

Dear Providence families and friends,

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MEWS Editorial Team



PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

August 18, 2017

The following articles were submitted by various PHS clubs, staff, booster organizations, etc. The PTSO compiles these articles for your convenience. Questions related to specific articles should be directed to the contact person provided.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Athletic Dates	See upcoming games and events in the Athletics calendar below
August 19	Fall Beautification Day, 9 AM - 12 PM
August 24	New Student Open House, 3 – 5 PM
August 28	First Day of School – Students Report to homeroom at 7:15 AM
August 30 – Sept 1	Yearbook Pictures
September 5-8	Speech and Debate Club Interest Meetings, 2:25-2:55 PM, Room 210

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS Parents:

Teachers are back at work and we are busy getting ready to welcome students for the year. We are spending time in Professional Development and are learning more strategies to help students with literacy goals (reading and writing in every content area). I'm sure your child is getting anxious about the start of the year. It always brings a level of excitement to my household when the children start talking about going back to school. I have a few bits of information for you:

- Our “Back to School” letter, including homeroom assignment and transportation information, was mailed via US Mail last week. You should have received it by now. Please reference it for important information. If you have questions, please call the main office.
- On **Friday, August 18**, PowerSchool will be active and students will be able to see their **tentative** schedule. We are still working to balance classes so there may be some shuffling due to that. We will give students a hard copy of the schedule in homeroom on the first day of school.
- On **Friday afternoon, August 18**, we will make available our Schedule Change Request Form. It will be on our website for download and we will have copies in the front office for pick up. If students meet one of the criteria listed on the form and wish to submit a request to change their schedule, they may do so beginning on Friday. **ONLY ONE FORM per student will be accepted and ONLY those situations that meet the criteria will result in a schedule change.** We have hired extra staff this summer to individually look at every student’s schedule to ensure they have received their original requests to the extent possible. We want students to have the courses they requested. Most of our classes are full and there is not room for students to change their mind at this point. Forms can be submitted to the main office or via fax. Our fax number is 980-343-3956.
- We do have room in AP Chemistry. If your child is a junior or senior and is interested in skipping Chemistry or Honors Chemistry (a pre-requisite for AP Chemistry), please ask them to email me directly. We will do a record review to include PSAT scores, grades from last year, and interview, etc. to see if they can by-pass Chemistry and go to AP Chemistry. We have had a few top students do this in the past and they were successful even without the pre-requisite. If your child is interested, I need to hear from them by **Wednesday, August 23**. Please know that AP Chemistry is a double blocked class so if accepted, they would have to drop a class to create room for AP Chemistry.
- State Board Policy allows students the option of demonstrating mastery and receiving credit for a course by taking an assessment, completing an artifact, etc. This is called Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM). CMS will assess and evaluate students who are interested in earning a pass/fail grade in a course and moving on to the next course in September. Students who wish to participate in the CDM process during Fall semester, 2017, will need to turn in a completed application by **Friday, September 1**. Application forms are available from Ms. Boland in the guidance office.
- Our home opener football game is **Friday, August 18, 7 PM** vs. East Meck. Come out and see the Panthers take on the Eagles!

Best wishes for a good last week of summer break with your child.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Tomorrow - Volunteers Needed: Fall Beautification Day

The Providence PTSO Beautification Committee is hosting its annual Fall Beautification Day on **Saturday, August 19, 9 AM - 12 PM**. Students and parents are welcome. Parents must be a registered CMS volunteer, which can be done on CMS website.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, push brooms and a water bottle. Pick-up trucks are a huge help if you have one available.

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D45A9AB2DA4FE3-phsbeautification. Questions about volunteering can be directed to Cheryl McCauley of the Beautification Committee at mcc1926@carolina.rr.com.

Come show your "Panther Pride" as we get the campus in tip top shape to welcome all our Providence Panthers back for another great year. This is a great way for students to earn community service hours and help keep our campus looking great.

(Submitted 08/16/17 by Cheryl McCauley, mcc1926@carolina.rr.com)

New – Senior Portraits for Yearbook

Prestige Portraits will be at school on **August 31 and September 1** for any senior who missed their senior portraits over the summer. Students will need to sign up for an appointment on the sheets located in the media center. Students who do not get photographed will not be pictured in the yearbook. Please email pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us for questions.

(Submitted 08/16/17 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

New – Save the Date – Book Fair at Barnes and Noble

Barnes and Noble Arboretum is sponsoring a Book Fair **August 28 - September 10**. Present the voucher when you check out, and a percentage of the net sale will be donated back to Providence High School to benefit academic programs. Pick up all your reading materials for first semester--and maybe something fun to enjoy over the upcoming holiday. Be sure to tell them you are from PHS! The voucher is available on the school website.

<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/providenceHS/Pages/Default.aspx>

(Submitted 08/16/17 by Marve Hutchinson, marva.hutchinson@cms.k12.nc.us)

New - Bricks for All

Welcome back Panthers! We have over 100 engraved bricks in the ground – and we want more! Panther Plaza is under way at the pass gate entrance to the stadium. Anyone can order a brick – they aren't just for athletes. Celebrate senior year, a triumphant athletic season, or any reason. Order anytime online at www.bricksrus.com/order/phsabc or use the link on the PHS Booster Club page at www.phsboosterclub.com. Each brick is \$60 and includes three lines of personalized text. Add a specialized logo (sports team, panther) for an additional \$15. Contact: Margot at margotvos1@gmail.com.

(Submitted 08/16/17 by Margot Strickler, margotvos1@gmail.com)

New – Hearing Screening Notice

The speech-language pathologist (SLP) will conduct hearing screenings on any student suspected of having hearing problems, and/or those students new to CMS. A hearing screening can be requested by a parent, teacher or student. If a student fails two consecutive hearing screenings with the SLP, he/she will be referred to the school audiologist for a free hearing evaluation. Parents must sign a "Consent for Hearing Evaluation" form, prior to student contact with the audiologist. Parents who want their student to opt out of these hearing screening procedures, must communicate this in writing to the attention of the SLP. All questions regarding hearing screening procedures can be emailed to the SLP at Terrin.Pigatt@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 08/16/17 by Dr. Tracey Harrill, tracey.harrill@cms.k12.nc.us)

Updated - Harris Teeter VIC

Harris Teeter VIC-Together in Education: It's time to RE-LINK your VIC card to support PHS (PTSO code 1261). Harris Teeter contributes a percentage of all HT brand purchases to our PTSO. Remember, cards are not automatically re-linked and the program runs August 1st-May 31st. You can have multiple links, but we hope you will include PHS. Please contact Katherine Bondi at teambondi03@gmail.com for questions. Thank you for your support!

(Submitted 08/16/17 by Katherine Bondi, teambondi03@gmail.com)

Yearbook Pictures

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

Wednesday, August 30, 7-11 AM & 11 AM-2 PM

Thursday, August 31, 7-11 AM & 11 AM-2 PM

Friday, September 1, 7-11 AM

Volunteers will help record orders and direct students through the process. With pictures taking place so quickly after the start of the school year, we need to get volunteers scheduled ASAP. It's a fun way to spend a few hours and see the students! Please contact Jane Fisher at jfisher2@carolina.rr.com with the day & time slot you can volunteer. Thanks for volunteering!

Underclassmen pictures will be taken the **FIRST WEEK** of school this year on the following dates: **Wednesday, August 30, Thursday, August 31, and Friday, September 1.** Seniors who did not have their yearbook pictures made during the summer can have tux and drape photos on **August 31 and September 1 after school.**

Homeroom teachers will send home an order form the first day of school. Parents who wish to purchase portrait packages should send cash or check made payable to LifeTouch Photography and the order form with your child on portrait day. These portraits will be placed in the yearbook.

(Submitted 07/12/17 by Jane Fisher, jfisher2@carolina.rr.com)

Do You Need Service Hours?

Contact Ms. Edens to set up times for you to volunteer your time this summer helping around the school. Most work is outside and you can volunteer by yourself or with a group, morning or afternoon.

(Submitted 07/07/17 by L. Michelle Edens, Loism.edens@cms.k12.nc.us)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Providence Speech and Debate Team

Interest meetings will be held on **September 5-8** from **2:25-2:55** PM in room 210. The team offers events for all types of student interests from current events, public policy, argumentation, acting, public speaking, etc. We are one of the top programs in North Carolina and in the top 10% of programs in the U.S. For more information about our team, please visit the team website: <http://providencespeechanddebate.weebly.com>.

(Submitted 07/06/17 by Susan Jenkins, susann.jenkins@cms.k12.nc.us)

PHS Choral Boosters

We are always looking for new volunteers and have a few open board spots next year. The board meets 3-4 times a school year. We have options available for working parents! The following are the open positions: Secretary, Concert Programs, Variety Show and Banquet. If you are interested in helping, please email Tina Burfield at cookingmama@burfield.com or Mrs. Johnson at kristenm.johnson@cms.k12.nc.us.

(Submitted 07/10/17 by Tina Burfield, cookingmama@burfield.com)

ATHLETICS

[PHS Athletics Website](#)
[Student Athlete Forms and Packets](#)
[Online Providence Team Stores](#)
[Follow PHS Athletics on Twitter - @ProvAthletics](#)

New - Athletic Booster Club Board Needs a Secretary

The Athletic Booster Club board is looking for someone to serve as secretary. If you are interested, please email Lourdes Mattar, Booster Club President, at jillybugmattar@gmail.com.

Athletic Booster Club's Annual BBQ Fundraiser

Our annual BBQ is October 20! All athletes will receive their tickets to sell in the upcoming weeks. Please help make this year's BBQ a huge success by selling as many tickets as you can. This is one of our largest fundraisers and benefits all athletes and sports. We need a large number of volunteers the week of the BBQ, so please consider volunteering your time. We can't do it without you! Sign up here to help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444a8a72ba2f49-phsannual>. If you have any questions, please contact: Elena Salazar - BBQ Coordinator at elenalksalazar@gmail.com.

Athletic Booster Club Memberships

Buy your Athletic Booster Club memberships now! All proceeds go toward athletic equipment, field maintenance, coaches training, transportation to away games, etc. You enjoy admission to all regular season home events (all sports)! Additional perks (depending on the donation level) include preferred parking and a personalized brick for our walkway. Purchasing memberships is easy. Send in the order form you should have received in the mail along with a check or pay online at www.phsboosterclub.com.

GAME SCHEDULE

(Dates and Times are Subject to Change)
(Check the Athletic Website or Twitter Feed for the Latest Updates)

8/18	Football vs. East Meck	7:00
8/19	Volleyball Tournament at Sports Connection	
8/21	Volleyball at Myers Park Men's Soccer vs. Lincoln Charter Women's Tennis at Myers Park	4:00/5:30 4:30/6:00 TBA
8/22	Men's Soccer vs. East Meck Women's Tennis vs. Ardrey Kell	4:30/6:00 TBA

8/23	Volleyball at Butler	4:00/5:30
8/24	Volleyball at Cox Mill Men's Soccer vs. Latin (V only - @ Ortho Carolina Fields) Women's Tennis at Harding JV Football at Hough	4:00/5:30 7:00 TBA 6:00
8/25	Football vs. Hough	7:00
8/26	Cross Country at McAlpine Men's Soccer vs. Charlotte Country Day (V only - @ South Meck)	TBA 5:00

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baseball – If you have any questions about baseball, please contact Coach Hignight at daniel.hignight@cms.k12.nc.us.

Men's Basketball – If you have questions about men's basketball, please contact Coach Epperly at larryd.epperly@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Basketball – If you are interested in trying out for basketball next season or have any questions, please contact Coach Bean at jenniferbean20@gmail.com.

Cheerleading – If you have questions about cheerleading, please contact Coach Acitelli at providencecheerleading@gmail.com.

UPDATED - Men's Cross Country – Providence XC Invitational is **Saturday, August 26** at McAlpine Creek Park. First race (5K) starts at **8 AM**. If you have any questions about Men's Cross Country, please contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

UPDATED - Women's Cross Country – The Providence XC Invitational is **Saturday, August 26** at McAlpine Creek Park. First race (5K) starts at **8 AM**. If you have any questions about Women's Cross Country, please contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Football – If you have any questions about Football, please contact Coach Bowles at brad1.bowles@cms.k12.nc.us.

Golf – For information on Men's or Women's Golf, please contact Coach Church at carl.church@cms.k12.nc.us.

UPDATED - Men's Lacrosse – RE-LINK your Harris Teeter VIC card to PHS Men's Lacrosse for the new year; our number is 3198. Follow [Providence HS Men's Lacrosse on Facebook](#), on Twitter @Prov_Lax and on Instagram at PHSLAX1. For information on PHS Men's Lacrosse contact LeAnn Squier at Lwsquier@carolina.rr.com.

Women's Lacrosse – Please link your Harris Teeter VIC card to PHS Women's Lacrosse; our number is **4065**. For information on PHS Women's Lacrosse, please contact Kathleen Efken at pantherswomenslacrosse@gmail.com.

Rugby – Any student with a 2.0 GPA can join the Rugby club. All of our budget is 100% supplied by dues, sponsorships and fundraising. Our major sponsor is Harris Teeter's TIE program. Please ask your cashier to link your VIC Card to **#7697**. There is no cost for you to participate. Thank you for your support. Forms are on our website at www.panthersrugby.com or email Carl Samford at carl.samford@cms.k12.nc.us.

Men's Soccer – For information about men's soccer, please contact Nick Sosa at nsosa1010@gmail.com.

Women's Soccer – For information about women's soccer, please contact Nathan Williams at nathwilliams17@gmail.com.

UPDATED - Softball – Softball fall workouts are **August 29 and August 31, 5-6:30 PM**. Please meet at the softball field. No equipment needed. The workout will consist of strength training, speed, agility, and plyometrics. Bringing a refillable water bottle is recommended! If you have any questions about softball, please contact Coach Baxley at beth.baxley@yahoo.com.

UPDATED - Swimming and Diving – Swim pre-season begins **September 12**. Voluntary workouts are **Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30-3:45 PM**. All participants must have a physical dated in the past 12 months. For more information about swimming and diving, please contact Coach Davis at providenceswimdive@gmail.com.

Men's Tennis – For more information about the men's tennis program, please contact Coach Abbott at aabbott@msn.com.

Women's Tennis – For information about the women's tennis program, please contact Coach Abbott at aabbott@msn.com.

Men's Track & Field – For information about Men's Track & Field, please contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Track & Field – For information about Women's Track & Field, please contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Volleyball – If you have any questions about Volleyball, please contact Coach Malone at margaret1.malone@cms.k12.nc.us.

Wrestling – For more information about Wrestling, please contact Ken Konstanty at kenneth.konstanty@cms.k12.nc.us.

Sports Photos – To view or purchase Action Photos of our Student Athletes, visit www.ProvidenceSportsPhoto.com. For assistance, contact Rusty Transou at rtransou@gmail.com.