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SEEKING PARENTS FOR PTO LEADERSHIP

SUPPORT SCHOOL INITIATIVES
SUPPORT TEACHERS AND STUDENTS
BUILD A PARENT /TEACHER SUPPORT NETWORK FOR OUR SCHOOL

CONTACT DR. WALL AT
JOSH.WALL@UCPS.K12.NC.US



Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

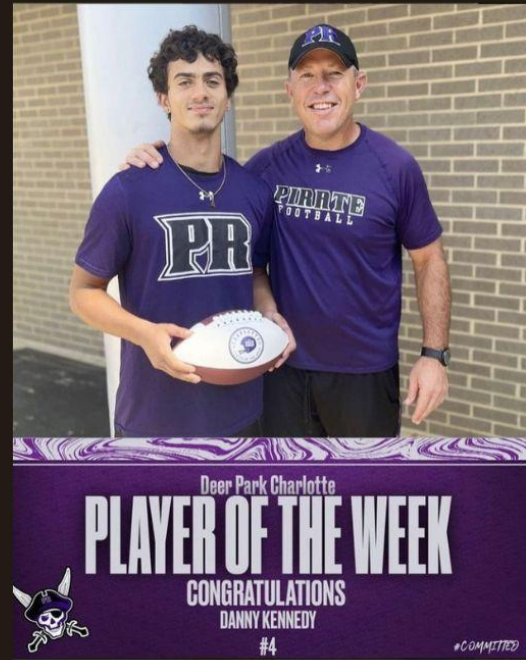
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- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes should be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student can fail the course due to attendance.

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!**

**TARDY- BE ON Time-
Consequences start next Week!
Students must be in their class
before the bell rings at the start
of school and during school!**





Pirates **IN ACTION**



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Academics & School Info.



PRHS EARN A "B" ON THE NC SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE!!

How students prepare and perform is important!

In order to Graduate in UCPS students must not only earn credit for courses, but must also show proficiency on End of Course Tests - Math I, Math III, Biology, & English II. Students must show proficiency with a proficiency score of Level 3, 4, or 5.

As we continue to build a school culture of excellence - we ask all students to do their best on each assessment so that all of our learning and hard work is shown in our School Performance Grade.

ACT, WorkKeys, Math 1 & 3, English II, Biology!!
We ARE PR and We ARE PRoud!!



PORTER RIDGE FFA FALL MUM SALE

ORDERS DUE:
SEPTEMBER
21

Pick Up:
PRHS Greenhouse on
Wednesday, September 27.

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

SIZES:

8" FOR \$7
10" FOR \$12

COLORS:

ORANGE,
PURPLE, RED &
YELLOW





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Student Announcements



POWDER PUFF

Sign-ups: Sep. 14th-21st, teams fill up fast!

- \$15 to play, parental waiver is required(due 21st)

Event: Monday, Oct. 9th

- Kickoff @5:45, PRHS stadium



Come join:

Interest meeting:
September 20th
after school in
E101

MHA-SAVES

The Mental Health Awareness and violence prevention club!

- Get involved within our school, and make our school/community a safer, healthier place!
- Meet new people in a safe, laid-back environment!
- Learn different coping strategies and understand more about mental health illnesses, disorders, and conditions!

We meet after school, until 4, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month In E101



Scan to join our club



PURCHASE A SENIOR AD!



When are ads due?
October 31st no exception

What is the link?
Yearbook forever.com

SCAN ME

@the.hook.student.media

Nominate your
Captains of the Cup!



These should be spirited students!



- ❖ **Next week begins Start With Hello Week! To celebrate, we are asking for students to wear green next Wednesday, September 20th as a symbol of unity and inclusivity!**
- ❖ **College Visits are back!** Three universities will be visiting our campus over the next two weeks. If you are interested in learning more about the **University of South Carolina, Queen's University, or East Carolina University**, please log into your student Scoir account to sign up for an event now!
- ❖ Buy your **yearbooks** at yearbookforever.com ... yearbook ads for seniors also available at this website!!!
- ❖ 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 Friday, September 15th by 5:00pm. If you have questions see Mrs. Broadbent or Mrs. Wiles.
- ❖ **PRHS Disc Golf club** will be playing this Saturday 9/16 at Crooked Creek Park at 1pm. If you need a permission form then see Mr. Saffles
- ❖ **NEHS / Creative Writing Club** will meet in Ms. Wright's room, F105C after school on Monday, Sept. 18 to elect officers, plan Fall Fest, and do some fun creative writing. Anyone can join, but those who meet the requirements can qualify for Honors Society status.
- ❖ **The first Beta Club meeting** of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 19th from 7:15 to 7:45 am in the auditorium. Enter through the band hallway doors. This meeting is for current members only and is required. Come prepared to discuss leadership and volunteer opportunities. For questions, contact Mr. Ruhland or Mr. Watson.
- ❖ **Want to join a club with a relaxed atmosphere and fun events/activities? Come join MHA-SAVES, the Mental Health Awareness and violence prevention club!** Each meeting has Its own theme, and a new activity to go alongside it! We meet after school, until 4, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in E101. Our interest meeting will be Wednesday, September 20th. Come to to learn more about our club!
- ❖ **Calling all artists!** If you love art, are currently enrolled or have completed visual art 1 and have above a 3.0 GPA- consider joining NAHS! The application for National Art Honor Society will close on Wednesday, September 20th at 3:05 PM. The QR code can be found on Mrs. Crowley's and Mrs. Baucom's classroom doors. See either art teacher with questions!
- ❖ **Attention RETURNING NHS Members**, our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 26 at 7:35 AM in the auditorium. Check the PRHS NHS website, the PRHS Instagram page, or see Mr. Chavis or Mr. Howard with any questions.
- ❖ The **Gaming Club** will meet this coming Wednesday in room F201 at 3:10 after school.

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.

PIRATE ATHLETICS





THIS WEEK AT PORTER RIDGE

18 MONDAY	19 TUESDAY	20 WEDNESDAY	21 THURSDAY	22 FRIDAY	23 SATURDAY
-VB @Lake Norman 5:00/6:00	-VB vs Cuthbertson 5:00/7:00	-VB @ Independence 5:00/6:00	-VB @ Monroe 5:00/6:00	-MSOC vs Piedmont 5:30/7:00	-Cross Country "Hare & Hounds" @ McAlpine Park TBD
-MSOC @ Parkwood 5:30/7:00	-Tennis vs Cuthbertson 4:00	-MSOC @ Marvin Ridge 5:30/7:00	-Field Hockey v Weddington 5:45pm		
	-Field Hockey vs Esat 4:30pm		JV Football vs SV 6:30		

September 18 - September 23
#COMMITTED

RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK

	<u>JV</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>
TENNIS VS SUN VALLEY		WIN
JV FOOTBALL VS WEST CABARRUS	WIN	
VARSITY FOOTBALL VS WEST CABARRUS		WIN
JV SOCCER VS MOORESVILLE	TIE	
VARSITY SOCCER VS MOORESVILLE		LOSS
JV VOLLEYBALL VS MARVIN RIDGE	LOSS	
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL VS. MARVIN RIDGE		LOSS
TENNIS VS MARVIN RIDGE		LOSS
JV SOCCER VS CATA	WIN	
VARSITY SOCCER VS CATA		WIN

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:**
9/19 vs East at 4:30 at
the Matthews
SportsPlex Field 9, 9/21
vs WHS at 5:45 at the
Matthews SportsPlex
Field 3

BASKETBALL CHEER INTEREST MEETING

Wed. 9/27
After school
Counseling lobby



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



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PRHS COUNSELING news

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

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.

DON'T FORGET!

**IF YOU ARE TAKING
SPRING SPCC
CLASSES:**



**TEXTBOOK RE-
IMBURSEMENT
FORMS ARE
DUE BY
OCTOBER 23RD!**

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

Attention Seniors!

**Counselors have
emailed out links to
sign up for a senior
meeting. Please
check your student
email and sign up
for a slot to meet
with your counselor
to discuss your
plans after high
school.**

WEAR GREEN

WEDNESDAY

**CELEBRATE START WITH HELLO WEEK
BY WEARING GREEN AS A SYMBOL
OF UNITY AND INCLUSIVITY ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.**



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PRHS COUNSELING *news*

UNCG Teacher Education Fellows



PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- ✓ \$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP
- ✓ SEMESTER ABROAD
- ✓ A NETWORK OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS
- ✓ ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Review of applications begins Jan. 1st



Scan for Information



APPLY NOW!

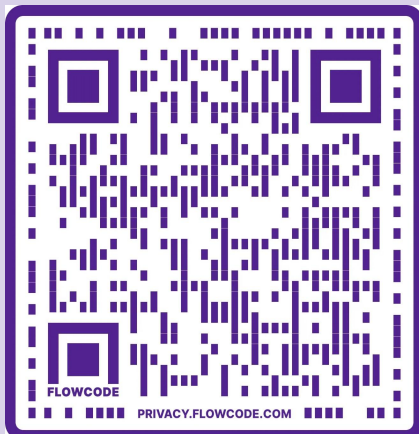


DIRECTOR:
DR. DEBBIE HOLZBERG

SOEINFO@UNCG.EDU

[HTTPS://SOE.UNCG.EDU/TEACHER-EDUCATION-FELLOWS/](https://soe.uncg.edu/teacher-education-fellows/)

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



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





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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

University of South Carolina Visit



Sept. 20th 12-1pm

in the Cafeteria

**Sign up for the event
through your student
Scoir account now!**



**UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina**

**We have a lot of great
colleges and
universities coming to
visit PRHS over the
next few months! Sign
up in your Scoir
account to attend the
visit and meet with a
representative!**

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

East Carolina University Visit

Sept. 28th 12-1pm

in the Cafeteria



**Sign up for the
event through
your student
Scoir account
now!**



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PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

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
 1403 Dove Street, Monroe NC, 28112

Hello,
**FLEXIBLE
 SCHEDULE.**

Hello,
**FREE
 MEALS.**

Hello,
**GREAT
 TEAM.**

Windsor Run Walk-In Wednesdays

Every Wednesday from September 6th-October 25th | 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 for current openings.

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

Need Career advice or direction?
Talk to your Counselor or Career Development Coordinator today to see all of the pathways and academies PR 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.

Scoir for Underclassmen
College Recruiting for Athletes
Choosing the Right Path in HS



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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





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

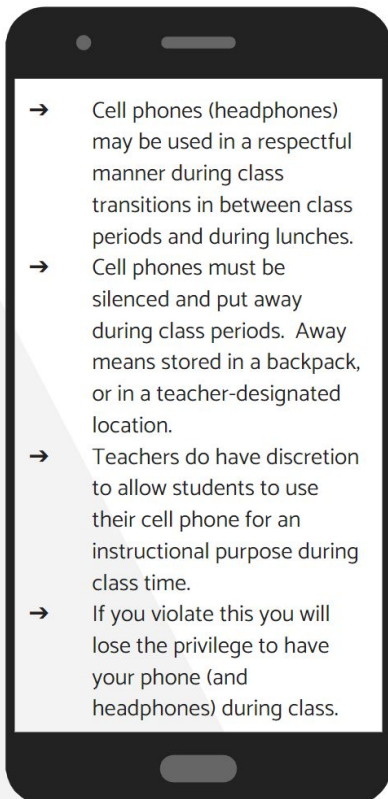
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-Students must turn in absence excuse notes to the Attendance Counselor **BEFORE** the start of the school day.

-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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Ports of Information for Pirates:

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