



# Pirate Press

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Dear Pirate Family,

It was exciting to see all of our students back in school this week. Remember, attendance counts each period, make all efforts to complete your academic work, join a student organization in the next few weeks, give your best in your athletic endeavors, and follow the PRHS Culture of Respect, which calls for us to be kind and nice to each other daily. All students will attend grade level assemblies this week about school safety, expectations, and procedures.

Students now have access to the **PRHS Student Canvas Announcement Page**. Students should check this page daily for announcements and school information. Parents please join the PTSO at the link below. This organization exists to support our students, teachers, and school throughout the year.

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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**[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE PTSO](#)**

## *Remember to keep following us on social media:*

Follow us on Facebook: [PorterRidgeHS.NC](https://www.facebook.com/PorterRidgeHS.NC)

Follow us on Twitter: [@PorterRidgeHSNC](https://twitter.com/PorterRidgeHSNC)

Follow us on Instagram: [@porterridgehs](https://www.instagram.com/porterridgehs)





# STUDENT LIFE



## LIST OF STUDENT LIFE ORGANIZATIONS

- Battle of the Books
- Beta Club
- Book Club
- Computer Science Club
- Disc Golf
- Dungeons and Dragons Club
- FCCLA
- Film Club
- French Club
- FBLA
- FFA
- Gaming Club
- Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)
- Girl Up Club
- Governmental Studies Club
- HOSA
- Humanities
- Improv
- Interact
- Junior Classical League
- Key Club
- Knitting and Crocheting Club
- Model UN
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Art Honor Society (NAHS)
- National English Honors Society / Creative Writing (NEHS)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Philosophy Club

## PRHS Student Life Organization Fair September 6-16

LOOK!



LOOK!

Pirates explore and join an organization during these two weeks! Reconnect if you are already an active member! Information on Student Life Organizations opportunities will be in our Grand Central Station and Lunch area (Hallways) for students to browse, sign up, and join during advisory and lunches. Stay tuned for more details

- Pirates for Christ
- RHO Kappa
- Ridge Rowdies
- Robotics Club
- ROTC
- Science National Honor Society (SNHS)
- Spanish Club
- Speech and Debate Team
- National Spanish Honor Society (NSHS)
- UMOJA
- Yearbook





# STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

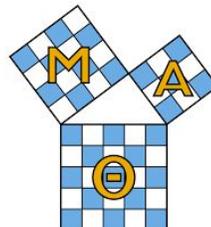


- Attention all students interested in applying for National Honor Society- applications are NOW available for pickup! Mr. Chavis (G205) and Mr. Howard (E210) have applications available by their doors.
- Mu Alpha Theta's first meeting of the year is this Tuesday, September 6th @ 7:45 AM in E-210 (Mr. Howard's room). All members are required to attend. If you're interested in applying for membership to PR's math honor society this year, please attend!
- Are you interested in discussing hot topics and or debating big ideas. Perhaps you are looking for a group to connect with. Maybe you just want to improve your communication skills. If any of these sound like you, there will be a Speech and Debate Team interest meeting on September 8th at 3:15. Please see Mr. Johnson in G110 for more details.
- Everyone is welcome to join the Knitting and Crocheting Club in G106 Friday after school from 3:15-4:15 for our first meeting of the year! We will discuss projects, the upcoming Club Fair and opportunities for leadership. Bring a snack to share and we hope to see you there!
- Join National English Honors Society and Creative Writing Club after school on Friday, September 9 in G107, Mrs. Hill's room for about 45 minutes. Anyone can join and participate, but you must meet certain requirements to become a part of the Honors Society that we will discuss at the meeting.
- There will an interest meeting for all boys interested in off season baseball workouts this Tuesday Sept 7 in A114 after school. Please see Coach Brown if you have any questions
- Rho Kappa will have a meeting with all current members Friday, September 9th at 7:45am in room F207.

## PRHS Speech and Debate Team



<https://bit.ly/PRHSSpeechandDebate>





# FFA MUM SALE



Porter Ridge FFA

## FALL MUM SALE



Orders Due: 9/16  
Pick-up: 9/21  
Pick-up will be at  
PRHS greenhouse

GO TO THE ONLINE SCHOOL  
PAYMENTS PAGE FROM THE PRHS  
WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW TO ORDER ONLINE.



**SIZES:**  
8" FOR \$7  
10" FOR \$12  
**COLORS:**  
ORANGE, PURPLE,  
RED & YELLOW



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



# PIRATE YEARBOOK PORTRAITS



## SENIOR PORTRAIT MAKE-UP DAY

Tuesday, September 6th. Please check your emails for your scheduled make-up time.



## UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON



**Picture Day ID: EVTS2JS68**

[Click HERE to purchase](#)

Then place in the Picture Day ID Code

**Thursday, September 8**

during the school day! Information envelopes have been sent home with students.



# IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS



## Important Links

[Get Started Early on Back to School Forms- CLICK HERE](#)

[Back to School Information on our Website- CLICK HERE](#)

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

[School Schedules and Student Schedules- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE](#)

[Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Supply Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[Transportation Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[Back to School Events- CLICK HERE](#)



# UCPS BUS TRANSPORTATION



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.

**Edulog Parent Portal**  
UP-TO-THE-MINUTE BUS ROUTE INFO

DOWNLOAD

**PARENTS EMPOWERED!**

Parent Bus Tracking Application

- ▶ Where's My Bus?
- ▶ Bus Arrival Notifications
- ▶ Planned Stop Information
- ▶ Access to All Children in the Family
- ▶ Incoming Transportation Messages
- ▶ Apple (iOS) and Android
- ▶ Secure Access

### Real Time Bus Location Information



Edulog Parent Portal lets parents see the time and location planned for school bus arrival at their child's bus stop. The app also lets them view the location of the school bus to gauge arrival times each day and sends a push notification to their smartphone when the bus enters a user-defined geographic area around the stop. Parents only receive access by registering with data unique to their child. It's all information to help parents feel secure about their child's trip on the school bus!



# UCPS BUS TRANSPORTATION-SPANISH



## Edulog Parent Portal

INFORMACIÓN ACTUALIZADA DE LA RUTA DEL  
AUTOBÚS



DESCARGAR



## PARENTS EMPOWERED!

Aplicación de seguimiento de  
autobuses para padres

- ▶ ¿Dónde está mi autobús?
- ▶ Notificaciones de llegada de autobús
- ▶ Información de las Paradas Planeadas
- ▶ Acceso a Todos los Niños en la Familia
- ▶ Mensajes Entrantes de Transportacion
- ▶ Apple (iOS) y Android
- ▶ Acceso seguro

### Real Tiempo Autobús Ubicación Información



Edulog Parent Portal les permite a los padres ver la hora y el lugar planificados para la llegada del autobús escolar a la parada de autobús de su hijo. La aplicación también les permite ver la localidad del autobús escolar para calcular los tiempos de llegada cada día y envía una notificación automática a su teléfono inteligente cuando el autobús ingresa a un área geográfica definida por el usuario, área alrededor de la parada. Padres solamente recibir acceso por registrándose con datos único a su hijo. (Toda es información para ayudar a los padres a sentirse seguros sobre el viaje de sus hijos en el autobús escolar!



# PARENT APPS CANVAS PARENT & POWER SCHOOL

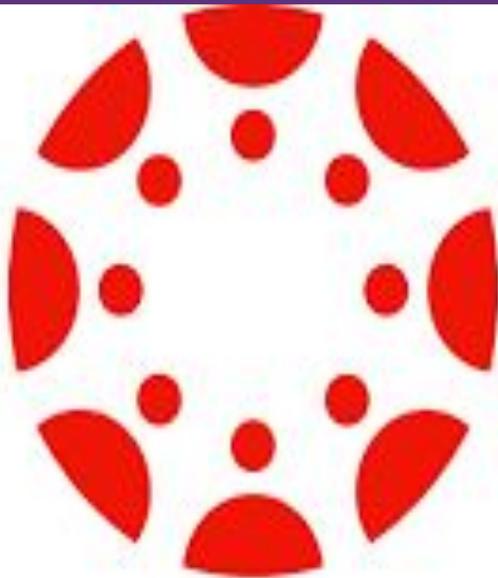


PowerSchool  
Parent Portal

PowerSchool Parent  
Portal to keep up  
with attendance and  
grades.

(This opens on Day 10 for  
high schools)

[Click here](#) for  
information.



canvas

Parents Be a  
Canvas  
Observer

[Click here](#) for  
instructions



# CHILD NUTRITION



## School Nutrition Prices

UCPS students will no longer receive free breakfast and/or lunch for the 2022-23 school year unless students qualify for free/reduced lunch. **Please click on the application link below to apply before the first day of school.**

Lunch and breakfast prices will be as follows:

**Breakfast \$1.75 per day**

**Lunch \$3.85 per day**

**If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals**, UCPS encourages parents to complete the [meal application](#) (click here) before the start of the school year. Breakfast and lunch account charges will begin on the first day of school, which is August 29.

If your application is approved, families may be eligible for the following benefits.

-Free or reduced-priced breakfast and lunch meals

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 applicatic  
School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

**SCHOOL  
NUTRITION  
SERVICES**

**UCPS**  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# PIRATE ATHLETICS



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

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ATHLETIC  
SCHEDULES

[FOOTBALL](#)  
[JV FOOTBALL](#)  
[SOCCER](#)  
[JV SOCCER](#)  
[VOLLEYBALL](#)  
[JV VOLLEYBALL](#)  
[CROSS COUNTRY](#)  
[GIRL'S GOLF](#)  
[GIRL'S TENNIS](#)  
[FIELD HOCKEY](#)



[CLICK HERE FOR](#)

[HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

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

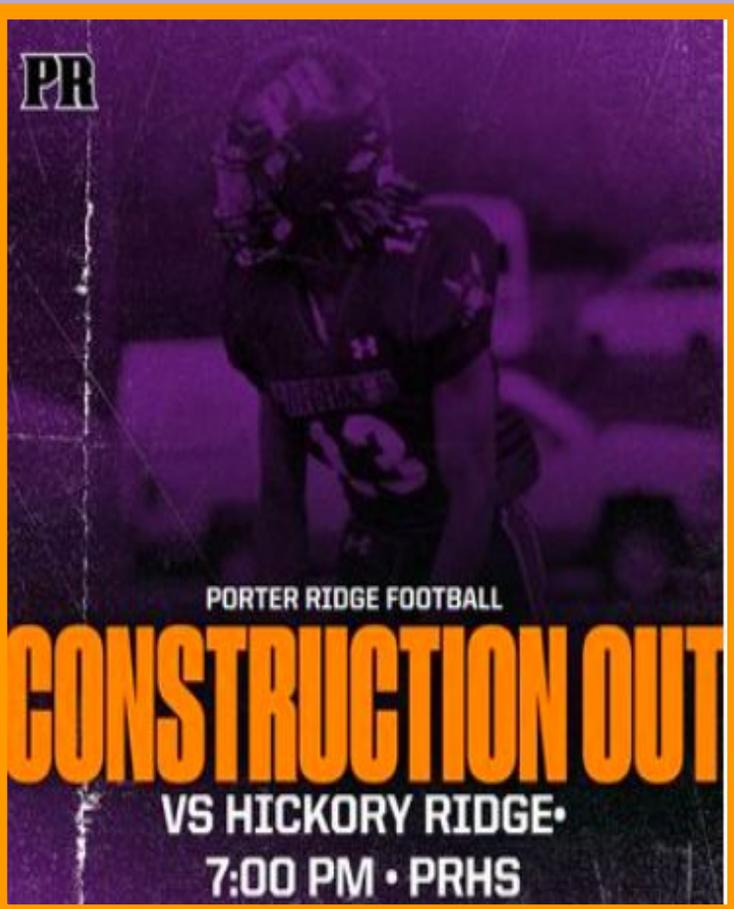
[CLICK HERE FOR](#)  
[PIRATE PASSES](#)

**ON SALE until September 30**

**Pass includes -**

- Athletic Booster Club Membership
- Admission into all 2022-23 home regular season home athletic events
- 50-yard line Reserved Seating at Varsity Home Football Games

Good for all 2022-23 PRHS Athletic  
**Regular Season** Home Games. No  
Refunds will be given for cancellation of  
games.





# PIRATE ATHLETICS

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



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## THIS WEEK AT THE RIDGE



# 5

MONDAY

NO EVENTS!

# 6

TUESDAY

4:00  
TENNIS @  
PIEDMONT

4:30 /5:30  
VOLLEYBALL @  
PARKWOOD (AWAY)

# 7

WEDNESDAY

5:00  
FIELD HOCKEY @  
ECHS (MATTHEWS  
SPORTSPLEX 1)

# 8

THURSDAY

4:00 TENNIS VS  
CUTHBERTSON  
(HOME)

# 9

FRIDAY

FRIDAY NIGHT  
LIGHTS @ IVY  
REDMON PARK

### RESULTS THIS WEEK

#### FOOTBALL

JV Football loss vs. West Cabarrus

Varsity Football wins 48-0 vs West Cabarrus

#### GIRLS TENNIS

The Girls tennis team hard fought 5-4 loss vs. Parkwood

#### VOLLEYBALL

Varsity lost to East Mecklenburg and Lake Norman

#### SOCCER

Varsity loss to Hickory Ridge

Varsity win vs Concord

CLICK  
HERE FOR  
SPIRIT  
WEAR





# COUNSELING CENTER



## Who is your counselor?

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

**Tanisha Anderson**- last names Cov-Hek  
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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](mailto:alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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

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

Interested in taking a class as a Pass/Fail course? Swing by the guidance office to pick up the form. All Pass/Fail forms are due back by September 12th.



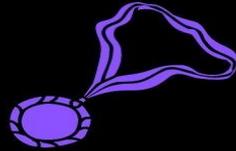


# COUNSELING CENTER



## SENIOR NIGHT

FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PLANS



SAVE THE DATE  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER  
12TH AT 6:30 PM

**DAVIDSON**  
**COLLEGE VISIT**  
**SEPT. 13TH @ 1PM**  
in the Cafeteria!

Please sign up through your student Scoir account if  
you are interested in attending!





# STUDENT SCHEDULES



## [PR Schedule Information](#) (updated to reflect current access options)

See above for directions on how to access and read a schedule. Information is given about how to determine first and second semester courses. Please remember that schedules are tentative and can change based on staffing, changes in courses offered, or other school-based reasons. NOTE: Students can access schedules through their Student PowerSchool account. Parents will not have access to see schedules on Parent Portal until 10 days into the semester. Parents should ask students to pull schedule up through their my.ncedcloud.org account.

## Schedule Corrections:

The Schedule Correction Google Form opened **Monday, August 22nd**. Counselors will work on “Please See Counselor” holes first. “Please See Counselor” is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected, including alternates. Please make sure that you check your schedule in PowerSchool and fill out the Schedule Correction Google Form if needed.

Schedule Correction Link: <https://forms.gle/8ZRZSVrm3fyubvDm8>

Schedule Information: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7598>

The Schedule Correction Google Form will close on **Friday, September 2nd at 5:00 pm**.

**--Requests for 1st & 2nd semester should be made at this time.** All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request will be allowed.

--All schedules have been reviewed. We will not make changes for students who were placed in the 1st or alternative courses requested.

## Requests will only be considered for the following:

- \* senior is missing a required class for graduation or for college admissions
- \* student has not met or is missing a prerequisite for a course for which they are enrolled
- \* student is taking a course that he/she has passed
- \* student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule
- \* student has the same course listed twice on the schedule
- \* student has “Please See your counselor” listed on their schedule

Please See Counselor is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected (including alternates). Please make sure to fill out the form, so that your schedule is ready for the 1st day of school, which is Monday, August 29th.

A counselor will email you as we are able to process your request at your UCPS school email whether a correction can or cannot be made to your schedule.



# CLASS OF 2023 & COLLEGE ADVISER



## Important Links

[College Advising Website](#)

[Calendly for Meetings](#)

Instagram:

@Pirates2College

[Calendar for Events and](#)

[Deadlines](#)

## Information from Ms. Schaeffer

**Porter Ridge Schedule:** Mondays, Tuesdays, and alternating Fridays

- **Put all of the schools you intend to apply to are under the “Applying” column on your Scoir account**
- Request teacher recommendations ASAP. Teachers are busy people, and the further in advance you ask, the better they can make their letter. **You should ask no later than 2 weeks before your application is due, and you should ask in person—it’s polite!**
- Sign up for upcoming College Visits in Scoir
- Check out the Scholarships page below and the Pirates Scholarships document for information about upcoming scholarship nomination processes
- When you’re filling out the Common Application, please **ONLY** put counselor and teacher names, **NOT** email addresses. Because we use Scoir, when you add email addresses, the process of colleges identifying supplemental documents gets held up, and that can mean you don’t hear back as quickly about your application. **If you’ve already added your counselor and/or teacher and their email addresses in Common App, you need to go edit it and take out the email address ASAP.**





# COLLEGE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



## LAWA High School Events

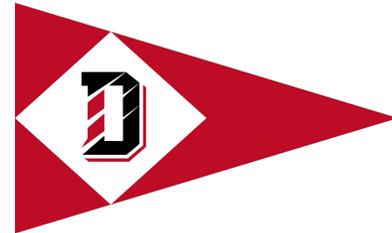
Free bilingual information session for students and caregivers on how to prepare, plan and pay for postsecondary education. Learn about college applications, financial aid, career paths, bachelor & associate degrees, trade and vocational program options, & campus tours. Free transportation from select sites.

[Register here!](#)

## HBCU Pride Experience on 9/10

[Register here](#) for a Charlotte event featuring an HBCU-only college fair, college-focused workshops, and food trucks!

[Davidson College](#) is offering SENIORS who are first in their family to attend college the opportunity to attend the Davidson Fly In Program scheduled for Sunday, October 16th to Tuesday, October 18th, 2022. If interested, please click below and fill out the application. [Click HERE](#)



## Upcoming College Visits

College visits take place just outside of the Auditorium from 11:30-12:30. Register in SCOIR. All grades welcome!

9/13: Davidson College (1:00 pm)

10/04: East Carolina University

10/11: Appalachian State University





# SCHOLARSHIPS



## NC State Park Scholarship

School Endorsements are no longer part of the application process. Two rec letters are required. If you are interested in applying for the Park Scholarship you must do so by November 1st. [Click here](#) to start the application process.

## UNCC Levine Scholarship

School Endorsements are part of the application process. Two rec letters are required. If you are interested in applying for the Levine Scholarship, you must do so by November 16th. [Click here](#) to start the nomination process.

## UNC-CH Morehead-Cain Scholarship

School Endorsements are part of the application process. Two rec letters are required. If you are interested in applying for the Morehead-Cain Scholarship, you must do so by November 1st. [Click here](#) to start the nomination process.

## Davidson College Bryan Scholarship

School Endorsements are part of the application process, and this scholarship is specifically for ATHLETES. If you are interested in applying for the Lowell L. Bryan Scholarship, you must do so by September 29th. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Keep reviewing scholarships throughout your senior year! New info will be highlighted in **PURPLE!**

[Pirate Scholarship Document](#)



# CELL PHONE POLICY



- 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.

*Students today have more opportunity to use their cell phone in school. School staff understand the importance of having a cell phone and respect that, however, we also must maintain a focus on learning for each and every student. To that end, we have a cell phone policy that supports our Culture of Respect here at PRHS, and that aids our students in showing leadership readiness skills. Please see the guidelines listed to the left.*



# ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES



## 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.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be taken each period by the teacher and submitted to the office via PowerSchool; a part of each student's permanent record. A student must be in class for a minimum of 75 minutes to be counted present for that class period. A few exceptions to this policy include: attending school sponsored events, a late bus and/ or a conference with administration. Credit will not be granted for classes when absences for a student reach 8 days unless a waiver is granted. (Please know that these are not granted frequently.)

Credit will not be granted for classes when absences for a student reach eight days for a semester long course or an A day or B day course. Absences include those that are lawful, unlawful, and due to suspension. When students accumulate eight or more absences and documentation is on file at the school which indicates circumstances beyond the control of the student and parents contributed to the accumulation of eight or more absences, an appeal may be made to the principal to waive absences and allow the student to pass. An appeal of the principal's decision may be made to the Superintendent.

The students will have the opportunity to recover a small number of absences that were beyond their control. Students and parents are asked to make consistent school attendance a priority.



# TARDY POLICY



## TARDY POLICY

Student Tardies will reset every semester giving all students a fresh start. Students are expected to be in class when the tardy bell rings. Tardies will be addressed in the following manner:

- Attendance is counted every single class period
- Tardy means being up to 15 minutes late to class
- An excused absence is still an absence
- Absent means missing 16 or more minutes from the beginning, middle or end of any class

All students must report to Mr. Bundick when tardy to obtain a Late Pass to class.

- 1st Tardy - Warning / No Consequence
- 2nd Tardy - Warning / Parent Contact
- 3rd Tardy - One (1) day of Lunch Detention and Parent Contact
- 4th Tardy - Two (2) day of Lunch Detention and Parent Contact
- 5th Tardy - One (1) day of After School Detention (ASD) and Parent Contact
- 6th Tardy - Two (2) day of After School Detention (ASD) and Parent Contact
- 7th Tardy - One (1) day of Saturday Academy and Parent Contact (Loss of parking permit for 1 week)
- 8th Tardy - Parent Conference with administration
- 9th Tardy - One (1) day of Saturday Academy and Parent Contact
- 10th Tardy - permanent loss of parking permit. Further disciplinary action for non-drivers



# DRESS CODE



We do have a dress code at PRHS. **Dressing for school should be different than dressing for other events.** A few dress code rules include:

- No headwear of any kind (sunglasses, hats, rags, hoods, or metal/plastic picks) may be worn on campus. They are only permissible at after school activities. Headbands used to actually hold hair back are permissible. Headwear normally worn overnight is not appropriate at school.
- Dresses and skirts must fall below the fingertips of the student with his/her hand by his/her side. Slits in skirts must also exceed fingertip length. Holes in clothing must be below fingertip as well. Running shorts should be loose-fitting and ALL shorts should be mid-hand length.
- No cut t-shirts, spaghetti straps, off-the-shoulder tops, mesh tops, tube tops, or halter tops are allowed. Sleeveless tops can be worn only if straps are the narrow width of a minimum of 3 fingers.
- No see-through clothing.
- No midriffs should show; shirts must be longer than the waistline of skirts, shorts, or pants. Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist.
- No deep-plunging shirts; all shirts should adequately cover the upper body.
- Bedroom shoes, slippers, headwear, or pajamas are not permitted.
- No neck bands or bracelets may be worn if they have metal spikes protruding from them.
- Wallet chains or any chains of considerable length on clothing are not to be worn as they present a safety hazard (considerable length is defined as more than 6" sag from point of contact to the clothing).
- Clothing and other items may not display, advertise, or promote any product or activity that is illegal or that is not permitted at school. Words or symbols that disrupt the school environment will not be permitted at school.
- Gang attire (including but not limited to clothing with sewn-in bandanas, etc.) and gang symbols are prohibited on campus at all times. Please refer to Union County Public School Policy on Prohibition of Gangs and Gang Activities located in your student handbook.

**The faculty and administration reserve the right to question and discourage ANY attire that's disruptive to the educational process. The Dress Code will evolve to meet the changing needs of teen fashion interests.**

**Consequences:** The goal of the dress code consequences is to return students to class as quickly as possible. Students that are not dressed in alignment with the dress code will be asked to get in dress code. If a student cannot do so, parents will be called and asked to bring alternate clothing.



# PIRATE PORTS OF INFORMATION



## Ports of Information for Pirates:

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