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<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Tips-for-Parents-Digital-Age.aspx>



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Join the Pirates this Saturday :

Indoor Track @ JDL- 9am

Varsity Basketball @ Forest Hills 6PM



*Reminder Report Cards were
sent home Tuesday 1/25*



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



YEARBOOK

SENIOR ADS ARE NOW OPEN

SENIOR ADS

order by 1/28

Senior ad orders for the 2022 yearbook have reopened for 2 weeks only. Visit yearbookforever.com for purchase and create your own ad.

2022 YEARBOOK



PR PRICES INCREASE TO

\$85

ON JANUARY 7TH

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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 WEEK AT PORTER RIDGE

31
MONDAY

No Events

1
TUESDAY

BASKETBALL (Away)
@Marvin Ridge
4:30/6:00/7:30

TRACK (Away)
@ Community School
of Davidson

2
WEDNESDAY

WRESTLING -
State Playoffs -
3rd/4th rounds

3
THURSDAY

No Events

4
FRIDAY

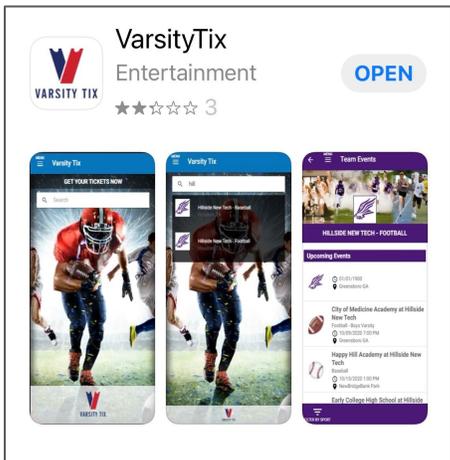
BASKETBALL (Home)
vs Weddington
4:30/6/7:30

5
SATURDAY

TRACK (AWAY)
@ Cuthbertson
10:00am Field
11:00 am Running



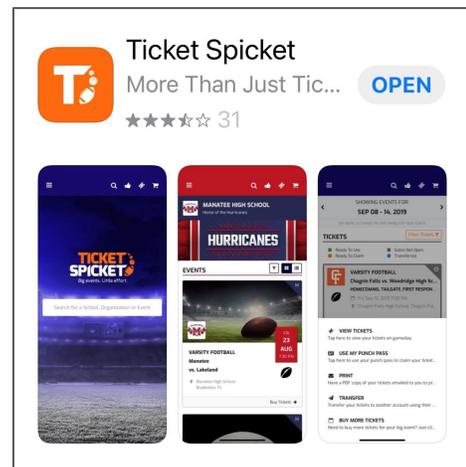
CMS uses
Varsity Tix App



UCPS uses
HomeTownFan



Cabarrus County uses
Ticket Spicket App





Save the Date - Spring Sports Tryouts



SPRING TRYOUTS
FEB 14-15



Spring Sports Tryout Info

Spring Sports Tryouts are just around the corner!

To be eligible...

- Must pass 3 out of 4 classes 1st semester
- Must have been present 85% of the semester
- You **MUST REGISTER** online in [FamilyID](#)
- Have a current physical on file

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Tryout Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Baseball	Shane Brown	Shane.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us	Feb 14 & 15	3:15-5:00
Men's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com	Feb 14 & 15	3:30-5:30
Men's Lacrosse	Hayden Armistead	Hayden.Armistead@ucps.k12.nc.us	Feb 14 & 15	4:00-5:30 PRMS Practice Field
Women's Lacrosse	Kelly Lippert	kellylippert15@gmail.com	Feb 14 & 15	6 pm -7:30 Chestnut Park
Softball	Andy Myers	AMyers@mayerelectric.com	Feb 14 & 15	3:30-5:30
Women's Soccer	Jade Cheron	Jade.Cheron@ucps.k12.nc.us	Feb 14 & 15	3:15-5:00
Men's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	Feb 14 & 15	3:15-5:00
Track & Field	Connor Tanferno	Connor.Tanferno@ucps.k12.nc.us	Feb 14 & 15	3:15-5:30



MURAL CONTEST



World Language Mural Contest



The World Language Department would like to invite all students to participate on the creation of a mural for F-Hall. Student interested in participating must submit a draft or a picture of their design ideas by January 31. A school committee would be choosing finalists with a final vote by PRHS students. Use this google link to submit your design.

<https://forms.gle/sUPgBpRNeJgQJfyW9>

Mural Ideas or Topics

- *World language inspired
- *Famous landmarks
- *Community inspired
- *Influential people
- *Meaningful phrases

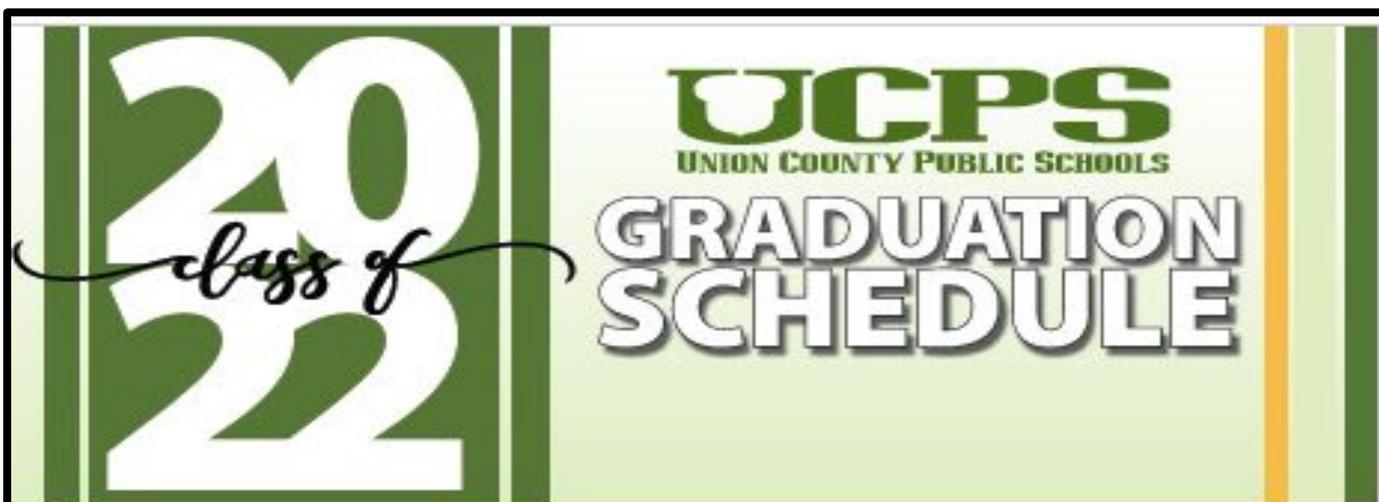
• Avoid •

*Political themes, controversial language or any religious references.





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





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) 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.

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
- 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 704-292-7662
Office: In Counseling Office

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



JOB OPPORTUNITY

CAROLINA POOL MANAGEMENT IS NOW

HIRING

FOR SUMMER 2022!

**LIFEGUARDS!
ATTENDANTS!
SWIM
INSTRUCTORS!**

*Ages
15+*

- Discounted Lifeguard classes!
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- A chance to work close to home!

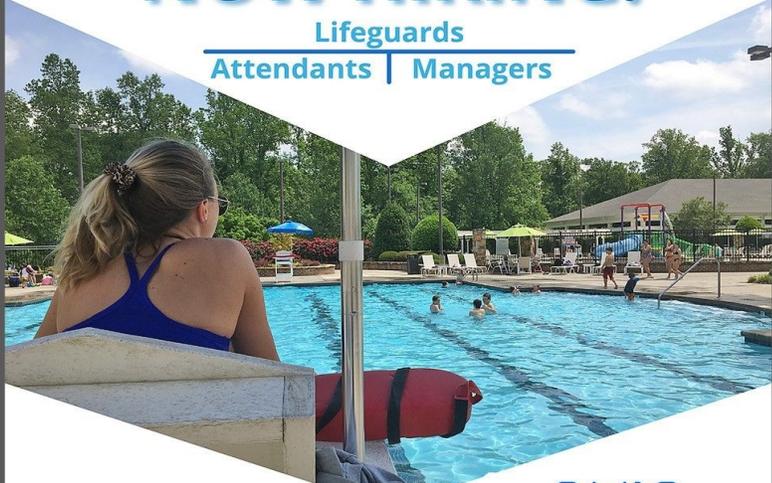


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SATURDAY, 2/5/22 | 10AM-1PM
LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
3801 LAKE PARK RD, LAKE PARK, NC 28079





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LIFEGUARDS, ATTENDANTS,
SERVICE TECHS & SWIM
INSTRUCTORS**

Must be 15 yrs+

VISIT CHARLOTTE-PMG.COM TO APPLY



Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou

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Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc

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Alexandra Green– last names Sap-Z

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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.

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Announcements

Reminder that
Pass/Fail forms are
due to your
counselor by the end
of the day
Wednesday,
February 2nd!

UCPS will be holding a hybrid (part in-person and part virtual) ACT prep camp during January and February. There is no cost for this camp, but participants who are accepted must commit to attending all in-person and virtual sessions.

The camp begins with an in-person full-length practice ACT exam on January 29th followed by 4 weeks of virtual sessions covering each of the 4 sections of the ACT. Instruction will be provided by Huntington Learning Center. Supplemental activities aligned to the ACT subjects will be provided by Albert. The camp will conclude with a second in-person full-length practice ACT exam on February 26th. If you are interested in signing up, follow this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3V1cA-Si2Tnh8aXggs-1UqBkuH-C1BN8H-dW2EdUHnqtZeA/viewform>



SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

**AT CAROWINDS
AMUSEMENT PARK**

14523 CAROWINDS BLVD, CHARLOTTE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CMPD, MECKLENBURG COUNTY PREVENTION
AND INTERVENTION SERVICES, CHARLOTTE SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER
OHAVIA PHILLIPS, AND CAROWINDS

- FREE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS
- TEENS ONLY
- EVIDENCE BASED INFORMATION ON HEALTHY DATING BEHAVIORS
- LUNCH
- EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO PARK RIDES
- 3 VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE

Scan the QR code to register-
limited seats available!



Please send questions to
Jamie@jkffc.org

To register without scanning
go to: <https://rb.gv/gnozja>





Scholarship Information

Monroe-Union Breakfast Rotary Scholarship

Applications in Ms. Lawson office.

Due Date February 9th

Based on Community Service

Must write essay on "What have I done in the area of service to people, the community and the world to deserve this scholarship?"

The Weddington Optimist Club 2022 Essay Contest

Due Date February 7th to Ms. Lawson (see Ms. Lawson with questions)

Contest to give young people room to develop their own views around a certain idea.

Must write essay on "How does an optimistic mindset change my tomorrow?"

The essay will be 700 to 800 words.

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/>



STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in a career in STEM? Then Navy Nuclear Engineering might be for you! Join us in welcoming Officer Benfield on Friday the 28th at 12pm as he will provide a presentation on this career path. Please use the link tree on the Counseling Instagram page to sign-up.

Join us as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present Dial M for Murder January 28th and 29th at 7 PM. Tickets are available at porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz. Tickets will also be available at the door but it will be card only.

Applications for the Student Council Leadership Class will be available starting Jan. 25th right outside Ms. Yearick's room (E107). To apply for the class, you must currently be in 10th or 11th grade and in good standing regarding grades and conduct. Please see Ms. Yearick with questions. Completed applications are due February 10th by 3:10.

National English Honors Society / Creative Writing Club will meet in Mrs. Hill's room, G210, after school this Friday, January 28. We'll have some photos taken for yearbook, and we will have some fun writing and sharing our writing.

All are welcome to join our January meeting of the Knitting & Crocheting club in G106 on Friday 1/28! Bring a snack and your current project. Reminder: If you are bringing knitting needles or crochet hooks drop them off at G106 Friday morning.

Dial "M" For Murder

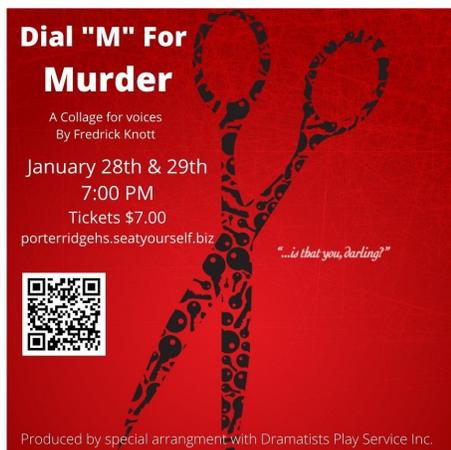
A Collage for voices
By Fredrick Knott

January 28th & 29th
7:00 PM
Tickets \$7.00
porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz



"...is that you, darling?"

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc.





STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gaming Club has resumed it's weekly meetings! We meet every Thursday from 3:05 - 4:30pm in E102. Please see Mr. Sweet with any questions and we look forward to seeing everyone!

Porter Ridge Student Council is proud to introduce Ridge Madness, a student vs. staff basketball tournament! Team sign-ups will begin at all lunches on Monday, January 31st, and will run through Friday, February 4th. In order to sign up, you will need to have a team of 5-6 people. Spots will go quickly, so be sure to get your teams together fast!

Hello, Porter Ridge students! Student Council is very excited to announce the return of our annual Team Trivia Showdown! Gather your team of 3-6 players and join us in the cafeteria on February 22nd, at @5:37. Sign-ups will take place from January 31st through February 4th. Enjoy participating in a fun game of trivia with your friends for about two hours while competing against other students and faculty members. Food and drinks will be provided and prizes will be awarded! We can't wait to see you there!

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

PR's math honor society Mu Alpha Theta will have our next meeting this Tuesday, February 1st at 7:45 AM in E-210 (Mr. Howard's room).

Dungeons and Dragons Club will meet on Feb. 2nd after school in G112. We are going to assign groups, so make sure you let Mr. Boyles know if you cannot attend.

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!





Pirate Ports of Information



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