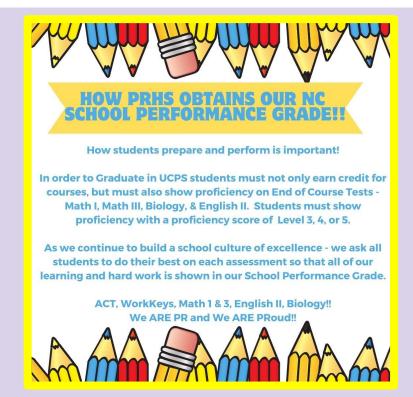


Pirate Press

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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

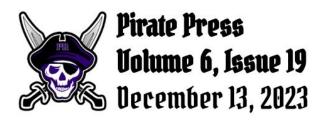
8:00 - 12:30 4th period exams in all classes

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.



The Study Cove

Teachers from Math, English, Social Studies, and Science will be available to help along with Peer Tutors!

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
- Prepare for exams Recover Absences up to 3 absences per course



ATTENDANCE RECOVERY & WAIVER INFO

SEE YOUR COUNSELOR

Attendance Recovery Mon-Wed in Media Center 3:10pm - 4:10 pm Recover up to 3 absences per course Must meet with counselor to receive Attendance Waiver



ACT NOW!

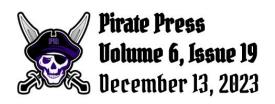


Student Activities

- 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.
- **Umoja announcements**: We are asking that you donate canned goods/foods and gently used coats. You can drop off items in room G213 up until December 15.
- **FCCLA and Sewing & Upcycling Club:** meetings are canceled this week.
- Congratulations to our **Cookie Wars Winners!** In third place we have the Sugar Mamas, in second place we have the Miracle Workers. And in first place, our grand champions.....Dino Slay!! Thank you so much to all who participated--your designs were awesome!



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!**



Winter Wonderland





The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...





12/12 12/11 Monochrome

Twin Tuesday Dress from head to toe in

Dress the same as a friend... or two!



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.

Twas the Night Before Break

> Wear your pajamas to school, or comfy holiday clothes.









Monday

he same colors or shade

of color.

@5:30-7:45 pm, PRHS Stadium Circle

Cookie Wars @3:30-4:30 pm, E-Wing Foyer

Date

Game Night @4-7 pm, PRHS Cafeteria



Hot Cocoa Bar









Winter Wonderland 12/11-15th



Bonfire

Cookie Wars

Game Night

Candy Grams

Hot Chocolate/Lip

Sync

Event

December 11th-17th

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

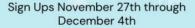
December 12/12 3:30pm-4:30pm

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



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









Student Activity Announcements



for the pre-K program at Sardis Elementary on 12/12. Members were given a Sardis student as an angel for the winter holiday. Smiles were seen on every face as high schoolers ran around playing with each little one. Fond memories were brought back while playing "duck, duck, goose!", parachute toss, and "Simone says". Afterward members were able to sit down to eat a treat and open their holiday gift with their angel. Simple interactions of "tag, you're it!" or "I am going to name my Barbie after you" or a heartfelt "thank you" reminded each Interact member this time of year is truly for giving back to others.

PRHS Interact held their annual holiday party

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.



























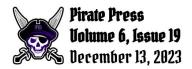














STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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.)

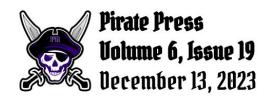
- Students must turn in absence excuse notes to the Attendance Counselor BEFORE the start of the school day.
- Per BOE attendance policy the school may require doctor/medical notes after 5 days of absences (whether those five days are separate days or continuous days). PRHS will require a doctor/medical 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



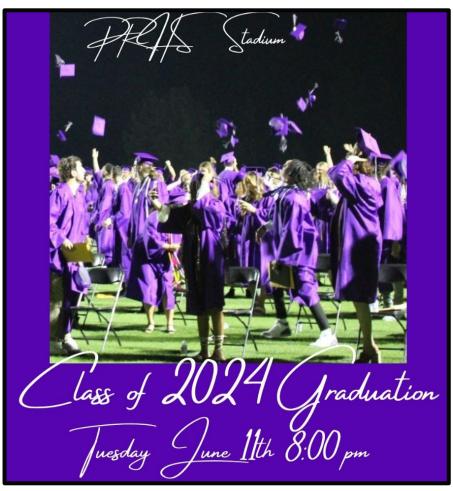


Announcements
& Senior 2024 Gear at the
group discounted price
before prices increase.



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!



PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

-NO EVENTS

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

-Swim UC Meet @MAC 10:30

-Wrestling @ Marvin Ridge 6:00

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

-Wrestling @ PiR Pirate Invitational

-Indoor Track @ Metrolina

-NO EVENTS

-Wrestling @ AK 5:00pm

-Basketball @ Ardrey Kell (Tourney)

-Wrestling @ Mallard

-Basketball @ Ardrey Kell -Basketball @ Ardrey (Tourney)

Wrestling @ Mallard

Kell (Tourney)

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





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

Bobby Abernathy Invitational @ Piedmont 12/9

Placed 2nd out of 16 Teams

Khaleal Henson - 1st

Khaliq Butler 2nd

Eddie Morales 2nd

Joziah Chandler 2nd

Andy Morales 2nd

Joseph Courtney 3rd

Krizangel Flores 4th

Maddox Cheek 5th

Aslan Demurchiyev 5th

Jackson Suggs 5th

BASKETBALL VS HICKORY RIDGE		<u>BJV</u> L	VARSITY GIRLS LOSS	VARSITY BOYS LOSS
BASKETBALL VS FOREST HILLS	NA	WIN	WIN	WIN

UNION COUNTY SWIM MEET RESULTS AFTER BREAK- EVENT 12/13, 12/7 MEET IN THE NEXT EDITION.

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.iarrett@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.

2ND SEMESTER SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS

the schedule correction google form will open thursday, January 11th and will close thursday, February 1st. Please submit all requests through this form.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

2024-2025



CSS PROFILE

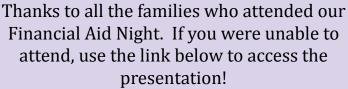
The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award nonfederal institutional aid.

■ ● ▲ Participating NC Schools

Application if you are applying to any of these Duke

Davidson Elon

UNC Chapel Hill Wake Forest



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

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



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/fidelity-

scholars-program

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 NEWS

ATTENTION MIGH 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

1 st 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?

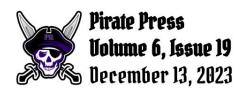
Deadline: Thurs, February 15, 2024

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

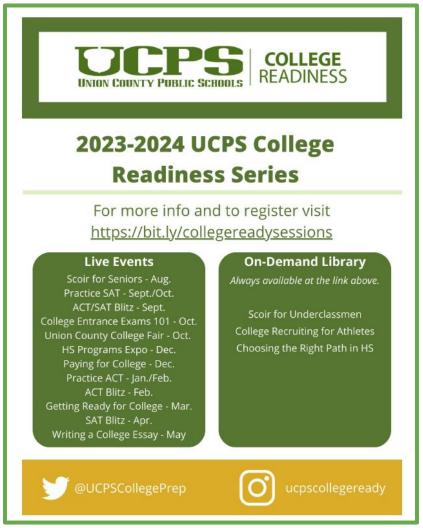


9120 Willow Ridge Rd. Charlotte, NC 28210 Charlotte-Living.com





PRHS COUNSELING & 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





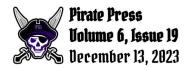
TARDY POLICY

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.
- 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 <u>please follow this link</u>. 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.
- → 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



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