

Dear Providence families and friends,

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MEWS Editorial Team



PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS

May 11, 2018

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
May 7 – 18	AP Exams
May 16	No School, No AP Exams – Optional Teacher Workday
May 22	Yearbook Distribution – Seniors
May 24	Yearbook Distribution - Underclassmen
May 29	Senior Awards Ceremony
June 6	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal, Bojangles' Coliseum, 5:30-7 PM
June 11	PHS Graduation, Bojangles' Coliseum, 8:30 - 10 AM

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS Parents:

This week, *US News and World Report* released its **2018** National High School Rankings. We are proud to say that **Providence is ranked #16 in North Carolina** and in the top 450 schools (out of over 20,000 high schools) in the United States. The methodology used by *US News* to generate the rankings are based on **2015-16** school data and are heavily based on the percent of overall students who take AP exams and the performance of traditionally underserved students. We continue to be very excited about the progress made by our students to become college and career ready upon graduation. You can see the full report at this link: <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/north-carolina/districts/charlotte-mecklenburg-schools/providence-high-14576>.

For the upcoming week, our Student Council leaders have planned a **Mental Health Awareness Week**. The month of **May** is traditionally National Mental Health Month. Our Leadership students have organized activities each day next week to bring awareness to being well, taking care of yourself, recognizing signs of distress, and being the kind of person who looks for the positive in each situation and in other people. Here is a brief outline of what they have planned for next week:

Monday: Inspirational notes to all students. Inspirational video on the morning announcements.

Tuesday: Student highlights via the morning announcements with some of our current students on dealing with depression and overcoming challenges. Later in the day, we will have DEAR time (Drop Everything and Relax).

Wednesday: Teacher Workday. No school for students, no AP exams.

Thursday: Student Assembly facilitated by two therapists from Southeast Psychology, Dr. McGough and Ms. Fights. This Suicide Awareness presentation will provide students with tools to help their friends or peers who might be experiencing overwhelming challenges.

Friday: Mix-It-Up Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear white to show unity. Students will be encouraged to mix-it-up by sitting with different people at lunchtime. Get to know others and you might find you have more in common than you think. Inspirational video on the morning announcements.

We are excited to finish the year strong and we have been working to encourage students to continue to put their best foot forward.

Best wishes for a great weekend. Happy Mother's Day to all of our PHS mothers!

Sincerely,
Dr. Harrill

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New – Yearbook Distribution

Yearbook distribution is **May 22** for seniors and **May 24** for underclassmen. Remaining yearbooks are on sale for \$95 in the media center. Email pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us for questions.

(Submitted 05/04/18 by Pamela Mann, pamelac.mann@mcs.k12.nc.us)

Updated - Volunteers Needed for PHS End of Year Exams

We are in need of volunteers each day for our upcoming End of Course exams on **June 4 - 7 from 7 AM until approximately 11:30 AM**. Please use the linked sign-up sheet indicating volunteer needs located at <https://goo.gl/p1ELYF>. Proctors are **required** in every EOC exam, and we hope you will please consider giving a few hours and helping us out.

Training for proctors is **required by the state of NC** each time we test, and will be done via email, and a brief review the morning of volunteering.

If you can assist us, please sign up with the link above. If you have questions, please email me at victoria.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us. Thank you very much!

(Submitted 05/04/18 by Victoria Thompson, victoria.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us)

Important Information For 2018 Graduation

Graduation Rehearsal Date – Wednesday, June 6 from 5:30 – 7 PM at Bojangles' Coliseum

Graduation Date – Monday, June 11 from 8:30 – 10 AM at Bojangles' Coliseum.

Graduation rehearsal is **mandatory** for all seniors. Please adjust your work schedule and do not plan college visits/orientations on this date! Also, if you have any unpaid financial obligations, you will **not** be allowed to participate in the rehearsal.

Parents, if your senior still needs to order their graduation cap and gown, please go to www.highschool.herffjones.com. Type Providence High School in the search bar and choose the correct location in the drop down menu. Choose the “Shop Grad Products”

icon and proceed with your order. Seniors who pre-ordered their caps and gowns can pick them up before or after school in room 117.

If any member of your family requires the services of a sign language interpreter, or if you have any additional questions regarding graduation or rehearsal, please email Mrs. Bowen at fritzig.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us.

Additional graduation information is located under School Announcements on the Providence Home Page.

(Submitted 04/24/18 by Fritzi Bowen, fritzig.bowen@cms.k12.nc.us)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

New - Choral Booster Scholarship Information

The Choral Booster Club Scholarship was established in **January, 2011** through the Providence High School (PHS) Choral Boosters in memory of Ted K. Royal – supportive parent, loving husband, father, son, brother, friend, talented musician and more.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving PHS senior(s) who has made a positive contribution to the PHS Choral program, has plans to major or minor in some area of music at the college level and is passionate about the importance of music in his or her life.

Applications are due **Monday, May 14 by 12 PM** and interviews will be after school that same day.

Choral Concert: The PHS Choral concert is **Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 PM**. Come and join us for some wonderful music.

(Submitted, 5/4/18 by Tina A. Burfield, cookingmama@burfield.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Please Visit our [School Counseling Website](#) for Announcements, our [Scholarship Weebly Page](#), a list of [College Representatives Visiting Providence](#) and the new [College and Career Center Website](#)

New – Scholarship of the Week

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

The Alpha Zeta Chapter will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving female high school Senior in the Charlotte/Monroe area who is interested in majoring in education. One student from each school may apply for the scholarship. Please see Mrs. Obringer if you are interested in applying. See application on scholarship weebly for more details. Due **May 23**.

(Submitted 04/09/18 by Ginger Obringer, virginiaa.obringer@cms.k12.nc.us)

New - FREE College Planning Workshop– Saturday, June 2, 2018

Dale Price, with Access College America is offering a FREE College Planning Workshop for parents on **Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 -10 AM** at the Naomi Drenan Recreation Center, 750 Beal Street. Learn about applying for FAFSA, writing essays, creating a college planning timeline, and more. Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-college-planning-workshop-for-parents-tickets-45525791869>

New – Juniors: Want to Get a Head Start on Your College Applications?

- When: **2:30 – 3:30 PM, Tuesday, May 22**
- Where: PHS Media Center
- Who: Juniors Only (space is limited, so please be prompt).

Sharon Walker (PHS College and Career Counselor) will discuss what juniors can do over the summer to research colleges and begin the application process. Topics will include applications, essays, interviews, college visits, recommendation letters, brag sheets, etc.

(Submitted 04/10/18 by Sharon Walker, sharon.walker@cms.k12.nc.us)

ATHLETICS

[PHS Athletics Website](#)

[Student Athlete Forms and Packets](#)

[Online Providence Team Stores](#)

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[Follow PHS Athletic Booster Club on Twitter - @ProvBoosterClub](#)

Athletic Booster Club is Looking for New Board Members!

The PHS Athletic Booster Club is looking for new board members for the **2018-19** school year. Interested? Email Lourdes Matter, Booster Club President, at jillybugmattar@gmail.com

GAME SCHEDULE

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

5/11	Men's Tennis - State Finals Softball - 2nd Round State Playoffs (Senior Night) Baseball - 1st Round State Playoffs	TBA 5:30 PM 6:00 PM
5/12	Men's Tennis - State Finals Track & Field - 4A West Regionals (PHS)	TBA 10:00 AM
5/13	Baseball - 2nd Round State Playoffs	TBA
5/16	Baseball - 3rd Round State Playoffs	TBA
5/19	Track & Field - 2A & 4A State Championships (NC A&T) Baseball - 4th Round State Playoffs	TBA
5/23-27	Baseball - Regional Finals	TBA
6/2-3	Baseball - State Finals	TBA

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baseball – All-American Summer Baseball Camp information can be found on Twitter @BaseballProv. If you have any questions, please email 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 – Spring workouts have begun. If you are interested in trying out for basketball in the fall or have any questions about women's basketball, please contact Coach Bean at jenbean@windstream.net.

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

UPDATED - Men's Cross Country – There will be a **mandatory** information meeting after school on **Thursday, May 17** in the cafeteria. Online registration for the All-American Cross Country Camp is now open (Session 3: **July 22-27**). 2-mile tryouts will

be held on Wednesday, **August 1 at 7:00 AM** at McAlpine Creek Park. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE UPS! 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 – There will be a **mandatory** information meeting after school on **Thursday, May 17** in the cafeteria. Online registration for the All-American Cross Country Camp is now open (Session 3: **July 22-27**). 2-mile tryouts will be held on Wednesday, **August 1 at 7:00 AM** at McAlpine Creek Park. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE UPS! 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.

UPDATED - Golf – A big shout out to Josh Barnett, Jack Anderson and Colin Browning for advancing to the NCHSAA State Tournament at Pinehurst #6. For information on men's or women's Golf, please contact Coach Church at carl.church@cms.k12.nc.us.

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 – RE-LINK your Harris Teeter VIC card to PHS Women's Lacrosse; our number is **4065**. Follow us on social media: Instagram: phswolax, Twitter: @PHSWomensLax, Facebook: PHSWOLAX. For information on PHS Women's Lacrosse, please contact Kathleen Efken at pantherswomenslacrosse@gmail.com.

Rugby – If you have questions or are interested in playing Rugby for Providence, please visit our website at www.panthersrugby.com and [contact us](#). Club Advisor: Carl Samford at carl.samford@cms.k12.nc.us. Follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/ProvidenceRugby/>

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 Robb Bolar at robb.bolar@cms.k12.nc.us.

UPDATED - Softball – Congratulations to the Providence Softball team for their first conference title in 18 years. The Lady Panthers finished the SoMeck 7 Conference undefeated, 12-0 and 19-3 overall. If you have any questions about softball, please contact Coach Baxley at beth.baxley@yahoo.com.

Swimming and Diving – 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.

UPDATED - Men's Track & Field – The boys finished 2nd place in the SoMeck Conference Championships. Elliott Schultz won the mile, Joey Jegier won the shot put and discus. Seth Rabinowitz won the pole vault. All earned 1st Team "All Conference!" 4A West Regional Championships are **Saturday, May 12, 10 AM** at PHS. For information about Men's Track & Field, please contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

UPDATED - Women's Track & Field – The girls won the SoMeck Conference Championships for the second straight year! Sarah Parrish won the mile, Ariana Rivera won the 200m and 300mIH. Rivera, along with Zaria Dunlap, Nimeesha Coleman and Ella Manwerring Foster, combined to win the 4x200m and 4x400m relays! All earned 1st Team "All Conference!" The 4A West Regional Championships are **Saturday, May 12, 10 AM** at PHS. 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 Coach Bosak at scotte.bosak@cms.k12.nc.us. If your student is new to wrestling this year and you would like to be added to the parent e-mail list, please contact Mary de Jonge at marydejonge@yahoo.com.

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.