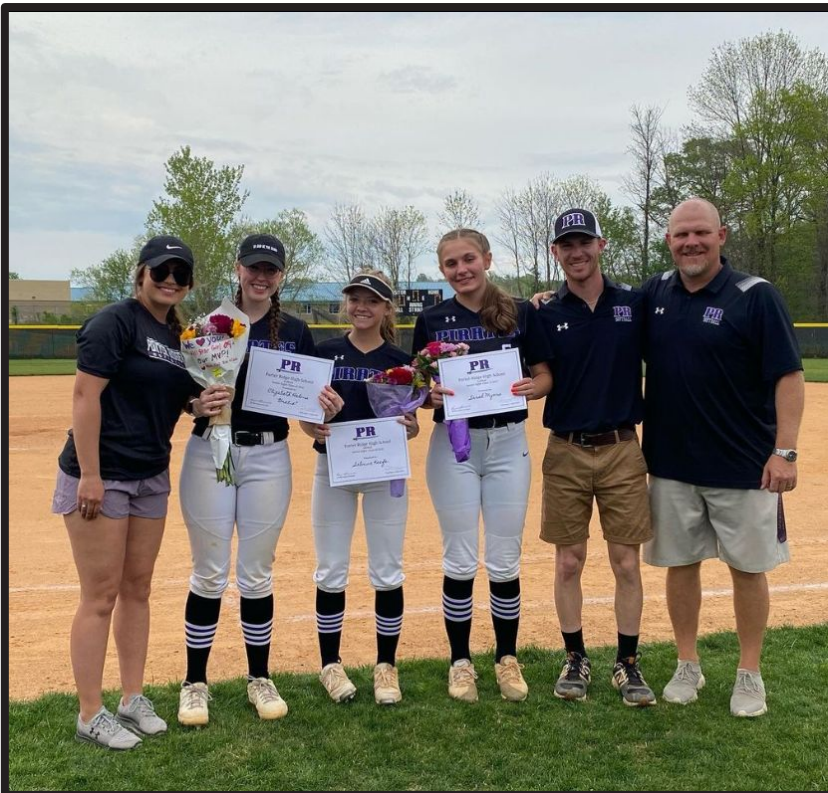


# SPRING BREAK!

UCPS Schools will be closed from April 15-April 24. School resumes on April 25th.

The end of the grading period is TODAY and report cards will go home the week of the 25th.



Congrats to our Softball class of 2022!! Players Gracie Helms, Sabrina Keefe, Sarah Myers!!! And a special shout out to Team Mom Lily McCrain!





# INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:



- **Athletic schedule for week of 4/18/22**
- **PTO Membership**
- **Counseling Updates- Scholarship info and more**
- **Graduation Dates**
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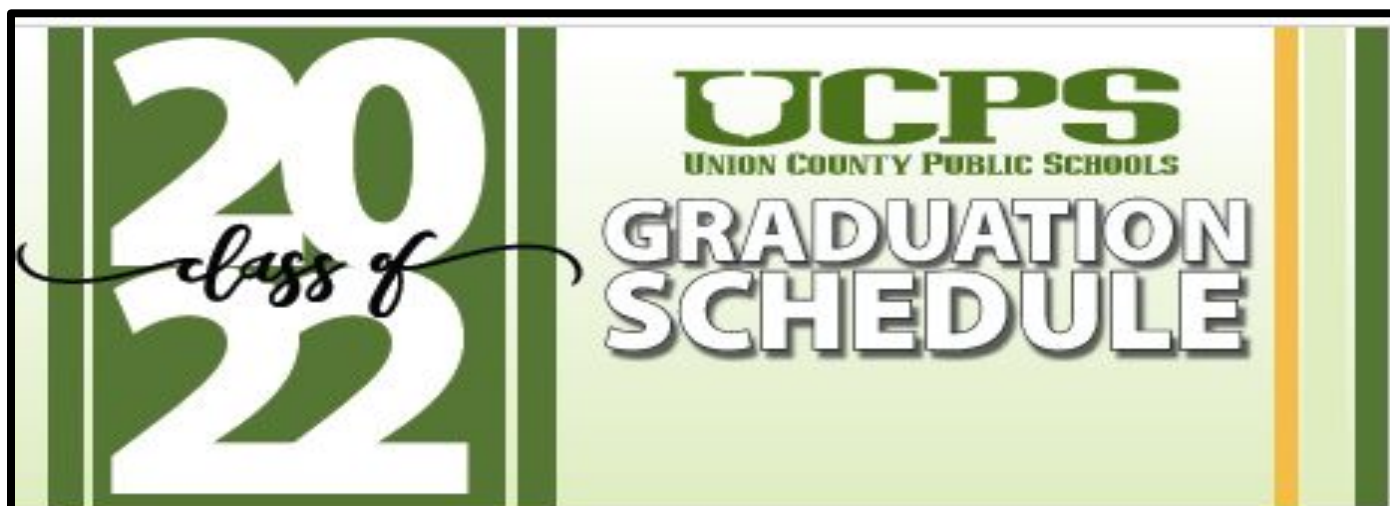
*Please review the UCPS  
attendance policy [here](#) on  
pages 19-22*

**Reminders:**

- Students should bring in notes for all absences. Students have 5 days after the absence to do so...
- If students have more than 7 unexcused absences in a course they will Force Fail (FF) the course.



# GRADUATION DATES



**PRHS Specific Information:** Each Graduating PRHS Senior will receive 8 tickets for graduation the week before the ceremony. All past fees must be paid to receive tickets. There will not be any additional tickets available. Guests are asked to carpool due to limited parking. Gates will open at 7:00 pm for general seating.

Graduates must wear the PRHS cap and gown and may not alter them in any way.

School-issued cords and stoles only may be worn to participate in the graduation from school. Balloons and signs are not permitted inside the stadium as they may obstruct the view of others.

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



Golf Carts are needed for graduation. Please contact Ms. Casseus [raven.casseus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:raven.casseus@ucps.k12.nc.us) if you are willing to donate your golf cart for the day



# ATHLETICS



## THIS WEEK AT PORTER RIDGE HIGH



<b>18</b> MONDAY	<b>19</b> TUESDAY	<b>20</b> WEDNESDAY	<b>21</b> THURSDAY	<b>22</b> FRIDAY	<b>23</b> SATURDAY	<b>24</b> SUNDAY
Baseball @ Parkwood vs Cox Mill 2:30pm	Baseball @ Marvin Ridge vs Lake Norman 5:00pm	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	Track @ Mount Tabor	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS

APRIL 18 - 24





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# PTO

**High School PTO is the easiest PTO to serve on. No stress, meetings are quick and you are supporting an amazing school. Please consider serving in one of the open positions for the 2022-2023 school year.**

## Current PTO Board Members

President – Angie Figiel

Treasurer – Jessica Stewart

Secretary – Lori McDevitt

Hospitality – Deb McGroot



## 2023 PTO Open Board Positions -

Vice President – term is two years

Treasurer – term is two years; Jessica has served 3 due to COVID year

Secretary – term is two years

Communications – term is two years

*Please contact any Board Member for more information.*

Position	Name	Contact Info
President	Angie Figiel	<a href="mailto:angiefigiel@yahoo.com">angiefigiel@yahoo.com</a>
Vice-President	Open	
Secretary	Lori McDevitt	<a href="mailto:Lorizmcdevitt@gmail.com">Lorizmcdevitt@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Jessica Stewart	<a href="mailto:stewiemom3@outlook.com">stewiemom3@outlook.com</a>
Hospitality Chair	Debbie Degroot	<a href="mailto:bikingchef45@gmail.com">bikingchef45@gmail.com</a>



## Who is your counselor?

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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

 CATO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

## FUTURE TEACHERS OF NORTH CAROLINA

High school juniors and seniors interested in education are invited to participate in a free, immersive full-day campus event! Learn what it's like to be a teacher. Discover paths to the classroom through Charlotte's nationally-ranked programs. Meet and talk with current Charlotte students.



**THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE:**

- Campus and light rail tours
- Teaching program fair
- Discussion sessions led by award-winning faculty
- Teacher and school leadership panels
- Mentorship from current Education majors


**WHEN?**

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022  
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Participants will apply what they have learned during a student teaching simulation, made possible through virtual reality technology.*

**BECOME A TEACHER. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Register here: <https://forms.gle/DqybvdApW3FedhB7>



**PRHS  
JUNIOR NIGHT  
RESUME  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
SCOR  
APPLICATIONS  
COLLEGE VISITS  
CAREER  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Tuesday, April 26th @ 6:30 pm  
Auditorium

## 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/1ZXYI14gTOXiwQ\\_001Tmlt74sCXfdVyD0CafStfEg-  
eo/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZXYI14gTOXiwQ_001Tmlt74sCXfdVyD0CafStfEg-<br/>eo/edit)

Our Career Coach, Mr. Crum is on campus every Monday so if you are interested in taking SPCC Career and College Promise next school year, stop by the guidance office on Monday's!





## Parents! Ask your child to invite you to Scoir!

### What can parents do with a Scoir account?

- See which colleges your child is following.
- Suggest colleges for your child to follow.
- Help students keep track of activities & awards.
- Receive a custom price estimate using Scoir's cost calculator.

## Students must invite their parents to join!

Students should:

- Log in
- Visit "My Profile"
- Click on "Invite a parent"

*Students will need their parent's email address.*

A screenshot of a button with a green border. The text on the button reads 'Parents' in black and '+ Invite a Parent' in blue.

For more info, visit <https://bit.ly/onlinecollegetools>.



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# Scholarship Information

## **\*NEW\* Agnes Liles Scholarship**

Every four years six UCPS seniors receive the Agnes Liles scholarship. This award provides \$7,500 per student per year of higher education. (Total award per student = \$30,000) Agnes Liles was a hairdresser and her husband was a UCPS bus driver. They never had any children and were very frugal. In their will, Mr. and Ms. Liles directed their trustees to assist in costs of higher education for worthy students. In addition to need, the scholarship committee considers character, demonstration of a desire to improve the general condition, and willingness to work. Students interested should pick up an application from Ms. Lawson and do the following -

- An essay of 250-500 words that describes the student's character, demonstration of a desire to improve the general condition, and willingness to work.
- A letter of acceptance from the college he/she will be attending.
- One teacher recommendation submitted directly to Chris Conway (christopher.conway@ucps.k12.nc.us).
- Most recent high school transcript.

Students should submit completed applications to Chris Conway via email (christopher.conway@ucps.k12.nc.us). **The deadline to submit applications is 5:00pm on May 12, 2022.** Only complete application packets will be considered.

## **Gamma Delta Chapter Scholarship**

The purpose of the Gamma Delta Chapter Scholarship is to support and foster the educational pursuits of deserving high school seniors in Union County Schools who plan to attend a four-year college, university, community college, or technical school. The amount of the scholarship is \$750. Scholarship eligibility requirements are listed below -

- High School Senior
- GPA 2.5 or higher
- Applied and been accepted to college, university, community college, or technical school
- Demonstrate leadership abilities in school, participated in volunteer community service, extracurricular activities, and other activities

**A completed application must be submitted by April 22nd, 2022.** You will need an official transcript, three letters of recommendation (two must be from a teacher, counselor or principal who are not related to you), Community Service Documentation - must provide verification of volunteer community service. In addition, you must write an essay. The essay should be completed in 12 point font, double spaced. Please address in 400 words or less why this scholarship is important to you, what your future career goals are, and how you plan to contribute to society. Please see Ms. Lawson for the application.



# Scholarship Information

## Louisiana Robinson Education & Leadership Scholarship (NAACP Scholarship)

Students applying for this scholarship should be interested in pursuing higher education. You will need to submit the following materials by **April 24th, 2022**

- Official Transcript in sealed envelope
- Typed cover letter showing community service through the NAACP signed by the Youth Director in addition to service activities performed through school activities
- Three letters of recommendation, each including the name and phone number of the contact person for verification purposes (may be submitted by letterhead). One letter should be in regard to community service. The other letters of recommendation should be from an employer or school official.
- Essay
- Participate in interview conducted by the NAACP Scholarship Committee (TBD)

To fill out the application click here

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOkPfoENyIvnnv3rX14tL7s6YRCJvMpW-28iENSdLIFjqK6A/viewform> Return by mail to: NAACP/Union County Branch, PO Box 3264, Wingate NC 28174

ATTN: Education Chairperson by **April 24th, 2022**.

## Union County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association Scholarship

The Union County Extension Master Gardener Scholarship is in the amount of \$1000. The applicant must be a resident of Union County. The applicant must be a graduating senior attending school (public, charter, home, etc) in Union County, in good standing, with at least 3.0 GPA. The applicant must be planning to attend a college or university and be majoring in botany, environmental studies, forestry, landscape architecture, horticulture, crop sciences, local foods, animal husbandry or related fields. This award will be based on academic standing, student personal statement and one teacher/counselor (or other non-family member) recommendation. Student statement should explain why the student deserves this scholarship, educational goals and what they plan to do with their degree. The statement can be less than 1 but no more than 2 pages in length. Teacher/counselor recommendations should include why the student is qualified for this scholarship. Paper recommendation should be submitted with the scholarship application in a sealed envelope by the application deadline. Emailed recommendation may be sent separately to the listed address by the deadline. **The deadline to apply is May 1st, 2022.** If you're interested in applying to this scholarship please see Ms. Lawson for the application.



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# STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Seniors! It's time to send in photos for the Senior Slideshow! Submissions include everything from baby pics to high school life to family photos and are due on April 29th. DM @prhsseniorslide2022 on Instagram to submit photos or check the Pirate Press for more details!

Attention Seniors,

Please check your emails for the google form sent out by Student Council for the Senior Beach Bash relating to Food and Game choices. Permission forms to leave early will be handed to advisors and there will be some extras at the front office. The Beach Bash will take place on Friday, May 20th for seniors only. This email will contain all the details for this event!

Please fill out the form as soon as possible! Thank you

**If you have post-graduation plans that include entering into the workforce, the military, or another college alternative, please complete the yearbook survey in your daily announcements. <https://forms.gle/aRyBZ4XVXkPCzQMX7>**

**Seniors** - if you have been offered any scholarships - please report that to Ms. Lawson in the counseling office. You can stop in or send her an email at [ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## Academic Letter Guidelines

Students who meet the following qualifications will be awarded a letter at the conclusion of each academic semester. Students who meet the qualifications more than once will be awarded a gold bar to pin on the letter for each semester during which they meet the qualifications. Students who are awarded letters will have an opportunity to purchase jackets and sweaters on which to wear the letters. SEE the Student Canvas Announcements for the link and the specific academic qualifications in the announcements and in the UCPS Program of Studies.

Today's ITS meeting has been postponed to April 27th.



# STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRHS PIRATE RECOVERY



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.

