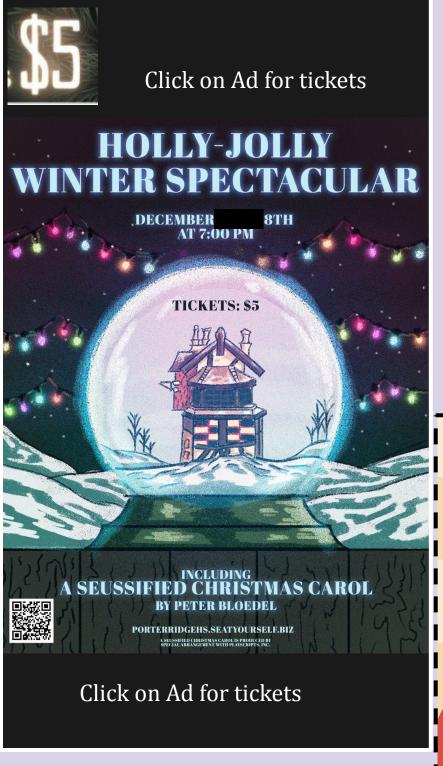


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HOLLY-IOLLY WINTER SPECTACULAR

Tickets for tonight's Holly-Jolly Winter Spectacular are sold online at porterridgehs.seatvourself.biz for \$5. Tickets are sold at the door.

The UCPS event protocol is in place. UCPS has a no bag policy, only clear bags no larger than 4.5 x 6.5in. will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search

> **FALL SEMESTER EXAM** DATES PAGE 13

The Study Cove



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



- Use this as a time to:
- Work on group
- projects/study groups Stay on top of/make up assignments
- Receive tutoring/get extra help
- repare for exams
- Recover Absences up to absences per course



Winter Wonderland





The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...





12/12 12/11 Twin

Monochrome Monday

Dress from head to toe in he same colors or shade of color.



Wacky Wednesday

Wear an ugly sweater, or other wacky holiday attire to school.



To the Theater Thursday

Dress as your favorite actor, actress, or character from your favorite film.



12/15

Wear your pajamas to school, or comfy holiday clothes.









- @5:30-7:45 pm, PRHS Stadium Circle
- **Cookie Wars** @3:30-4:30 pm, E-Wing Foyer

Tuesday

Dress the same as a

friend... or two!

Game Night @4-7 pm, PRHS Cafeteria



- Hot Cocoa Bar before classes
- **Lip Sync Battle** during 4th block

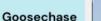








Winter Wonderland 12/11-15th



Event

Bonfire

Cookie Wars

Game Night

Candy Grams

Hot Chocolate/Lip Sync

Date

December 11th-17th

December 12/11 5:30pm-7:45pm

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

Additional Information

Sign Ups November 27th through December 4th

> Crazy competitive onesie competition!

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







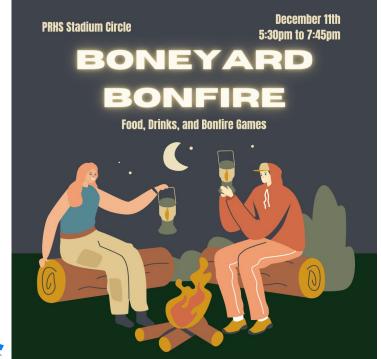


Winter Wonderland





















Wednesday, December 13th 4-7 pm @Cafeteria Free to enter TOURNAMENT
SIGN-UPS
November 27th- December 1st

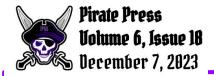
- Board Games
- Tournaments!
- · Casual play (Fall guys, Madden, Fifa, 2k, and more!)
- CFA gift card giveaway
- Drinks and Pizza





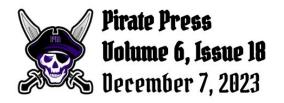






Student Activities

- National Honor Society is partnering with Turning Point to launch a winter coat drive. Please bring in ANY gently used coats to the coat bins located around the school. Make sure you label the coat with your advisor's name. The advisory with the most donations will receive a prize! (see flier)
- Hey Pirates, it's that wonderful time of year when family and friends get together to share a smile, a hug, and yes....good food! Do you want to help make sure that a family in need has that opportunity? You can help by participating in FBLA's annual Non-Perishable Food Drive. Bring non-perishable food items to your Advisory starting now until Thursday, December 14th. One point will be awarded for every non-perishable food item donated and go towards class wars. All food items collected will be donated to the Union County Department of Social Services Christmas Bureau.
- The next Dungeons and Dragons Club meeting will be after school on Dec. 8th. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions.
- ❖ GSA will be meeting on Friday, December 8 in room G106. We'll be celebrating the holiday season with a movie and some de-stress coloring! Popcorn, hot chocolate, and water will be provided, but if you feel the need for a different snack, feel free to bring some to share!
- Students and Staff, Student Council is proud to present the fourth annual Cookie Wars! This year, we only have room for the 1st 15 teams to sign up! See the flyers in the halls for the Sign-Up QR code! Tuesday Dec. 12th at 3:30--Teams of three decorators each will have 30 minutes to decorate and execute 3 different cookies (all materials will be provided). 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded! Refreshments and festive music included for all who would like to enjoy the party while the teams decorate!
- ❖ Beta Club applications are open! If you are a sophomore or junior with a 3.5 GPA and are interested in joining Beta Club, please scan the QR code posted around the school and on Mr. Watson's and Mr. Ruhland's doors. Applications are due December 13th.
- Ms. Yearick is looking for about 25-30 GREAT RACE student crew members to help set up the Race in April. You cannot run the race if you are on the set up crew. You will meet with her several times in the weeks prior to the Race to help plan and organize. Also, you would report to E107 right after school and work until about 9:00 pm the evening of the Race. Please see her ASAP in E107 to pick up an application if interested. You will receive service hours for your contribution!
- Interested in helping our community and getting some service hours? Then come participate in the Book Drive hosted by the MHA-SAVES club on Tuesday, December 12, until 4, in E101 We will put together book bundles to donate to a Title 1 school! Please bring in elementary-age books, (such as children chapter books, or picture books) and any crayons, colored pencils, or coloring/activity books you may have. New or gently used. If you donate AND come to this meeting, you will receive two service hours! (One for the supplies, one for assembling the packages) Hope to see you all there!
- ❖ Join us for our **FCCLA Winter Meeting** December 12th after school until 4 pm. Please bring a festive treat to share.
 - Please join us for Holiday Meeting December 14th until 4:15 p.m. Bring a holiday treat to share.
- ❖ FFA will have their holiday meeting on Wednesday, 12/13. The meeting will be in room A114 after school. Join us for a holiday movie, popcorn and ornament painting.
- SkillsUsa will have their monthly chapter meeting on Wednesday 12-13 at PRHS in A103. We will have a team gingerbread house decorating contest. Join us for this fun team building activity, if you are not a member and would like to come out and learn about Skillsusa, please join us Wednesday!



Student Activity Announcements





FCCLA & Sewing & Upcycling Club

Toiletry Drive

Nov, 27 - Dec, 14

Drop Off Location

F205B or The front office

donate new toothbrushes/toothpaste, soap, lotion, shower supplies, feminine hygiene products, etc.





Donation Deadline:

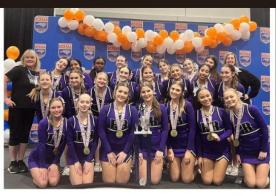
Drop Of Location:

Advisory class











Congratulations to Pirate Cheer on their 2nd Place Finish at NC State Competition!!!







IN ACTION



Attendance and Tardies

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student may fail the course due to attendance. (The Principal may consider waiving excused absences if there is a valid reason to do so.)

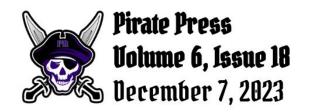
- Students must turn in absence excuse notes to the Attendance Counselor BEFORE the start of the school day.
- Per BOE attendance policy the school may require doctor/medical notes after 5 days of absences (whether those five days are separate days or continuous days). PRHS will require a doctor/medical note after 5 days of absence. If that is not received, the absence will remain as unexcused. Parent notes are ONLY accepted for the first five days that a student is absent.
- All notes should be submitted within FIVE school days after the end of an absence to document the reason for the absence. A parent note must be signed by a parent or guardian with a work and home telephone number for further clarification. An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. It is important to turn notes in quickly so that teachers know whether the absence is excused or unexcused.
- All parent notes are subject to review and may result in a required parent-administration meeting in order to be considered. All doctor/medical notes are subject to verification with the doctor/medical office.

**Student-athletes have strict attendance guidelines in order to maintain eligibility for their sport. Any student who is absent for more than 15% of class periods in a semester will be ineligible to compete during the following semester. These absences include excused and unexcused absences.

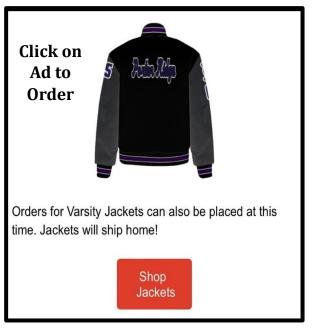
Per UCPS Policy, students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- 1. The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 2 unexcused absences in the class; or
- 2. The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 1 unexcused absences in the class.

The exam exemption policy is clear: It is based on unexcused absences. It should be noted that while a student can recover absences for purposes of passing a course, those recovered absences do NOT count toward exam exemptions.



Senior Announcements





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





Parent Information

JOIN PTO

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!



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



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

MONDAY
-NO EVENTS

TUESDAY

-Basketball @ Forest Hills 5/6/7:30 13 WEDNESDAY

-Swim UC Meet @MAC 10:30 HURSDAY

-Wrestling @ Marvin Ridge 6:00 FRIDAY

-Basketball vs Providence 4/5/6/7:30 SATURDAY

-Wrestling @ PiR Pirate Invitational

-Indoor Track @ Metrolina

#COMMITTED



CLICK HERE FOR ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL
GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL
GIRLS JV BASKETBALL
BOYS JV BASKETBALL
WRESTLING
INDOOR TRACK
SWIMMING

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE

CLICK HERE FOR
HOME EVENT
TICKETS
All tickets are sold on
this website or at the
GATE by credit/debit
card.





PIRATE ATHLETICS







Congratulations to Pirate Cheer on their 2nd Place Finish at NC State Competition!!!



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.





There will be a
tennis interest
meeting for boys
interested in spring
tennis on Thursday
Dec. 14th, in room
E104, after school.
Please see Coach
Ladimir if you can't
attend.



PIRATE ATHLETICS

PIRATE ATHLETIC RESULTS THIS PAST WEEK

PORTER RIDGE VARSITY SWIM TEAM HAD AN EXCELLENT SHOWING THIS PAST FRIDAY NIGHT IN FORT MILL! THE TEAM PLACED SECOND OVERALL, BEATING SUN VALLEY BUT NOT BESTING CUTHBERTSON

First place finishes include:

Girls 200 Free Relay with Claire Kramb, Victoria Hristova, Sammie Farley and Ava Marquadt Malachi McAllister in the 100 Fly and 100 Back

Several swimmers set Personal Records at the meet:

Daniel Mitchell in the 200 Free
Claire Kramb in the 200 Individual Medley
Julia DeGroot and Sammie Farley in the 50 Free
Kegan Barrera in the 100 Free
Ahn Pham in the 100 Back
Malachi McAllister and Daniel Mitchell in the 100 Back
Spencer Chew in the 100 Breast
and Malachi McAllister in the 100 Fly, swimming it in under a minute at 59.72 seconds.

	GJV BJV	VARSITY GIRLS	VARSITY BOYS
BASKETBALL VS INDIAN LAND	Loss Loss	WIN	Loss
BASKETBALL VS INDEPENDENCE	Loss Loss	LOSS	Loss
BASKETBALL VS ARDREY KELL	Loss Loss	Loss	Loss

CHEERLEADING 2ND NCHSAA STATE COMPETITION

WRESTLING MT. PLEASANT TOURNAMENT-

Khaliq Butler 2nd

Aslan Demurchiyev 2nd

Joseph Courtney 2nd

Andy Morales 2nd

Khaleal Henson 3rd

Eddie Morales 4th

INDOOR TRACK-PR hosted a Polar Bear meet on 12/6, competing against Sun Valley, Charlotte Catholic, Union Academy, Performance 360 and Ledford. Boys and girls teams both took first place and despite the cold, overall great performances from the athletes with many personal records.



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

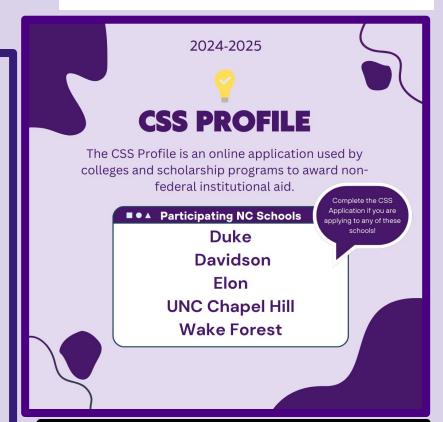
Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

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.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



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

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

Fall Semester Exam Dates 2023-2024

Wednesday, 1/17

1st period review during class

Thursday, 1/18

8:00 – 12:30 1st period exams in all classes 1:30 – 2:30 2nd period review**

Friday, 1/19

8:00 – 12:30 2nd period exams in all classes 1:30 – 2:30 3rd period review**

Monday, 1/22

8:00 – 12:30 3rd period exams in all classes 1:30 – 2:30 4th period review**

Tuesday, 1/23

8:00 - 12:30 4th period exams in all classes

Wednesday, 1/24 is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:00 to start.

**Exam Reviews 1/18 – 1/22: Teacher-Led Review is required for all students from 1:30 – 2:30 and the review is ONLINE.

Students exempt from a Teacher-Made exam are not required to attend the Review or Exam Session for that course.

- ** Quick Lunch will be available for students after exams.
- ** Students will be dismissed after the exam period ends (approximately 12:10). Bus transportation will leave @12:30.



FIDELITY SCHOLARS **PROGRAM**

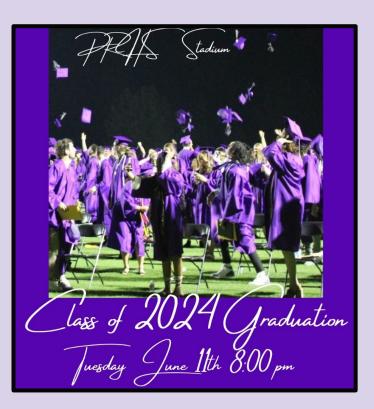
Provides a last dollar scholarship opportunity to high school seniors who will be enrolling at a 4-year college/university for the first time in Fall 2024. If a student meets the eligibility criteria listed below, they can apply: •• 2.5 – 3.5 unweighted GPA

•• Demonstrate financial need

•• Enroll at a 4-year, not-for-profit college or university in your home state

.. Come from underrepresented populations and historically underserved communities

Use this link to apply: https://uncf.org/programs/fidelityscholars-program



PRHS COUNSELING *news*

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!



Are you looking for ways to make extra money for college? The Silver Pen Writing Competition is one of those ways! The award is hosted through The Charlotte.

Award Winners Will Receive 1st Place \$2.500 . 2nd Place \$750 . 3rd Place \$500



To Apply, YOU MUST WRITE A 1000 WORD ESSAY ON THIS ASSIGNED TOPIC

Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others. How has this improved your life?

Deadline: Thurs, February 15, 2024

For more information & to apply online, visit: Silverpen-Slc.com



9120 Willow Ridge Rd Charlotte, NC 28210





Attention Seniors!

Are you wanting to have a Flex period during 2nd semester? If so, please pick up an application in the counseling suite!

Applications due January 17th

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

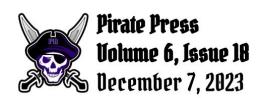
Seniors - Please forward all scholarship offer information to Ms. Wilson, even if you do not wish to accept the scholarship. You can share this information via email or by scanning the QR Code on the Guidance Suite door.

ATTENTION JUNIORS!

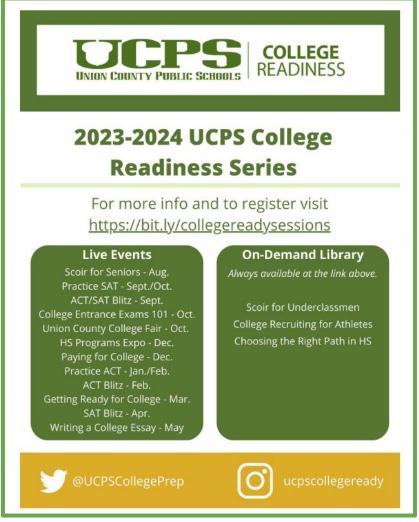
Apply today to serve as a Student Advisor on Superintendent Catherine Truitt's Student Advisory Council! If you are interested in state education issues, advocating on behalf of your peers, and serving as an advisor to decision-makers in K-12 education, this application is for you! The Student Advisory Council meets monthly, and members serve a two-year term that concludes at the end of their senior year of high school. Apply using the link below:



Apply Here! https://rb.gy/498tgo



PRHS COUNSELING A CAREER NEWS



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!

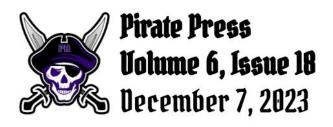
Scan below to schedule a meeting:



Shannon Minick SPCC Career Coach sminick@spcc.edu







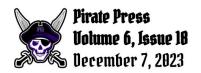
TARDY POLICY

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.
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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

TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

- Cell phones (headphones)
 may be used in a respectful
 manner during class
 transitions in between class
 periods and during lunches.

 UUPS HAS INSTITUTED
 students must pay. Click h
 this fee was emailed home
 accidental damage. Mr. Jase
- → 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.

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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Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR

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