are pouring into the students so they can achieve above their peers when compared to other students across NC and our country.

At school, we are continuing to focus on teaching college and career-ready skills that students need to have before they graduate. We are embedding these learning experiences into every class. We have had visits or received emails from our recent graduates who are now in college, and are always eager to hear what skills they learned in Providence which they found most helpful in their studies. The top skills include responsibility and organization, but also research and writing skills which have helped them understand and discern what they see and hear. Providence alumni have told us that the skills learned and the very process of developing the Junior Paper (even though these words themselves might strike anxiety in most 11th graders) has been most helpful in college. One former student recently told us that she had written several research papers similar to what was expected in the Junior Paper during her first semester in college. In addition to college preparation, an area of focus this semester has been on career-readiness and job market opportunities. Our new Career Development Coordinator, Ms. Hall, has been a huge asset in helping students learn about careers, exploring trades as a career, connecting students with resources at the community college level, and much more.



This semester, we have received several accolades from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction which I shared in the Mews, our weekly newsletter. They are listed below:

- Providence is again the HIGHEST performing High School in CMS with a School Performance score of 92, a School Growth Score of 100, and a grade of A (the highest grade that can be earned).
- In fact, Providence has the HIGHEST growth of any High School in North Carolina and the 2nd highest in North Carolina overall.
- Providence students again EXCEEDED expected growth which means that students grew more than predicted (based on their individual state test scores from previous years). We are most proud of this achievement. "Growth" is an indicator that the state uses to determine the difference between the performance a student should make in a course as compared to their actual performance in a course.
- ALL of our subgroups (White, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Economically Disadvantaged, Multilingual Learners, and Students with Disabilities) MET or EXCEEDED expected growth. All subgroups exceeded expected growth except Students with Disabilities. The Students with Disabilities subgroup met expected growth.
- Our graduation cohort rate is above 95%. This means when students enter 9th grade, they graduate on time in four years with the peer group with which they entered high school. Our students' ACT score is the HIGHEST in CMS (even compared to the Middle and Early College High Schools). It is the HIGHEST of any comprehensive High School in NC.
- Providence has the highest percent of Advanced Placement exam (AP) test takers passing the AP exam of any high school in CMS.

We are so proud of our students, and their teachers. We know that there is always room for growth with our students and within our school. We will continue to work hard so the results continue to be noteworthy and the students reap the benefits of a strong, comprehensive high school education.

In addition to the strong academic education our students receive at Providence, I want to highlight something else that makes our school special. The athletic, fine arts, and extra-curricular opportunities in which our students are involved create a full, comprehensive environment for students to develop leadership, teamwork, and other skills. This edition of the PawPrints is full of recent honors, awards, and activities featuring our students. I hope you enjoy reading all about them.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and thank you for helping us make this first semester a huge success. Go Panthers!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracey Harrill



PawPrints and PTSO give a warm welcome to new staff. We are so happy you have joined our Providence family!

# PROVIDENCE WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS AND STAFF



## ROBERT BIGLEY

This is my first year teaching math here at Providence. I graduated with a BA in Mathematics from Siena College with an education certificate, and later received my Masters in Educational Leadership from the College of St. Rose. I began my career teaching in New York at The Albany Academies. I then moved to Charlotte eight years ago and started teaching at McClintock Middle School. Outside of teaching, I love to play golf.



## THERESA BRIGGS

This is my 22nd year teaching in CMS, and my first year teaching sophomore English here at Providence. I graduated with a BA in English from UNC Charlotte and received my National Board Certification in 2010. Outside of teaching, I enjoy live music, camping, and kayaking as well as spending time at home with family, friends and my two dogs (Buster and Auburn).

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**EMILY BOHAN**

This is my first year teaching Adobe Applications at Providence. I graduated from UNC Asheville with my BA in New Media and later received my graduate certificate in CTE Technology from UNC Charlotte. Outside of school, I enjoy reading, working on craft projects, and spending time with my senior dog, Oscar.



**BRIAN CATTANEO**

I have two careers. I teach math and coach swimming. I have taught in this area for 15 years and this is my first year coaching high school swimming. I also coached at SwimMAC for 14 years. I am a University of Central Florida graduate with a degree in Math Education and a Masters in Business. I still enjoy swimming (as long as the water is warm) and vacationing on the Florida Beaches.



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## JACOB DANIEL

This is my first year teaching math at Providence High School. I am also new to Charlotte having lived over 40 years in Columbus, Ohio. I went to college at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio and then more recently at Ohio Dominican in Columbus for graduate school. I taught high school math for 15 years before moving to North Carolina. Outside of the classroom, my interests are spending time with family, golfing, and watching sports or movies.



## RICHARD DILLS

This is my first year teaching Drafting under CTE. I graduated from ECU with a degree in Design and Production and have taught in CMS for almost nine years now, mostly teaching technical theater. I am a father to two amazing kids: William (four), and Kayleigh (one). They take up a lot of my time outside of school hours. When we have the opportunity, we love spending time in the outdoors and going to the mountains or the coast every chance we get.

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**RYAN DUDNEY**

My name is Coach Dudney. I am from Whiteville, NC and graduated from Queens University in Charlotte with a Sports Management degree. I played baseball in college and am an assistant coach for the Providence baseball team. I am in my third year of teaching in the Health and Physical Education department. I am married with two dogs (Freddie and Scuch) and a new baby girl, Adley.



**CANDICE FULLER**

My name is Candice Fuller (SMC/ISS Coordinator). I have one child Elijah Ervin (who attends Providence) and two cats, Penelope Roo and Phoenix Asher. I was born and raised in Texas till the age of 14 then moved to Georgia where I graduated from Northside High. I served in the United States Air Force from 2005 till I was injured in 2009. I love baking, cooking, fashion, traveling, and being crafty in my spare time. I'm excited to be a part of the Providence Team! If you would like to know more of my story stop by for a chat....

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**MICHAEL GALANTE**

This is my first-year teaching Entrepreneurship and Business Essentials here at Providence. I started my teaching career at Coulwood Stem Academy in 2017 after 25 plus years in the financial services industry. I hold a BA Math and Science from Hofstra University and an MBA in Technology Management.



**STEPHEN GOLDER**

My name is Stephen Golder. This is my first year at Providence High School and in North Carolina. Prior to being at Prov, I spent three years teaching US History and US Government at a school in Tampa, Florida. I graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in Secondary Social Science Education. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy activities like cooking, Pilates, and finding a peaceful hike!



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**LISA HALL**

My name is Lisa Hall and I'm the new Career Development Coordinator here at PHS. My job is to help make sure that all our students have a post-secondary career plan before they graduate. I also coordinate the dual enrollment partnership with CPCC. Prior to coming to PHS I worked as a Marketing Education teacher and CDC for over seven years at Marvin Ridge High School in Union County. I have two children, both of whom attend NC State University – GO PACK! In my free time I love to travel and go to concerts.



**MAYA HAMLETT**

This is my first year teaching Math 4 and Math 4 Honors here at Providence High School. I graduated from UVA-Wise with a Bachelor's of Science of Mathematics. I began my teaching career in Southwest Virginia as an honors and collaborative 7th grade mathematics teacher. Prior to joining the Providence staff, I taught for a year within CMS at McClintock Middle School. Outside of the classroom I usually like spending my time with family and friends, reading books, or coaching volleyball.



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**EVAN HUNCHAR**

This is my first year teaching Math 2 at Providence High School as well as my first year teaching. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education. Outside of school I like to play golf and go fishing.



**COURTNEY HURST**

Hi! I am Courtney Hurst, and I have been teaching for 10 years. I am a graduate from Appalachian State University. My family and I have been living in the Charlotte area for five years, but I started my career in the Triad area. I am married and have two children: Hudson (four) and Madison (8 months).

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**DANILO LOOR**

This is my first year teaching at Providence. I have taught Spanish for 14 years, both at the university (beginning, accelerated, and intermediate) and high school level (I-IV, Fluent/Native Speakers, and AP L&C), in North Carolina and the Northern Virginia area, just across the Potomac from our nation's capital. I hold a BA from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and an MEd from George Mason University. I am also certified to teach German. As a CMS graduate myself (MPHS '05), I am excited about joining this team of highly qualified and dedicated educators. Outside of school, I enjoy traveling, watching sports, and spending time with my family.



**SHANE MAULLIN**

I was born and raised in South Africa. I moved to the United States in 2004, at the age of 31 to attend the University of Texas. I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Special Education/Exceptional Children. I went on to get my certification in Special Education/Exceptional Children and my certification in Health and Physical Education. This is my 13th year teaching. I taught for seven years in Special Education/Exceptional Children (Kindergarten through 5th grade); five years at Reagan High School in Winston Salem teaching Health and Physical Education (9th grade through 12th grade). I am blessed, honored and privileged to be a part of this prestigious, rigorous and high achieving academic school.

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**SARA KATE THOMAS**

This is my first year teaching Economics and Personal Finance here at Providence. I did my undergraduate degree at UNC Chapel Hill where I majored in Political Science and Peace, War, and Defense. I also received my Master's in Arts in teaching for Secondary Social Studies from UNC. While getting my Master's I taught EPF and AP U.S. History at Chapel Hill High School. In my free time I like to spend time with my puppy Murphy!



**DAVID WORTHY**

I'm 1st Sgt David Worthy, a 20-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps and instructor of Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) for the last 16 years. I'm not new to Providence High School as I instructed at Providence from 2010-2015. I enjoy being an instructor to future leaders. In my personal time, I'm a Life Coach/Consultant, author, and student of human success principles. I'm very happy to be back at Providence and look forward to continuing the excellence of Providence and the JROTC program.



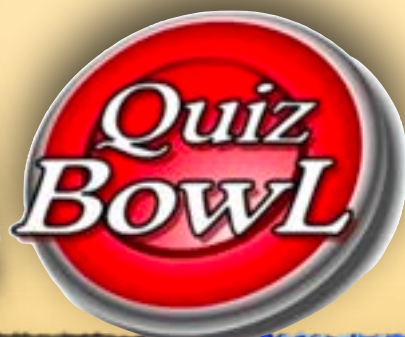
**You will be *floored* by the remarkable accomplishments our students have made in their various school clubs and sports. Congratulations to all of these students!**

## QUIZ BOWL

The Providence Quiz Bowl team recently took first place out of 16 teams at the Aiken Fall Steeplechase Tournament in Aiken, SC. The victory qualified Providence to compete in the National Championship Tournament to be held in Atlanta this coming May. Members of the winning "A" team were Isha Sharma, Henry Chen, Ian Brown, and Ankit Biswas. Individually, Connor Gozycki, Ian Brown, and Vijay Sudhakat Vetriselvi all placed in the top ten out of over 70 participants. The Quiz Bowl club has seen a surge in interest this fall and is building upon momentum from last year, when Providence won the NCASA Regional Championship and placed third at the state competition.

Over the summer, current Quiz Bowl President Ian Brown and last year's president, Jacob Koch (now at Georgia Tech), competed on "Team Computer Scientists" in a nationally televised trivia game show called the "Spectrum News Challenge." After competing against teams from all around the country, their team advanced to the finals in September and won the grand prize of \$15,000! You can view the episodes online at <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/tx/austin/spectrum-news-challenge>.

Quiz Bowl team members (pictured left to right) Isha Sharma, Henry Chen, Ian Brown, and Ankit Biswas placed first out of 16 teams at the Aiken Fall Steeplechase and qualified Providence for Quiz Bowl Nationals this spring.



Jacob Koch and Ian Brown competed on the nationally televised Spectrum News Challenge on "Team Computer Scientists" and ultimately won the \$15,000 grand prize.



# CHESS CLUB

Providence High School's Chess Club started in 2022 and has cultivated many individuals who are interested in chess recreationally and competitively. Our Chess Club has been inclusive to all individuals of Providence High School, accepting all students regardless of experience.



During our club's meetings, we allow members to play recreational games with each other. After these games, these members can collectively evaluate their previous games to understand the reasonings behind certain moves to improve their understanding of chess theory. Those interested in competing in tournaments held outside of the Providence High School campus have been practicing puzzles alongside competitive games with other individuals.

Our Chess Club has hosted our first rapid tournament. This tournament will last over the span of two months and will help to prepare us for upcoming tournaments that will take place outside of the Providence High School campus.



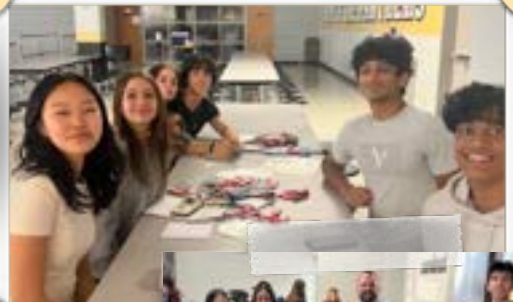
Although this club started quite recently, it has made great progress and has generated much interest. We have a good supply of game boards, pieces, and clocks from student dues, but plan to continue to grow this club by acquiring even more so that our members can get physical experience of playing chess and not just the digital one. We hope to further the interests of chess in the Providence High School community and expand the club for future generations of students!

# KEY CLUB

The Providence Key Club has had an amazing start to the year! Witnessing the growth of our club has been amazing with around 200 members, new and returning. We kicked off the year with a bang by hosting a Halloween social event in which members created goodie bags, consisting of a few pieces of candy and uplifting, hand-written cards for the Levine Children's Hospital. Our final count of goodie bags was over 400!

We have participated in a few out of school events too, partnering with local organizations and initiatives. Our Key Club proudly collaborated with the Matthews United Methodist Church for their annual Arts and Craft Extravaganza in which students provided warm hospitality for vendors and organized tables and chairs for the event. We also worked with the town of Matthews on their holiday events such as the Sugar Plum Party and Pictures with Santa Event!

Other than these events, Providence Key Club has hosted a Holiday Toy Drive, partnering with the Young Black Leadership Alliance. These brand new toys were donated to Title I schools. Overall, we have had a great start to the year and are looking forward to the coming months!



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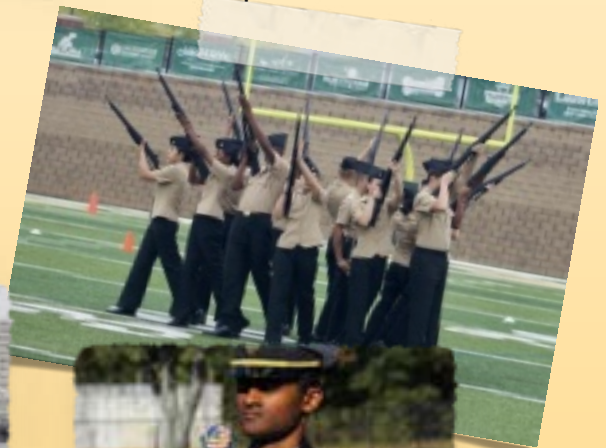


# NJROTC

The Guard of Providence Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) has had an outstanding start to the school year! We started the year by participating in the Matthews Alive Parade where our cadets showcased the unit.



On September 9th we worked on one of our ongoing community service projects by doing roadside litter cleanup along Providence Road. We had over 50 cadets show up!



On September 23rd we competed in the Catawba Ridge Drill Meet where we took home many great awards. Our unit came in 2nd in Academics, 2nd in the 16x100 Relay, 1st in Unarmed Knockout and 2nd in Armed Knockout! This was a great showing for the unit.

# NJROTC



On November 3rd we held our annual Navy Ball as a celebration of the 248th birthday of the United States Navy. This was a great event where we were able to let our hair down and just have a good time!



On November 11th the unit was showcased in the Charlotte Veterans' Day Parade. Although the weather was a little dreary, the unit stood proud to honor those who have served our nation.

The cadets also visited with residents of Windsor Run Senior Living Community. They did a fantastic job with their color guard presentation and were able to take time to visit with the residents.



The hard work and dedication of The Guard of Providence have helped to make our community a better place as well as to prepare them for a bright future.



# CHOIR

The choral department has had a great start to the 2023-2024 school year, with an amazing first concert and many other achievements by individual singers in our program! All five Providence choral ensembles performed in the fall concert on October 17th, with each group singing two songs they learned beginning in August.

Nine Providence singers auditioned for the North Carolina Honors Chorus on September 29th. Of those, three students qualified -- the highest number of singers accepted from any CMS high school this year. The students, Inesh Anil, Amelia McCarty, and Letizia Moreno Rodriguez, participated in the festival on November 4th through 5th, culminating in a concert at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, NC.

On October 10th, another nine singers auditioned for the Mars Hill Choral Festival and 6 were accepted: Kaitlyn Anderson, Inesh Anil, Lydia Johnson, Amelia McCarty, Clay Patton and Emma Grace Purcell. They will take part in the choral festival at Mars Hill University on February 9-10, 2024.

Additionally, seven Providence singers participated in the CMS High School All-County Chorus. These students were chosen by Mrs. Sims for their exceptional musicianship and work ethic. They are: Colin Dixon, Alissa Kim, Sara Kirkland, Leah Lane, Brennan Schuster, Musie Tilahun, and Sasha Wallace. During November 17th through 18th, they sang with other selected CMS high school singers at Palisades High School and performed a concert of five songs. Musie Tilahun was selected by the clinician as the opening soloist for the first song (titled "Hlohonolofasta").



*(Above) Choir Winter Concert*

*(Left) Honors Chorus Representatives (left to right): Amelia, Inesh, Letizia*

# CHOIR

December was a busy month for the PHS choral program. On December 14th, all five ensembles performed separately and together in the winter concert, ending with a combined song performed by all singers titled "May I Be Filled," a message of peace to conclude the performance. Friday, December 15th was Chamber Choir's annual Biltmore Estate trip and they performed a short set of music and enjoyed their day trip, touring the house, grounds and conservatory. On Monday, December 18th, Women's Chamber, the Acabellas and Chamber Choir all performed at a charity event called The Giving Machine. Then on Tuesday, December 19th, both Men's Chamber and Chamber Choir performed for 8th graders at all three of our feeder middle schools as part of the fine arts presentation to incoming PHS students.

We look forward to more performances and field trips in 2024, beginning with our MPA concert on Thursday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the PHS auditorium.





# GERMAN CLUB

Hallo German Club members and families!

We have had an amazing first semester here in German Club! We started the year off strong by carrying on the traditions of our annual Ice Cream Social at Sardis Park, where we welcomed more than 60 new and returning members!

In October, the Club celebrated with an Oktoberfest Potluck, and German Week festivities, including a Gummibear guessing contest, trivia contests and we selected the winning designs for our Club T-Shirt! At the end of the month, many German III students were inducted into the German National Honors Society while enjoying a delicious German meal at the Waldhorn German restaurant.

Our Club members have also been serving the Charlotte community this year through visiting the Levine Children's Hospital on Halloween, participating in the 10th Annual Fight the Flame to spread awareness for Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, and volunteering at Bright Blessings.

Overall, it has been a great first semester for German Club, and we can't wait for the rest of the year!



*Ice Cream  
Social (Top)*



*German National  
Honor Society*



*October Fest  
(Right)*



*Fight the Flame 5K Volunteers*



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP



The Student Leadership Class has had a busy semester! On October 7th, we held our “Candyland” themed Homecoming dance! We sold out all 800 tickets, and had extraordinary participation in our Spirit Week, which was held from October 2nd-6th. We were glad to see all the students and staff who dressed up! On October 6th, we held our Pep Rally and had our Homecoming football game against Independence High School. During halftime of the game, we crowned our Homecoming King and Queen, Stanley Urban and Lexi Howell!

On December 14th, we held our annual Officer Prep workshop! The workshop consisted of activities and debrief questions that helped students learn valuable leadership skills such as goal-setting, teamwork, public speaking, communication, critical thinking, and more. Officer Prep served as a prerequisite for students to apply for the 2024-25 Leadership class. The Leadership class is a great way for students to take on a bigger role within Providence and help execute school events such as the ones mentioned in this letter. Information on how to apply was provided during the workshop!

We would like to congratulate all of our fall sports teams on their hard work this past season. Thank you to all of the students and staff who came to support our Panther athletes! Our basketball, wrestling, swimming, rugby, and track teams are currently in season. Follow @providenceeb on Instagram to stay updated on upcoming basketball games and themes. We love seeing everyone in the game theme cheering on our athletes!

As we approach next semester, the Leadership class will be planning the annual Student Hunger Drive. This event will consist of our CANZ 13.0 music video, annual Dodgeball Tournament, Reversus Homecoming Spirit Week, and Sadie Hawkins dance! Future details for these events will be found in the weekly MEWS newsletter, the @providenceeb Instagram page, and the Morning Roar announcements.



# PROVIDENCE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

This year, Our Providence Athletics Department has teamed up with Providence Springs Elementary School in an effort to connect with our future Providence Panthers!

Earlier this fall, members of our Varsity Football Team assisted with the "Car Rider" line at Providence Springs. Before the Winter Break, members from our Men's and Women's Varsity Basketball team assisted with the "Car Rider" line and also took part in reading activities for multiple classes at Providence Springs Elementary School.

We are extremely proud of the way our student athletes interacted with the teachers and students at Providence Springs Elementary School. We look forward to further community outreach opportunities in the coming new year!



# BAND

## Winter Band Concerts

The Providence Bands performed their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 7th @ 6:30 pm. Entitled "Winter Celebration," the concert brought entertaining winter themed pieces and classic band literature together to start off the Winter Break.

The Percussion Ensemble and Providence Jazz Band also performed their combined Winter Concert on Monday, December 18th.

The new Jazz Band performed most recently at the Southern Christmas Show with the Providence Orchestras. In addition, the Percussion Ensemble performed for the first time this year showcasing new and interesting percussion repertoire.

## Marching Band Season Wrap Up

The Pride of Providence Marching Band held a fantastic marching season this year! The band took home many awards including regular First Place in Class Awards and two Grand Championships! They also hosted the illustrious Providence Cup at the end of October. Congratulations to the Pride for all of their hard work this season!

## Band Fundraisers

Throughout the year, the Providence Bands holds multiple fundraisers. The second half of the year includes Butter Braids and the Annual Mattress Sale. If you are interested in purchasing a new mattress and are looking for a great deal, wait for our Sale in the spring. We have honestly great deals on mattresses and are working with a fundraising company who go all out to support bands throughout the Charlotte area.





# PTSO BEAUTIFICATION DAY

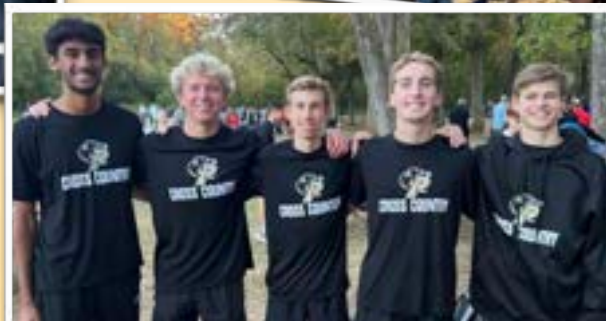


In preparation for the start of the school year, your Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) organized volunteers to freshen up the school grounds back in August. What a great team effort of our Providence Family to start the school year with a bright and cheery campus!



♥♥♥ LET'S VOLUNTEER TOGETHER ♥♥♥

# CROSS COUNTRY



The Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams enjoyed much success this past season, especially in the Conference Championship at McAlpine Park. Providence competed against six other teams, with the boys winning the conference—the first time since 2018!

## Boys Highlights

SW4A Conference Champions

1st Team All Conference:

Gavin D'Souza, Tate Lewis, Rowe Hopkins, Ethan Desai, AJ Caterino, Aidan O' Bryan and Matthew Perrone

3rd Place at The 4A West Regional

4A State Qualifier

MVP: Gavin D'Souza

MIP: Aidan O' Bryan & Andrew Blackwell

Coaches Award: Ethan Desai

## Girls Highlights

2nd Place in SW4A

Conference Championships

Conference Champion: Helen Chen

1st Team All Conference:

Helen Chen, Rachel Lyon and Claire Page

1st Team All Region: Helen Chen

4A State Qualifier: Helen Chen

MVP: Helen Chen

Coaches Award: Rachel Lyon

Outstanding Senior: Isabella Hall





# WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The Providence Women's Lacrosse season is just around the corner. Even though the games start in late February, the team has been hard at work in the off-season. They have had the talented and lovely Penelope Lee commit to Tusculum to play lacrosse, go Pioneers! They hit the weight room, the wall and the field to prepare for this upcoming season. This year, the team will have 4 games at the Providence Stadium, free of charge but full of entertainment. The home game on April 17th against Independence will be to honor the seniors. The team will wrap up the season with a highly anticipated switch-stick game vs. the Men's Lacrosse team. This season the female Panthers intend to work hard, play hard, and form greater bonds as a team! Don't forget to come out and support your PHS Women's Lacrosse team!



<b>McPREPS</b> America's Source for High School Sports		
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# WOMEN'S TENNIS



The Providence Women's Tennis Team had a great season, ending up as runner-up in the Southwestern 4A Conference behind Charlotte Catholic. The talent and level of competitiveness on the team were outstanding this season and allowed the team to score many well-earned victories.

Out-of-conference tournament play was excellent this season, with doubles team Katelyn Soden and Ira Chitte making it to the quarter-finals in the regional tournament, as well as top singles player Sasha Wallace, who competed exceptionally at the Regional Tournament and made it to the State Finals Tournament.

Sasha Wallace, Ira Chitte, and Caroline Artemenko received the All-Conference Award, showcasing the team's remarkable talent this year.



# WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

This fall Providence High School Athletics welcomed Coach Micah Kinnaird as the new Head Coach of Softball. He brings over a decade of softball experience, as well as a fresh outlook and new direction for player growth, program development, and a winning attitude to take Providence Softball to the next level.

From the beginning, Coach Micah made his vision for Providence Softball clear; "I want us to be a family... I don't just want the ladies to be good. I want them to be great!"

The "family" atmosphere has already taken form as the team and their parents have worked together after school and on weekends to make their field shine. Work has been completed with new paint on the softball dugouts, new bullpens built, and fresh paint and repairs for the softball locker room. Additional projects have yet to be completed. Parents and players have welcomed Coach Micah's new outlook with great turnouts at the interest meeting and during the field cleanup days.

The Lady Panthers are already putting in hard work to prepare for the season, doing winter workouts on the field and in the weight room have had over 20 prospective players in attendance.

The softball program looks forward to an increased interest from the Lady Panthers at tryouts in February, where the goal is to form strong Junior Varsity and Varsity squads to compete and WIN the conference!





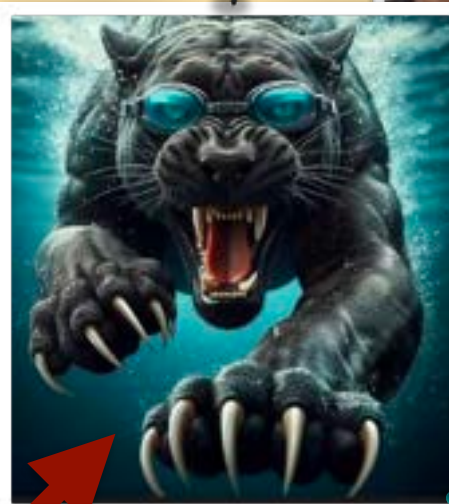
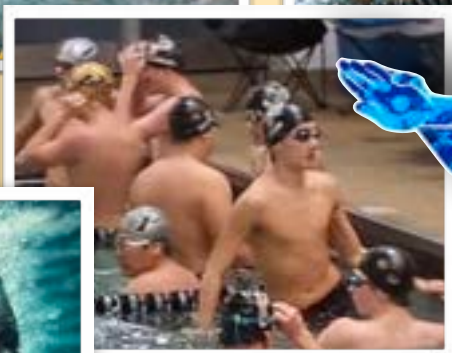
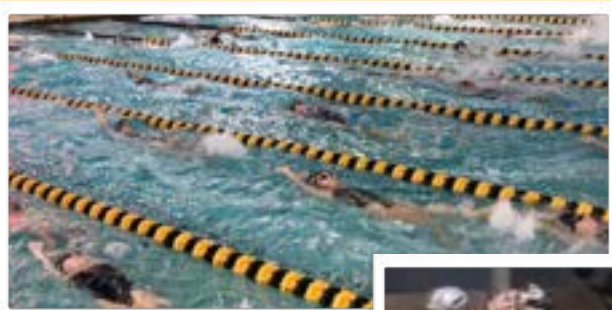
# SWIMMING

To quote Coach Catteneo, the new swim coach at Providence, "I am very proud of our swimmers. Against the Team-That-Shall-Not-Be-Named, we won both men's and women's."



	Men	Women
PHS	147	168
AK	139	117

Our Captains took charge of the meet before it even started and generated a tremendous PANTHER PRIDE in our team. It was a very close score after the 50 free, but our team kept fighting and won in the end.



*"This is how Providence swam..."*  
(Coach Catteneo)

We want to dedicate the next several pages to the *exceptional* achievements of our students, which they undertook *outside* of school. We applaud these young adults!

## EAGLE SCOUTS

### CONGRATUATIONS

**TULLY POPE**

**TROOP 39 MATTHEWS, NC**

We are excited to recognize Tully for this esteemed accomplishment in life and in Scouting. He is happy to have completed his Eagle Rank requirements prior to submitting college applications. Tully has been in scouting since second grade when he joined Cub Scouts at Elizabeth Lane Elementary. He completed Eagle with 33 merit badges, two Palms, a 50+ night camping award as well as many leadership and volunteer hours.



### CONGRATUATIONS GUISEPPE (JOEY) COPPOLA

**TROOP 39 MATTHEWS, NC**

We are so proud of Joey on so many levels. Particularly so, for him trying to stay on top of things even when the going gets tough! He has stayed dedicated to working in the family business, football, at field and outside of school with Boy Scouts. On October 10th, 2023 he became the 218th Eagle Scout with Troop 39 in Matthews. He has worked really hard these last few months where it came down to the wire and pulled through. Can't wait to see what more is ahead for this young man!

### CONGRATUATIONS ABHINAY KANCHURMARTHI

**TROOP 39 MATTHEWS, NC**

Troop 39 proudly recognizes yet another Eagle Scout! For his project, Abhinay chose to build three benches for Wesley United Methodist Church near Olde Providence Elementary School. He worked diligently on the project meeting with the church to assess their needs and organizing scouts and other volunteers to work on the project. He proved his initiative and leadership, as well as his dedication to making a difference in his community—exactly what scouting is all about!





# EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

**Tully's Eagle Project**



**Joey's Eagle Project**



**Abhinay's Eagle Project**

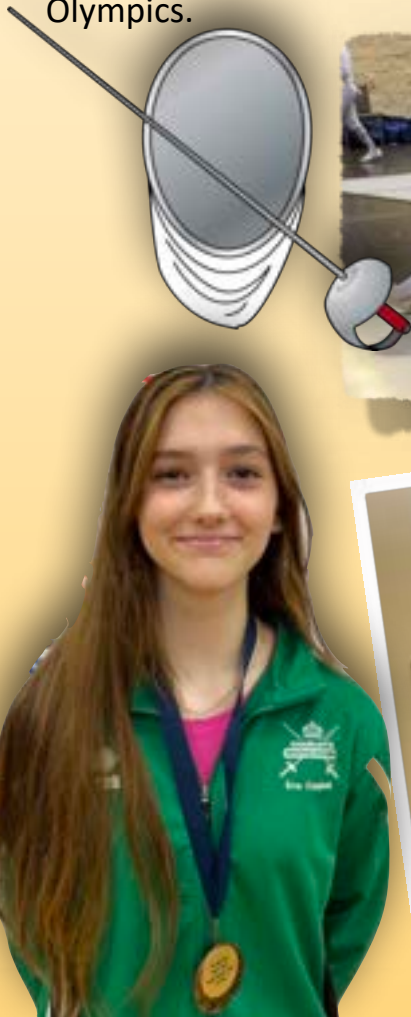




# FENCING CHAMPION—EVA CAMPBELL

## Freshman Qualifies for USA Fencing Summer Nationals and Junior Olympics in February

Freshman Eva Campbell is a nationally ranked competitive Epee fencer and this past summer competed at USA Fencing Summer Nationals in Y14, Cadet and Junior Women's Epee Event in Phoenix, Arizona. Eva travels regularly competing in regional, state and national events and is currently ranked 1st in Region with National Points. She most recently came in first place in Junior Women's Epee (JWE) and 3rd in Cadets Women's Epee at the The Bull City RYC/RJCC, and medaled in several events including the November North America Cup in Dallas-Fort Worth. Eva also competed in a Division 1 event in Orlando, Florida where she had the opportunity to compete against college-level athletes despite being only 14! This coming February she will be competing in USA Fencing's Junior Olympics.



# DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR'S PAGE— LIAM CAMPBELL

## Sophomore Accepted into NC Governor's Page Program and Taking Active Role in Charlotte Assistance League's Teen Court Program

Sophomore Liam Campbell was recently accepted to the NC Governor's Page Program where he will have the opportunity to spend time in Raleigh learning more about how our state government works and about the challenges and opportunities facing North Carolina.

In addition, Liam was accepted to serve on the Assistance League of Charlotte's Mecklenburg County Teen Court 2023-2024 program where he will be spending time inside a courtroom listening to juvenile cases and helping out fellow teens in his community.

For his work in the community especially as Co-Founder of the non-profit, [www.kidzthatcare.org](http://www.kidzthatcare.org) which he works on with his siblings, Liam was also recently recognized with a Gold Level President's Volunteer Service Award.





# EMERGING LEADER—MAIA CAMPBELL

## Queen City Women in Business Emerging Leader Award Recipient

Maia Campbell's work with the non-profit she co-founded, [www.kidzthatcare.org](http://www.kidzthatcare.org), was recently recognized with the 2023 Emerging Leaders Award by the Queen City Women in Business organization and also featured in latest edition of [Cardinal & Pine](http://Cardinal & Pine): "4 North Carolinians Making a Difference for Kids in the Tar Heel State". <https://cardinalpine.com/story/4-north-carolinians-making-a-difference-for-kids-in-the-tar-heel-state/>. Kids That Care continues to focus on organizing and leading kid and teen friendly community volunteer events and service projects that kids of all ages can take part in! To learn more please visit: [www.kidzthatcare.org](http://www.kidzthatcare.org).





# PASSIONATE VOLUNTEER— GIANLUCCA SIMON LEYVA BLANZACO

A big shout-out goes to Gianluca Simon Leyva Blanzaco (Junior at PHS) for his persistent involvement in volunteering at the Charlotte Humane Society and other organizations.

His love for animals has made him reach a whopping 50 hours of volunteering with the Charlotte Humane Society. He has dedicated many weekend mornings and afternoons to volunteering, setting aside other plans to help with animal adoptions, dog walks, pantry organization, and voicemail activities among others.

In addition to the Charlotte Humane Society he also volunteers at PHS offering tutoring hours in Spanish every Tuesday after school. He has volunteered over 40 hours in Spanish tutoring!

Gianluca has also volunteered for Trees Charlotte, a public/private collaboration focused on growing and diversifying Charlotte's urban forest by promoting tree stewardship, growing Charlotte's tree canopy, and educating people on how to plant and preserve trees.



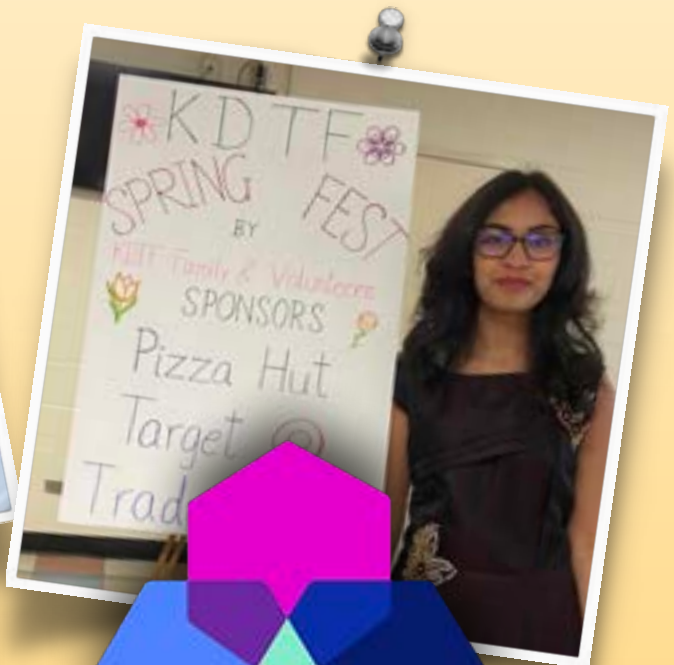
Trees Charlotte



# VALUED COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER—STUTI PATRA

Stuti Patra, a sophomore at Providence High School, initiated a School Supplies and Sanitary Products Drive for the Children's Home Society of North Carolina and donated items to the Director of the Charlotte location. Stuti also organized a ticketed fundraiser event called Teen Fest this year, being the Young Ambassador of a non-profit organization. She gathered a few other high school students from different schools in Charlotte by sharing her leadership experience to form a lead team to help in this initiative.

In the summer, she individually organized a plant sale in her neighborhood for the local pet shelter and was able to collect \$500. After the success of her recent fundraising campaigns, she aims to organize a dance event for a medical research nonprofit organization that works for the benefit of humanity worldwide.



**Children's  
Home Society**  
*of North Carolina*

# SENATE NOMINEE FOR US MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY—TANNER KOLB

Tanner Kolb was among a select group of young North Carolinians recognized by Senator Thom Tillis at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on Friday, December 8th. Tanner was selected by Tillis' committee for a Senate nomination to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Candidates are selected for our nation's service academies based on a whole person academic achievement, character, demonstrated leadership, and athletic ability. Tanner has also received a nomination from Congressman Jeff Jackson. Way to go, Tanner!





# YOUNG BLACK LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE



The mission of the Young Black Leadership Alliance (YBLA) is to build young leaders through the three pillars of service, education, and leadership. For the holiday season, the YBLA and the Key Club at Providence partnered up to raise toys for the underprivileged students who attend the CMS Title 1 School at University Meadows. The goal of the toy drive was to provide happiness and toys to children in need. Ashley Artis, a junior ambassador of YBLA and a member of Key Club, partnered the two service organizations and the drive successfully raised around 300 toys with over 70 students donating at least 2 toys each!

# YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A HUGE IMPACT!

Thank you to the families who have donated so far this year to the IMPACT Campaign, PTSO's main fundraiser. Money raised through your donation allows us to support our Providence Community through campus improvements, staff support, upgrades to education and technology resources, and student scholarships and awards, among other efforts.

## ***IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DONATE!!***

Should you wish to make a donation, please do so through [Pay4SchoolStuff.com](https://Pay4SchoolStuff.com). Also announcing: We now accept STOCK DONATIONS as well! Email [phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:phscapitalcampaign@gmail.com) with any questions.

Please note that our list of donors is current as of December 15, 2023.

*\* Denotes a contribution that will receive a corporate match.*

## **PRINCIPAL'S CIRCLE \$750+**

Jacob Braude and Krista Scavone  
The Ilkilic Family  
The Jensen Family  
Chris and Katie Nygren  
The Quintanilla Family  
Bill and Sun Kyung Song  
The Telmanik family  
The Totty Family\*  
The Zierler Family\*

## **PLATINUM LEVEL \$500+**

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The Rubenstein Family\*  
The Schubert Family  
Nevin and Bonnie Sheppard  
Holly and Brian Stanley  
The Walsh Family

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The Siberon Family  
The Sokolowicz Family  
The StewartFamily  
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The Voorhees Family

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The Sharma Family\*  
The Singh Family  
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The Tatum Family\*  
The Taylor Family  
The Tkach Family  
The Tuz Family  
The Ulusoy Family\*  
Amy and Eric Virkler  
The Waldron Family  
John Wheeler\*  
The Williams Family

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The Bajorski Family  
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Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Bell  
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Julia Caslin  
The Dodds Family  
The Esposito Family  
The Leslie Family  
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