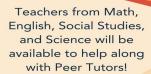


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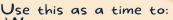
The Study Cove



Join us Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3:10-4:10 in the Media Center

Refreshments will be available!





- · Work on group
- projects/study groups
 Stay on top of/make up assignments
- Receive tutoring/get extra help
- Prepare for exams
- Recover Absences up to 3 absences per course

Friday, November 10 school is not in session in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday. Thank you Veterans!



JOIN PTO SEE FORM ON PAGE 7



Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We'd love to have your help kicking off the PRHS PTO! We're looking for PTO Board members and chairs, parents willing to pay the \$10 membership fee to support the PTO's work, parents willing to donate items for teacher appreciation events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events.

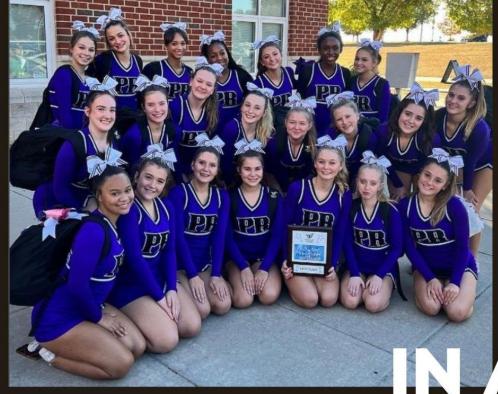
Please see attached for the PTO membership form - please fill this out and have your student return to the front office along with your payment.

Please email Amy Dieffenbach at amy dieffenbach@yahoo.com or Alana White at alanahwhite@gmail.com if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

Pirates



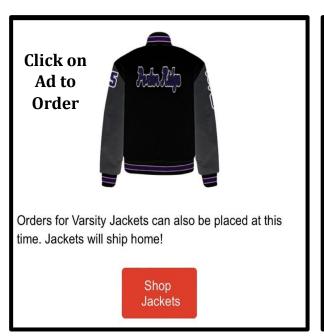




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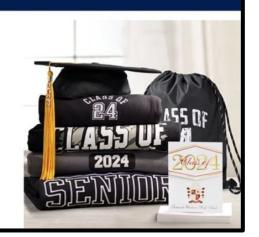


Senior Announcements



Urgent: Have You Placed Your Porter Ridge Cap & Gown Order Yet?

This is the Last call to order your Cap & Gown, PRHS
Announcements
& Senior 2024 Gear at the group discounted price before prices increase.
Order Deadline:
Friday, December 1



SENIOR AD

SALES DED

EXTENDED

Did you miss the deadline? You have

ONE MORE CHANCE



PURCHASE THIS WEEKEND ONLY

sales close Monday morning (11/6) at midnight.

ACADEMIC LETTER OR BAR??
VARSITY ATHLETIC LETTER OR
BAR? SHOW OFF YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH A
VARSITY JACKET! THIS IS AN
AWESOME OPPORTUNITY! BE
PROUD!

SENIORS- Save \$40 on CLASS RINGS!

Senior Class Ring Sale! Use Promo code SENIORGIFT40

(excludes Tradewinds and Basic P-Rings).

Rings ship home before the holidays!

CLICK TO SHOP PORTER RIDGE RINGS

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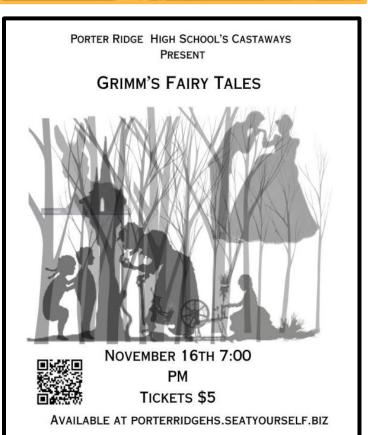
Student Announcements

Congratulations to PRHS' Parade Princess for the 2023-2024 school year, Kyra Cheek! We are so proud of the amazing young woman you are!









Student Announcements



Winter Wonderland 12/11-15th Date **Event** Additional Information Sign Ups November 27th through December 11th-17th Goosechase December 4th Crazy competitive onesie **Bonfire** December 12/11 5:30pm-7:45pm competition!

Game Night

Cookie Wars

Candy Grams

Hot Chocolate/Lip

December 12/12 3:30pm-4:30pm December 12/13 5:00pm-7:00pm December 14th during fourth block December 12/15

Hot Chocolate Available in Morning LipSync During 4th Block

Sign-Ups December 4th-6th Sign Ups November 27th through December 1st Sign Ups November 13th through December 1st

\$1 to watch, Sign-Ups for teams and

spectators 13-17th

Dates for Winter Wonderland could change based on weather or other





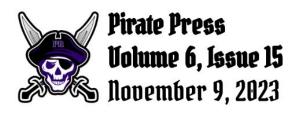
Student Activity Announcements

Congratulations to the cast of Black Comedy & Dracula for an amazing performance at NCTC. We were recognized with the following Awards. Excellence in Physical Comedy for Black Comedy, Excellence in Setting Atmosphere for Dracula, Terrifying Trio to Emma Maness, Melina Ramirez and Ava Klein in Dracula and Excellence in Sound Design Dracula.

- * Buy your **yearbooks** at <u>yearbookforever.com</u>
- **♦** PRHS Disc Golf club will be playing at Reedy Creek at 1pm this Saturday.
- Falling for Fall Decor? Sign up to make a **leaf jar decoration at the Media Center's next Maker Series event** on Mon. Nov. 13th afterschool in the Media Center. See the QR code on the poster by the Media Center doors and in the cafeteria to sign up. All supplies and light refreshments will be provided.
- The **FFA** will have their next meeting on Wednesday, November 15th after school in room A114 until 4:15. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving food to share with the group!
- ❖ MHA-SAVES, the Mental Health Awareness club, will have their next meeting on Wednesday, November 15th, until 4:00 in G110. The meeting theme is "reaching out" and will be about reaching out to those struggling with mental health. We will make affirmation notes to put around the school. Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there!
- The next **Battle of the Books team meeting** will be right after school Wed. Nov. 15th in the Media Center Workroom. We are an academic reading competition team and open to new members! Come and join us! See Mrs. Snelson or Ms. Myers for questions.
- ❖ Skills USA will be having our monthly chapter meeting on Wednesday Nov 15 @ 4:00 at Piedmont High School in the fire academy building. As part of this meeting we will be having a pay to play kickball tournament! Cost is \$5 to play and is not limited to just Skills members, this is open to all students!! Come out for a fun filled time and learn about Skillsusa!!
- ♦ **GSA** will be meeting on Friday, November 17 in room G106. We will be painting pumpkins, so make sure to fill out the Google Form linked in the GSA Instagram page bio in order to RSVP. The link is bit.ly/pride-pumpkins-23

TARDY- BE ON Time

Consequences are in effect. Check out Page 10 for information. Students must be in their class before the bell rings at the start of school and during school!



Parent Information





PRHS Parent Teacher Organization Membership

Dear Parents,

Please join the PRHS PTO and consider volunteering by joining us at meetings, donating items needed for teacher appreciation events, and serving at teacher appreciation events. Our goal is to sponsor events which support all members of our PRHS family through:

- ☐ Raising community awareness about all PRHS has to offer and how great our students are
- ☐ Showing teacher appreciation through events & luncheons
- ☐ Many other activities TBD

We look forward to your membership and support. You are making an investment in your child's future. Please complete the application form and return it to PRHS with your <u>\$10 donation</u> made payable to <u>PRHS PTO</u>. Cash also works great. Thank you for your support!

~ PRHS PTO



PRHS NURSE IN NEED OF DONATED ITEMS CLICK HERE TO DONATE

- → Individually wrapped goldfish crackers.
- → Waters (any size, prefer small bottles.

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

PIRATE ATHLETICS

CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS

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

PORTER RIDGE BASKETBALL CHEER CLINIC

Thurs. December 14 4:00-6:00pm PRHS Cafe (practice) Fri. December 15 6:30pm Varsity Girls Game

PRHS Little Pirate Basketball Camp Cheer Info 2023

This camp is for students K to 5th grade. Please complete the form to have your Little Pirate paired with a Cheerleader for this experience. Participants will receive a Pirate Cheer Shirt and will get to cheer with the HS Team at a HS game!!! If you have any questions please email ashleylawson@ucps.k12.nc.us https://forms.gle/CGUXwTs1YyecrD1u6

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE



CLICK <u>HERE</u>FOR ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL SOCCER



UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

For winter sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime of the final event.



PIRATE ATHLETICS



WINTER SPORTS PICTURES

MONDAY NOVEMBER 13

3:00 - Swim (Gym)

3:15 - W B-Ball JV then Varsity (Gym)

3:30 - M B-Ball JV then Varsity (Gym)

3:45 – B-Ball Cheer JV then Varsity (Gym)

4:00 - Wrestling (Aux Gym)

4:30 - Indoor Track (Stadium)

5:00 - Field Hockey (Stadium)

RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK

SOCCER 2ND ROUND STATE PLAYOFFS VS TC ROBERSON -WIN 1-0
SOCCER 2ND ROUND STATE PLAYOFFS VS SOUTH MECK- LOSS
FOOTBALL VARSITY WIN NCHSAA FIRST ROUND PLAYOFFS VS CUTHBERTSON





Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cassidy Jarrett- last names Me-Sao cassidy.jarrett@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.

Thanks to all the families who attended our Financial Aid Night on October 23rd! If you were unable to attend, use the link below to access the presentation!

https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/11138

PRHS COUNSELING *news*



Union Power Cooperative invests in teachers, students, families, and their futures through powerful partnerships and programs that support our mission to enhance the quality of life of our members and the communities we serve. This principle is woven deeply into our various programs





The Union Power College Scholarship is available each year from September through March to current high school seniors planning to attend a North Carolina-accredited college or university. The scholarship is a one-time offer of \$1,000. The senior must be a child of a Union Power Cooperative member or live in a home served by Union Power Cooperative





In 1994, North Carolina's electric cooperatives dedicated their interest in improving education. The Bright Ideas grant program has expanded over the past two decades encouraging teachers to share their bright ideas that will be meaningful and engage students to further their education. Teachers from our service area can apply for up to \$2,000 per grant from April through September.





to have an unforgettable, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Students will learn about the history of the nation's capital and better understand how American history has shaped the U.S. today. It also allows students to take on leadership roles and learn their value as a citizen





Touchstone Energy Sports Camp
Sports Camp
Scholarships
Each year, students in the sixth and seventh grades can apply for a chance to play on the court for two of the state's largest universities - N.C. State and University of Chapel Hill from January through March

OUR COLLEGE ADVISOR, MS. WILSON HAS A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER WITH LOTS OF GREAT COLLEGE APPLICATION UPDATES. CHECK OUT THE LINK TO STAY IN THE KNOW!



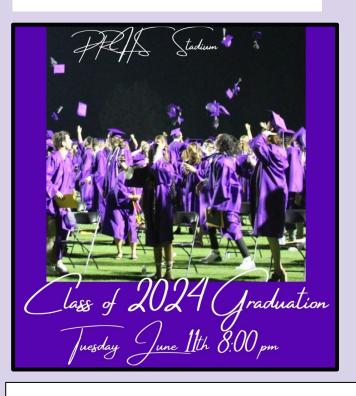
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COLLEGE

<u>Newsletter</u>



PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



Holiday Resources



Union County Christmas Bureau

Accepting Applications Now - Nov. 17, 2023.

The Union County Christmas Bureau is donor-funded and volunteer-driven. It provides Christmas gifts and food to families who need a helping hand.

Apply for Assistance

To be eligible for assistance, there must be a child in the household aged 18 or younger at the time of application or a disabled or senior adult receiving income through Social Security or Medicaid.

To apply, call 704-296-4828 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 17. When applying over the phone, please be prepared to provide the last four digits of social security numbers for all individuals in the household who have them, as well as the monthly gross income for all individuals in the household, including salaries, types of benefits, child support, etc. Applicants should also be prepared to give the date of birth, clothing sizes, and gift ideas for all children aged 18 and younger.



Christmas Assistance - The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte

Registration for Salvation Army Christmas Assistance programs. The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte

SalvationArmyUS

Holiday Resources



Common Heart Great Turkey Countdown

Accepting Applications Now for Delivery on Nov. 18, 2023.

It's Turkey Time!

This annual event brings so much joy and happiness to families who would not be able to have such a feast to share with families and friends without some help.

Apply for Assistance

- To be eligible you must have a need for assistance and live in Union County or in zip codes 28105 Or 28227.
 Only 1 delivery per address.
- Someone must be present between 9 am 2 pm to receive the Thanksgiving Meal basket.
- It will include items needed for a Thanksgiving meal including frozen turkey, potatoes, yams, stuffing, vegetables, and dessert mix.

https://commonheart.org/great-turkey-countdown/



This is just a translation for your information regarding activity in Spanish

Help for the University







A presentation for parents and students Conducted by Dr. JuanEs Ramírez CFNC State Representative for Spanish Services



- How to plan, apply and pay for the University
- · Process to get financial aid
- Minimum Admission Requirements
- Academic preparation and University selection

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 6:30 P.M Porter Ridge High School's Media Center 2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079

Are you interested in joining a branch of the military? Sign up to take the ASVAB test on December 11th or the alternate date, December 13th from 12:30 – 3PM. This test helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. You must sign up by using the QR code in the Pirate Press, on Instagram, or the use the link that was emailed to you.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Seniors - Please forward all scholarship offer information to Ms. Wilson, even if you do not wish to accept the scholarship. You can share this information via email or by scanning the QR Code on the Guidance Suite door.

Ayuda para _{la} Universidad







Presentación para los padres y los estudiantes Dirigida por el Dr. JuanEs Ramírez CFNC Representante Estatal para Servicios en Español.



- Como planear, aplicar y pagar por estudios universitarios
- Procesos para obtener recursos financieros
- Requerimientos mínimos para admisión
- Preparación académica y selección de universidades

Miércoles, 29 de Noviembre, 2023 6:30-830 P.M. Biblioteca de la Escuela "Porter Ridge High School" 2839 Ridge Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079



PRHS COUNSELING A CAREER NEWS



2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

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

Live Events

Scoir for Seniors - Aug.
Practice SAT - Sept./Oct.
ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept.

College Entrance Exams 101 - Oct.
Union County College Fair - Oct.
HS Programs Expo - Dec.
Paying for College - Dec.
Practice ACT - Jan./Feb.
ACT Blitz - Feb.

Getting Ready for College - Mar.

SAT Blitz - Apr.

Writing a College Essay - May

On-Demand Library

Always available at the link above.

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





ucpscollegeready

BUSINESS IS BOOMING now hiring servers hosts cooks



7800 Stevens Mill Road Matthews 704•628•5179

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







TARDY POLICY

Parents, it is important that students are on time for classes throughout the day. In order to ensure that you are aware if your child is tardy to class we will begin to send home notifications via our ConnectEd communication tool when your child has an unexcused tardy. We do have consequences for excessive tardies at school and these can be found in our PRHS Student Handbook. Staff at PRHS remind students that the expectation is to go directly from one class to their next class, by taking the most efficient route possible. While we allow 5 minutes for each transition, students should report to their next class as quickly as possible and do not need the full five minutes. We find that students who take the most direct path to get to class and do not go into different parts of the building are always on time to class. If tardiness is due to a late bus they will be given a pass to class and will have an excused tardy which does not count against them. Thank you for your support as we teach our children the importance of being on time.

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.

- Parents can provide notes for up to five days that a student is absent. After those days PRHS will require a doctor/medical note to excuse the absence.
- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes should be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student can fail the course due to attendance.



Family Information

Important Links

School Forms-CLICK HERE

School Health and Safety Information- CLICK HERE

School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE

Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE

Transportation Information- CLICK HERE

Transportation information can be found on the **UCPS Transportation pages**.

The school system is using the Edulog App this year to track your bus. Please see the flyer below: Video on how to install the app: CLICK HERE

For directions on **how to install** this Real-time bus app on your phone **please follow this link**. There is a great video for your reference here.

Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

School Nutrition Prices

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the <u>meal application</u> (click here)

Click here for more information on meal prices.

Click <u>here</u> 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

Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class

Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class periods. Away means stored in a backpack, or in a teacher-designated location.

periods and during lunches.

- 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.

TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE of \$30 this year that all students must pay. Click here for the online payment system. Info on this fee was emailed home earlier this summer, but it will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Jason Toudt is our Technology Systems Engineer.





HELPDESK HOURS

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

Start: 7:45am

End: 11:30am

Tuesday - Thursday

Start: 12:45pm

End: 3:00pm



Ports of Information for Pirates:

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