



# Pirate Press

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## STUDENTS MUST SCORE A PROFICIENT-LEVEL 3,4, OR 5 ON EOC EXAMS TO EARN CREDIT

How students prepare and perform is important!

In order to Graduate in UCPS students must not only earn credit for courses, but must also show proficiency on End of Course Tests - Math I, Math III, Biology, & English II. Students must show proficiency with a proficiency score of Level 3, 4, or 5.

As we continue to build a school culture of excellence - we ask all students to do their best on each assessment so that all of our learning and hard work is shown in our School Performance Grade.

ACT, WorkKeys, Math 1 & 3, English II, Biology!!  
We ARE PR and We ARE PRoud!!

The Porter Ridge High School PTO would like to provide snacks to all the teachers during January finals. Please help us show our support for all they do for our kids!! Check out the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Drop off your donated snacks in the school office labeled PTO. Thank you!



PRHS Teacher Snacks During Finals  
signupgenius.com

## PRHS FALL FINAL EXAMS

January 18-24, 8:00 to 12:30

All courses have a final exam that counts at 25% of a student's final grade. **All teacher made, EOC, & CTE Exams will be taken at school.**

### Courses with State Administered Exams

EOC Exams	CTE Exams
Math I	Accounting I
Math 3	Apparel & Textile Production I
English 2	Automotive Service Fundamentals
Biology	Business Essentials
	Business Law
	Child Development
	Culinary Arts & Hospitality I
	Foundations of Health Science
	Health Science I
	Interior Design Fundamentals
	Robotics

### Exam Dates

**Thurs. Jan. 18 1st Period**

**Fri. Jan. 19 2nd Period**

**Mon. Jan. 22, 3rd Period**

**Tue. Jan. 23, 4th Period**

### Exam Exemptions

High school students will not be required to take **teacher made** final exams in the following situations:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 absence in the class.

**All Students must bring their computer & charger to school each day. All exams with the exception of some teacher made exams will be administered online.**



## Fall Semester Exam Dates 2023-2024

### **Wednesday, 1/17**

1<sup>st</sup> period review during class

### **Thursday, 1/18**

8:00 – 12:30 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes

1:30 – 2:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period review\*\*

### **Friday, 1/19**

8:00 – 12:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes

1:30 – 2:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period review\*\*

### **Monday, 1/22**

8:00 – 12:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams in all classes

1:30 – 2:30 4<sup>th</sup> period review\*\*

### **Tuesday, 1/23**

8:00 – 12:30 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Type of Exams:** three types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take. All exams must be completed between 1/18 – 1/24.

### **Exam Exemptions for Teacher-Made Exams ONLY:**

**High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:**

- 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
- 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 absence in the class.
- Teachers will inform students of their TENTATIVE exemption on Tuesday 1/16; however, if students accrue more unexcused absences prior to Thursday 1/18 they can lose that exemption.
- Reminder – Absence notes must be submitted within **FIVE days** of the absence in order to excuse the absence. Notes sent in after five days will NOT be accepted.

**Attendance:** Attendance during exam days is required for all students, in-person for exam sessions and online for review sessions, (those students who exempt an exam are excused from exam and review sessions for a course).

Wednesday, January 24 is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.





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# Final Exams

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

**Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.

**Early Dismissals during Testing Week:** NO student may be dismissed during the four-hour testing window. NO notes will be accepted for this. In order to best support the success of all of our students - **ALL students are asked to attend the Teacher-Led Review Sessions which will be online through MS Teams meetings.** Students who are exempt from an exam will be excused from the Review Session.

**Exam Study Tips:** Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 7:50 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

- Create a study calendar and stick to it
- Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT
- Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course
- Attend all review sessions offered and go to tutoring for extra support
- Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic
- Have your parents ask you questions
- Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review
- Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words
- Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help
- Stay after school to study – you may study in the café until 5:00 each day
- Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information
- Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information
- Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts
- Practice math problems



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# *Study Cove*

## **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**

Refreshments will be  
available!



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





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*Attendance*

*Recovery & Waivers*

[RECOVERY AND WAIVER INFORMATION CLICK HERE](#)

**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

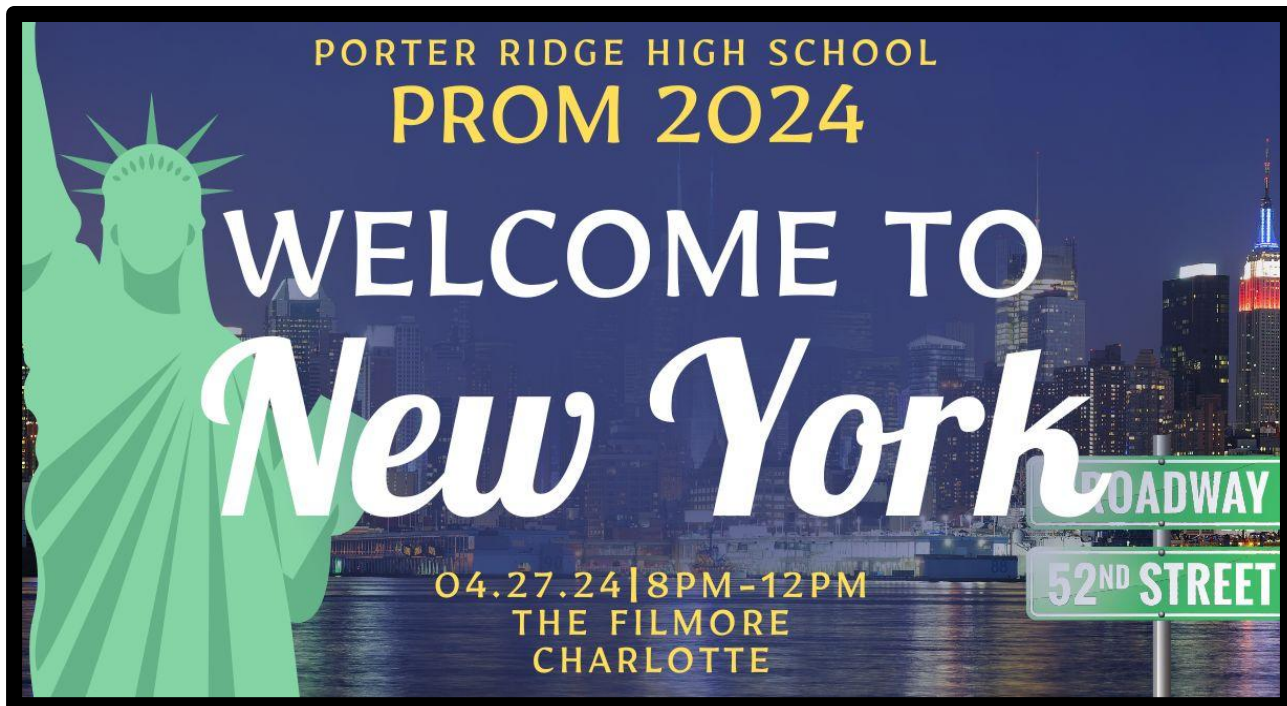


**ACT NOW!**



# *Student Activities*

- ❖ Buy your **yearbooks** at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
- ❖ **GSA** will be having a meeting this Friday, January 5th to celebrate the new year! We hope to see you there!
- ❖ **Applications for the Student Council Leadership Class** will be available starting Jan. 9th right outside Ms. Yearick's room (E107). To apply for the class, you must currently be in 10th or 11th grade and in good standing regarding grades and conduct. Please see Ms. Yearick with questions. Completed applications are due January 23rd by 3:10.
- ❖ The **French club** will meet Monday, January 8th from 3:10-4:00 in F107. Please check our Canvas page for recipes and other details for this meeting. Go by the Grand Central club board to sign up for further communications. Merci!
- ❖ **Science National Honor Society** will have our next monthly meeting Monday, January 8th at 7:50am. Breakfast will be served.
- ❖ Ms. Yearick is looking for about 4 more student **GREATRACE CREW** members. Please see her in E107 for an application if you are interested in helping with this event. Meetings start this month!



Students are reminded to continue to check the [Student Daily Announcement Page](#) to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our [PRHS Website](#). The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**

## Hiring Students!

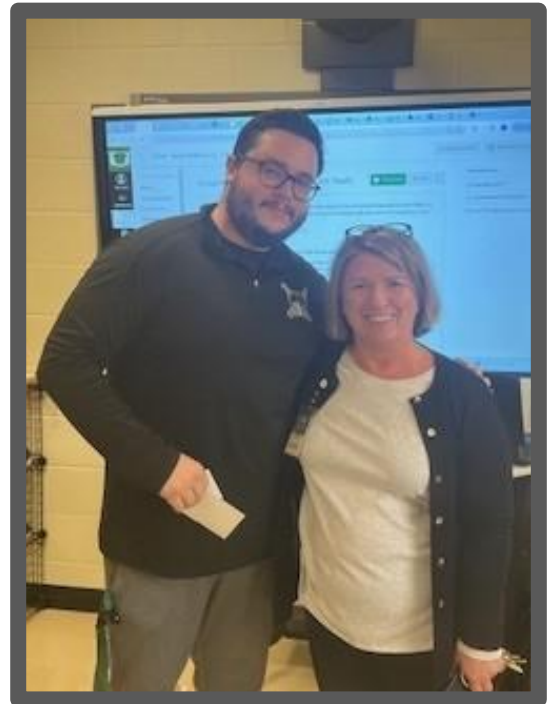
PORTER RIDGE HIGH



PORTER RIDGE WANTS TO INTRODUCE THE IDEA OF HIRING STUDENTS FOR OUR SCHOOL! HOURS MAY BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR: SERVICE HOURS (CHECK WITH ADVISOR), RESUME, AND AS A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY. SOME JOBS REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM YOUR TEACHER TO BE OUT OF CLASS FOR A SHORT TIME EACH DAY/WEEK.

[CLICK HERE FOR GOOGLE FORM](#)

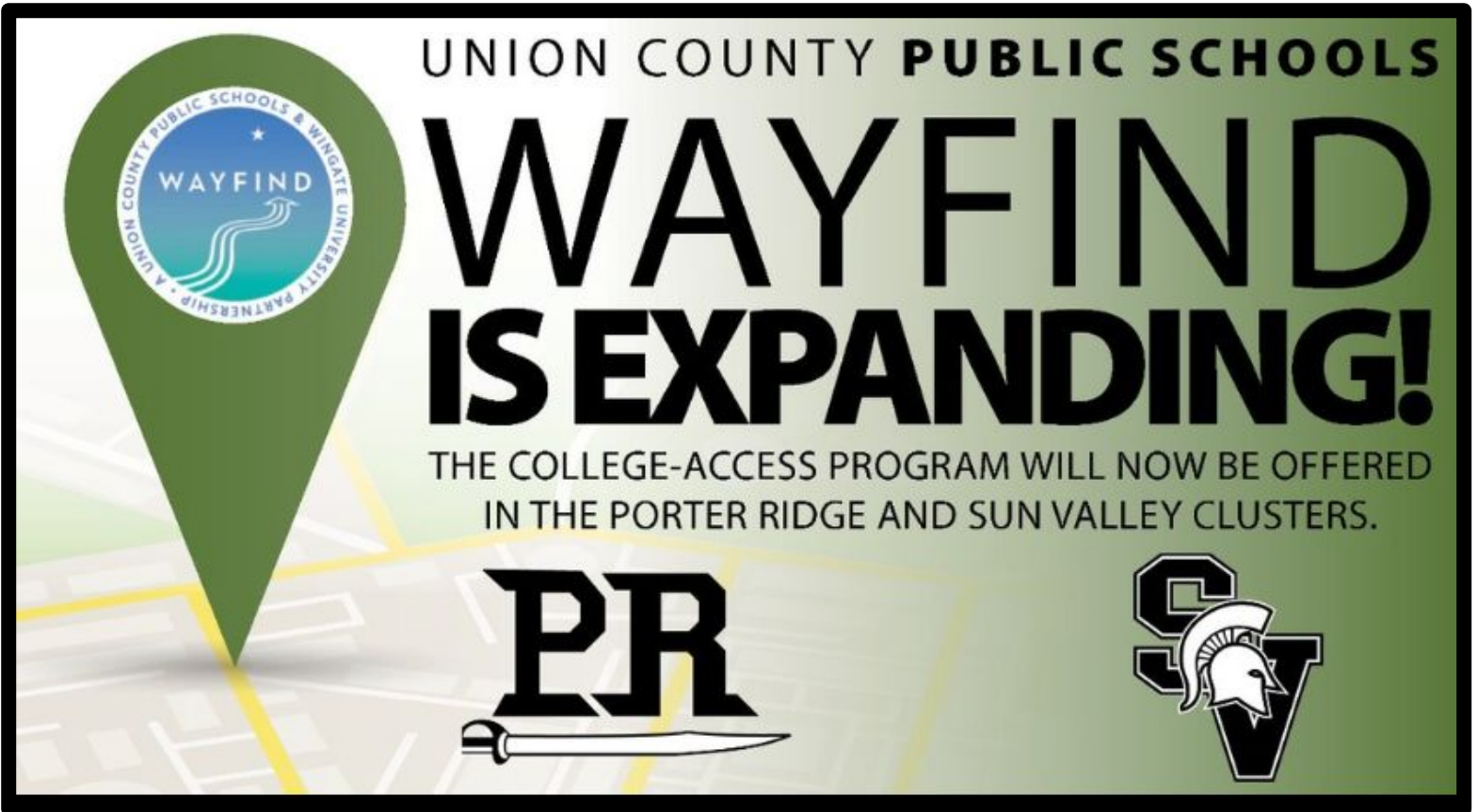
Congratulations to Dylan Fulmer. He is the PRHS Beginning Teacher of the Year!



We were excited to welcome back our Class of 2023 AP Capstone Grads for a recognition of their AP Capstone diploma and certificate! Current and some prospective students were able to hear about the program from grads at the event and by networking after. If you're a current student or parent and want more info please reach out to your counselor!



# *Wayfind Program Expansion*



We are excited to have the Wayfind Program in the PR Cluster and to welcome our first Wayfind Scholars to PRHS in Fall 2024! Wingate university and UCPS are expanding the Wayfind Program to offer more students an opportunity to attend college. Beginning in January 2024, eighth-grade students from Porter Ridge Middle School will be eligible to apply to Wayfind.  
UCPS Info: <http://tinyurl.com/22w4kxka>



# Leader In Me and Portrait of a Graduate



## AN INNOVATIVE LEADER

Rallies others toward a common goal through creativity, integrity and determination. Works to connect with other people through empathy and partnership.



## A RESILIENT PROBLEM-SOLVER

Capitalizes on productive struggle, inquiry, discourse and social learning to think critically and solve relevant and meaningful problems. Lifelong learning is driven by the desire for continuous improvement.



## A KEY CONTRIBUTOR

Actively participates in the community and is civic-minded, independent, and financially literate. Meets the demands of future opportunities with resilience and generosity.



## AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

Accomplished in the skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and the use of technology. Possesses confidence and works in an organized manner.



## A SKILLED COLLABORATOR

Works respectfully as a productive member of a team. Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability for success in a rapidly-changing world.

## THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS

- Be Proactive
- Begin With the End in Mind
- Put First Things First
- Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Synergize
- Sharpen the Saw



**Porter Ridge High** has an Advisory Period two times a week where our students learn principles of leadership, goal setting, and problem solving! Our learning mechanism for this is the **Leader in Me Program (LIM)** where students learn the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. Through these advisory periods (where students have a teacher mentor for four years) and corresponding activities students learn the tenants of the **UCPS Portrait of a Graduate Program**, which includes students learning to be innovative leaders, resilient problem solvers, key contributors, effective communicators, and skilled collaborators. These skills are practiced in each class where there is a focus on academic language which includes student discussions, presentations, and hands on activities. Students are creating portfolios at this time to document their leadership journeys. Our school has an adult leadership team who helps to implement The LIM Program and a student leadership team who leads student projects and activities to help the culture of our school. An Interclub Council run by the student leadership team helps our student life organizations focus on school wide common goals. This newsletter space will be dedicated to how these programs are interconnected and are lived at PRHS each week!



# Pirates IN ACTION



Organized by Porter Ridge Booster Club







## 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.**

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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.



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# Senior Announcements

Click on  
Ad to  
Order



Orders for Varsity Jackets can also be placed at this time. Jackets will ship home!

Shop  
Jackets

## 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.*



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



*Class of 2024 Graduation*  
*Tuesday June 11th 8:00 pm*





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# *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](mailto:amy_dieffenbach@yahoo.com) or Alana White at [alanahwhite@gmail.com](mailto: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!



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# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETICS

J a n 8 - J a n 13

**8**

MONDAY

No Events

**9**

TUESDAY

Basketball vs  
Weddington  
4/5/6/7:30  
Indoor Track @ SV  
4:00

**10**

WEDNESDAY

Booster Club Meeting  
6

**11**

THURSDAY

No Events

**12**

FRIDAY

Basketball  
vsCuthbertson  
4/5/6/7:30

Swim Meet  
Rock Hill YMCA  
5:30

**13**

SATURDAY

Wrestling  
Piedmont Duals

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ATHLETIC  
SCHEDULES

[BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL](#)

[GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL](#)

[GIRLS JV BASKETBALL](#)

[BOYS JV BASKETBALL](#)

[WRESTLING](#)

[INDOOR TRACK](#)

[SWIMMING](#)

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HOME EVENT  
TICKETS](#)

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

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ATHLETIC  
ZONE





# PIRATE ATHLETICS



UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**! NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS**

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.

Logos for various schools and organizations: Central Academy, Parkwood, Bear Creek, PR, CS, Health Sciences Academy, W, and others.

prhs\_volleyball

**TRYOUTS**  
**MENS VOLLEYBALL**

**TUES & WED FEB 27 & 28**  
3-5pm in PRHS Main Gym

\*Must have Family ID completed to tryout. Email Coach Welch [heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions



# PIRATE ATHLETICS

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRHS  
WRESTLING FOR TAKING 1ST PLACE  
IN TEAM POINTS AT THE PIRATE  
INVITATIONAL

PIRATES WIN THE HOLIDAY  
TOURNAMENT AT AK WITH AN  
INCREDIBLE WIN OVER AK. PR  
56-AK 53.

MEN'S BASKETBALL FINISH IN THE  
TOP 4 OF THE AK TOURNAMENT  
THIS WEEK BUT FALL TO CHARLOTTE  
LATIN. GOOD WORK MEN



Pirate Indoor Track and Field had  
great success at the Christmas is  
Near Invitational over break:

- Women took 2nd place overall,  
and Men took 3rd overall!!!
- Women's 4x200 Relay Team  
qualified for States!
- Lots of medals and Personal  
Records (PRs) set!







## Who is your counselor?

**Ashley Lawson**- last names A-Cou  
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**Tanisha Anderson**- last names Cov-Hek  
[tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc  
[bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Cassidy Jarrett**- last names Me-Sao  
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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.

## 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.

## CSS PROFILE

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

### Participating NC Schools

Duke  
Davidson  
Elon  
UNC Chapel Hill  
Wake Forest

Complete the CSS Application if you are applying to any of these schools!

## 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



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**Attention Seniors!**

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED  
ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?**

If so, please email ALL offers to  
Ms. Lawson at  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us).

# PRHS COUNSELING news

## FAFSA Day

Saturday, January 27, 2024

9am-12pm

Local colleges will be helping  
students and parents complete the  
**FAFSA.**

Local participating colleges

Please create your  
Studentaid.gov Account  
(formerly FSA ID) in advance.

UNC Charlotte  
CPCC - Levine Campus  
Wingate University

## 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>

## 2024 GIRLS ON THE RUN OF UNION CO.

### ALUMNI COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Now Accepting Applications



#### ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Graduating seniors who participated in any  
GOTR or Heart & Sole Program in Union Co. is  
eligible to apply for our \$1,000 scholarship!







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# *PRHS COUNSELING* *news*

Are you a Junior or a Senior who has not committed to a college yet? If so, this HBCU College Fair could be for you! PRHS will be providing bus transportation to the event. Please complete the google form below no later than February 12th to secure your spot!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrPv4ISPurMYOKENiYwN7IS4b-H1w5e4N\\_1I5EZ3JuoM076Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrPv4ISPurMYOKENiYwN7IS4b-H1w5e4N_1I5EZ3JuoM076Q/viewform)

93RD SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONVENTION  
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# FOCUS HBCU Fair

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ADMISSIONS AND  
SCHOLARSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES

CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER  
501 S COLLEGE STREET, CHARLOTTE, NC 28202  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



REGISTER HERE:



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/  
FOCUSHBCUFAIR2024](https://tinyurl.com/focushbcufair2024)



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# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

**UCPS** | COLLEGE  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | READINESS

## 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



@UCPSCollegePrep



ucpscollegeready

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](mailto:sminick@spcc.edu)



**Need Career advice or direction?**

**Talk to your Counselor or Career Development Coordinator today to see all of the pathways and academies PR has to offer!**

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## **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.**

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## Important Links

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[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](#)

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## School Nutrition Prices

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the [meal application](#) (click here)

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

Click [here](#) to set up an account to **make payments** and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

## 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**

- 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.





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