



Congratulations to Ms. Nardell, the 2023-24 @ucpsnc EC Teacher of the Year! Way to go! #TeamUCPS 700 700 PRHS could not be more proud of our colleague!!! #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR TARDY- BE ON Time-Consequences are in effect. Check out Page 7 for information. Students must be in their class before the bell rings at the start of school and during school!

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Students are reminded to continue to check the <u>Student Daily Announcement Page</u> to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our <u>PRHS Website</u>. The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!** 





## Student Announcements

- ★ Buy your yearbooks at <u>vearbookforever.com</u> ... yearbook ads for seniors also available at this website!!!
- ★ Tuesday, September 26 Homecoming Sale tickets can be purchased at all luncheons for \$25 cash or check ONLY!!!! Ticket sales end on October 6th. Homecoming dance is on October 14 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. If you would like to bring someone who is not a Porter Ridge High School student to the dance, they must fill out a guest form. It can be found in the office and the deadline is October 6.
- ★ The Knitting & Crocheting/Crafting Club will have a meeting this Friday, September 29 in room G106. We will be electing this year's leadership and discussing Fall Fest. If you are interested in running for a leadership position, be prepared with a presentation about yourself and club ideas!
- ★ Come audition for SpongeBob: The Musical October 2nd from 3:15-6 in the auditorium. Auditioners should prepare a one minute monologue and one minute of a song. No experience needed.
- ★ Science National Honor Society will have its first monthly meeting on Monday, October 2nd at 3:15 in Mrs. Broadbent's room (E207D). This meeting is for all new and returning members.
- ★ Join National English Honors Society / Creative Writing Club Monday, October 2 to plan our Fall Fest activities. Anyone who loves creative writing can join! We will meet in G107, Mrs. Hill's room this week, but normally we meet in Ms. Wright's room.
- ★ Umoja interest meeting will be Thursday 10/03/23 at 3:10 in Room F109. Please contact Ms. Washington in room G213 with questions.
- ★ Come check out the new club RISE! RISE is a women's mentorship club and empowerment support group. Kind of like a sisters club. It's all about connection and learning to love and step into who you are. And a great way to meet other women! RISE is looking for upper class women to apply as mentors. Our next meeting is October 5th. So come check it out in D-100!
- ★ Ghosts, Mummies, Jack-o-Lanterns and Frankenstein will invade the library in their spooky jars on Wednesday, October 18th from 3:05 p.m.-4 p.m.! Sign up by scanning the QR code outside the Media Center. All supplies and light refreshments will be provided.
- ★ The French club will meet again Wednesday, October 4th to hear from officer candidates, and work on Fall Fest plans. If you would like to be a club leader but cannot meet that day please email Madame Myers of Madame Williams. We will also collect club dues of \$10, and take take T-shirt orders for \$11. Please bring a snack to share with the group--drinks will be provided.

From Nurse Fisher- **Just in from NACCHO: FREE COVID tests available again.** Please share widely in your communities: Beginning September 25, households will again be able to order **four free tests** through **COVIDTests.gov**. These tests will detect the <u>currently circulating COVID-19 variants</u>. People are encouraged to use the free tests immediately as Americans prepare for travel and gatherings with friends and family throughout the 2023 holiday season.



The <u>PRHS Fall blood drive</u> is next Wed Oct 4th. <mark>If you are 16 or 17 please make sure to turn in your parent consent form</mark>. Forms can be found in the front office. Anyone interested in donating needs to scan the sign-up QR code below. Please ask Interact leaders at lunch if you have a question or contact Mrs. Macera.



Fall Blood Drive Wed Oct 4th

If you are	Male Donation Requirements			Female Donation Requirements					
	4'10"	4'11"	5' or taller	5'1"	5'2"	5'3"	5'4"	5'5"	5'6" or taller
You must weigh at least	118 lbs.	114 lbs.	110 lbs.	133 lbs.	129 Ibs.	124 lbs.	120 lbs.	115 lbs.	110 lbs

Must be 16 or older Need parent consent if under 18 (forms in office)



Blood Drive Sign-ups

EAT & DRINK WATER ON DONATION DAY!!!



### Student Announcements





### *Homecoming* 2023





Attendance and Tardies

# TARDY POLICY

Parents, it is important that students are on time for classes throughout the day. In order to ensure that you are aware if your child is tardy to class we will begin to send home notifications via our ConnectEd communication tool when your child has an unexcused tardy. We do have consequences for excessive tardies at school and these can be found in our <u>PRHS Student Handbook</u>. Staff at PRHS remind students that the expectation is to go directly from one class to their next class, by taking the most efficient route possible. While we allow 5 minutes for each transition, students should report to their next class as quickly as possible and do not need the full five minutes. We find that students who take the most direct path to get to class and do not go into different parts of the building are always on time to class. If tardiness is due to a late bus they will be given a pass to class and will have an excused tardy which does not count against them. Thank you for your support as we teach our children the importance of being on time.

### Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.

- Parents can provide notes for up to five days that a student is absent. After those days PRHS will require a doctor/medical note to excuse the absence.
- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes should be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student can fail the course due to attendance.





<b>RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK</b>							
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JV FOOTBALL VS SUN VALLEY	LOSS	OCTOBER 27					
VOLLEYBALL VS MONROE	WIN	WIN					
Soccer Vs Piedmont	WIN	WIN					
Volleyball vs Sun Valley	Loss	Loss					
TENNIS VS SUN VALLEY	NA	WIN					
SOCCER VS WEDDINGTON	Loss	Loss					
TENNIS VS PARKWOOD	NA	Loss					

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

### **<u>CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS</u>** <u>All tickets are sold on this website or at the</u> <u>GATE by credit/debit card.</u>

Welcome to the Porter Ridge Online Store --Order Now! CLICK ON THE AD TO PURCHASE \*\* Store is NOW OPEN and will CLOSE on Thursday, 10/5 for delivery the week of 10/19 \*\* CLICK ON PRODUCTS TAB AT TOP TO VIEW ALL PRODUCTS \*\*

OFFICIAL HOME OF YOUR PORTER RIDGE PIRATES MERCH \*\* CHECK OUT THE NEW LOGOS AND APPAREL AVAILABLE NOW

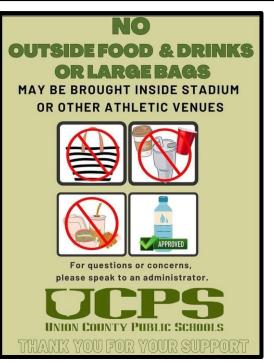


Under Armour Men's Hustle Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE



CLICK <u>HERE</u>FOR ATHLETIC SCHEDULES FOOTBALL JV FOOTBALL SOCCER JV SOCCER VOLLEYBALL JV VOLLEYBALL CROSS COUNTRY GIRL'S GOLF GIRL'S TENNIS FIELD HOCKEY





THEMES 2023



AUG 18 PURPLE OUT AUG 25 WHITE OUT SEP 1 USA OUT SEP 8 COUNTRY OUT SEP 15 TROPICAL OUT SEP 29 COUNTRY CLUB OUT OCT 6 PINK OUT OCT 13 BLACK OUT OCT 20 JERSEY OUT OCT 27 CONSTRUCTION OUT



Wed. 9/27 After school Counseling lobby

#### **Field Hockey Schedule**

10/2 vs MRHS, Matthews Sportsplex Field 1, 4:30 PM

10/12 vs CCDS, At CCDS 4:30 PM

10/14 Tournament, 8 am to 12 am, Matthews Sportsplex field 5-9

Congratulations to the PRHS Women's Field Hockey team for winning their last game against Covenant Day on Wednesday, September 27th. They scored 5-1!! Their next game will be Monday, October 2nd from 5:00-6:30 at Matthews Sportsplex, field #1. Come support these amazing girls!

### The Charlotte Observer

#### Vote for The Charlotte Observer boys high school athlete of the week (09.29.23)

Meet the nominees for The Observer's boys athlete of the week. Polls close Friday. Vote now. Vote often.





### Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc <u>bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

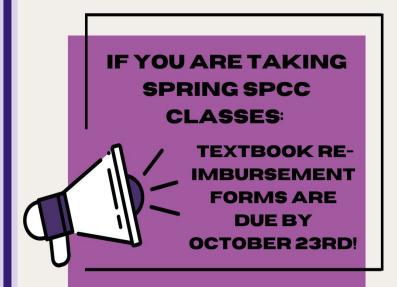
Cassidy Jarrett – last names Me-Sao cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us

Alexandra Green – last names Sap-Z alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

## PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

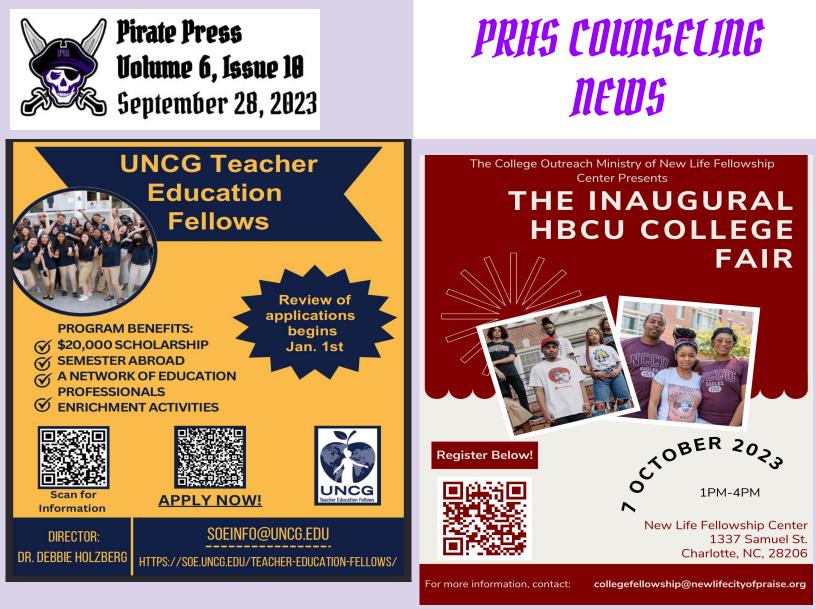
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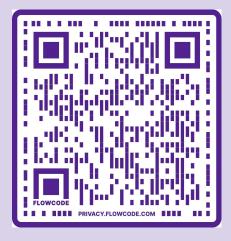
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SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP TO MEET WITH OUR COLLEGE ADVISOR, MS. WILSON.





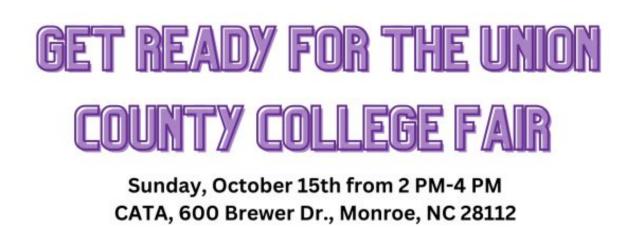
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DEADLINE OCT 1, 11:59PM EST Tuition and room & Board for up to 4 years. Plus Mentorship, career support, fellowships, and more.





# PRHS COUNSELING *NEWS*



STRIVE SCAN

Strive Scan helps you share your information with colleges with just a barcode.

Visit https://strivefair.com to register!

#### **REGISTER FOR YOUR BARCODE**

ON YOUR PHONE, GO TO:





2. FILL OUT A SHORT REGISTRATION FORM TO GET YOUR BARCOD

3. SCAN YOUR BARCODE WITH COLLEGES

#### Why should I get a StriveScan account?

- Allows you to share information with colleges at the fair without filling out cards
- Takes 90 seconds to sign up
- Use your phone to share your information with colleges!
- Get information from all the colleges you want directly to your inbox after the event

Registration with and use of StriveScan is optional.



# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS





Want to take SPCC classes in high school? Want to get a jumpstart on your career? Confused about next steps after graduation?

#### Let's Talk!

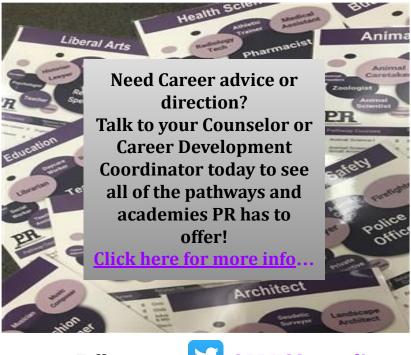
Scan below to schedule a meeting:



Shannon Minick SPCC Career Coach sminick@spcc.edu

#### VAPES/TOBACCO AND TOBACCO-LESS PRODUCTS

Vapes are an issue with teenagers everywhere today. Please help us keep our school a healthy environment for ALL students by having a direct conversation with your child that vapes are prohibited on school campus and if a student is found to have a vape we have strict consequences. We suggest that you have this conversation frequently and ask your child to clean out their book bag to make sure this will not be an issue.



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# College Readiness





### Family Information

#### <u>Important Links</u>

School Forms- CLICK HERE

School Health and Safety Information- CLICK <u>HERE</u>

**School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE** 

**Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE** 

**Transportation Information- CLICK HERE** 

## **Transportation information** can be found on the **UCPS Transportation pages**.

The school system is using the Edulog App this year to track your bus. Please see the flyer below: Video on how to install the app: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

For directions on **how to install** this Real-time bus app on your phone **please follow this link**. There is a great video for your reference here.

#### **School Nutrition Prices**

**If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals**, UCPS encourages parents to complete the <u>meal application</u> (click here)

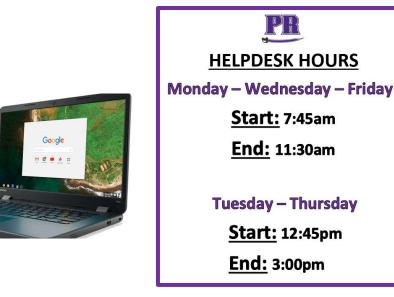
Click <u>here</u> for more information on meal prices.

Click <u>here</u> to set up an account to **make payments** and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

#### TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

**UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE of \$30** this year that all students must pay. <u>Click here for the online payment system</u>. Info on this fee was emailed home earlier this summer, but it will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Jason Toudt is our Technology Systems Engineer.



#### <u>Click here for the</u> <u>PRHS Student</u> <u>Handbook</u> for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance

Requirements

#### → Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.

- → Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class periods. Away means stored in a backpack, or in a teacher-designated location.
- → Teachers do have discretion to allow students to use their cell phone for an instructional purpose during class time.
- → If you violate this you will lose the privilege to have your phone (and headphones) during class.



### **Ports of Information for Pirates:**

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