



Pirate Press

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Dear Pirate Family,

-Advanced Placement Exams are the next two weeks. Information is on [Page 2](#).

-Summer Skills Camp Dates for Children and Youth are on [Page 3](#).

-Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament Information [Page 12](#)

-Class of 2023, if you are interested in auditioning to be a student speaker at graduation, please sign up by Friday, May 5th. You will audition in front of a panel with your full speech. Email Ms. Anderson, if you are interested.

-Juniors, starting next Tuesday, May 2nd, we will begin our **Setting Sail to Senior Year Workshops**. These events will be held in Guidance during advisory for Juniors wanting to start the college process. Workshops will be held on May 2nd, May 9th, May 16th, and May 30th at 9:30am. Use the sign-up genius located in your advisory canvas page or in the PRHS Counseling Instagram to register now!

-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 5 and 6](#) as well.**

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

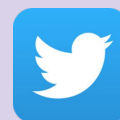
-Please be on time to school. Please [click here](#) to review the **PRHS Tardy Policy**. Students are expected to be in class when the tardy bell rings.

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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Remember to keep following us on social media:





AP EXAMS



Date	Test- Location- Time 7:30 AM	Test- Location- Time 12:00 PM
Monday, 5/1/2023	US Government- Media Center	
Tuesday, 5/2/2023	Environmental Science -Media Center	Psychology- Media Center
Wednesday, 5/3/2023	English Literature- Media Center	Computer Science A- Room E212
Thursday, 5/4/2023	Human Geography- Media Center	Seminar- Media Center Stats- Room E212
Friday, 5/5/2023	European History- Media Center US History- Room E212	Art and Design- (8 p.m. ET) , is the deadline for digital portfolios to be submitted.
Monday, 5/8/2023	Calculus AB/BC- Media Center	Computer Science Principles- Room E212
Tuesday, 5/9/2023	English Language-Media Center	Physics C- Media Center
Wednesday, 5/10/2023		Biology- Room E212
Thursday, 5/11/2023	World History- Media Center	
Friday, 5/12/2023	Music Theory- Room E212	





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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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 PE 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.

Senior Week Events and Activities

Mon 5/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Up: Memory Monday (favorite dress-up day) No StuCo Activities for seniors
Tues 5/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Up: To the Future Tuesday (after high school plans) Sr. Breakfast, Academic Signing, & Senior Award Ceremony Kickball Tourney 4:30 @ PRHS Stadium
Wed 5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Up: Wrinkly Wednesday (senior citizens) Senior Switch Day (seniors who sign up may play the role of a staff member for the day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Teachers may dress up as a senior citizen or also as a student) Top Twenty Celebration 6:00 @ Media Center
Thurs 5/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Up: H.A.G.S. Thursday (yearbook shirts-”Have a Great Summer”) Vball Tourney @ Chestnut Square Park (4:30 start time)
Fri 5/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Up: Fun in the Sun Friday (summer/beachy attire-dress code appropriate) Graduation walks @ elementaries (morning) Senior Slideshow, Razzies, Senior Beach Bash, (early release @ 1:15 with permission slip)



STUDENT LIFE EVENTS



Yearbook SIGNING EVENT

- Pick up your yearbooks
- Enjoy games and popsicles
- Sign each other's yearbooks

May 23rd @ 2:00 in the PRHS Stadium

Don't want to miss out?
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

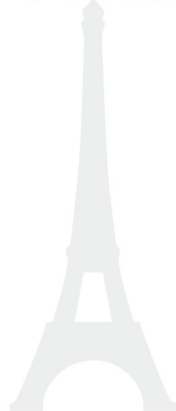
buy your yearbook now @
yearbookforever.com



PRHS celebrated **Earth Day** with donated plants from NCFarms and a pledge wall for students to sign! The Media Center, Growing Green Club and Science National Honor Society as well as Mrs. Smart's 2nd block and Ms. Washington's 4th block Earth Environmental Science classes helped put on the fair during all lunches where students and staff got to pick a plant to take home and sign the pledge wall with ways to protect our Earth!



MERCI TO CHEF DIAZ WHO TAUGHT THE FRENCH CLUB HOW TO MAKE CRÊPES!





STUDENT LIFE EVENTS



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



IT'S NOT TOO LATE! to buy your yearbook

Don't miss out on a lifetime
of memories



Order your yearbook now at
yearbookforever.com

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!**

- 5/2 Soccer White out: Wear white to school for spirit points
- 5/2 Soccer Tailgate: attend tailgate that afternoon before the games and get extra points!

GOOSECHASE
MAY 22-MAY 29

SIGN-UPS
MAY 1-MAY 8

TEAMS OF 4 STUDENTS

FREE TO PLAY



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



STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Please check your email for the **Razzie Nomination** form. If you did not receive the email, check your spam email. If you are still not finding the email, DM prhs.piratenation on Instagram and the email will be sent to you directly or see Ms. Yearick in E10! Nominations end this Friday, April 28th so be sure to get your nominations in!
- **Interact** wants to send out a huge **THANK YOU** to all the students, teachers and community members that donated during the Spring Blood drive on Wednesday. You guys rocked it! We were able to collect 132 units. The **winner of the prom ticket refund raffle is Chris Norris!** Congrats!
- We had lots of strong entries for our **Class Cup Stick Stack Challenge**.. The results are in! in Third place and winning 10 points for the Juniors is Ms. Batchelor's Advisory. In 2nd place and winning 20 points for the Sophomores is Ms. Ellis's Advisory. And in 1st place, our grand champion, winning 30 points for the Seniors is Mr. Akerman's Advisory! Thank you all for your excellent participation! We look forward to seeing the battle of White-out spirit wear on Tuesday 5/2 for final point opportunities. Tailgate at 5:30 for soccer that day as well.
- We had lots of strong entries for our **Class Cup Aviation Challenge** this morning. The results are in! in Third place and winning 10 points for the Freshmen is Mrs. Broskey's Advisory. In 2nd place and winning 20 points for the Sophomores is Mrs. Helm's Advisory. And in 1st place, our grand champion, winning 30 points for the Juniors is Mr. McGhee's Advisory! Thank you all for your excellent participation! We look forward to seeing who wins the Stick Stack on Thursday!
- The **FFA is hosting Pirates for Pups** on Saturday, April 29th from 11-2! Everyone is invited to come out and show your support for dogs in need of a home! The event will take place in the circle outside of the stadium here at the school. There will be a food truck, snow cones, adoptable dogs from the South Charlotte Dog Rescue, carnival games with prizes, face painting and more!! Proceeds for the day will go to the South Charlotte Dog Rescue. We hope to see everyone there for a fun day!!
- The **PR Disc Golf Club** will be playing at The Scrapyard on Saturday, April 29th at 1pm.
- Porter **Ridge Student Council** is excited to be hosting **GooseChase** once again! GooseChase is a mobile scavenger hunt that connects students in an interactive, fun, and competitive way. Gather a team of 4 and sign-up during all lunches or through your student email. Sign-ups are free for students from May 1st to May 8th. Prizes will be awarded to winners!
- The **MHA-SAVES club** will have their next meeting on Monday, May 1st from 3-4 in G114. We will be planting plants into the pots we painted at a previous meeting. These potted plants will be placed around the school. Hope to see you all there.
- **Science National Honor Society** will be having our final meeting of the year on Monday, May 1st at 7:50 am in E207D. Breakfast will be served!
- Come after school every Monday to Mrs. Wright's room in F105C for **National English Honors Society and Creative Writing Club**. Anyone can join, but you must meet academic requirements to join the honors society.
- **Women's Basketball workouts** will be Tuesdays and Thursdays right after school in the gym. Make sure you have an up-to-date physical on familyID
- **Men's basketball workouts** will take place every Monday and Wednesday. You must have an up to date physical and your family ID completed to attend. Malone Madness will continue on Friday's from 5:00-7:00.
- Buy your yearbooks at <https://yearbookforever.com/>
- Attention, Seniors! **Submissions for the Senior Slideshow** are now open. Send us pics of high school, athletics, extracurriculars, friends, family, and baby pics! DM your submissions to our Instagram @prseniorsslideshow23 or email your submissions to prseniorsslideshow23@gmail.com. Submissions close April 30th.



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](#)



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SCHEDULES

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[BASEBALL](#)

[SOFTBALL](#)

[GIRLS LACROSSE](#)

[BOYS LACROSSE](#)

[TRACK](#)

[BOYS TENNIS](#)

[BOYS GOLF](#)

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[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

FOUR-
some

COMPETITIONS & PRIZES

REGISTER NOW

EMAIL

PRABCEVENTS@gmail.com



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3215 BRANTLEY RD MARSHVILLE, NC 28103



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For more information about PRHS Athletics
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ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

1

MONDAY

GOLF -
Conf Championship
Firethorne CC 1:00pm

2

TUESDAY

BSB -
SCC Tournament TBD

SB-
SCC Tournament TBD

MENS VB -
@ Arborbrook 4:30

WSOC-
vs Cuthbertson
5:30/7:00

LAX - 1st Round
NCHSAA Playoffs TBD

3

WEDNESDAY

BSB -
SCC Tournament TBD

SB-
SCC Tournament TBD

TRACK-
SCC Championship
4:00

4

THURSDAY

MENS VB -
vs Cuthbertson 4:30

WSOC-
vs Marvin Ridge
5:30/7:00

5

FRIDAY

-NO EVENTS

6

SATURDAY

-NO EVENTS

#COMMITTED



RESULTS FROM THE PAST WEEK IN PIRATE ATHLETICS

	<u>JV</u>	<u>Varsity</u>
4/21 BASEBALL VS WEDDINGTON		L 2-9
SOFTBALL VS MARVIN RIDGE	L 0-8	L 1-8
MENS LAX VS MARVIN RIDGE		LOSS
WOMENS LAX VS MARVIN RIDGE		LOSS
4/24 BASEBALL VS SUN VALLEY		L 1-12
4/25 BASEBALL @ SUN VALLEY	W 9-7	W 11-5
SOFTBALL VS WEDDINGTON	L 6-17	L 4-10
MENS VOLLEYBALL VS WEDDINGTON		LOSS
4/26 SOFTBALL VS SUN VALLEY		W 19-9
WOMENS LAX VS SUN VALLEY		WIN
MENS LAX VS PARKWOOD		WIN
4/27-SOCCER VS PIEDMONT		L 1-0
-WOMEN'S LAX VS PARKWOOD		WIN



PIRATE ATHLETICS

For more information about PRHS Athletics
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ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Saturday May 6th, Porter Ridge will be hosting the **NCRunners Middle School Elite** (Unofficial NC Middle School State Championship) for track and field. The gates open at 7:45am, meet begins at 9:00am and will probably end around 4pm-5pm. This is shaping up to be the largest and most competitive MS meet in state history, with athletes representing over 100+ schools in NC already signed up. We are need in volunteers to help with our concessions stands. You can sign up [Click HERE](#). We also need help with other duties more related to the track and field side of things. If you would prefer that, please send me an email at connortanferno@ucps.k12.nc.us You don't need to be available the entire day, any time you are willing to help is appreciated. Students can also come help out at the event and I will happily sign off on service hours!

Thank you
Coach Tanferno

Are you interested in **Women's Field Hockey** or want to learn more? Then come to the Field Hockey interest clinic Monday, May 8th, from 3:15-4:15! We will go over the basic drills and season info. No experience required. All equipment will be provided. Just scan the QR codes on the flyers around the school or click on the link in the Field Hockey Instagram Bio! Hope to see you there!



COUNSELING CENTER



Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
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Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc
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Cassidy Jarrett– last names Me-San
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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.

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!

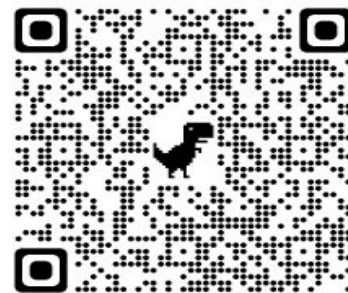
Work Session Dates:
May 2, May 9, May 16, May 30
9:30-10AM

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

**DECISION
DAY
MAY 1, 2023**

Show off your choice!

Wear something that shares your plans! Whether it's a college, military, or employer shirt, wear it with pride and let your plans be celebrated!

Follow us on:  [@PRHSCounseling](https://twitter.com/PRHSCounseling)
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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Follow us on:  [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](#)

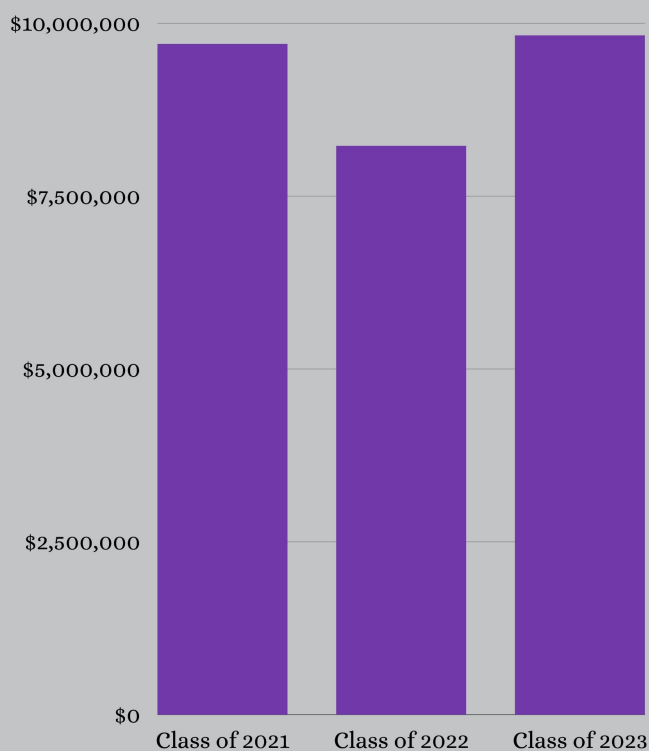
11th Grade To Do:

- 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](#)

Scholarship Totals



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

April	May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <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



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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



Scan here for more information.

**JUNE
18th - 23rd,
2023**

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



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



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CAMP BOOMERANG VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're looking for teens & adults 15 years and older who are interested in a life-changing opportunity to serve as a buddy in our Camp Boomerang program; an inclusion camp for children with diverse abilities at Brace YMCA's Camp Eagle Rock.



Volunteer for just one week or the entire summer, it's up to you!

MONDAY - FRIDAY

(9:00AM - 3:45PM or 9:00AM - 1:30PM)

-June 19-23

-June 26-30

-July 3-7

-July 17-21

-July 24-28

-July 31-August 4

To apply, e-mail: bracefamilycampboomerang@ymcacharlotte.org



Hemby Program Center | 9760 Happy Valley Drive | Charlotte, NC 28270

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Monday, May 1st, 2023| 3:30 pm to 5:00 PM| Windsor Run, Terrace Level

We're hiring awesome people just like you!

• Servers

- Need to be 16 years of age
- Work 3 shifts a week
- One shift will need to be a Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

You'll enjoy great perks, including:

- Flexible hours—leave by 7:00 p.m.
- Great first job with no experience necessary
- Potential tuition assistance

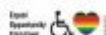
- Address: 2030 Windsor Run Lane, Matthews, NC 28105



Visit EricksonJobs.com for current openings.

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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



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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.



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/>





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/>



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.

Join PRHS SAT Prep
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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. 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)

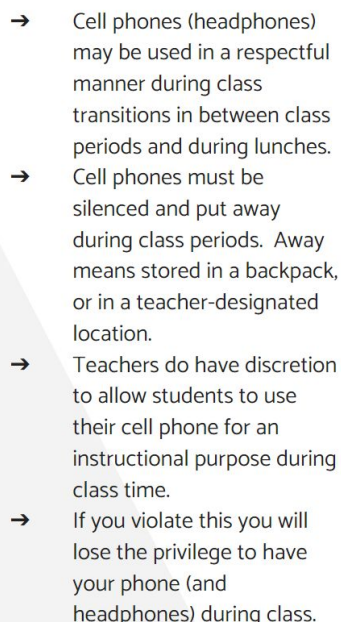
Click [here](#) for more information on meal prices.

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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