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MEWS Editorial Team



PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL MEWS *July 19, 2019*

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
July 24-25	Senior Portraits
August 1	Official Start of Fall Sports
August 12	Parking Permits to Qualifying Seniors
August 13	Parking Permits to Qualifying Juniors
August 22	New Student Welcome 3-5 PM

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear PHS Parents and Families:

Happy summer! I hope your child is enjoying a wonderful summer break and I hope you have been able to spend some time with them. As a parent of a college student and a high school student, I frequently ask myself, "Where did the time go?" I'm reminded that we have such a short time with our children before they are gone from home. I encourage you to spend as much time with them as possible.

We are pleased to report that last school year ended successfully. Graduation was a great celebration for our seniors and their families. Over the last several weeks, test scores from North Carolina Final Exams, End-of-Course exams, and AP exams have been coming in and you will be excited to know that academic achievement at Providence remains **HIGH**. We are so proud of our students and the teachers who prepare them! The state has to certify the results so I'm not allowed to share the details until later in the fall. Stay tuned...

During the summer months, we often get questions about summer school. By CMS Board Policy, students may attend private (non-CMS) summer school with the **PRIOR** permission of the principal. I approve requests for summer school **only** if a student has previously failed the specific course and wants to make it up at an approved summer school site. The prior approval forms are available in our guidance office. If you have any questions about summer school, please contact the guidance office. We have a counselor working throughout the summer to be of assistance to you.

Looking forward...we are at the halfway mark of the summer and it's time to start thinking about events and procedures to start another year. I have made a list of the important items below so that you are all informed and I encourage you to share this information with your child:

1) You might have noticed that CMS has rolled out a new website for the district and for each school. The formatting and location of information is very different from our previous website. When you log on to our website at <https://providencehighschool.wearecms.com/>, our school's information is located on that home page (be sure to scroll down) and also under the tab labeled, "Our School," top right. The other tabs include information for CMS as a whole district. This can be confusing at first so I wanted to draw your attention to the differences so you do not jump off the Providence page inadvertently.

2) Summer Reading is **REQUIRED** for all Honors English students (grades 9-12), all AP English students, and AP Seminar students. Some grade levels have a written assignment as well. Summer reading is *highly suggested* for all Standard Level English students. In keeping with the district-wide push to improve literacy in CMS, we want to help our students avoid the summer slump. Don't wait until the last minute to complete this assignment. What better way to start the year than with a strong grade in English class because students took the time to do it right? See our website for the specific books and assignments per grade level. On the home page, scroll down to the News section to find the Required Summer Reading list and assignments. Then, follow the links.

And, since the students have summer reading assignments, our counselors would like to suggest a summer read for parents as well. Last year, our counselors read, **How to Raise an Adult** by Julie Lythcott-Haims and found it quite informative to them as parents and educators. I recommended it to parents last summer and want to do so again for the benefit of our new parents or those who might have missed it. The author is the former Dean of Freshmen at Stanford University and uses many anecdotes from her time in this role to help parents avoid certain pitfalls. Other high schools across the country have recommended this to their parents. The book discusses how parenting has changed over the years and decades, the impact of technology on our families, etc. It can be found in paperback on Amazon for less than \$5.00.

3) We are working hard on the master schedule. Our objective is to ensure that every student has a great schedule designed specifically for them. More information will be sent to you about accessing your child's schedule in Power School in mid-August. Schedules will not be ready until then. We are still working to hire teachers so that we have the **best** teachers for our students and we have many more steps to complete before the schedule is ready for students.

4) **Student Parking** permits will be sold on **Monday, August 12 for qualifying Seniors** and **Tuesday, August 13 for qualifying Juniors**. We have about 600 parking spaces but have 1000 students in the junior and senior classes combined. So, we have to distribute parking spaces based on established criteria. Students with a cumulative weighted GPA of 2.5 and higher are permitted to apply to purchase a PHS Student Parking Permit. Students can verify their cumulative GPA in Naviance (the Naviance link is on our website home page). Click on "About Me" and click on "My Account" and then scroll down. Look for the weighted GPA. There are specific times allotted depending upon student GPA where students will select their specific parking space. Permits are not available to be purchased early. Applications and additional information will be available under the "News" section of the home page of our website. Click here: <https://providencehighschool.wearecms.com/> and scroll down. Please read the application carefully, print it, complete in ink, and remind students to bring the necessary **copies** of their driver's license and vehicle registration plus the \$25 fee with them to the school at the designated time. We will not be able to make copies for students at school. Students who will be out of town at these times, and who otherwise qualify to purchase a parking permit, can send their completed forms by a parent or friend who can select the space for them. We will reserve the space and affix the parking permit to their vehicle on another date. Juniors and seniors who do not yet have their driver's license will have a later opportunity to purchase a parking permit (after school starts). Right now, we are only selling permits to students who qualify and have their actual license.

5) **The Providence Student dress code** is available on our website under Our School, School Information, Rules and Procedures. As you plan back to school shopping, please reference the dress code so that students are in compliance with our expectations. *Rising 9th graders need to pay special attention to the dress code at Providence as it differs from the dress code at some of our feeder middle schools.* Students who are out of compliance will receive administrative consequences as outlined in the dress code policy. The dress code is the same as last year. Please note that shorts, skirts, tops over

leggings, etc. are to be *fist length*. Please carefully watch the length of shorts. Tops over shorts may not be longer than the shorts underneath. We must be able to see that the student is wearing shorts. Providence remains a very high performing school partly because we maximize time in class and minimize disruptions in school, including those created by dress code violations. We appreciate your partnership to continue this tradition.

6) **New Student Welcome** for rising 9th graders and students **new** to Providence (where students can follow their schedule and find their way around Providence) will be on **Thursday, August 22, 3pm – 5pm**. We will have an information session in the auditorium at either 3pm for student with last names A-L and again at 4pm for student with last names M-Z. This will give an opportunity for new students and parents to hear about the procedures for the opening days of school, the lunchroom process, afternoon dismissal procedures, etc. More information will be emailed directly to rising 9th grade parents in August. This event will help our **new** students become comfortable with our school layout. Students will be able to find their way from 1st block to 2nd block and so on. When school starts, we will begin each day for the first 10 days in homeroom, which will be listed on the student schedule when provided.

7) School supply lists will be included in each teacher's Course Prospectus which will be distributed and explained to students on the first day of school. For the first days of school, students will need the basics (paper, pens, pencils, calculator, etc.). After students receive their Course Prospectus, they can get the specific supplies needed for their classes.

8) Fall sports officially begin on **August 1**. Visit the PHS Athletics link on our school website for information on summer workouts and try out information. The mandatory pre-season parent meeting is **Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 PM** in the PHS auditorium.

I hope you continue to have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you and your child in August!

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrill

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

New –Senior Portraits and Yearbook Orders

Class of 2020: Prestige Portraits will be in the school auditorium **July 24-25** to take senior portraits if you missed the June dates. Students will need to go to <https://prestigeportraits.com> to confirm the appointment. In order to be included in the yearbook, a formal portrait (drape or tux) must be taken with Prestige Portraits. Please direct all questions regarding appointments to LifeTouch at 704-628-4600.

Yearbook and Literary Magazine orders will begin on **August 26**. Be on the lookout for a handout that your student will receive in homeroom. Our Back-to-School Special Sale includes a yearbook with an engraved name and a literary magazine for \$85 through **September 22**, a savings of \$35 over end-of-year pricing. Order early! Beginning **September 23**, the yearbook alone will be \$85. Online orders can also be placed at jostensyearbooks.com.

(Submitted 7/8/19 by Pamela C. Mann, pamelac.mann@cms.k12.nc.us)

New –NJROTC Summer Camps 2019

Below are camps for new, returning and PHS students considering joining the ROTC program.

Event	Date	Time	Location
New Cadet Orientation	July 29-31	0800-1200	PHS ROTC trailers
Drill Camp	Aug 5-8	0800-1400	PHS ROTC trailers

Congratulations to Gustavo Ferreira, Santiago Duarte, Michael Ince and Dominic Lapata on completing Navy Leadership Academy **June 24-29** at the Citadel. Congratulations to Diego Quiroa on completing the Navy Sail Academy **June 16-21** at Lake Moultrie in SC. Jack Argenti and Chris Duarte will be attending the Cyber Patriot course **August 5-9** at Levine Information Technology bldg. in Charlotte as part of STEM education.

(Submitted July 16, 2019 by Ricky Osborne, [rickya.osborne@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:ricky.osborne@cms.k12.nc.us))

Updated –Students – Earn Volunteer Hours Making PHS Beautiful!

The PTSO Beautification Committee is hosting a clean-up day – and we need your help! Parents, teachers, and students are invited to help us tidy up the school grounds for the start of school. We will be picking up sticks and trash, planting flowers, and spreading mulch. This is a GREAT way for students to earn community service volunteer hours! Parents and teachers are needed as well! Please remember to bring work gloves. We need rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and blowers. Please indicate what equipment you will bring when you sign up.

Date: **Saturday, August 10**

Time: **9 AM to 12 PM**

Location: **Providence High School**

SignUp: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a9ab2da4fe3-phsbeautification>

Questions? Email Cheryl McCauley at mcc1926@carolina.rr.com or Anna Wargo at anna@thewargos.com

(Submitted 7/16/19 by Anna W. Wargo, anna@thewargos.com)

Updated –Washington, D.C. Trip December 12-15

A trip to our nation's capital is being planned for 10th-12th grade students. The trip is scheduled to include the museums like the Newseum (before it closes!), the National Museum of African American History, and other Smithsonians. Also included is the Supreme Court building, a special Capitol tour, a guided Lincoln's Assassination walking tour, a performance at Ford's Theater, Holocaust Museum, monument tours, and more depending on the number of students who take advantage of this special trip. The price will include all meals in D.C., three night's accommodations, and transportation. More details will be made available in **August** but a \$200 deposit will be due **September 25**. (checks made out to PHS) See Mrs. McCanless in room 234 for more details or email her at anne.mccanless@cms.k12.nc.us

(Submitted 7/17/19 by Anne S. McCanless, anne.mccanless@cms.k12.nc.us)

US Service Academy Nominations

We have been notified that since the Ninth Congressional District in NC currently does not have a Member of Congress to make appointments to US Service Academies, there is an alternative plan for our students. A US Service Academy Coordinator has been appointed by the Clerk of the US House of Representatives. Her name is Diane Cox. Her email is Diane.Cox@mail.house.gov.

To apply to a US Service Academy, students must apply directly to the academy and then separately apply for a nomination through the office of the Congressional District. Completed application packets must be delivered to the Office of North Carolina's 9th Congressional District by **5:00 PM** on **September 10**. The office is located at 300 North Main Street, Monroe, NC 28112.

There is a special election for the Ninth Congressional District in NC on **September 10**. After that the newly-elected Member of Congress will review the completed application and make decisions on nominations.

Service Academy Links for application:

Naval Academy: <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Apply/index.php#fndtn-panel1-Steps-for>

US Military Academy: <https://westpoint.edu>

Air Force Academy: <https://www.academyadmissions.com/>
US Merchant Marine Academy: <https://www.usmma.edu/>
US Coast Guard Academy: <https://www.uscga.edu/> (does not require a nomination)

(Submitted 6/4/19 by Tracey Harrill, Ed.D. tracey.harrill@cms.k12.nc.us)

Check Out Our Instagram

The Providence Instagram will feature behind the scenes action at graduation and provide updates over the summer. This is a great way for students and parents to see all of the awesome things happening at PHS. Join us at Providence.Panthers.

(Submitted 6/6/19 by Tracey Harrill, Ed.D. tracey.harrill@cms.k12.nc.us)

Providence Celebrating the Big 3-0

This coming school year, Providence High School will celebrate its 30th year of providing amazing educational opportunities to its students. Our first class entered PHS in fall of 1989. We will be planning several community celebrations throughout the year but need help identifying and contacting alumni to let them know about these exciting events. Are you a PHS alum? Is your older child? Know a neighbor who is? A teacher? Please ask them to enter their contact information in our Google form at <https://forms.gle/Mu1jBBMFzSBjnJPF8>. We will only use this information to communicate about 30th anniversary events. Thanks for helping us celebrate!

(Submitted 5/24/19 by Stacey Ellis, scellis@carolina.rr.com)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Please Visit our [School Counseling Website](#), our [Scholarship Website](#), a list of [Information on College Visits](#) and the [College and Career Center Website](#)

Princeton Review, Applying to College and College Writing

Princeton Review Summer SAT Prep Classes (on PHS Campus)

Princeton Review will offer a Summer SAT Prep class at PHS from **August 5-15** (to prepare for the **August 24** SAT). Register at www.princetonreview.com or call 1-800-2REVIEW. Use promo code PROVIDENCE200 to get \$200 off the price.

(Submitted 5/23/19 by Sharon Walker, sharon.walker@cms.k12.nc.us)

ATHLETICS

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

Join the PHS Panther Athletic Club

The PHS Panther Athletic Club invites all students and parents to support the student athletic program by purchasing club passes for entry to athletic events. Your membership fees provide funds for transportation, student recognition, uniforms, and equipment as well as field and facility maintenance for our athletes. Passes give you free admission to all regular season **2019-2020** home events! If you are interested in purchasing passes, please contact Syndee Lee saleedsn@aol.com PAC Membership Chair. Thank you in advance for supporting our student athletes through the Panther Athletic Club. Go Panthers!

PHS Panther Athletic Club Corporate Sponsorships Available

We are looking for companies who are interested in PAC Corporate Sponsorships for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact our PAC Corporate Sponsorship Chairs Linda Adkins ladkins@aclara.com, Kristen Ellis kell1216@yahoo.com and Mark Ellis ellismr15@hotmail.com for more information.

Volunteers Needed to Serve as Concessions Chairs

The Panther Athletic Club is looking for three volunteers to serve as Concessions Co-Chairs on the PAC board. If you are interested, please email Lourdes Mattar, PAC President, at jillybugmattar@gmail.com and Mignon Balas, PAC President-Elect, at mbalas@carolina.rr.com.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Sports Meeting – August 7 at 6:30 PM

Baseball – Register now for Baseball Summer Camp at Providence High School, an intense four-day camp for players age 9-14. Upcoming camp dates are **July 22-25**. Camp is **8:00 AM-12:00 PM**. Cost is \$150 per session. Space is limited. To register, visit www.myprovidencebaseball.com and click the Camps tab. For information about Baseball, please contact Coach Hignight at daniel.hignight@cms.k12.nc.us.

Men's Basketball – For information about Men's Basketball, please contact Coach Epperly at larryd.epperly@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Basketball – For information about Women's Basketball, please contact Coach Bean at JenniferBean20@gmail.com.

Cheerleading – 2019 Football Cheerleading Tryouts are **August 1-2** and **August 5**. Download a tryout packet from the PHS Athletic website. For information about Cheerleading, please contact Laura Bauer at lauram.bauer@cms.k12.nc.us.

Men's Cross Country – Registration for the All American Cross Country Camp (third session **July 21-26**) is now open! First day of tryouts is **Monday, August 5 at 7 AM** at McAlpine Creek Park. Online registration must be completed before then! All physicals are due to Coach T by **July 31!** For information about Men's Cross Country, please contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Women's Cross Country – Registration for the All American Cross Country Camp (third session **July 21-26**) is now open! First day of tryouts is **Monday, August 5 at 7 AM** at McAlpine Creek Park. Online registration must be completed before then! All physicals are due to Coach T by **July 31!** For information about Women's Cross Country, please contact Coach Touranjoe at steven.touranjoe@cms.k12.nc.us.

Football – For information about Football, please contact Coach Ward at weslees.ward@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.

Men's Lacrosse – For information about Men's Lacrosse, please contact Tom Basch at phslax@yahoo.com.

Women's Lacrosse – For information about Women's Lacrosse, please contact Ken Konstanty at kenneth.konstanty@cms.k12.nc.us or Peyton Lindsay at phswolax@gmail.com.

Rugby – If you have questions about or are interested in playing Rugby, please visit our website at www.panthersrugby.com and [contact us](#). Follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/ProvidenceRugby/>

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

Women's Soccer – For information about Women's Soccer, please contact Coach Bolar at robb.bolar@cms.k12.nc.us.

Softball – Congratulations to Jenna McCauley, Carolyn Bentley and Lili Bowen for being named to the all-region and all-state teams. Carolyn was also named as the Region 6 Pitcher of the Year and is her 3rd time making all-state. Lili was also named as an All-Southeast Player of the Year and an Academic All-American. For information about Softball, please contact Coach Mace at donaldb.mace@cms.k12.nc.us

Swimming and Diving – Swimming pre-season begins on **September 10 or 17** (TBD). Pre-season is **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays 2:30 - 3:45 PM** until regular season starts. For information about Swimming and Diving, please contact Coach Davis at providenceswimdive@gmail.com.

Men's Tennis – For information about Men's Tennis, please contact Coach Rickel at srickeltennis@gmail.com.

Women's Tennis – For information about Women's Tennis, please contact Coach Rickel at srickeltennis@gmail.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 – For information about Volleyball, please contact Coach Malone at margaret1.malone@cms.k12.nc.us.

Wrestling – For information about Wrestling, please contact Coach Bosak at scotte.bosak@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.