



Pirate Press

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Dear Pirate Family,

-Summer Skills Camp Dates for Children and Youth are on [Page 2](#).

-Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament Information
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-Porter Ridge students are Leaders. Please check out our Leader in Me concepts on [page 3](#). Porter Ridge students are **Proactive!** Students take responsibility for their choices. Chose to come to school on time, chose to do academic work, chose to have good attendance when able, and chose to become involved in the life of the school! Right now our students are completing online leadership portfolios in advisory and class!

-Pirate Recovery: Pirate Recovery for tutoring, attendance recovery, and unit recovery is on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after school from 3:10 to 4:10 in the Media Center. We have English, social studies, math, and science teachers on site to help students. Your counselors will be in touch about unit recovery. Students have 50% of their grade left to earn with the third six weeks and exams. Finish this 2nd six weeks strong

-Senior Letter: [Click here](#) class of 2023 for the Senior Letter. This letter is posted on pages 4 and 5 as well.

-Dress Code Reminder: Dressing for school should be different than dressing for other events. [Click here](#) to review the dress code.

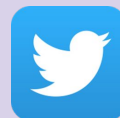
-Please be on time to school. Please [click here](#) to review the **PRHS Tardy Policy**. Students are expected to be in class when the tardy bell rings.

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.

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SUMMER SKILLS CAMPS



Porter Ridge High
School

For Kids

Summer Skills Camps

Learn the basics of your favorite sport
with our very own Pirate coaches

MS Football 5/30-6/2
Rising 6th-9th Grade
6pm-8pm \$100

Cheer 6/21-6/23
Ages 7-13
9am-12pm \$85

Basketball 7/10-7/14
Ages 8-14
8am-12pm \$125

Baseball & Softball
Dates TBA
Ages 8-14

Volleyball 6/27-6/29
Rising 5th-8th Grade
6pm-8pm \$75



[CLICK HERE TO
SIGN UP](#)

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K'12.NC.US



PORTER RIDGE STUDENT LEADERS



Be Proactive

Take responsibility for your life and your choices. Don't blame your behavior on external factors such as circumstances, but own it as part of a conscious choice based on your values.

Begin with the End in Mind

Envision what you want in the future so you can work and plan towards it.



Put First Things First

Identify what is important and prioritize it:

- Important and Urgent
- Important and Not Urgent
- Not Important and Urgent
- Not Important and Not Urgent

Think Win-Win



Be considerate of others. When conflicts arise, look for what will work best for all.

Seek First to Understand



Be an empathetic listener. Listen and understand other people's perspectives before speaking.

Synergize

Combine the strengths of people through positive teamwork in order to achieve goals.



7 Habits of Highly Effective Students

Sharpen the Saw

Physical, Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Renewal. Take care of yourself!





CLASS OF '23 SENIOR LETTER



Seniors,

We are so proud of your many accomplishments and cannot wait to celebrate the start of a new phase of your life! As the Class of 2023 you have impacted your school and your community in a positive way. We know that this spring will be full of memories and emotion as you move forward in your life. We have included information that you may need about Senior activities. Please remember to keep graduation in your sight - focus on finishing strong and in a way that makes you, your family, and your school proud of your accomplishments. Please read important information about Graduation below.

Arrival: Please arrive at the school as early as 6:30 pm and NO later than 6:45 pm on **Tuesday, June 13th**. Please park in the middle school parking lot and walk in through the bus lot doors. If you are being dropped off, your parents should drop you off at the middle school parking lot and then they should proceed to the student/staff lot for guest parking. You will check in to receive your name card and if you are graduating with honors, you will receive your medal. Hold on to this name card and do not lose it. This is how the presenter will read your name. You will then be directed where to join your advisory class. **Gates open for parents and guests at 7:00 pm. Parking for guests will be directed by staff and the Sheriff's dept. All guests should be parked by 7:30 pm to have time to walk to the stadium and find seating. Graduation will begin promptly at 8:00 pm.**

Dress Code: Shirt, tie and slacks, or a school appropriate dress. Heels must not be worn as you will be walking on the grass and climbing a steep set of stairs; however, wedges are acceptable. Remember, this is a formal event, and your picture will be taken. Caps and Gowns must not be altered in any capacity. Caps may not be decorated in any way. Gowns must be zipped up the full length. All cords & stoles are worn over the gown. ONLY PRHS issued cords and stoles are acceptable to wear. Tassels start on the right side.

Processional/ Recessional: We will have a formal processional and you will line up in two lines. Please follow the directions of staff and the Junior Marshals at all times. They will also be the ones to tell you where to sit and when and where to get up during the ceremony.

Post-Graduation we will have a recessional where the graduates will exit directly out of the stadium through our PRHS Faculty as a final farewell. Parents and guests will remain in the stands while you exit through the faculty. Students can meet their parents in the parking lot area or at the rear of the school. We recommend you decide this location in advance. Students can take pictures before the graduation ceremony and the following day on the exterior of the PRHS Campus.

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Guests: 8 tickets per graduate are available and can be picked up during lunches Thursday 6/1 - Friday 6/2. After that date, seniors may pick up tickets in the main office from 1:00 - 3:00 pm during exam week. You will be asked to sign indicating that you received them. Please put them in a safe place as replacements will not be given. No noise makers, posters, or balloons are permitted at the ceremony. We ask that guests ride together as much as possible as we will have limited parking. Handicap parking is accessible through the student lot. If you have family/guests that need handicapped seating, complete the [form available](#) here and in the Pirate Press newsletter.

Diploma Packets: Students will receive their Diploma packets after walking across the stage. The Diploma packet will contain the graduate's Diploma, senior picture information, a keepsake Graduation Program, and an unofficial and official sealed transcript. **DO NOT OPEN** the sealed transcript; it is the responsibility of the graduate to mail the official transcript to the college/university they will be attending. Parents will be given 4 Graduation Programs to share with all family attending.

Weather: In the event of inclement weather, our first priority would be to delay the ceremony until weather passes. If this is not possible, we will move the ceremony to another date based on weather predictions. Please make sure that you are following all PRHS Social Media and checking the website the day of graduation for weather.






Class of 2023 & Cap and Gown Pictures: On **Tuesday, March 28th during Advisory** the Class of 2023 will take a '23' picture on the PRHS Football Field. Please wear PR clothes/colors. On **Wednesday, April 19th at 1:25 pm** Lifetouch will take Senior Cap and Gown group photos and individual photos.

Please email ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us with questions.

The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...

Senior Week!

All grades are able to sign up for Goose Chase, Kickball & Volleyball Tournaments!

5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26
Memory Monday	To the future Tuesday	Wrinkly Wednesday	H.A.G.S. Thursday	Fun in the Sun Friday
Dress as your favorite spirit day from the past. Ex: Pink Out, USA Out, Pajama Day, Jersey Out	Dress in your future school attire, or career.	Dress as a senior citizen.	Wear a white shirt to school for your friends to sign during advisory.	Dress for the summer! -Hats -Sunglasses -Floaties/goggles -In dress-code summer attire
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Goose Chase begins!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior BreakfastAcademic Awards & SigningKickball @PR practice fields- 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Switch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volleyball Tournament @CC- 4:30 p.m.Top 20 Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Elementary School WalksSenior PicnicSenior Beach BashRazzies



LITTLE SHOP



CLICK ON THE AD TO PURCHASE TICKETS
FOLLOW OUR THEATRE INSTAGRAM
[CLICK HERE](#)

TICKETS: \$10
APRIL 20TH,
27TH AND 28TH



MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN
BOOKS & LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



PORTERRIDGEHS.SEATYOURSELF.BIZ

BASED ON THE FILM BY
ROGER CORMAN

SCREENPLAY BY
CHARLES GRIFFITH

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
WAS ORIGINALLY DIRECTED
BY HOWARD ASHMAN WITH
MUSICAL STAGING BY EDIE COWAN

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS IS PRESENTED THROUGH
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI).
ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO
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ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY THE WPA THEATRE (KYLE RENICK, PRODUCING
DIRECTOR) ORIGINALLY PRODUCED AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE,
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PIRATES FOR PUPS



2ND ANNUAL
PORTER RIDGE
PIRATES



for



PUPS



BENEFITING

South Charlotte Dog Rescue



HOSTED BY THE PORTER RIDGE FFA



Saturday,
April

29

11:00 AM
to
2:00 PM

MUSIC • FOOD TRUCK • VENDORS
ADOPTABLE DOGS • RAFFLE
BAKED GOODS • GAMES & MORE!

LOCATION: PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
BY THE STADIUM

SEND QUESTIONS TO: CASSIDY.HELMS@UCPS.K12.NC.US



SENIOR SLIDESHOW RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE CLASS CUP



Attention, Seniors!

Submit pictures for the Senior Slideshow!

Submit photos via Instagram
@prseniorssideshow23 OR email
to
prseniorssideshow23@gmail.com

What we're Looking For:

Baby Pictures

Throwbacks

School Events

Family & Friends

High School Life

Individual Senior Pics

Athletics

Extracurriculars

Due April 30th



CLASS CUP UPDATE We are winding down in our Class Cup Championship for the year and have a few more opportunities for staff and students to earn points for their class toward winning the Class Cup Champions party in May. **Currently, Seniors have 2333, Juniors 2319, Sophomores 1253, and Freshmen 1796!**

FINAL CLASS CUP POINT OPPORTUNITIES!

Submit a pic of your favorite spring break activity with the sticker tagging us!

4/21 Softball & Baseball tailgate! Wear PR gear at school! Go to tailgate for extra points!

4/27 Theater Show! Wear green and red to school! Attend the show for extra points!

Participate in upcoming advisory challenges!

Post a picture on Saturday of you doing something outside for Earth Day! Tag us!

5/2 Soccer tailgate! Wear white to school! Go to tailgate for extra points!

bit.ly/3D4KhJJ



YOU ARE
SOMEBODY'S
TYPE

Blood Drive

Wednesday April 26th

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Please sign up by using the QR code or link above



PARENT MESSAGES



CLICK
HERE TO
JOIN THE
PTO

Our School Nurse is looking for donations for water, juice, snacks, and candies. .

Please sign up if you can provide! You can send them in with your student or drop off at the front desk. **Click here** to see what is needed and volunteer.



COMMERCIAL FOOD POLICY AT PRHS

- The school will not accept commercial food items delivered to students during school hours. Students may either bring lunch from home, or may purchase lunch from the PRHS cafe.
- **Students are not to have commercial food delivered to school. Orders will be refused at the purchaser's expense.**



Parent Toolkit for Working with youth on the prevention of vaping and the use of e-cigarettes. **CLICK HERE**

Students: STOP VAPING!
It's against UCPS rules, but most of all its not healthy! It is against YOU!



PIRATE ATHLETICS

For more information about PRHS Athletics
click [HERE](#)



CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ATHLETIC
SCHEDULES

[GIRLS SOCCER](#)

[BASEBALL](#)

[SOFTBALL](#)

[GIRLS LACROSSE](#)

[BOYS LACROSSE](#)

[TRACK](#)

[BOYS TENNIS](#)

[BOYS GOLF](#)

[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

GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS — LEVELS —

EVENT SPONSOR - \$5000

- LOGO ON WEBSITE, PIRATE PRESS, FLYERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.
- PRABC GOLF TOURNAMENT "PRESENTED BY YOUR COMPANY"
- BANNER AT ENTRANCE TO GOLF TOURNAMENT
- TABLE PROVIDED FOR SPONSOR DISPLAY USE
- COMPLIMENTARY FOURSOME

GOODIE BAG SPONSOR - \$1500

- ORGANIZATION NAME AND LOGO INCLUDED IN GOODIE BAGS
- LOGO ON WEBSITE, PIRATE PRESS, AND ANNOUNCED

LUNCH SPONSOR - \$1000

- ORGANIZATION NAME AND LOGO INCLUDED IN EACH MEAL BOX

COMPETITION SPONSOR - \$500

- LONG DRIVE/CLOSEST TO THE PIN CHALLENGE SPONSOR
- 2 HOLE SIGNS (TEE BOX AND GREEN LOCATION)

CART SPONSOR - \$500

- ORGANIZATION NAME AND LOGO ON EACH GOLF CART

HOLE SPONSOR - \$100

- ORGANIZATION NAME AND LOGO ON SIGN AT ONE OF THE COURSE HOLES

email

PRABCEVENTS@gmail.com

6/16/23 9AM EAGLE CHASE GOLF CLUB
3215 BRANTLEY RD MARSHVILLE, NC 28103



PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

GOLF — TOURNAMENT —

16
JUNE

20
23

\$100

INDIVIDUAL
GOLFER

\$375

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some

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PIRATE ATHLETICS

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click [HERE](#)



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETICS

A P R 2 4 - A P R 2 9

24
MONDAY

No Events

25
TUESDAY

* BSB: VS SUN VALLEY
4:30 (JV HOME)
7:00 (VARS AWAY)

*WSOC: @ Sun Valley
5:30

*SB: @ Cuthbertson
4:30 / 6:00

*Mens VB @ Weddington
5:30

26
WEDNESDAY

* BSB: vs SUn Valley
(Vars Only) 4:30

27
THURSDAY

*Track @ Sun Valley
4:30

*W SOC vs Piedmont
5:30/7:00

*MLAX @ South Meckl
7:00

28
FRIDAY

* SB: VS Sun Valley
4:00/6:00

* LAX: @ Parkwoo
W 5:30 / M 7:00

* BSB: @ Sun Valley
4:30/7:00

29
SATURDAY

No Events



RESULTS FROM THE PAST WEEK IN PIRATE ATHLETICS

		JV	VARSITY
4/17	TENNIS @ WEST STANLY		L 2-7
4/18	BASEBALL VS WEDDINGTON	W 3-2	W 9-2
	TENNIS VS WEDDINGTON		L 0-9
	WOMEN'S SOCCER @ MARVIN		L 1-4
	W LACROSSE VS CUTHBERTSON		LOSS
	MEN'S LACROSSE VS CUTHBERTSON		LOSS
4/19	BASEBALL VS WEDDINGTON	W 7-2	L 5-7
4/20	MEN'S TENNIS VS SVHS		W9-0
4/20	WOMEN'S SOCCER VS WHS		L 2-0



COUNSELING CENTER



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-San
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.

SETTING SAIL TO SENIOR YEAR 2024

Juniors are invited to join the PRHS Counselors for a college application work session to help you get prepared for senior year!

Work Session Dates:
May 2, May 9, May 16, May 30
9:30-10AM

Use the link below to sign up for a time slot. You must sign up in order to attend!
<https://tinyurl.com/5n6rp6mz>

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

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Follow us on:  [prhscounseling](https://www.instagram.com/prhscounseling)





SENIOR INFORMATION



Scholarship Breakfast **MOVED!**

New Date: May 10th _ □ ×

Submit scholarships to Ms. Schaeffer by May 1st to receive an invitation to the May 10th Scholarship Breakfast at 8:45!



Academic Signing & Awards Day

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
8:30am in the PRHS Main Gym

Students may bring up to 2 guests. The Senior Survey must be filled out in order to attend. Event will be followed by the Senior Breakfast for senior students.



CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION SPEECH AUDITION!

- SIGN-UP TO AUDITION TO BE THE KEYNOTE STUDENT SPEAKER AT GRADUATION BY FRIDAY, MAY 5TH
- YOU WILL AUDITION IN FRONT OF A PANEL WITH YOUR FULL SPEECH. DATE TBA
- EMAIL TANISHA.ANDERSON@UCPS.K12.NC.US TO SIGN UP



class of
2023

Please complete your
Senior Survey by May 5th!



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[prhscounseling](https://www.instagram.com/prhscounseling)



CLASS OF 2023 & COLLEGE ADVISER



Porter Ridge Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays, and alternating Fridays

- National Decision Day is May 1st, so you do not need to submit any enrollment deposits until April 30th. You have plenty of time to tour schools, compare financial aid packages, and make your decision
- You have two excused absences for colleges visits and additional at principal discretion

Important Links

[College Advising Website](#)

[Calendly for Meetings](#)

Instagram: @Pirates2College

[Calendar for Events and Deadlines](#)

11th Grade To Do:

- Fill out the [CFNC Next Steps form](#)

12th Grade To Do:

- [Apply to community colleges](#) on CFNC if that is your plan for next year
- As you receive answers, please make sure to update Scoir with the outcomes!
- **As you receive scholarship offers, please take a picture or screenshot of the offer and either email it to me or DM it to the @Pirates2College Instagram page.**
- Complete FAFSA if not yet done
- Apply to scholarships
 - [Scholarship Application Tracker](#)
 - [Pirate Scholarship Document](#)
 - [Ms. Schaeffer's Scholarships Page](#)



Most scholarships have closed by now, but a few are still open!

April	May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>NAACP Education & Leadership</u> \$3,000 April 24 ● <u>Piedmont Eyecare</u> \$500 April 27 ● <u>Stephen Carter Memorial Scholarship</u> \$5,000 April 27 ● <u>Breanna Rae Ringersen</u> \$1,000 April 27 ● <u>Charlotte Knights</u> \$1,000 April 30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>UC Extension Master Gardener</u> \$1,000 May 1 ● <u>NCPMI Academic</u> Varies May 1 ● <u>Fifth Third 529 College Savings Card</u> \$2,500 May 14 ● <u>Fourth Circuit Essay Contest</u> \$2,000 May 28th ● <u>Humanity Scholarship</u> \$25,000 May 31
June	July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Charlotte Pride</u> \$2,500 June 1 ● <u>The Gordon Hay Fund</u> \$5000 June 6 ● <u>Korean American Foundation: Eastern Regional Chapter</u> Varies June 30 ● <u>The Vanross Foundation</u> \$500 June 30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>North Carolina Jaycees Outstanding Teenager</u> Varies July 10 ● <u>Hearts for Community Service</u> \$5,000 July 31

 **CHOWAN UNIVERSITY**

ACADEMIC SUMMER CAMPAPALOOZA

Available Camps:

- » Bridge to College
- » Crime Scene Investigation
- » CU CATALYST
- » Drawing History
- » Horror Films, History, and Pop Culture
- » Movie Making
- » Music Exploration
- » Studio Art
- » Vocal Workshop

JUNE 18th - 23rd, 2023



Scan here for more information.

UNION COUNTY JOB FAIR

Wednesday, May 17
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Union County Agricultural & Conference Center
 3230-D Presson Road Monroe, NC 28112

- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS
- DISCOVER STAFFING AGENCIES
- TRANSLATORS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONSITE
- BUSINESS ATTIRE RECOMMENDED

Need a resume or help to prepare for the job fair? SPCC offers tuition-waived classes for individuals that are unemployed or underemployed.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

 **SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

 **union county CHAMBER**

 **UCPS UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

 **NC works** A proud partner of the American Job Center network

 **CENTRALINA** Workforce Development Board

Contact:
 Kristi Phifer
 704-290-5216
 kphifer@spcc.edu

WINGATE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

REGISTER TODAY

HEALTH SCIENCE ACADEMY
 You'll take part in educational and clinical activities that give you a clear understanding of each profession and help you decide if it's the right one for you.

PHARMACY CAMP
 Rising high school juniors and seniors will learn about the pharmacy profession and its 100-plus career options, gain hands-on experience with key pharmacy skills, and visit local innovative pharmacy sites.

ATHLETIC CAMPS

- Swimming
- Soccer
- Basketball




SCHOLARSHIP

Are you?

- Attending a 4-year university this fall?
- Majoring in botany, environmental studies, forestry, landscape architecture, horticulture, crop sciences, local foods, animal husbandry or related fields?
- A resident of Union County, NC?
- Attending a high school in Union County, NC and maintaining a 3.0 GPA?

For more information and an application form, enter this URL into your browser:
<https://union.ces.ncsu.edu/2022/03/ucemgva-scholarship/>
Scholarship Application Deadline is April 1. Winner will be notified by May 1.

NC STATE EXTENSION
 Master Gardener | Union County Volunteer Association

Girls on the Run Volunteer Opportunity

Girls on the Run of Union Co. will be hosting our celebratory 5K event on Saturday, April 29th in Lake Park. We will be celebrating the Spring season of girls completing their session!

Please visit this link to sign up for various volunteer opportunities - including ones that are pre-event (such as bag assembly and packet pick up). As a reminder, all roles will qualify for volunteer hours!

Event Date: Saturday, April 29th - 5K starts at 8 am

Event location: The Village of Lake Park (3801 Lake Park Rd, Indian Trail, NC)

[2023 Spring GOTR 5K Volunteer Sign Up](#)

APR
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2023

**MISS UNION
COUNTY
SCHOLARSHIP
Pageant**
**Union County Agricultural Center,
Monroe
0-24 years old**

Mini Miss Pageant 1:00-4:00pm

Miss Union County Pageant 6:00-9:00pm

For more information email us:
missunioncountypageant@gmail.com or find us on
Facebook/[missunioncountypageant](https://www.facebook.com/missunioncountypageant)

Community Service Charity Operation S.A.V.E

★ ★ ★
United States Senator Thom Tillis
**2023 VIRTUAL
U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY
INFORMATION DAY**

Please join Senator Thom Tillis to learn about post-high school graduation opportunities with the U.S. Service Academies, N.C. National Guard, and ROTC.



**April 15, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please [click here](#) to register or visit
tillis.senate.gov/academy-nominations. After registering
you will be sent an email with additional information and
instructions on how to join the webinar.

Please email academynominations_tillis@tillis.senate.gov with questions.

NEXT STOP 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 curate 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."

- Mia Anderson

Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY

DRIVEN BY
PARTNERSHIPS



STAY CONNECTED



www.ucps.k12.nc.us

Next Stop Teach UCPS

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 and click on:

Academics - High School Education - NextStop: TeachUCPS



UPCS OPPORTUNITIES & SAT/ACT PREP



"Academy Pathway Applications for 2023-2024"

Academy applications for the 2023-2024 school year are now open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the UCPS Career Readiness (<https://ucpscte.org/>) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance. To apply for an academy please visit <https://bit.ly/3YOWzxM>.

*The application for Cosmetology MUST be completed by Thursday, May 13th. Any application submitted after the deadline will be added to the waitlist.



UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Summer

CAMPAMENTOS DE ACELERACION DE CARRERA

Estás buscando actividades de verano GRATUITAS, divertidas y atractivas para tu estudiante de la escuela Intermedia y secundaria? Las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Unión ofrecen más de 30 campamentos de Educación Profesional y Técnica que expondrán a los estudiantes a una variedad de carreras y les brindará experiencias prácticas. Las opciones del campamento incluyen Ingeniería, agricultura, diseño de juegos, robótica, producción musical, culinaria, finanzas, servicio automotriz y ciencias de la salud.

DETALLES:

CUANDO: Los campamentos son semanales en junio y julio
DONDE: Varias escuelas intermedias y secundarias
COSTO: Sin costo para las familias
COMIDAS: Se proporcionará almuerzo
TRANSPORTACION: No se proporciona transporte

Información adicional e inscripción: Fecha límite para aplicar: 14 de mayo
<https://ucpscte.org/summer-camps/>

CTE
Career & Technical Education



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Summer

CAREER ACCELERATOR CAMPS

Are you looking for FREE, fun and engaging summer activities for your middle or high school student? Union County Public Schools is offering more than 30 Career and Technical Education camps that will expose students to a variety of careers and provide hands-on experiences. Camp options include engineering, agriculture, game design, robotics, music production, culinary, finance, automotive service and health science.

DETAILS:

WHEN: Camps are weekly in June and July
WHERE: Various middle and high schools
COST: No cost for families
MEALS: Lunch will be provided
TRANSPORTATION: Transportation is not provided

Additional information and registration:
Application deadline is May 14
<https://ucpscte.org/summer-camps/>

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Career & Technical Education

Join PRHS ACT Prep
Go to the Albert App on your Student StartUp page to join the class!

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Don't miss out on the chance to use the above code to improve your ACT scores!

Students:

1. Visit "www.albert.io/classes".
2. Click "Join Class" and enter the code above.

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ISSUES WITH CHROMEBOOKS, MAJOR CLARITY & CANVAS PARENT & POWER SCHOOL



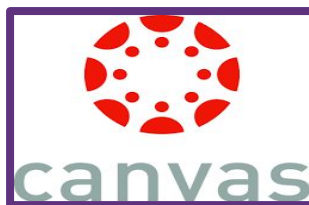
PowerSchool Parent Portal to keep up with attendance and grades.

[Click here](#) for information.



Parents Be a Canvas Observer

[Click here](#) for instructions



[“Major Clarity”](#)

UCPS continues to utilize a program called Major Clarity for career resources. All Porter Ridge High School students have a Major Clarity account and they can access it by going to the UCPS High School Student Start Up page and click on their NCEdCloud IAM Clever title to login in. Students will then click on the Clever tile. Click on Student & Teacher Log in with NCEdCloud and scroll down until they see More apps and select the Major Clarity tile. Once they are in their Major Clarity account, on the left hand side they can select assessments and take the Personality Assessment & Learning Styles Assessment. After the student takes the Personality Assessment, back on the left side they can click Career Exploration and either search for what they would like to see or if they scroll down, they will see careers that have a Fit Score and click on them to learn more about each career. Below are screenshots as well. Another resource in Major Clarity students can earn Micro-Credentials. Micro-Credentials can be received after students complete a mini course. These credentials can help students take the next step in their career discovery and help them stand-out by earning subject matter micro-credentials, built in partnership with leading employers and educational institutions. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Ms. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.

GOT CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

Location: D105 inside Media Center; Who: Mr. Walden or Ms. Snelson; [students can email jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us) for support - Teachers can contact via MS Teams

Tech Times: Monday -Wednesday -Friday Mr. Walden is here 7:45 - 11:30 am.

Tues and Thurs he is here 12:30pm - 3:00pm.

Teachers and students STILL always have to put in a ticket also.

Before or after these times Ms. Snelson can help with the following: reconnecting to the wifi; resetting NC ED Cloud passwords; damaged computers- she can replace as long as she has computers available

****Students should put in a help desk ticket the icon can be found on the student start-up page. It is a big red button in the last row.**



INFORMATION PORTAL



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 a **NEW 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)

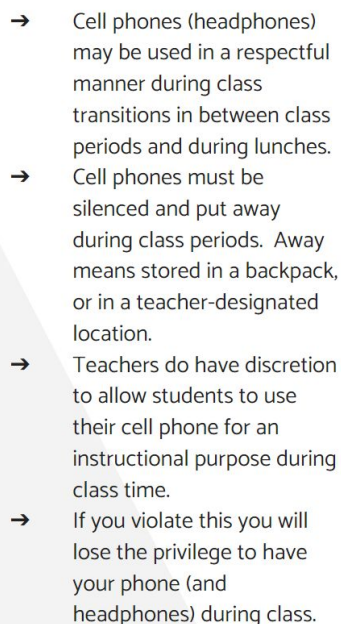
Click [here](#) for more information on meal prices.

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 ABSENCES

- Students must turn in absence excuse notes to the Attendance Counselor **BEFORE** the start of the school day.
- Students are allowed **FIVE school** days after the end of an absence to bring a parent/ doctor note 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 parent/ doctor note is submitted.
- After **FIVE** days the absence is recorded as **unexcused/unlawful**. Doctor/Medical notes may be considered after this in special cases. Parent notes will not be accepted after five days.
- All parent notes are subject to review and may result in a required parent-administration meeting in order to be considered.

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- 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.



PIRATE PORTS OF INFORMATION



Ports of Information for Pirates:

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@prhs.nhs @prhs.knittingandcrocheting @prhs_discgolf @prhsfieldhockey @prhs_gsa_
@prhs womenslax @porterridgesoftball @prhs.running @porterridgeyounglife @ucpsnc
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@prhs_mha_saves @prhsmodelunitednations @prhsfilmclub @prphilosophyclub
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