

This week, we began our English Learner Mentoring Program with Porter Ridge Middle School. The students started out by getting to know each other and building relationships and they will continue to do so throughout the semester. The mentees are excited to have the PRHS students as their mentors!



**Join our Varsity Men's Basketball team take on Weddington - Friday 2/18 @ 8pm at Cuthbertson High School for the conference Championship**





## INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

- Track state champs
- Wrestling sendoff
- Want to be a lifeguard?
- Major Clarity
- Pirate Palooza
- Student Athlete Physical Information
- Registration info- Rising 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th
- CTE Teacher of the Year
- Yearbook
- Internship Application Information
- Senior SlideShow information
- Graduation Dates
- Counseling Updates- Scholarship info and more



**NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday -  
Monday Feb 21**



# LOVE THE BUS WEEK



Our Students did a great job celebrating our Bus Drivers this week!

Thank you PRHS Drivers for transporting our students safely everyday!



Thanks to StuCo, HOSA, Interact and Beta Club!



# PIRATEPALOOZA

The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...

## Piratepalooza

**Dress Up Days: Feb 21st - Feb 25th**

<p><b>02/21</b> <b>Midnight Monday</b> Dress up in your pajamas</p>  <p>No School! Part on your steers and tag Class Cup!</p>	<p><b>02/22</b> <b>Class Colors Tuesday</b> Freshman: Gray Sophomores: Purple Juniors: Black Seniors: White</p>  <p>Class Wars During 4th Block!</p> <p>Team Trivia 5:57PM</p>	<p><b>02/23</b> <b>Wilderness Wednesday</b> Dress up either as an animal or a safari guide</p>  <p>Game Night and Just Dance 5:30PM</p>	<p><b>02/24</b> <b>Punny Thursday</b> Dress up as your favorite pun</p>  <p>Ridge Madness 5:30-7:30PM</p>	<p><b>02/25</b> <b>Aliens VS Cowboys</b> Dress up as an alien, a cowboy, or both of them!</p>  <p>Gatorball 6:00-8:00PM</p>
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# Gator Ball



## 2022

### GATOR BALL Sign-Ups!

Teams of 5-7      \$25 per team

February 25th @6pm



STUDENTS VS STAFF

# GAME ON!

PORTER RIDGE'S FIRST	02
RIDGE MADNESS	24
5:30PM TO 7:30PM	22

PORTER RIDGE MAIN GYM

WHO WILL WIN?  
STUDENTS OR STAFF



Come Join the fun at all the great EVENTS at Pirate Nation from 2/21-2/25



# 10TH- 12TH GRADE REGISTRATION

See MORE registration information [here](#)

## Porter Ridge High School



### Rising 10th-12th Grade Course Selection Timeline

#### Monday 2/21 - Curriculum Night 6:00 pm



- Current HS Families are invited to PRHS Auditorium for a presentation about HS Grad Requirements and Course Selection.

#### Thursday, 2/24 - Course Selection Info



- During Advisory, students will view the course selection process video.

#### Monday 2-28- Monday, 3/7 Course Selection Period



- Students will enter course requests in Powerschool. The system will close on 3/7 at midnight.

#### Thursday 3/3- Q & A Sessions



- Parents can drop in at PRHS for Q&A with Counselors 8:30 - 10:00 am
- Virtual Q&A 3:30 - 5:30pm

#### 3/8 - 4/4 Counselors meet with students individually



- Counselors will send an email to parents and students -parents and students must approve the course requests or they will not be processed





# CHECK OUT THESE CTE COURSES AT PRHS

Check in with your counselors for more information

## Interior Design Fundamentals

This course engages students in exploring various interior design professions, while building the content knowledge and technical skills necessary to provide a foundational knowledge of the design industry. Emphasis is placed on the interior design process; human, environmental and behavioral factors; color theory, elements and principles of design; hand sketching/digital design techniques, space planning, selection of products and materials for residential interiors; client relationship building and design communication techniques.



## Interior Design Studio

(after taking Interior Fundamentals)

## Interior Design Studio

Each student will learn to deepen their understanding about the elements and principles of design. They will then utilize them to create elaborate living spaces. Understanding and analyzing client's needs and selecting appropriate colors, fabrics, furnishings, lighting and furniture. Skills such as those used in architectural drafting and space planning are also learned as they prepare sample rooms and floor plans.



## ADOBE VISUAL DESIGN 1 (Available as HONORS)

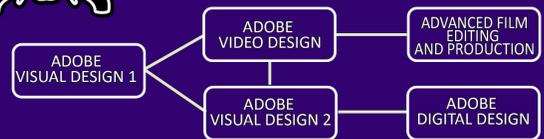


Welcome to the world of Graphic Design! In this course students will work in the industry leading Adobe **PHOTOSHOP** and **ILLUSTRATOR**. Students learn the programs interface, image editing, compositing images, retouching images, digital drawing, painting, and exporting images. Students will have the opportunity to get certified in **PHOTOSHOP** and **ILLUSTRATOR**.

### STUDENT EXAMPLES:



## ADOBE PATHWAYS



### ADOBE VISUAL DESIGN 1 11312 and 11315(Honors)

Welcome to the world of Graphic Design. In this course students will work in the industry leading Adobe **PHOTOSHOP** and **ILLUSTRATOR**. Students learn the programs interface, image editing, compositing images, retouching images, digital drawing, painting, and exporting images.



CERTIFICATIONS:  
Adobe Photoshop and  
Adobe Illustrator



### ADOBE VISUAL DESIGN 2

PREREQUISITE: Adobe Visual Design 1. In this course students will work in the industry leading Adobe **INDESIGN**. Students learn the programs interface, tools, print production, and how to create projects such as flyers, posters, magazine covers, etc.

CERTIFICATIONS:  
Adobe InDesign



### ADOBE DIGITAL DESIGN 11322 and 11325 (Honors)

Learn to build dynamic webpages. Students use Adobe **DREAMWEAVER** to code fully functional websites. Students will learn the programs interface, web authoring, site testing, and how to maintain a website.



CERTIFICATIONS:  
Adobe Dreamweaver

### ADOBE VIDEO DESIGN 11335 (Honors)

Students will plan, record, and edit video using the industry standard program Adobe **PREMIERE PRO**. Students will learn the interface, editing video, applying effects, working with audio, and exporting video.

CERTIFICATIONS:  
Adobe Premiere Pro





## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER?

Students interested in majoring Engineering should look into taking Honors Drafting I next school year. Students will learn how to read and create basic technical drawings.

Most engineering programs require at least one course in a CAD software. Get a head start in high school, and have the opportunity to earn an AutoCAD certification.

Students can also complete the Drafting-Engineering Pathway to earn an additional seal on their diploma. Design and create 3d models with additional opportunities to earn both a User and Professional certification in AutoDesk Inventor software.

Check in with your counselors for more information

### Drafting - Engineering

- Skills developed
  - Create and read 3D drawing plans & designs
  - Understand dimensioning systems
- Future Careers
  - Engineer
  - CAD Technician
  - 3D CAD Technician

- Course Sequence
  - Honors Drafting I
  - Honors Drafting II - Engineering
  - Honors Drafting III - Engineering
- Supporting Courses
  - Word & Powerpoint
  - Career Management
  - Marketing
- Industry Certifications
  - AutoCAD Certified User
  - Inventor Certified User
  - Inventor Certified Professional

Students interested in careers in Architecture and Construction should look into taking Honors Drafting I next school year. Students will learn how to read and create basic technical drawings.

Most Architecture programs require at least one course in a CAD software. Get a head start in high school, and have the opportunity to earn an AutoCAD certification.

Students can also complete the Drafting-Architecture Pathway to earn an additional seal on their diploma. Learn how to read and create floorplans with additional opportunities to earn both a User and Professional certification in AutoDesk Revit software.

### Drafting - Architectural

- Skills developed
  - Create and read floor plan designs
  - Understand electrical systems
- Future Careers
  - Architect
  - Civil Engineer
  - Electrical Engineer
  - Construction
  - Electrician

- Course Sequence
  - Honors Drafting I
  - Honors Drafting II - Architecture
  - Honors Drafting III - Architecture
- Supporting Courses
  - Word & Powerpoint
  - Career Management
  - Interior Design I
- Industry Certifications
  - AutoCAD Certified User
  - Revit Certified User
  - Revit Certified Professional



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FASHION OR MARKETING ?

Check in with your counselors for more information

## Top 10 Reasons to take Fashion Merchandising!:

1. Fashion Merchandising is perfect for anyone interested in fashion, marketing, art and/or design.
2. **NO HOMEWORK!**
3. Learn about fashion careers, principles of design, fashion trends and forecasting, textiles, fashion buying planning, the marketing of fashion, selling skills, and more.
4. **NO HOMEWORK!**
5. Fashion Merchandising is a fun class with hands-on projects and team-based activities.
6. **NO HOMEWORK!**
7. Create portfolio-worthy elements perfect for getting into a design program after high school.
8. **NO HOMEWORK!**
9. You can **get paid lots of money** while having a fun job!! According to Statista.com, the global apparel market is expected to reach \$2.25 trillion by 2025. (There will be many fashion-related career opportunities in the future!)
10. **NO HOMEWORK!**



## Top 10 Reasons to take Marketing!:

1. Marketing is a fun class with hands-on lessons and team-based activities.
2. **NO HOMEWORK!**
3. Marketing is a business-related field that is used in nearly every industry. It will be useful in your future.
4. **NO HOMEWORK!**
5. Learn about Marketing functions- product management, pricing, distribution, selling, information management and promotions.
6. **NO HOMEWORK!**
7. Create a marketing plan for your unique product idea.
8. **NO HOMEWORK!**
9. You can **get paid lots of money** while having a fun job!! In 2020, the average salary for Advertising, Promoting, and Marketing Managers was about \$142,000.
10. **NO HOMEWORK!**





# LOOKING FOR A COURSE IN THE ARTS?

Check in with your  
counselors for more  
information

LIFE IS FULL OF DRAMA

## Sign Up For Tech Theatre I

Like theater but not performing. Tech Theatre I may be for you. Learn the basics of lighting, sound, costume, makeup and set design in construction using a hands on approach. Students will gain experience as they construct sets and provide technical support for productions



LIFE IS FULL OF DRAMA

## Sign Up For Theatre I

Theatre I introduces you to the wonderful and creative world of theatre. You will learn basic acting techniques, playwriting and basic technical theatre. You will also be able to participate in a performance opportunity as you perform in this year's Theatre Showcase.



LIFE IS FULL OF DRAMA

## Sign Up For Tech Theatre II

Tech II allows technicians to apply what they learned in Tech I to a fully realized production. Tech students will work closely with a cast where they will run the backstage team. They will also learn advanced design techniques including computer modeling, white modeling and scale perspective drawing.



LIFE IS FULL OF DRAMA

## Sign Up For Theatre II

Theatre II expands on the lessons learned in Theatre I. You will learn advanced acting techniques including but not limited to viewpoints, method acting and improvisational techniques. You will also be able to participate in two performance opportunities as you perform in this year's Theatre Showcase and a children's theater piece. Either theater I or instructor approval is required for this course.





# BECOME A TUTOR

at Elementary or Middle School

MONDAY-  
FRIDAYS

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TUTORING  
INVOLVES

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- Juniors & Seniors
- Honors Level Course
- English & Math
- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd block

- Working with small groups of students
- Working 1:1 with a student
- Planning
- Collecting data
- Working with the classroom teacher
- Requires recommendation from your teachers

*Application Required*

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Contact Dr. Newnam with any  
questions  
[michelle.newnam@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:michelle.newnam@ucps.k12.nc.us)





# For CURRENT 8th Grade Students

See MORE registration information [here](#)

FOR CURRENT 8TH  
GRADE STUDENTS  
ONLY .....



## CLASS OF 2026 "SETTING SAIL" RISING 9TH GRADE REGISTRATION TIMELINE

<p><u>Tu 2/15(6pm) OR</u> <u>W 2/16(5pm)-</u> Welcome Voyage Presentation for Parent and Families AT PRHS</p>	<p><u>Th 2/17 or</u> <u>M 2/28 or Tu 3/1-</u> Q&amp;A Session for parents to meet at PRHS with Counselors &amp; Teachers. 5-7pm</p>
<p><u>Week of 2/21</u> Registration process introduced to 8th graders by PRHS Principal, PRHS &amp; PRMS Counselors &amp; Staff</p>	<p><u>M 2/28 - W 3/9</u> Course Selection Period. Course Cards with Teacher Recs sent home with students on 2/28. Due back to PRMS by 3/9.</p>
<p><u>3/7 - 3/11</u> 8th grade Students tour PRHS during the school day.</p>	<p><u>4/5 - 4/14</u> High School counselors will meet with students during school at PRMS.</p>





# CTE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Kenisia Taylor, Marketing Teacher, for being named by the PRHS Faculty as the Pirate nominee for NC CTE Teacher of the Year!! Ms. Taylor is an incredible teacher and leader! Ms. Taylor teaches Marketing and Fashion Merchandising and is an advisor for FBLA and Book Club. Way2go Ms. Taylor!!





# WORLD LANGUAGE MURAL

CONGRATULATIONS to the World Language Mural contest winner Hanna Areh. Hanna's design will be featured soon in one of the walls in the lower F-hall. Hanna is a 10th grader and an honor roll student at Porter Ridge.

Hanna would like to volunteer her free time working virtually at the Union West Regional Library by sharing her opinions on varying works of literature.





# Weekly Athletic Calendar

Check out next week's athletic schedule. Tickets for athletic events can only be purchased online. Cash is not accepted. Each School System has their own ticketing system. If you have any questions, reach out to the home school's athletic director.

## THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE IN PR ATHLETICS

**21**  
MONDAY

No Events

**22**  
TUESDAY

Basketball's 1st round  
NCHSAA playoffs.  
- TO BE ANNOUNCED-

**23**  
WEDNESDAY

No Events

**24**  
THURSDAY

Basketball 2nd round  
NCHSAA playoffs  
-TO BE ANNOUNCED-

Baseball Scrimmage  
at South Meck  
4:30

**25**  
FRIDAY

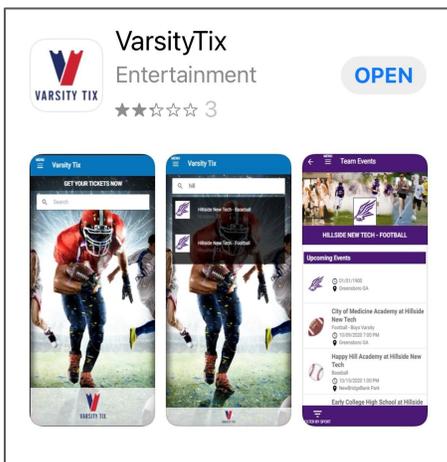
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**26**  
SATURDAY

Basketball 3rd round  
NCHSAA playoffs .  
-TO BE ANNOUNCED-



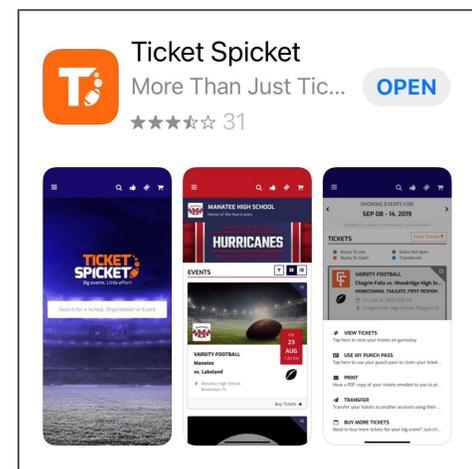
CMS uses  
Varsity Tix App



UCPS uses  
HomeTownFan



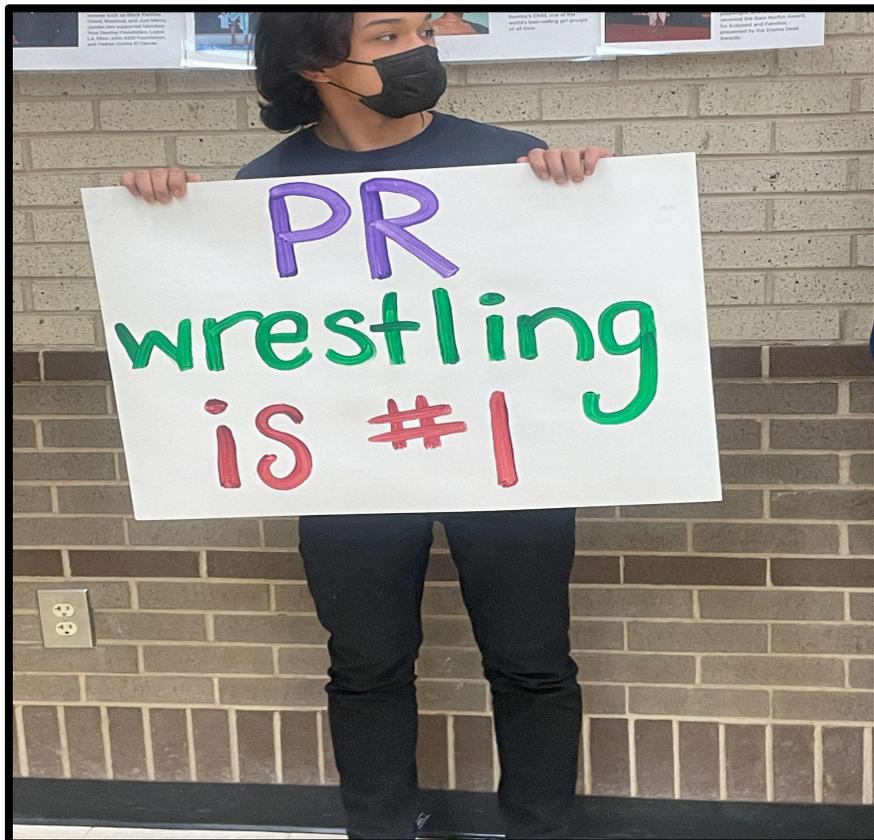
Cabarrus County uses  
Ticket Spicket App





# PRHS WRESTLING

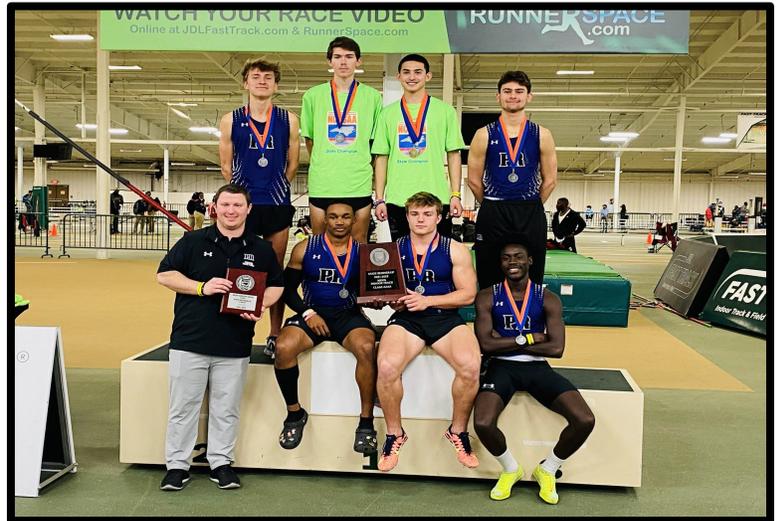
So proud of Nathan Carnes and Christian Hasty for competing in NC 4A State Championship starting Thursday 2/17!!! Big shout out to Zoey Greene as well who competed in Women's State Championship earlier this month!! So proud of all of our Pirate Wrestlers!!!





# PRHS TRACK

GREAT JOB to our PRHS track team. Boys end up 2nd in the state by just 1 point. Jacob Laney names 4A MVP after winning both the 1600m and 3200m. And Brandon Benitez NC State Champion in 55 mm Hurdles





# Senior Slideshow



## *Class of 2022 Seniors and Parents of Seniors*

We need your help building the Class of 2022 Senior Slideshow! Send us: baby pics, throwbacks (elementary and middle school), school events, family photos, friends, high school life, individual senior pics, pics that sum up the school year, athletic/extracurricular activities.

Reminder: Your photos MUST be school appropriate. Do not include bathing suit pics, explicit substances, profanity, etc.

Send your pictures to [prslideshow2022@gmail.com](mailto:prslideshow2022@gmail.com) or DM [@prhsseniorslide2022](https://www.instagram.com/prhsseniorslide2022) on Instagram. Don't forget to include your name/your senior's name.



# YEARBOOK

## 2022 YEARBOOK



PR PRICES INCREASE TO

**\$85**

ON JANUARY 7TH

[yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)



# INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

Attention Rising 12th graders, if you have successfully completed at least two CTE courses and reached concentrator status within a career pathway and are interested in participating in a CTE Internship next school year, visit the UCPS CTE website ([ucpscte.org](http://ucpscte.org)) to fill out an application today or log into your Major Clarity account and select Work Based Learning Opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

## INTERNSHIP PORTER RIDGE

The UCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) Internship Program provides high school seniors opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career or academic interest prior to college or post-secondary training. Internships may be paid or unpaid. Applications are ranked and processed based on program criteria.

### QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

- Senior during school year / rising senior for summer
- Has successfully completed at least two CTE courses and reached concentrator status within a career pathway (Priority given to students completed coursework in their internship field.)
- No more than 7 absences in any semester for the current and past two (2) years
- No suspensions (ISS or OSS) or serious disciplinary incidents on high school record
- Reliable transportation
- Encourage at least 2.5 overall GPA
- Can attend at least eight hours per week
- Positive feedback on references

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete application in Major Clarity
- If you arrange your own internship, fill in details and contact information on the application
- For medical internships, submit vaccination records
- Interview with prospective sponsor(s), if necessary
- **Deadlines:** April 15 for a summer internship, May 1 for a first semester internship the following school year and October 1 (medical) or October 15 (non-medical) for a second semester internship.

### REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

Most assignments are completed online

- Time Sheet
- Journal
- Analysis Questions
- Terminology
- Workplace Readiness Modules
- Reflection Questions
- Capstone Project
- Career Development Articles
- Major Clarity Assignments

### GRADE / CREDIT

Grade is based on required assignments, attendance at scheduled meetings and sponsor evaluation. Successful completion of the course will result in one unit of general elective credit.

#### Semester

- Grade shows on report card for each grading period

#### Summer

- Grade added to transcript after completion of course requirements

### SCHEDULING

Community sponsor and student determine schedule based on the business' hours of operation and their mutual convenience.

- Minimum of 135 total hours required (100 contact hours)
- Student attends at least eight hours per week (two or three days per week for three to four hours per day)

#### Semester

- Placement must be confirmed by Internship Coordinator before course is added to class schedule
- Completed during first or second semester with one release period

#### Summer

- Hours and assignments completed before the beginning of first semester

### BENEFITS to STUDENT

- Obtain a more realistic view of a career field and the world of work
- Connect classroom learning with career opportunities
- Make more informed decisions regarding post-secondary education or training
- Gain industry experience
- Make contacts that will help when applying for specific college programs or scholarships

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

- Go to the CTE website: [ucpscte.org](http://ucpscte.org)
- Log onto Major Clarity and select Work Based Learning Opportunities
- Contact  
Sarah Webb, Career Development Coordinator  
Porter Ridge High School  
[sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us) 704-292-7662  
Office: In Counseling Office

**UCPS**  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CTE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7:00AM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

SPONSORED BY



@UCPSCAREERREADY

<http://www.ucpscte.org>

6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

# SPRING ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

**Union County Agriculture Center**  
3230-D Presson Rd, Monroe, NC 28112

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN**

**NAIL CARE? BRAID EXTENSIONS? BRAIDS?  
CUTTING? COLORING? STYLING?**

# COSMETOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022**  
**3:30 – 5:30PM**

**WALTER BICKETT EDUCATION CENTER**  
704 S. Washington Street  
Monroe, NC 28112

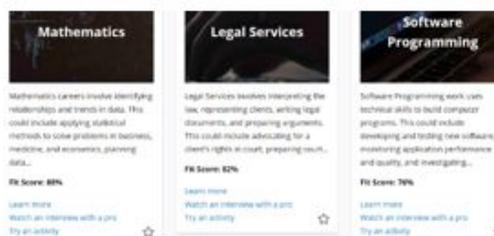
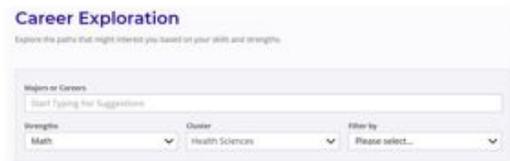
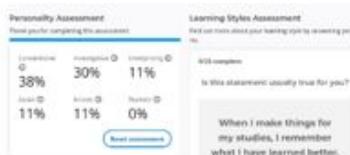


See your Career Development Coordinator for more information about the event.



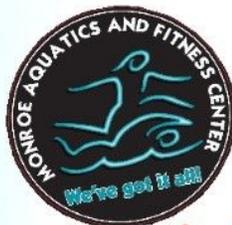
# MAJOR CLARITY

UCPS is utilizing a program called Major Clarity for career resources this year. It is similar to Naviance, but with a lot more resources for careers. All Porter Ridge High School students have a Major Clarity account and they can access it by going to the UCPS High School Student Start Up page and click on their NCEdCloud IAM Clever title to login in. Students will then click on the Clever tile. Click on Student & Teacher Log in with NCEdCloud and scroll down until they see More apps and select the Major Clarity tile. Once they are in their Major Clarity account, on the left hand side they can select assessments and take the Personality Assessment & Learning Styles Assessment. After the student takes the Personality Assessment, back on the left side they can click Career Exploration and either search for what they would like to see or if they scroll down, they will see careers that have a Fit Score and click on them to learn more about each career. Below are screenshots as well. Another resource in Major Clarity students can earn Micro-Credentials. Micro-Credentials can be received after students complete a mini course. These credentials can help students take the next step in their career discovery and help them stand-out by earning subject matter micro-credentials, built in partnership with leading employers and educational institutions. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Ms. Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).





# WANT TO BE A LIFEGUARD?



## We Are Hiring Lifeguards!



### How To Get Certified:

1. Pass a interview screening and pre-swim evaluation and we will register you for our **\*FREE** American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification with a commitment to work for the MAFC.

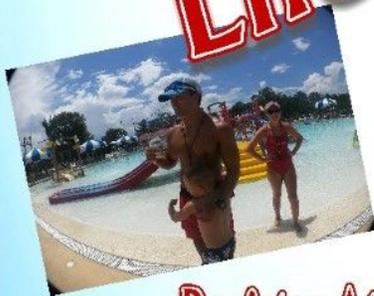
OR

2. Enroll as a paying student and receive certification for personal use.

Cost:

\$175.00 - Members

\$200.00 - Non-Members



Register At The Front Desk!

## Several lifeguard classes being offered!

February 22 – March 17...Tuesday and Thursday - 6pm-9pm

March 22 - April 14...Tuesday and Thursday - 6pm-9pm

April 18 - May 5...Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 6pm-9pm

Pre-requisite swim test on first class/bring swim suit.

**For questions contact Bonnie at 704-282-4689**



### Pre-Swim Evaluation

Tread water without using arms - 2 minutes

Swim 300 yards using

freestyle and breast stroke

Brick timed swim test - 1 minute 40 seconds

**\*Restrictions apply**



## Who is your counselor?

**Ashley Lawson**- last names A-Cou  
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**Tanisha Anderson**- last names Cov-Hek  
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**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc  
[bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Cassidy Lippert**– last names Me-San  
[cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Alexandra Green**– last names Sap-Z  
[alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us)



The counselors are here to support you with school. You can send your counselor an email to set up a meeting to discuss academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs.

Follow us on Twitter: @PRHSCounseling   
Follow us on Instagram: prhscounseling 



# Announcements

## 2022 Summer Opportunities

Click on the following link for an updated list of summer program opportunities for high school students.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZXY14gTOXiwQ\\_0O1Tmlt74sCXfdVY\\_D0CafStfEg-eo/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZXY14gTOXiwQ_0O1Tmlt74sCXfdVY_D0CafStfEg-eo/edit)

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR: VIRTUAL Q&A SESSION**

Join our counselors and department teachers in this open virtual session!

Thursday, March 3rd  
3:30 to 5:30pm

Scan the code or [click here](#) to register




## SPCC CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE INFORMATION SESSION

Join us for an information session that will cover everything you need to know about the Career and College Promise (CCP) program at SPCC.

### Topics covered:

- Pathways
- Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- Course Load
- Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- Benefits of CCP
- More!

### DATES & TIMES

January 18th @ 6pm  
February 8th @ 6pm  
March 8th @ 6pm  
(Virtual Microsoft Teams Sessions)

### HOW TO ATTEND?

Simply click the link below to join:  
**Microsoft Teams meeting**  
Join on your computer or mobile app  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

### CONTACT INFO

For any questions, please contact Secondary Education Partnerships at:  
[sep@spcc.edu](mailto:sep@spcc.edu)  
704.700.5000



The next SPCC Career and College Promise information session will be March 8th at 6PM via Microsoft Teams.



UCPS is offering five workshops to help parents with resources and tools to navigate tough situations. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend one or all of the following sessions.

### UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA AND RESILIENCE

**Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. - Cuthbertson High School**  
• Practical strategies to treat trauma.  
• Principles for mitigating the impact of trauma as parents and a school community.  
PRESENTER: Rachel Milbourn, LCSW - Sage Counseling

### GRIEF

**March 17 at 6 p.m. - Piedmont High School**  
• How to identify grief and types of losses?  
• How to support grieving children?  
PRESENTER: Judy Cline, MSW, LCSW - Bereavement Technician

### SUICIDE AWARENESS

**March 24 at 6 p.m. - Porter Ridge High School**  
• Warning signs and myths.  
• Current national and state trends.  
PRESENTERS: Dr. Tracey Carney - SEL Coordinator, Dr. Melissa Todd - School Psychologist  
Susan Slattery-Rogers, MSW - School Social Worker, Belle Walker, MSW - Lead School Social Worker and Kelly Whitley, M.A. - School Counselor

### IRULES: WHAT EVERY TECH HEALTHY FAMILY NEEDS TO KNOW

**April 28 at 6 p.m. - Forest Hills High School**  
• How to develop a tech-healthy family?  
• Trends and resources to help navigate social media.  
PRESENTER: Janell Burley Hoffman

### FAMILY WELLNESS

**May 19 at 6 p.m. - Sun Valley High School**  
• How to develop a wellness plan for my family?  
• Resources/apps to help my family.  
PRESENTER: Tracey A. Leitner, RN, BSN - Atrium Healthcare





# Scholarship Information

## Union West Rotary Scholarship

Union West Rotary Club is honored to offer five (5) individual scholarships to graduating high school students at a value of \$1,000 per scholarship. This scholarship is open to Porter Ridge, Sun Valley, and Metrolina Christian Academy and any home school student from Indian Trail. All completed applications will be reviewed and ranked by Union West Rotary by March 17th, 2022. The top candidates will be invited to a Union West Rotary meeting. Candidates will make a 10-minute presentation about their essay and future plans. **Your application needs to be submitted by March 1st, 2022.**

You will write an essay on “What does the Four-Way Test mean to you?” The essay should be no less than 250 words, but no more than 500 words. Complete the online application here

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSem8aTFk6\\_gc0p6CPb0y\\_Rvo48FkRYmgdHp94X3tWsqZ9PRmg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSem8aTFk6_gc0p6CPb0y_Rvo48FkRYmgdHp94X3tWsqZ9PRmg/viewform)

## Waxhaw Woman’s Club 2022 Scholarship Program

The 2022 Waxhaw Woman’s Club Scholarship Award is seeking young women from the senior class of Union County Public Schools who plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college. Under the program, a \$2500 to \$5000 scholarship will be awarded to a young woman. The application can be found here <https://waxhawwomansclub.org/>

**Complete applications must be postmarked by April 1st, 2022.**





# Scholarship Information

## **Union County Education Foundation College Scholarship**

All applicants of our college scholarship create a two-minute surprise video tribute to a UCPS teacher for an opportunity to receive \$1500 toward higher education. UCPS seniors should:

- (1) select a teacher who has had a profound influence on you
- (2) Brainstorm a creative way to pay tribute to the teacher in video format. Videos that are creative, funny, or meaningful get the attention of the judges
- (3) Begin shooting your video! Make sure it is under two minutes
- (4) Keep your video a secret from your teacher
- (5) Brush up your resume, have your recommendation letter ready, and get a PDF of your transcript

**Deadline Friday, March 11th, 2022.** Click here to apply

<https://ucedfoundation.org/index.php/grants-and-scholarships/senior-scholarship/>

## **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee Inc Scholarship**

Each year the nonprofit Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Committee, Inc., awards scholarships to one or more high school seniors to support their goals of higher education. The Dr. MLK, Jr. Committee will award (2) \$1,000 scholarships for the year 2022.

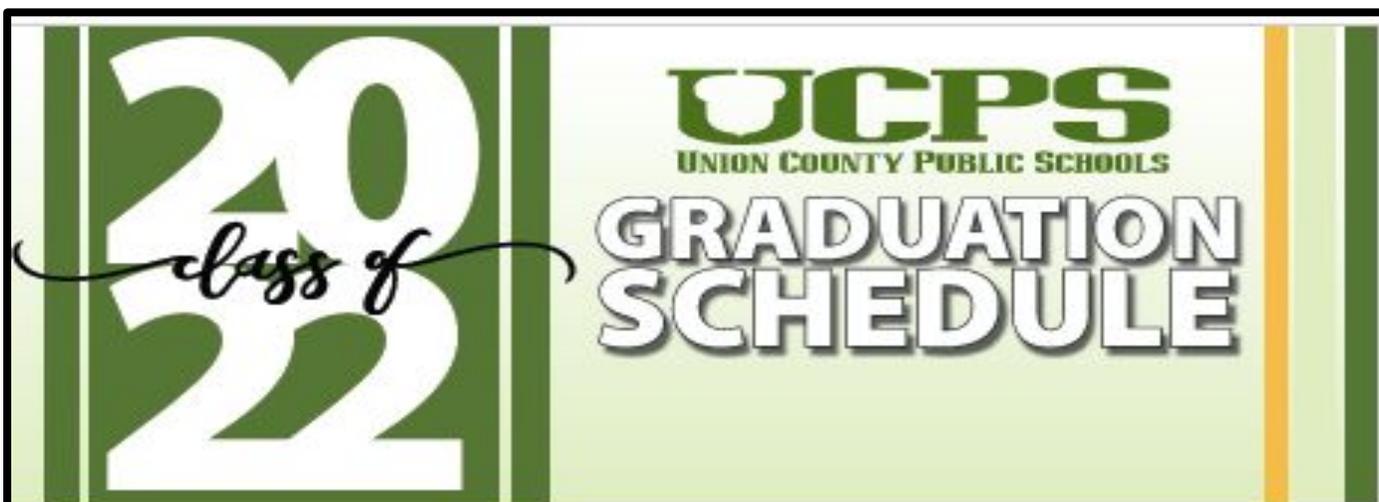
To be considered for this award, you must complete the scholarship application (see Ms. Lawson in the counseling office) and attach all required documentation:

1. Your official high school transcript
2. A copy of your attendance letter from an accredited college/university or community college
3. Three letters of recommendation - two from school personnel and one from a community (civic, charitable, or religious) representative
4. Your completed essay (if you wrote on an additional page, please be sure to include it)

**All applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 11th, 2022.**



# GRADUATION DATES



Union County Public Schools will hold graduations in May and June. The date, time and location of each graduation is listed below. In addition, all traditional high school graduations will be livestreamed on the school's YouTube page for public viewing.

In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

UCPS will follow the latest health and safety guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department and the Union County Health Department. Protocols will be implemented to practice social distancing.

School	Date	Start Time	Location
Central Academy of Technology & Arts (CATA)	June 7	8 a.m.	Walter Bickett Stadium
Cuthbertson High	June 7	8 a.m.	Cuthbertson High Stadium
Forest Hills High	June 7	8 a.m.	Forest Hills High Stadium
Marvin Ridge High	June 8	8 a.m.	Marvin Ridge High Stadium
Monroe High	June 7	8 p.m.	Monroe High Stadium
Parkwood High	June 8	8 a.m.	Parkwood High Stadium
Piedmont High	June 6	8 a.m.	Piedmont High Stadium
Porter Ridge High	June 7	8 p.m.	Porter Ridge High Stadium
South Providence School	June 6	6 p.m.	CATA
Sun Valley High	June 6	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Union County Early College	May 11	9 a.m.	SPCC
Weddington High	June 6	8 a.m.	Weddington High Stadium
Wolfe School	June 9	6:30 p.m.	CATA





# PRHS PIRATE RECOVERY

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Students will have the opportunity to stay after school Mon-Tues-Wed for the following:

### **ABSENCE RECOVERY**

STUDENTS SHOULD RECOVER ABSENCES MISSED EACH WEEK. THIS WILL SUPPORT STUDENTS TO MASTER MATERIAL CLOSE TO THE ABSENCE AND PROVIDE REINFORCEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING AT SCHOOL. ALL ATTENDANCE AND RECOVERY LIMITS STILL APPLY.

### **TUTORING**

STUDENTS WHO NEED HELP WITH SPECIFIC CONTENT WILL HAVE ACCESS TO TEACHER SUPPORT AFTER SCHOOL. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TEACHERS WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER DEDICATED OFFICE HOURS THAT ARE POSTED ON THEIR CANVAS HOMEPAGE

### **HOMEWORK HELP**

STUDENTS WILL HAVE A DEDICATED SPACE TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK AND RECEIVE HELP IF NEEDED. STUDENTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO STAY TO HAVE A PROJECT OR STUDY GROUP SPACE.

### **CREDIT RECOVERY**

IS FOR SPECIFIC STUDENTS ONLY. THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THEIR COUNSELOR.

### **REMINDERS:**

- Students in credit & absence recovery are **REQUIRED** to stay from 3:10-4:10. Students present for tutoring, homework help, a project, or study group should arrive at 3:10 but are welcome to leave as they finish.
- Students must be actively working on schoolwork.



Parents-

**PRHS PIRATE RECOVERY IS HERE!** Your student can stay after school Mon, Tues and Wed. for absence recovery, tutoring, homework help and credit recovery ( for specific students only). Click the image to find out more.



# STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Spanish club will be meeting next Tuesday February 22 after school in room f102. All members are encourage to attend to discuss details related to the F-hall mural. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact Sra.Koonce or the Club president for more information.

Pirates,

Class Wars is back for Pirate Palooza Week! The event will be held on February 22nd during your 4th block class. Player sign-ups will be on Monday, January 31st through February 4th at all lunches. Spectator sign-ups will be January 31st through February 11th, and will cost \$1 at all lunches. The first 40 students from each grade to scan the QR code and tell us the code word at lunch will get in for free! There are limited spots available, so first come first serve! We hope to see you there!

Attention Gamers! Student Council is excited to announce the annual Game Night on February 23rd from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be a Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart tournament and the winner will receive a Chick Fil A gift card. Other games at the event will include NBA 2k22, Madden 22, Fifa 22, and various board games. Tournament sign ups will be from February 7th-11th and are free of charge. Please check your student email and fill out the survey for a chance to vote for 2 additional games to play at the event!

“Academy Pathway Applications for 2022-2032”

Academy applications for the 2022-2023 school year are now open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the UCPS Career Readiness (<https://ucpscte.org/>) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance. To apply for an academy please visit <https://forms.gle/oTn39Tcuv5MCKGYe7>.





# STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gatorball signups have been extended to Friday, February 18th. There are limited spots left so sign up as early as you can to secure a spot for your team. For those who have signed up and haven't paid or returned parent forms, please return those by February 18th.

Gator Ball is back!! Create your team of 5-7 players and compete in the ultimate competition for prizes and pride. Gator Ball will be held on February 25th and starts at 6pm. Each team will have to pay 25 dollars to enter and come dressed up in their own unique theme. Remember Gator Ball is first come first serve so sign up quickly to secure your spot. You can find more information on the Pirate Nation instagram and on the flyers throughout the school

Our very first "Ridge Madness" Student vs. Staff basketball tournament will be on Thursday, February 24th from 5:30-7:30 PM. It is free to watch, so come support your favorite Pirates and earn class cup points!

SNHS will be hosting a Build Your Own Marble Roller Coaster event on February 24th at 3:15pm. Check your email or the Instagram page to sign up. Please sign up by Tuesday February 22nd.

There will be a very quick D&D club meeting Tuesday, February 22nd after school to take a picture for Yearbook.

Next FCCLA meeting after school on February 23 in room D101.





# Pirate Ports of Information



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