



# Pirate Press

Volume 6, Issue 7

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Save the Date  
**Senior Night**  
For after high school plans  
Monday, September 11th at 6PM

Mosey on down to...  
**The Country Out**  
Friday September 8th  
Basic: 1 point  
All-out: 3 points  
Dress up in your best country outfits!!  
@prhs\_classcup on Instagram to receive points at the game  
At West Cabarrus @7:00 PM

**PORTER RIDGE FFA FALL MUM SALE**

<b>ORDERS DUE:</b> SEPTEMBER 21	<b>Pick Up:</b> PRHS Greenhouse on Wednesday, September 27.
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See Mrs. Helms or an FFA student to pay with cash or check.  
Checks can be made out to Porter Ridge FFA.  
*Online payment coming soon!*

Send questions to: [cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**SIZES:**  
8" FOR \$7  
10" FOR \$12

**COLORS:**  
ORANGE, PURPLE, RED & YELLOW

**PARENT/TEACHER OPEN HOUSE  
& LEADERSHIP NIGHT, TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 12- 5-7 PM**

Students are reminded to continue to check the [Student Daily Announcement Page](#) 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 [PRHS Website](#). The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**





# *Pirates* IN ACTION





**Sponsors:**  
Mrs. Macera (G208D)  
Mr. Hayes (E202)

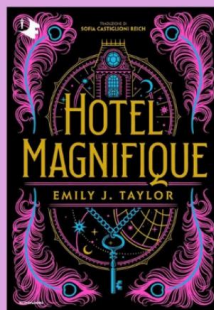
**Events:**  
Blood Drives, Holiday Angel  
Party, Field Day, etc.

# INTERACT

Fill out our interest form to receive  
information about meetings.

[tinyurl.com/PRHS-Interact](http://tinyurl.com/PRHS-Interact)

## Book Club



We read one book every  
month and will discuss Hotel  
Magnifique by Emily J.  
Taylor at our next meeting  
on September 20th at 3:10 in  
E107!

Bring a snack to share!



## Science National Honor Society

Explore New Science  
Breakthroughs

Practice Your Science and  
Engineering Skills

Help the Community



Interest Form

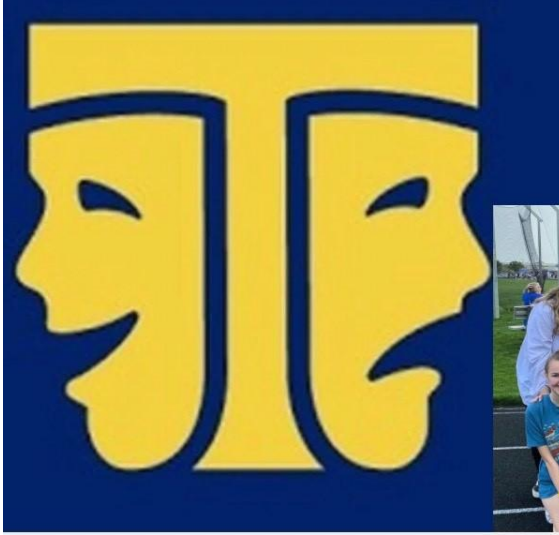
<http://bit.ly/SNHSInterest>

## Come join: Improv Club

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each  
month in A109 from 3:15-5

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th, from  
3:15-5 in A109! Come join the fun! No experience  
necessary!

- Our mission is to make theater more fun and  
accessible to everyone!
- We teach fundamental performance and  
speaking skills in a fun, relaxed environment  
through interactive theatre games!



## WE MEET:

The first Tuesday of every month in room A109 from 3:15-5

COME JOIN:

## ITS: THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5th from 3:15-5 in A109. Come to learn more!

Our mission is to honor student theatre achievement and to make theatre more accessible to everyone!

We make a difference in our school/community by hosting service projects and community events!

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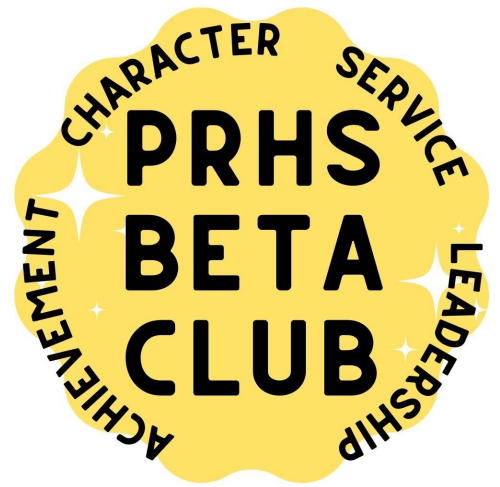


# Join Us Ridge Rowdies

**September 11th, 2023**

Come join Ridge Rowdies! We are a school event preparation and spirit club. We will assist alongside the student council in this club. The motivation behind Ridge Rowdies is to offer students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects.

**3:10-3:40 in E107**



Join  
National Art Honor  
Society!

DO YOU LOVE ART?  
HAVE YOU TAKEN VISUAL ARTS 1?  
DO YOU HAVE A 3.0 OR HIGHER GPA?

MEETINGS ARE ON THE FIRST THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH IN G201!

Scan QR code on the Art  
room doors

# Field Day Club



Join Us Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday  
of The Month to Participate in Old  
School Field Day Events, And More!

Interest Meeting  
Wednesday,  
September 13th,  
Room G204 @  
3:10



First Meeting  
Wednesday,  
September 27th,  
Room G204 @  
3:10



Follow Us On  
Instagram!

And Join The Group  
Chat!



## NEHS

NATIONAL ENGLISH  
HONOR SOCIETY  
*for Secondary Schools*

& Creative Writing Club

Sponsors: Ms. Wright & Mrs. Hill

Meets: Every other Monday in  
F105c, Mrs. Wright's Room

# INTERESTED IN JOINING THE HOOK YEARBOOK STAFF?

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN...

Graphic Design?

Photography?

Story Writing?

Social Media Management?

How to Run a Business?



## BECOME PART OF AN AWARD-WINNING STAFF



Apply to join The Hook Yearbook Staff.  
Applications open March of 2024 when  
registration for the 24-25 school year  
begins.

Contact or visit Mrs. Schullery if you  
have any questions

Email: [lea.schullery@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:lea.schullery@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Room G203





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# *Student Announcements*

- Buy your **yearbooks** at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) ... yearbook ads for seniors also available at this website!!!
- **Student Parking:** All students have had plenty of time to pay for and apply for parking passes for the student lot. If you are parking without a pass on campus, then you will receive a ticket for each day you do not have a pass, plus any fine for being parked in someone's spot. If you do not have a parking pass at this time, or have just recently obtained your driver's license, then you must pay online and fill out the application, and come to the office in the morning after 7:30 AM BEFORE you park in the student parking lot to get a pass.
- Want to learn to act in a game based low stress environment? Join us for **Improv Club** on Sept 12th from 3:30-5:00 in A109
- The **FFA** will hold their interest meeting on Wednesday, September 13th, after school until 4:00 in room A114. Join us to learn about the exciting things that we have planned for the school year. We will also have games and snacks at the meeting. We hope to see you there!
- The **Spanish club** would like to welcome back new and current members on Monday September **11th**, after school in room f102. Is important that current members attend this meeting to discuss this year club activities. Refreshment will be serve.
- The **Ridge Rowdies** will have their first meeting on Monday, Sept 11th in E107 from 3:10-3:40. Come join us!
- Attention **ALL National Honor Society Applicants:** the deadline to turn in your application and teacher recommendations has changed to Thursday, September 14, as the original due date is a teacher workday. Contact Mr. Chavis or Mr. Howard with any questions. Students who are juniors/seniors and are eligible to join NHS based on grades were sent an email. If you did not receive an email and you have a question - see Mr. Chavis or Mr. Howard.
- **PRHS Disc Golf club** will be playing at Crooked Creek this Saturday at 1pm. Must have permission form. See Mr. Saffles to get one.
- Juniors and Seniors interested in joining **National English Honors Society** OR ANYONE who is interested in **creative writing** should attend our first meeting after school on Monday, September 11 in F105c, Mrs. Wright's room. Questions? Email Mrs. Hill or Ms. Wright.
- Applications for **Science National Honor Society** are now available. Scan the QR code outside Mrs. Broadbent's or Mrs. Wiles' door to access the application. Applications are due next Friday, September 15th by 5:00pm. If you have questions see Mrs. Broadbent or Mrs. Wiles.
- There will be an **indoor track** interest meeting next Wednesday, September 13th in the media center right after school
- **Skills USA** will be having an interest meeting Wed. Sept 13 @4:00. Meeting will be at Piedmont High School in the Fire Academy building. Skills offers Automotive, Fire fighting, Law and Justice and over 100 other areas for career readiness and interest. Any questions please see Mr. Webb in A103 or Mr. Raynor in D101.

**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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# ***Beginning of School Year Information***



**Porter Ridge High School**

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal

[Click Here for Back to School Info](#)

## **Back To School Resources**

[Home](#) > [Academics](#) > [Back to School Resources](#) > [Back To School Resources](#)

Click on the box to the left to visit our Back to School pages on the PRHS website for info on.....

**Chromebooks**

**Class Schedules**

**Schedule Corrections**

**Parent Portal**

**Pirate Advisory**

**Beginning of Year  
Forms**

# ***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.



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# CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO PARKING PASS INFORMATION: PARKING WITHOUT A PASS IS \$20 DAILY

**Student Parking:** All students have had plenty of time to pay for and apply for parking passes for the student lot. If you are parking without a pass on campus, then you will receive a ticket for each day you do not have a pass, plus any fine for being parked in someone's spot. If you do not have a parking pass at this time, or have just recently obtained your driver's license, then you must pay online and fill out the application, and come to the office in the morning after 7:30 AM

BEFORE you park in the student parking lot to get a pass.



SCAN ME

## PIRATE PARKING PASSES

On sale August 11! Check out this page on our website to begin the application process:

<https://bit.ly/3P6yDAT>







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# *Technology & Help Desk*

## **TECHNOLOGY USE**

**CHROMEBOOKS** are issued to all students so that teachers can plan instruction that may include incorporation of materials online. Please know that this is only a part of the instructional plans. Students are responsible for their chromebooks and should treat them with care.

**UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE** of \$30 this year that all students must pay. [Click here for the online payment system](#). 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.



## **HELPDESK HOURS**

**Monday – Wednesday – Friday**

**Start: 7:45am**

**End: 11:30am**

**Tuesday – Thursday**

**Start: 12:45pm**

**End: 3:00pm**





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Reach out to make an **IMPACT** as a Leadership Mentor in 9th Grade Pirate Advisory

## LEADERSHIP MENTOR



TO APPLY: \_\_\_\_\_

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/PN9QMWPmCYMXJYE38](https://forms.gle/PN9QMWPmCYMXJYE38)

# Class of 2024 Information

*Peer Math tutor*

FOR PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Are you a good Math student?

Do you want to #IMPACT other students at PRHS during the school day and get paid too?

Be one of 5 Student Math Tutors

Email [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us) by 7/20!

## Class of 2024 Spirit Wear

SENIOR  
CLASS OF  
PR  
MMXXIV  
2024

WE ARE DOING  
SENIOR PACKET  
PICK UP SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 9TH  
8AM TO 11AM



HOME  
OF A  
SENIOR



# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

**11**

**MONDAY**

MSOC @ Mooresville  
5:30/7:00

-Field Hockey  
vs East 5:45pm

**12**

**TUESDAY**

-VB vs Marvin Ridge  
5:00/6:00

-Tennis vs Marvin Ridge  
4:00

**13**

**WEDNESDAY**

--MSOC @ CATA  
5:30/7:00

**14**

**THURSDAY**

-VB vs Weddington  
5:00/6:00

-JV FB  
vs Monroe 6:30

-Tennis vs  
Weddington 4:00

-Field Hockey vs  
Cuthbertson 545

**15**

**FRIDAY**

-Vars FB @ Monroe  
7:00

-Cross Country  
"Queen City Invite"  
@ McAlpine Park  
TBD

**16**

**SATURDAY**

No Events

*#COMMITTED*



## RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK

		<u>JV</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>
9/1	JV FOOTBALL VS HICKORY RIDGE	POSTPONED	
9/2	VARSITY FOOTBALL VS HICKORY RIDGE		WIN
9/5	SOCCER VS BUTLER	WIN	TIE
9/6	SOCCER VS MONROE	WIN	WIN
9/6	VOLLEYBALL VS BUTLER	WIN	CLOSE LOSS

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

[CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

All tickets are sold on this website or at the  
GATE by credit/debit card.



**PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC  
BOOSTER CLUB**

**23-24 PIRATE PASS**



✓ ENTRY TO ALL PRHS  
REGULAR SEASON HOME  
GAMES FOR ALL SPORTS

✓ 50 YD LINE  
PRIORITY SEATING

✓ ENTRY TO PRHS HOME  
FOOTBALL GAMES

✓ BOOSTER CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP

**\$150**

<https://ucps.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/4358>

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR  
ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

JV FOOTBALL

SOCCER

JV SOCCER

VOLLEYBALL

JV VOLLEYBALL

CROSS COUNTRY

GIRL'S GOLF

GIRL'S TENNIS

FIELD HOCKEY



**PORTER RIDGE  
ATHLETIC ZONE**



**NO  
OUTSIDE FOOD & DRINKS  
OR LARGE BAGS**

MAY BE BROUGHT INSIDE STADIUM  
OR OTHER ATHLETIC VENUES



For questions or concerns,  
please speak to an administrator.

**UCPS**  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



# 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**

- **Field Hockey Games this coming week:** 9/11 Vs. East 5:45 PM, Matthews Sportsplex Field 3  
Vs. CHS 9/14 at 5:45 PM  
Matthews Sportsplex Field 3
- **Men's basketball** workouts have started after school from 3:30-4:30. You must have an approved FamilyID and up-to-date physical to be eligible to attend. See Coach Malone if you have any questions.
- **Women's Basketball** workouts are at 5:30 in the gym. See Coach Brown if you have any questions
- **There will not be Baseball workouts** after school this week. Any questions see Coach Bridges.

**SHOW YOUR PIRATE SPIRIT ON FRIDAYS  
AT SCHOOL AND AT THE FOOTBALL  
GAMES ON FRIDAY NIGHT.**



## Who is your counselor?

**Ashley Lawson**- last names A-Cou  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Tanisha Anderson**- last names Cov-Hek  
[tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc  
[bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Cassidy Jarrett**- last names Me-Sao  
[cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Alexandra Green**- last names Sap-Z  
[alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto: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.

## PASS/FAIL FORMS

pick one up in the guidance office



Due by September 11th



Talk with your counselor if you have questions about pass/failing a course







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# PRHS COUNSELING news



LAWA PRESENTS

## 2023-2024

### HIGH SCHOOL SERIES REGISTER FOR...

FREE Bilingual information sessions for students and caregivers on preparing, planning, and paying for postsecondary education. Learn about college applications, financial aid, career paths, bachelor's & associate degrees, trade and vocational program options, and campus tours.



## PATHWAY EXPLORATION SESSIONS AND MORE!

**Free transportation from select sites**  
**Register at: [lawa.news/highschool](https://lawa.news/highschool)**

**Careers in Computer Science and Engineering**  
 Saturday, September 30, 2023  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte

**Financial Aid and Admission Process**  
 Saturday, October 21, 2023  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Queens University of Charlotte

**Careers in STEM**  
 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math  
 Saturday, November 18, 2023  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Central Piedmont Community College

**Careers in Business**  
 Business, Healthcare Management, Marketing, Finance, and Economics  
 Saturday, December 2, 2023  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Belmont Abbey College

**FAFSA Application Process**  
 Saturday, January 20, 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Northeastern University

**Careers in Economics and Pre-Business**  
 Saturday, January 27, 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Davidson College

**Careers in Health Science**  
 Saturday, February 10, 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Wingate University

**Careers in Education**  
 Saturday, February 24, 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte

**Trade and Vocational Careers**  
 Saturday, March 16, 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 South Piedmont Community College

**Johnson C. Smith Experience**  
 Spring 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Johnson C. Smith University

### SPONSORS:



LAWA PRESENTA

## 2023-2024

### HIGH SCHOOL SERIES REGÍSTRASE PARA...

Sesiones de información GRATUITAS BILINGÜES para estudiantes y familiares sobre cómo preparar, planificar y pagar la educación postsecundaria. Obtenga información sobre solicitudes de admisión a la universidad, ayuda financiera, alternativas profesionales, licenciaturas, carreras técnicas, opciones de programas comerciales y vocacionales, y recorridos por el campus.



## ¡SESIONES SOBRE CARRERAS Y MÁS!

**Transporte GRATUITO desde sitios seleccionados**  
**Regístrese en: <https://lawa.news/highschool>**

**Carreras en Informática e Ingeniería**  
 Sábado, 30 de Septiembre de 2023  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte

**Ayuda Financiera y Proceso de Admisión**  
 Sábado, 21 de Octubre de 2023  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Queens University of Charlotte

**Carreras en STEM**  
 Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas  
 Sábado, 18 de Noviembre de 2023  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Central Piedmont Community College

**Carreras en Negocios**  
 Negocios, Administración en Salud, Mercadotecnia, Finanzas y Economía  
 Sábado, 2 de Diciembre de 2023  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Belmont Abbey College

**Proceso de solicitud de FAFSA**  
 Sábado, 20 de Enero de 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Northeastern University

**Carreras en Economía y Negocios**  
 Sábado, 27 de Enero de 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Davidson College

**Carreras en Ciencias de la Salud**  
 Sábado, 10 de Febrero de 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Wingate University

**Carreras en la Educación**  
 Sábado, 24 de Febrero de 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte

**Carreras Técnicas**  
 Sábado, 16 de Marzo de 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 South Piedmont Community College

**Experiencia en Johnson C. Smith**  
 Primavera del 2024  
 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Johnson C. Smith University

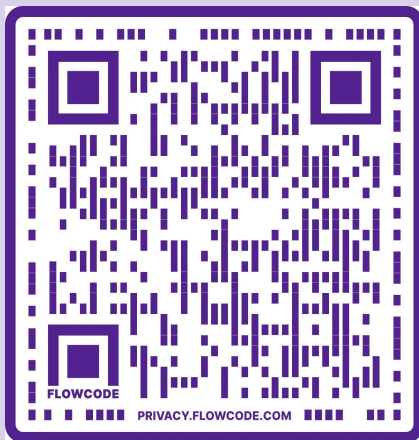




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# *PRHS COUNSELING* *news*

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



## **Queens University Visit**

**Sept. 21st 12-1pm  
in the Cafeteria**

**Please sign up  
through your  
student Scoir  
account if you  
are interested**



**QUEENS UNIVERSITY**  
*of*  
**CHARLOTTE**

**LOOKING FOR A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP  
FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS?**

**DACA - TPS - UNDOCUMENTED**

**APPLY NOW**

**DEADLINE OCT 1, 11:59PM EST**

**TUITION AND ROOM & BOARD FOR UP TO 4 YEARS. PLUS  
MENTORSHIP, CAREER SUPPORT, FELLOWSHIPS, AND MORE.**



**GOLDEN DOOR  
SCHOLARS**

[goldendoorscholars.org/apply](https://goldendoorscholars.org/apply)



**Save the Date**

# **Senior Night**

**For after high school plans**

**Monday, September 11th at 6PM**







## NEXTSTOP TEACH UCPS

**Want to become a teacher?**  
**Start your journey right now in high school!**

- Three pathways are offered
- Earn an Associate's Degree from SPCC at no cost
- Attend Wingate University to earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Earn a Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - Students pay no more than \$2,500 per year
- Participate in apprenticeship and internship programs, professional development and student teaching opportunities
- Become a certified teacher within four years after high school

When I enrolled in the Teaching as a Profession class, I expected to learn the basics of how to be a teacher. In other words, I anticipated purely learning how to share information with others, the process of grading tests, finding worksheets, and other responsibilities of a teacher. I learned so much more in this class than I ever had in mind. I gained new insight on how different ages of children act, how to create a classroom that is inclusive, how each student has a unique learning style, and that a classroom is made up of several different parts, not just the academic instruction.

*Mica Anderson*

Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR  
TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY

DRIVEN BY  
PARTNERSHIPS



STAY CONNECTED



www.ucps.k12.nc.us

**Want to become a teacher?**  
**Start your journey right now in high school!**

Union County Public Schools recently launched Next Stop: TeachUCPS, a teacher pipeline program for high school students. Through an innovative partnership with South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) and Wingate University, UCPS is growing its own teachers and providing a roadmap that removes financial barriers for pursuing a teaching license.

### ASSOCIATE'S PATHWAY

- Available to all UCPS high school students
- High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation

**COST:**  
 Associate's Degree - Zero Tuition  
 Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - No more than \$2,500 per year

### TRADITIONAL PATHWAY

#### PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice
- Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation

**COST:**  
 Associate's Degree - Zero Tuition  
 Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - No more than \$2,500 per year

#### UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Complete the 3 Teaching as a Profession courses
- High school diploma
- May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university
- Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation

**COST:**  
 Student incurs cost

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, do they have to transfer to Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School?
- A. No, students will stay at their home school and travel to take the Teaching as a Profession courses at either Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School. Please see your Career Development Coordinator for information about transportation.
- Q. Is there a fee for this program?
- A. Under Next Stop: TeachUCPS, tuition fees are covered. The program does not fully cover additional fees.
- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, can they still participate in the Career and College Promise program?
- A. Yes, students have the opportunity to take community college courses through Career and College Promise while in the program.
- Q. Will the CTE Teaching as a Profession Pathway be expanded to other high schools?
- A. This will be reviewed annually and program expansion will be based on student interest and available funding.
- Q. How can I learn more about TeachUCPS and apply?
- A. Talk to the Career Development Coordinator at your school or visit [ucps.k12.nc.us](http://ucps.k12.nc.us) and click on: Academics - High School Education - NextStop: TeachUCPS

**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](mailto:sminick@spcc.edu)



**Need Career advice or direction?**  
**Talk to your Counselor or Career Development Coordinator today to see all of the pathways and academies PRHS has to offer!**

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# *College Readiness*



## **2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series**

For more info and to register visit  
<https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

### **Live Events**

Scoir for Seniors - Aug.  
Practice SAT - Sept./Oct.  
ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept.  
College Entrance Exams 101 - Oct.  
Union County College Fair - Oct.  
HS Programs Expo - Dec.  
Paying for College - Dec.  
Practice ACT - Jan./Feb.  
ACT Blitz - Feb.  
Getting Ready for College - Mar.  
SAT Blitz - Apr.  
Writing a College Essay - May

### **On-Demand Library**

*Always available at the link above.*

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# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

*Hello,*  
**FLEXIBLE  
SCHEDULE.**



*Hello,*  
**FREE  
MEALS.**



*Hello,*  
**GREAT  
TEAM.**



## Windsor Run Walk-In Wednesdays

Every Wednesday from September 6<sup>th</sup>-October 25<sup>th</sup> | 2pm-4pm | Terrace Level

We are currently hiring **Servers**. You'll enjoy great perks, including:

- Flexible hours—leave by 8:00 p.m.
- Great first job with no experience necessary
- Must be at least 16 years old
- Only 3 shifts a week required

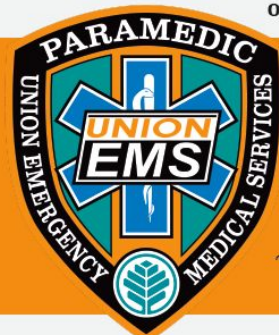
You can apply using the QR code below. We're hiring awesome people just like you!



Visit [EricksonJobs.com](https://EricksonJobs.com) for current openings.

## UNION EMS JOIN AS A JUNIOR

Join the region's largest explorer group -  
open to students 14-18, free of cost!



### BENEFITS:

- ~ Learn first aid and basic patient care
- ~ Get hands-on experience on ambulance ride alongs
- ~ Volunteer and connect with the community

Monday Sept 18 2023

### INTEREST MEETING

Atrium Union Women &  
Children's Center

6 PM to 8 PM

Information, flyers, &  
dinner provided!



Meetings: 600 Hospital Drive, Monroe NC, 28112

Advisors: Shannon.Terrell@atriumhealth.org & Taylor.Raine@atriumhealth.org

Contact Union EMS @ (980) 993 - 7600    unionems.net  
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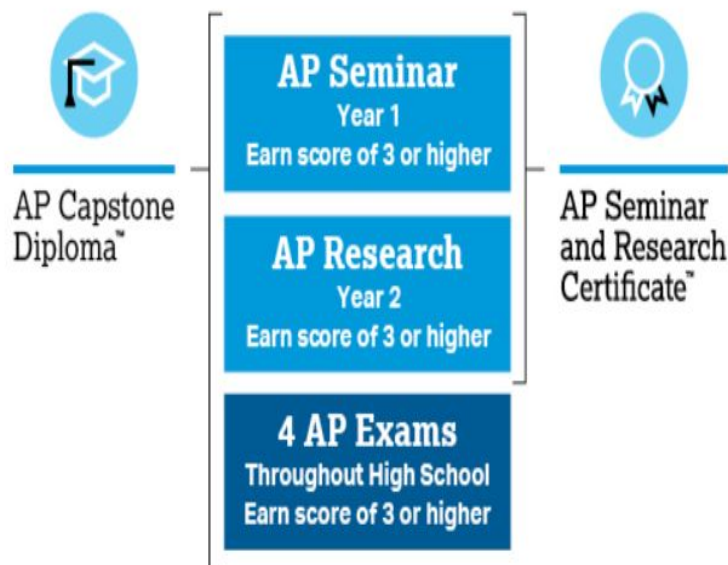
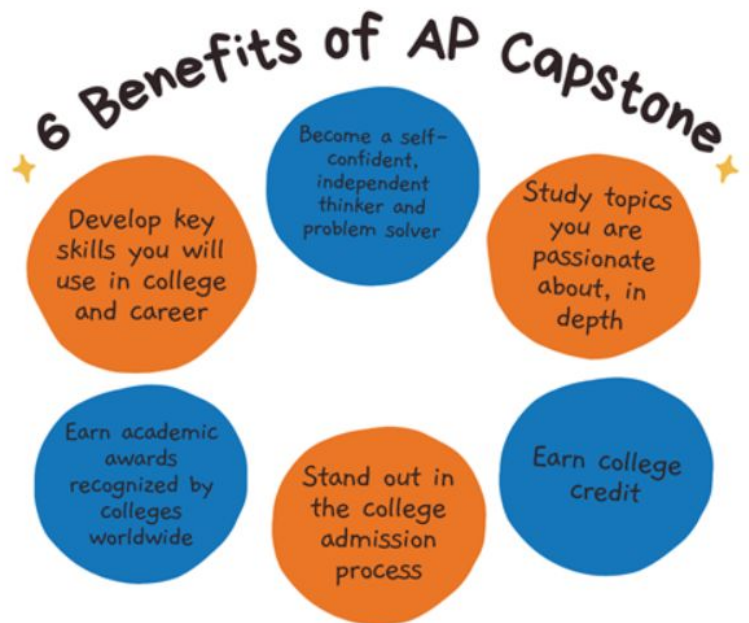
This unique program from the College Board allows students to take two additional AP Courses unique to the AP Capstone program. These courses are AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Program started with the Class of 2021 at Porter Ridge and our Capstone students have an excellent record of high performance in AP courses, with over 95% of our Class of 2023 earning a diploma or certificate. Students may take these courses along with other AP Courses and be eligible to work towards an AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board. According to College Board, AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP® courses — AP Seminar and AP Research — and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses. More information can be found on the College Board website. If interested, please contact your counselor.

# *AP Capstone Program*

## *Information*

**To learn more about the  
AP Capstone Diploma  
Program**

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# Student Advisory

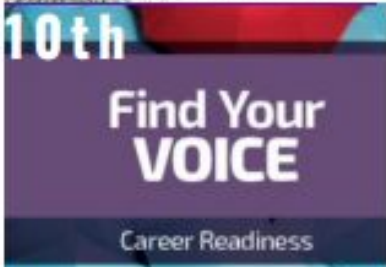
**PRHS IS A LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL**

**LeaderinMe®**

**CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDENTS DO IN ADVISORY!**



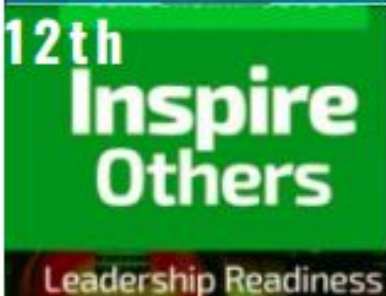
**The Seven Habits Course** is all about developing life-readiness skills to prepare you to lead your own life and face difficult challenges. Everyone is a leader, including you. Effective leaders do things in ways that yield lasting positive results and live by timeless, universal principles. Principles provide constancy amidst change; each of the 7 Habits is based on principles of effectiveness that will guide you through life's greatest challenges.



**The Find Your Voice Career Readiness course** is designed to help you learn and master skills that will enable you to find and then express your voice at school, at home, online, in the workplace, on a team, and in a competitive world market. Everyone has something to say but learning how to say it makes all the difference.



**The Take Charge College Readiness course** is designed to prepare you for the challenges and new responsibilities post-secondary education brings to students like you. The best thing you can do is apply what you learn in this course right away. If you do, you won't find yourself scrambling to develop important skills that make academic and general success possible. This course is for all students who will attend a 4-year university, 2 year, vocational school or enter into the workforce or military.



**The Inspire Others Leadership Readiness course** is all about Inspiring your team and keeping organized. These skills require both interpersonal effectiveness and the time-tested tools of leadership. The intent of this course is to learn and apply the same processes used by organizational leaders across the world. While the content in this course is world-class, the project-based learning approach is what brings it to life.

## Important Links

[School Forms- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Health and Safety Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[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: [CLICK HERE](#)

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.

## [Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook](#)

for the Tardy Policy,  
Dress Code, &  
Attendance  
Requirements

## School Nutrition Prices

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the [meal application](#) (click here)

Click [here](#) for more information on meal prices.

Click [here](#) 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

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

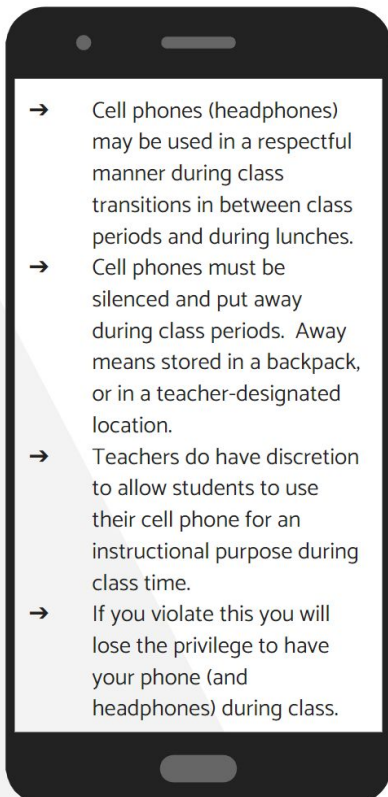
**Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student will fail the course due to attendance. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.**

-Students must turn in absence excuse notes to the Attendance Counselor **BEFORE** the start of the school day.

**-Per BOE attendance policy the school may require doctor/medical notes after 5 days of absences (whether those five days are separate days or continuous days). PRHS will require a doctor/medical note after 5 days of absence. If that is not received, the absence will remain as unexcused. Parent notes are ONLY accepted for the first five days that a student is absent.**

-All notes should be submitted within **FIVE school** days after the end of an absence to document the reason for the absence. A parent note must be signed by a parent or guardian with a work and home telephone number for further clarification. An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. It is important to turn notes in quickly so that teachers know whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

**-All parent notes are subject to review and may result in a required parent-administration meeting in order to be considered. All doctor/medical notes are subject to verification with the doctor/medical office.**







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@prhs\_frenchclub\_ @prhs\_hosa @pr.nahs @prhs.wrestling @prhs\_interactclub @prhs.nhs  
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