

## Frequently Asked Questions



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A commitment to Catholic education by the Sisters of Divine Providence since 1951.

## School Hours

- First bell rings at 7:50am.
- Students must be in their advisory classrooms by 8:00 am.
- School dismisses at 3:05 pm. On the first day of school, dismissal will be at 3:30 pm.
- Middle school students who arrive before 7:30am report to the cafeteria.
- On days when events such as Mass or a pep rally are scheduled, dismissal time may change.
- The front office is open from 7:30am-4:00pm during the school year.

## Block Scheduling

- Students in grades 7-12 have four classes that meet on **A days** and four classes that meet on **B days**. Classes are 90 minutes long. The A/B schedule is included in the student planner. **School days alternate between A and B unless otherwise noted.**
- Sample Student Schedule:  
A Day: English, Religion, Foreign Language, PE  
B Day: History, Dance, Science, Math
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have a modified block schedule: Three 90 minute classes on A & B Days and two additional 45 minute classes for a total of 5 classes per day. *6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum includes a rotation through all of the art electives, guidance class (45min) and Ancient Cultures (45min).*

## Bus Transportation

- Three bus routes are shared with Central Catholic and one route is for Providence students only\*. See website for details.
- **Space is limited.** Seats are assigned on a first come/first served basis upon registration.
- Currently the bus service is free for the 2011/2012 school year. A fee will be assessed for the 2012/2013 school year.
- There is a waiting list for some routes. If your needs change, please advise the front office to allow for another student to have your seat on the bus.
  - IH-10 W & Wurzbach @ Mama Margie's Restaurant
  - IH-35 in Selma @ OLPH
  - Harry Wurzbach @ St. Pius Church
  - HWY 281 N & Thousand Oaks @ St. Mark the Evangelist\*

## Uniforms

- All Providence students wear uniforms, which can be purchased at Parker Uniforms, 2108 NW Military Hwy, 530-0087.
- Shoes can be purchased at School Shoes Unlimited on 2019 Vance Jackson, 734-9003.
- Occasional used-uniform sales are also held at Providence. Please contact the Front Office for more information.
- Full uniform must be worn on Mass days.
  - Plaid skirt and blazer for high school students.
  - Gray skirt for middle school students

## Edline

- **Edline**, which is accessible on the school website, is a tool that allows students and parents to **communicate** with teachers as well as check grades and stay updated on homework assignments.
- **Edline activation codes** are available from Mr. Martin at [dmartin@providencehs.net](mailto:dmartin@providencehs.net).

## Drop Off & Pick Up

- Traffic enters through the gates facing St. Mary's Street and proceeds toward the Brooklyn Street exit. All traffic must turn right when exiting on Brooklyn Street.
- For short visits, parking is available adjacent to the Friendship Circle.
- For longer visits, limited parking is available in the first lot on your left upon entering the property.
- Brooklyn St. is an exit only.
- Middle school students are dismissed from the Friendship Circle from 3:00-4:00pm.

## After School Care

- After school care begins at 4:00pm.
- Students in grades 6-8 who have not been picked up by 4:00pm will be taken to the cafeteria as part of the After School Care program. After school care charges apply at this time.
- After School Care ends at 6:00pm.
- Cost is \$100 per month or on a drop in basis of \$10 per day
- Contact Brenda Lopez at (210) 224-6651, Ext. 222 or [blopez@providencechs.net](mailto:blopez@providencechs.net) for additional information.

## Sibling Discount

- Families with more than one student attending Providence will receive a discount of \$500 per family. In the case of siblings at Providence and Central Catholic, families receive a discount of \$250 at Providence.
- Contact Brenda Lopez for more information (210) 224-6651 Ext. 222 or [blopez@providencechs.net](mailto:blopez@providencechs.net)

## Send a Friend

- When a current Providence family refers another family, both receive a \$300 tuition discount (2011/2012). Both families must have registered students for the discount to apply. The credit is applied to your account after the first semester at which time both families must still be registered at Providence. *Complete details are available on the Scholarships & Awards handout and online through the Admissions page.*
- **Send us your friend!**

## Central Catholic

- Central Catholic students are permitted to visit the high school students on the Providence campus before and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Providence students are not allowed on the Central Catholic campus unless it is necessary for school activities (JROTC, Cheerleading, Band, etc.).
- Middle school students are not allowed to socialize with Central Catholic students on campus.
- Any Providence student going to the Central Catholic bookstore must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## The Arts

- Art and Photography classes (including 5 AP Art courses) to Art and Darkroom Photography classes (including 3 AP Studio Art Courses)
- 3 award-winning choirs (Marian Choristers, Show Choir and Provet Choir) with one concert for grades 7-12 each semester.
- Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Dance classes with one recital for grades 7-12 each semester.
- Progressions Dance Troupe – high school extracurricular by audition
- Theatre and Technical Theatre classes. Fall & Spring Play produced each year with auditions open to all grade levels
- Central Catholic/Providence Button Band available to high school students.
- Middle school students are encouraged to participate in band through Alamo Music Center [www.alamomusic.com](http://www.alamomusic.com)

## PE

- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students take PE classes. High school students can either take PE classes or participate in extracurricular sports to receive a sports credit. *See Athletics Handbook for further details.*
- Contact Coach Dean [jdean@providencehs.net](mailto:jdean@providencehs.net) for more information.
- PE uniforms can be purchased in the Spirit Shop for \$18.

## Athletics

- **High School:** Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, Soccer, Bowling, Softball, Tennis, Cheerleading and Track & Field
- **Middle School:** Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track & Field and Soccer
- **Summer Athletic camps** are available each year. Contact Coach Denoux at [edenoux@providencehs.net](mailto:edenoux@providencehs.net) for more information.

## Foreign Language

- High School students can choose between Spanish (I-VI including AP), French (I-IV), and Latin (I-IV) for their foreign language credit.
- Some classes offer optional trips during Spring Break and/or over the summer. Past trips have included France, Spain, and Quebec.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will have a semester of French, Latin or Spanish
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can choose between French, Spanish, and Latin and are eligible for a high school credit.

## Lunch

- Students are welcome to bring their own lunches from home. Microwaves are available in the cafeteria as well as snack and drink machines.
- Individual hot lunches cost \$3.25. Lunch tickets are also available in the cafeteria for \$32.50. Checks should be made out to Osirus, Inc.
- Please note that students are not allowed to have restaurant food brought to them.
- Parent visits to the cafeteria are not encouraged to allow your daughter her independence.
- The daily lunch menu is posted on EdLine.

## Open House Events

- Join us for Open House!
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are encouraged to visit on these days and learn more about what the high school has in store.
  - Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am
  - Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am
  - Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am

Bring your friends and neighbors...

...**Get to know us!**

## Testing Dates to Remember

- **HSPT (High School Placement Test)**
- **MSPT (Middle School Placement Test)**
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>: Practice HSPT *(parent Q&A or tour available)*
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>: Practice HSPT *(parent Q&A or tour available)*
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>: HSPT *(parent Q&A available)*
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: HSPT & MSPT *(parent Q&A available)*
- Apr 14<sup>th</sup>: MSPT & HSPT *(parent Q&A available)*
- Jun 8<sup>th</sup>: MSPT *(no parent Q&A or tour available)*

## Scholarships

**Academic Scholarships** to the high school division are available based on the results of the HSPT.

- Students who score in the **95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher are awarded \$1,000** for each year of high school at Providence and students who score in the **90-95<sup>th</sup> percentile are awarded \$800** for each year of high school at Providence.
- Merit Scholarships
- Alumnae Scholarships
- See Scholarships handout or visit the Admissions page on our website.

## Providence Points

100% College Acceptance  
Class of 2011 earned over \$8 million in college scholarships!  
Rigorous Academic Curriculum  
13 Advanced Placement Courses  
5 Dual Credit Classes  
Innovative Electives including Broadcast Journalism  
Art, Band, Choir, Dance and Theatre  
Competitive Athletics  
Internship Class for Seniors  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students earn 3 High School Credits  
The ONLY All Girls Middle School in San Antonio  
Faith Based Community

## Something for Everyone

National Honor Society  
National Junior Honor Society  
National Art Honor Society  
TRI-M Music Honor Society  
Mu Alpha Theta  
Progressions Dance Troupe  
Providence Off Broadway Theatre Troupe  
International Thespian Troupe  
Eco Justice Club  
Liturgical Choir  
Show Choir  
Drama Club  
Page Turners Book Club  
Community Service  
Student Ambassadors  
Strings Club

## Helpful Numbers

**School Phone** 210-224-6651  
**School Fax** 210-224-6214  
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• Alicia Garcia, Principal	Ext. 228
• Joe Gonzalez, Assistant Principal	Ext. 202
• Charlene Ibrom, Academic Assistant Principal	Ext. 212
• Sr. Theresa Gossen, CDP, Middle School Dean of Students	Ext. 605
• Evelyn Griess, Academic Counselor	Ext. 213
• Sr. Marjie Filler, CDP, Registrar	Ext. 215
• Edith Montez '71, School Secretary	Ext. 200
• Zonia Tamez, Health Coordinator and Attendance Clerk	Ext. 201
• Nora Walsh, Enrollment Director	Ext. 210
• Meg Walling, '70, Alumnae Director	Ext. 227
• Jessica Sanchez, Business Manager	Ext. 221
• Brenda Lopez, Accounts Receivable (Tuition)	Ext. 222
• Elise Denoux, Athletics Director	Ext. 206

## Thank You

*Information is subject to change.*