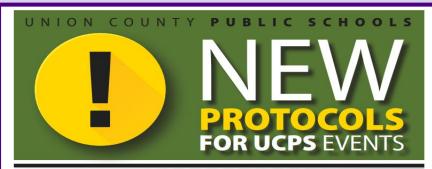


Please arrive earlier than normal this Friday 10/13 as we expect entry to take slightly longer than normal as we ensure we are following new protocols. Football kickoff is at 7:00. Ticket gates open at 6:00 pm, we recommend arriving by 6:20.



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

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

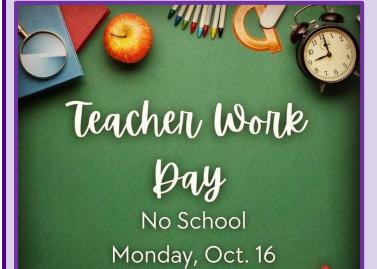
- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime or at the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



#### 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.



#### 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.

> TARDY- BE ON Time-Consequences are in effect. Check out Page 10 for information. Students must be in their class before the bell rings at the start of school and during school!



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WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE TO PROMOTE KINDNESS, ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Spirit Points will be awarded!

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!** 



Click Below to Order your Cap & Gown, Porter Ridge Graduation Announcements, Senior Gear & Rings!

Order Deadline:

Wednesday, November 1

CLICK HERE TO PLACE PORTER RIDGE





### SENIORS- Save \$40 on CLASS RINGS!

Senior Class Ring Sale! Use Promo code SENIORGIFT40

(excludes Tradewinds and Basic P-Rings).

Rings ship home before the holidays!

CLICK TO SHOP PORTER RIDGE RINGS















## IN ACTION

## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month





This week all Spanish classes partnered with the Media Center to do Hispanic Heritage Month Scavenger Hunts celebrating the accomplishments of Hispanic Americans and Hispanics around the world. Prizes will be given for each 1st place group in all classes and were donated by Chick-Fil-A & Texas Roadhouse!





## Homecoming

## 2023



	Monday, Oct. 9th 5:45pm-8:30pm	Shirts will be delivered to players during third block the week before
Football Tailgate	Friday, Oct. 13 5:30pm-6:15pm	@ Sand Volleyball Courts Free snacks and drinks!
Homecoming Court	During football game halftime Friday, Oct. 13	Court rehearsals will be Oct. 3 during third block
Homecoming Dance	Saturday, Oct. 14th 8pm-11pm	Ticket sales from Sept. 26 - Oct. 6 Tickets will be \$25
Fall Fest	Tuesday, Oct. 24th 5pm-7pm	Costumes are encouraged!



## *Homecoming* 2023





Student Activity Announcements

- ★ Buy your yearbooks at <u>yearbookforever.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.
- ★ **Umoja** will have a meeting Tuesday 10/17 at 3:15 in Room F109.
- ★ Wednesday Oct 18th is Unity Day. Be sure to wear orange in support of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Come join FBLA on Wednesday, October 18th for our next meeting. We will talk about fall fest and upcoming charity events in room F100, right after school. (FBLA Future Business Leaders of America)
- ★ There will be a Gaming Club meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 3:10 in Mr. Parker's room, F201. All are welcome.
- ★ Join us in F105c, Ms. Wright's room for the National English Honors Society / Creative
  Writing Club to plan our Fall Fest activities Tuesday, October 17th after school.
- ★ Are you interested in joining the PRHS Swim Team? We will be having an interest meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at 6PM in the media center. We hope to see you there!
- ★ Join us for a night of terror and comedy 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
- ★ PR's Math honor society (MU ALPHA THETA) is now accepting applications for new members! To apply, you can find the link on our instagram @prhsmualphatheta or scan the QR code posted outside Mr. Howard's or Mrs. Cooper's door. Applications are due by Friday October 20 by 3 PM. See Mr. Howard or Mrs. Cooper with any questions.
- ★ HOSA meetings will be on the 4th Thursday of the month @7:45am. Next meeting will be on 10/26.



## Student Announcements





Orders for Varsity Jackets can also be placed at this time. Jackets will ship home!



**ACADEMIC LETTER OR BAR??** VARSITY ATHLETIC LETTER OR BAR? SHOW OFF YOUR **ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH A** VARSITY JACKET! THIS IS AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY! BE PROUD!



WARNING: SOME CONTENT MAY BE TOO INTENSE FOR YOUNGER VIEWERS.



## Student Announcements



# PIRATE ATHLETICS





-VB Conf Tournament -MSOC @ Weddington 5:30/7:00 TUESDAY -VB Conf Tournament -Cross Country "Conference Champ" @Weddington 4:30



-MSOC vs Cuthbertson 5:30/7:00 THURSDAY -JV FB @ South Meck

6:30

h -Vars FB vs South Meck 7:00



h NO EVENTS

PORTER RIDGE

RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK			
FOOTBALL VS WEDDINGTON	<u>JV</u> Loss	<u>varsity</u> loss	
Volleyball at Cuthbertson	Loss	Loss	
TENNIS AT CUTHBERTSON		Loss	
MEN'S SOCCER VS SOUTH POINT	WIN	WIN	
Men's soccer at sun Valley	WIN	WIN	
Volleyball vs Parkwood	WIN	WIN	
Volleyball vs Independence	WIN	WIN	
Men's Soccer Vs Marvin Ridge	TIE	Loss	

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

## **CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS** All tickets are sold on this website or at the

GATE by credit/debit card.

Wednesday, October 18th at 6PM in the Media Center

PRHS SWIM TEAM

**INTEREST MEETING** 

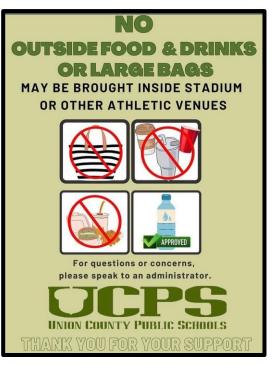
#### **Field Hockey Schedule**

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

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE







# PIRATE ATHLETICS

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



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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## ZUZJ CUACH

Women's Basketball Coach

Coach Brown has done an amazing job revitalizing the Women's Basketball Culture at Porter Ridge High School

Coach Brown led the Pirates back to the State Playoffs for the first time in several years and will be looking to continue that upward trend!!

CONGRATULATIONS COACH BROWN!!!



COACH SMALL WILL BE TAKING OVER THE PIRATE

COACH TOMMY SMALL BRINGS WITH HIM 12 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH STOPS AT MOUNT PLEASANT, NORTH ROWAN, AND OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOLS: 10 YEARS OF THEM BEING AS A VARSITY HEAD COACH. FOUR OF THOSE TEAMS WON CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OVERALL HIS TEAMS HAVE MADE STATE PLAYOFF APPEARANCES 8 TIMES. COACH SMALL HAS HAD OVER 20 STUDENT ATHLETES SIGN TO PLAY AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL AND WON 3 CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS.



COACH WILES WILL BE TAKING OVER THE SWIMMING PROGRAM AT PORTER RIDGE FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. COACH WILES IS A PHENOMENAL SCIENCE TEACHER AT PRHS AND BRINGS POOL EXPERIENCE TO THE TABLE. SHE IS EXCITED TO GET THINGS STARTED THIS YEAR. SWIMMING INTEREST MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18 AT 6PM IN THE MEDIA CENTER

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#### 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 bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

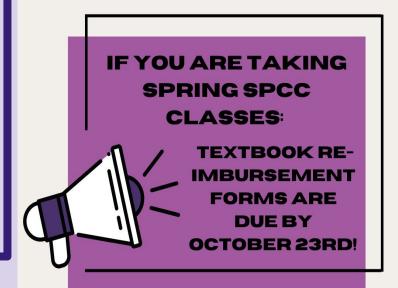
The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

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



#### **Attention Seniors!**

Are you interested in being our school nominee for the Union County Parade Princess?

If so, stop by the counseling suite and see Ms. Lawson to pick up an application. All applications are due by October 20.



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 COUNSELING NEWS

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/jnlLW



## Join us for FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

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

Learn more about FASFA, Grants, Loans, and Scholarships

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## **Enhancing** and **Empowering** our local communities.

## PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Union Power Cooperative invests in teachers, students, families, and their futures through powerful partnerships and programs that support our mission to enhance the quality of life of our members and the communities we serve. This principle is woven deeply into our various programs.



The Union Power College Scholarship is available each year from September through March to current high school seniors planning to attend a North Carolina-accredited college or university. The scholarship is a one-time offer of \$1,000. The senior must be a child of a Union Power Cooperative member or live in a home served by Union Power Cooperative.

**Injon Powe** 



In 1994, North Carolina's electric cooperatives dedicated their interest in improving education. The Bright Ideas grant program has expanded over the past two decades, encouraging teachers to share their bright ideas that will be meaningful and engage students to further their education. Teachers from our service area can apply for up to \$2,000 per grant from April through September.

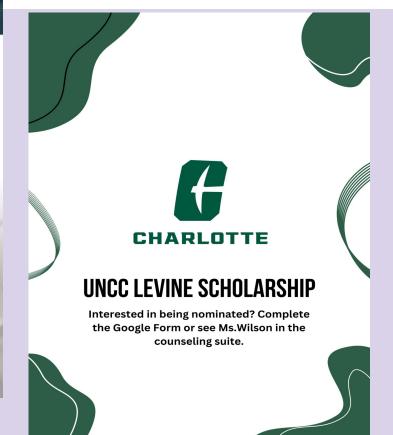
Youth Tour provides an opportunity for high school juniors to have an unforgettable, all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Students will learn about the history of the

nation's capital and better understand how American history has shaped the U.S. today. It also allows students to take on leadership roles and learn their value as a citizen./

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Touchstone Energy\* Sports Camp Scholarships University of Chapel Hill from January through March.





Nomination Deadline: November 1 If you would like to be nominated, click the link in on our Linktree! Application Deadline: November 15

#### https://tr.ee/yKB4Icqp Qu



#### **Application Deadline: November 1**

You can self-nominate

#### https://tr.ee/CRNLQH3R1p



## PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

# NC COUNTDOWN

#### Application Work Sessions WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18 AND FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 DURING ALL LUNCHES

**JOIN US FOR** 

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Next week is Free College Application Week and counselors will be available in the cafeteria to help with college applications!

#### **COLLEGE COLORS DAY**

Wear your favorite college colors or college gear to school on Thursday, October 19th and earn spirit points! UPDATED FALL 2023 College Application Week Participating Schools

Many North Carolina schools are waiving their application fees from Oct. 16-20—IF you apply through CFNC.org! Start on CFNC.org's Application Hub. Other schools may be accepting special fee waivers, too, through ACT, SAT or NACAC.

Visit CFNC.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/ for more information.

Barton College Belmont Abbey College Brevard College Cabarrus College of Health Sciences\* Campbell University Catawba College Chowan University Davidson College\* East Carolina University Elizabeth City State University Elon University\* Fayetteville State University Gardner-Webb University Greensboro College Guilford College Johnson and Wales University - Charlotte Johnson C. Smith University Lees-McRae College Lenoir-Rhyne University Livinastone College Louisburg College Mars Hill University

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Meredith College Methodist University Montreat College North Carolina A&T State University\* North Carolina Central University\* North Carolina Wesleyan University Pfeiffer University Queens University of Charlotte Saint Augustine's University Salem College Shaw University St. Andrews University UNC Asheville UNC Pembroke UNC School of the Arts\* University of Mount Olive Warren Wilson College Western Carolina University William Peace University Wingate University Winston-Salem State University And all 58 community colleges

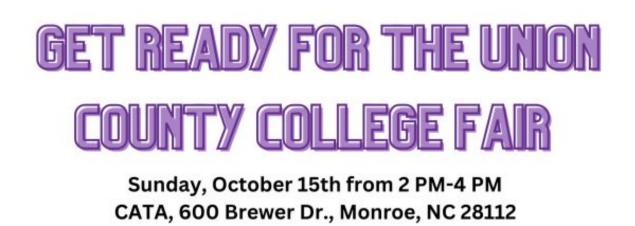
\*Application fees are only waived for certain applicants (e.g. NC residents). Check with the institution for more information

College

Attention **Sophomores and Juniors**, Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn more about the **North Carolina Governor's School**. Governor's School is a four-week summer residential program for gifted and talented students. For more details, see Ms. Anderson by by October 13.



## 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 G CAREER NEWS



You can apply using the QR code below. We're hiring awesome people just like you!



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!

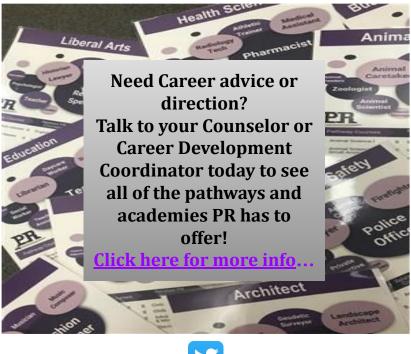
Scan below to schedule a meeting:



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







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.



## 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 **<u>please follow this link</u>**. 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

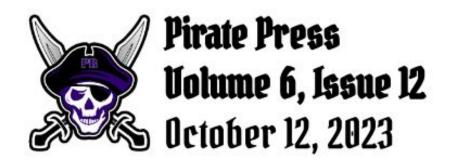
**UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE of \$30** this year that all students must pay. <u>Click here for the online payment system</u>. Info on this fee was emailed home earlier this summer, but it will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Jason Toudt is our Technology Systems Engineer.



#### <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:**

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

**Follow us on Twitter:** @PorterRidgeHSNC @PRHSCareer @prhs\_athletics @PRPiratehoops @pr\_volleyball @PorterRidgeFB @prtrackandfield @PRHSSoccer1 @PRHSPiratesBSB @PorterRidgeFFA @PRHScheer @porterridgeabc @PorterRidgeBand @Piratestuco @PRLAX2

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