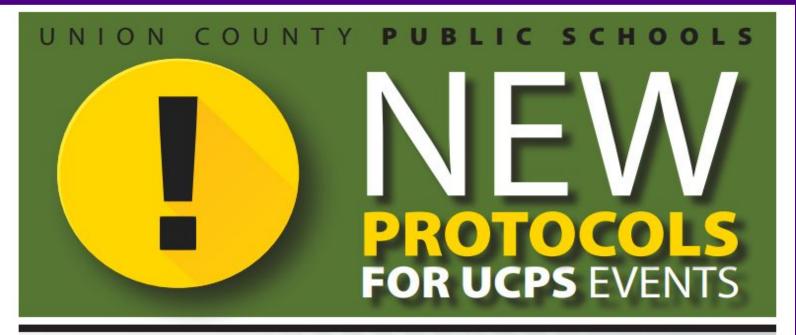


Please arrive earlier than normal this Friday 10/6 as we expect entry to take slightly longer than normal as we ensure we are following new protocols. Football kickoff is at 7:00. Ticket gates open at 6:00 pm, we recommend arriving by 6:20.



UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

Effective, Oct. 6, UCPS will implement the following protocols.

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime or at the mid-point of an event.





UCPS ha experimentado una serie de incidentes de seguridad en eventos deportivos en el condado.

A partir del 6 de octubre, UCPS implementará los siguientes protocolos.

- Solo se permitirán bolsas transparentes, que no midan más d 4.5" x 6.5" en eventos / juegos. Las bolsas médicas y de bebé están sujetas a revisión.
- Los estudiantes de primaria e intermedia deben estar acompañados por un adulto (21 años o mayor) para asistir a eventos y juegos.
- La venta de entradas terminará al inicio del medio tiempo o en la mitad de un evento.

TARDY- BE ON Time-Consequences are in effect. Check out Page 8 for information. Students must be in their class before the bell rings at the start of school and during school!



Last Call for Senior Portraits!

Don't miss out on being in the yearbook! You must be photographed by Prestige to be included in the 2023/24 yearbook

Date: October 20th, 2023 Location: PRHS Media Center Cost: \$0 Sign-up by scanning the QR code



Senior portraits require students dressed in either a black drape or a Tuxedo. Prestige will provide these outfists at the time of your session. Please wear appropriate garments underneath. We suggest a white t-shirt for the tux and something strapless to wear under the drape.



FRIDAY. OCT. 6TH

HOME GAME

PRHS NURSE IN NEED OF DONATED ITEMS

CLICK HERE TO DONATE

- → Individually wrapped goldfish crackers.
- ➔ Juicy juice apple juice box
- → Waters (any size, prefer small bottles.
- → Star mint candies.

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!**



Homecoming 2023

encouraged!



5pm-7pm





Student Announcements

- ★ Buy your **yearbooks** at <u>vearbookforever.com</u> ... yearbook ads for seniors also available at this website!!!
- ★ The Student Lighthouse Team is looking for new members! This team helps make updates and improvements to the school! This team is great for college applications and future resumes! If interested, please see Mrs. Greer in room E208 to receive an application!! You have until Fri Oct 13th to submit your application.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Reminder: Disc Golf Club members we will be playing Saturday at 1pm at Rob Wallace Park. Make sure you have your permission slips.
- ★ MHA-SAVES, the Mental Health Awareness club, has a meeting on Wednesday, October 11th, from 3:15-4:00 in E101. The meeting theme is "changing perspectives." We will be making fall affirmation jars with help from the Outdoors club. Anyone is welcome! Bring your own jar or container to decorate if you are interested.
- ★ Skills USA will have a chapter meeting here at PRHS Wednesday Oct 11 at 4:00 in D101. Membership dues of \$30 are due to be paid at this meeting. If you are thinking about or interested in joining Skills please come out for information or see Mr. Webb in A103 or Mr. Raynor in D101.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Join us for a night of terror and comedy and terror as Porter Ridge High School Castaways present Black Comedy (the funny things that happen in the dark) and the classic, Dracula, at 7 PM on October 19th. Tickets are \$7 and available at porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz
- **HOSA** meetings will be on the 4th Thursday of the month @7:45am. Next meeting will be 10/26.

It's all about OPTIONS and making SMART choices about our future! Seniors got to hear from @uti.tech about their opportunities for post-secondary training that would lead to great paying careers! S/o to ALL of our Seniors for their attention during the 1st #SeniorSeminar and for considering all of their options!





Student Announcements





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Student Announcements

COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE PRHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM



Attendance and Tardies



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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.





MONDAY	10 TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	12 THURSDAY	13 FRIDAY	SATURDAY
-MSOC @ SUN VALLEY 5:30/7:00	-VB vs Parkwood 5:00/6:00 17	-VB @ Independence 5:30/7:00 -MSOC vs Marvin Ridge 5:30/7:00	-VB vs Sun Valley 5:00/6:00 -JV FB @ Cuthbertson 6:30	-Vars FB vs Cuthbertson 7:00	-Field Hockey 'Julie Firr Memorial Tournament' 8am-12pm
		-Cross Country "Union County Champ" @ McAlpine Park	-Field Hockey @ Charlotte Country Day 4:30		
		Tennis Conference Champ @ PRHS			

RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK					
FOOTBALL VS MARVIN RIDGE	<u>JV</u> Loss	<u>VARSITY</u> WIN			
TENNIS VS BUTLER		Loss			
Volleyball Vs Marvin Ridge		Loss			
TENNIS VS MARVIN RIDGE		Loss			
Men's Soccer Vs Cuthbertson	Loss	TIE			
VOLLEYBALL VS WEDDINGTON		Loss			
TENNIS VS WEDDINGTON		Loss			
VOLLEYBALL VS HICKORY RIDGE		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>









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

Field Hockey Schedule

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

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





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>

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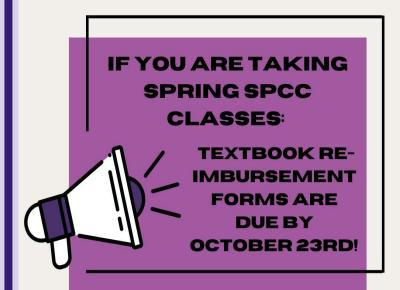
Alexandra Green – last names Sap-Z alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

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.

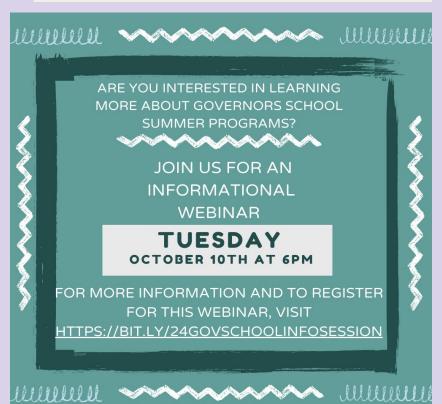
If you are considering a career in math and science, be sure to attend the **North CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS** presentation on October 26th. You will have the opportunity to listen to a representative from the school and learn more about the amazing programs they offer. If you are interested, please stop by the guidance department and talk to Ms. Anderson. Don't miss out on this chance to explore your passion for math and science.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

DON'T FORGET!



FORMS ARE AVAILABE IN THE FRONT OFFICE AND MUST BE TURNED INTO MS. GREEN





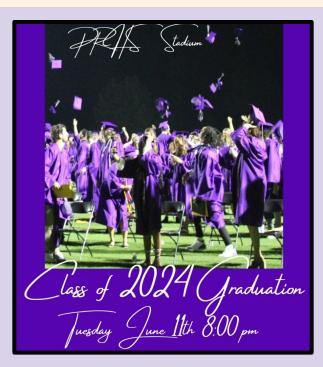
PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

OCTOBER PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

CROISSANTS WITH COUNSELORS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 DROP INTO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE BETWEEN 8:15AM-9:30AM

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 @6:30PM IN THE AUDITORIUM

SEE YOU THERE!



PRHS Parents-Join us for Croissants with Counselors!

Drop into the Counseling Suite on Tuesday, October 17th between 8:15am and 9:30am.

Use the link below or scan the QR code to let us know what questions you have or what topics you need more information about! https://shorturl.at/jnILW



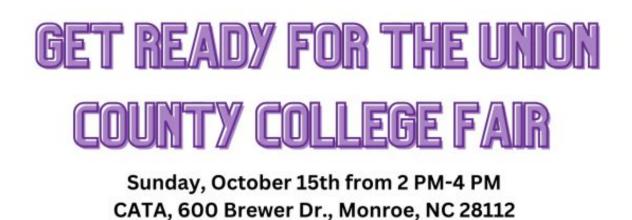
Join us for FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

> Monday, October 23rd at 6:30PM in the Media Center

Learn more about FASFA, Grants, Loans, and Scholarships



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 O 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 COUMSELING & 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!

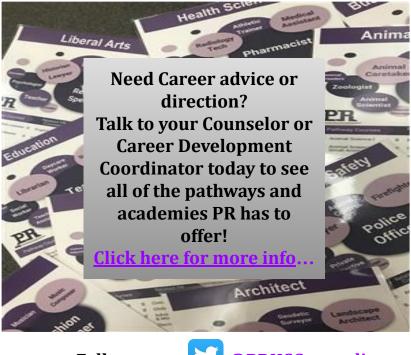
Scan below to schedule a meeting:



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.

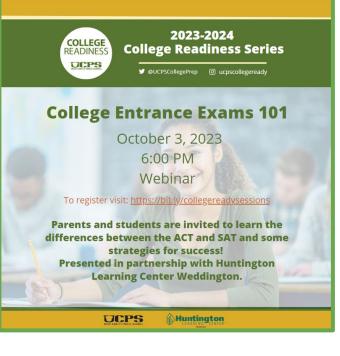


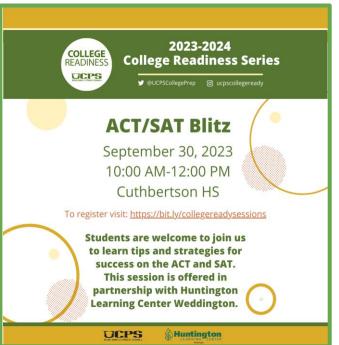
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Family Information

Important Links

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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