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*Summer Office
Hours*

*Monday - Thursday
8:00 - 4:00*



EmpowerED
2023 Summer Leadership

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#TeamUCPS

Mini PHOTO BOOTH

We have included some information for the start of the 2023-2024 school year... but there is more to come in early August! We are so excited to have our Pirates back! #WeRPR



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!**





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Reach out to make an **IMPACT** as a Leadership Mentor in 9th Grade Pirate Advisory

LEADERSHIP MENTOR



TO APPLY: _____

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/PN9QMWPmCYMXJYE38](https://forms.gle/PN9QMWPmCYMXJYE38)

Class of 2024

Information

Peer Math tutor

FOR PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Are you a good Math student?

Do you want to #IMPACT other students at PRHS during the school day and get paid too?

Be one of 5 Student Math Tutors

Email sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us by 7/20!

Class of 2024 Senior Portraits

It's time to schedule your Senior Yearbook Portrait Session



Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch will be at our school this summer. Every senior needs to schedule their session at prestigeportraits.com



DATES: July 31st, August 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, 2023
LOCATION: Porter Ridge High School (Media Center)
SIGN UP: prestigeportraits.com
COST: \$25



To be included in the formal section of the 2023-24 yearbook, you must have your image taken by Prestige.

Class of 2024 Spirit Wear

NOW AVAILABLE @

www.porterridgeband.org

Sales End August 1st





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AP Capstone Program Information

This unique program from the College Board allows students to take two additional AP Courses unique to the AP Capstone program. These courses are AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Program started with the Class of 2021 at Porter Ridge and our Capstone students have an excellent record of high performance in AP courses, with over 95% of our Class of 2023 earning a diploma or certificate. Students may take these courses along with other AP Courses and be eligible to work towards an AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board. According to College Board,

Congratulations! Class of 2023 students who earned the AP Capstone Diploma

Maxwell Bolster	Emma McCord
Carter Clarke	Noah McIntyre
Ashley Cole	Kate Miller
Erin Cole	Nathan Niday
Keira Coleman	Jihwan Park
Lillian Curtis	Ximena Salinas-Ayala
Jack Fazilat	Lauren Schwarz
Christian Hasty	Michael Sheraden
Jason Hertz	Kailyn Shobert
Olivia Hukill	Sydney Smith
Jonah Karkow	Amber Warren
Logan Kesner	Emma White
Abigail Kraftson	Jacob Wright
Anthony Manzo-Trinidad	

*Criteria for the AP Capstone Diploma:
Receive a 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research Exams
Receive a 3 or higher on 4 other AP Exams*

Congratulations! Class of 2023 students who earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate

Cora Antweiler	Kyra Jordan
Addisyn Ball	Isabel Kielkowicz
Ashlee Bardsley	Bailey Lambiotte
Landon Burnett	Hailey Lopez
Lauren Currie	Megan Masone
Rita Daood	Alexis Poderis
Samantha Foppe	Marley Tatum
Ava Guild	Sage Walters
Jane Harris	

*Criteria for the AP Seminar and Research Certificate:
Receive a 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and Research Exam*

AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP® courses — AP Seminar and AP Research — and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses. More information can be found on the College Board website. If interested, please contact your counselor.

To learn more about the AP Capstone Diploma Program [please click here.](#)



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Beginning of School Year Information



Porter Ridge High School

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal

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Click on the box to the left to visit our Back to School pages on the PRHS website for info on.....

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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 must 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 will fail the course due to attendance.



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Back to School Information

- **Freshmen Orientation: Friday 8/18**
 - Drop students off at 4 pm for interactive Orientation Activities, Club Fair, and Schedule Review
 - Students are encouraged to stay for our Porter Ridge Tailgate for our Friday Night Football Season Opener
 - Students (and families too) are encouraged to stay for their first HS Football game vs Rocky River and experience our Pirate Student Section, or sit with family and enjoy the football game, cheer team, and Band of Pirates!
 - More Info to follow! Watch social media and upcoming newsletters!
- **Chromebook Pickup: Monday 8/14 - Friday 8/18**
 - Students who have paid their Technology Fee for the 23-24 school year can come by between 8:00 - 10:00 to check out their new chromebook
- **Family Open House: Friday 8/25**
 - Grab your parents and come walk your class schedule from 12:00 - 3:00pm. Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet them. Club Fair displays will be up so that you can consider what extracurricular activities you may want to be involved in. Come join us!
 - Are you a new student in 10th - 12th grade? Stop by the main office for a tour guide who can show you where your classes are and answer your questions, along with the tricks of getting around the school!
- **Opportunities for Juniors and Seniors as Peer Tutors and Language Mentors**
 - PRHS started our Peer Tutor program back up in full force last school year and added Language Mentors for students who are learning the English language. Both programs are going very well and service the middle and (some) elementary schools in our cluster. We want to continue to support our community by expanding our programs.
 - Interested Juniors and Seniors are eligible to apply. Students interested should email their counselor to let them know. More information will be coming out of social media soon! Students do earn course credit for this.
- **Parking Passes:** Information will come out in the next Pirate Press, but expect sales to start after 7/31.
- **School Starts Monday 8/28.** Students should be in their 1st period class by 8:10 am. Students can arrive at 7:45 or later. We recommend that if you are dropping your child off you are on campus by 7:45 as there will be traffic.



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Student Activities

- *Click to check it out!*



COLOR GUARD

MULTIPLE TEAMS · JUL 20



Fall Sports Begins July 31!!
Click for Tryout Information



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**Porter Ridge High School
Athletic Schedules**



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**The New Home of Porter Ridge
Athletics!**



Get Ready for Band Camp!

**Get the calendar, paperwork,
and order your meals!**

Clubs and Special Interests

Club Information

Battle of the Books

Beta Club

Book Club

Club PFC

Computer Science Club

Dungeons & Dragons Club

FBLA

*.... And so many more....
Click here to check out
what PRHS students are
involved in outside of
classes!!!*



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Student Advisory

PRHS IS A LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

LeaderinMe®



CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDENTS DO IN ADVISORY!



The Seven Habits Course is all about developing life-readiness skills to prepare you to lead your own life and face difficult challenges. Everyone is a leader, including you. Effective leaders do things in ways that yield lasting positive results and live by timeless, universal principles. Principles provide constancy amidst change; each of the 7 Habits is based on principles of effectiveness that will guide you through life's greatest challenges.



The Find Your Voice Career Readiness course is designed to help you learn and master skills that will enable you to find and then express your voice at school, at home, online, in the workplace, on a team, and in a competitive world market. Everyone has something to say but learning how to say it makes all the difference.



The Take Charge College Readiness course is designed to prepare you for the challenges and new responsibilities post-secondary education brings to students like you. The best thing you can do is apply what you learn in this course right away. If you do, you won't find yourself scrambling to develop important skills that make academic and general success possible. This course is for all students who will attend a 4-year university, 2 year, vocational school or enter into the workforce or military.



The Inspire Others Leadership Readiness course is all about Inspiring your team and keeping organized. These skills require both interpersonal effectiveness and the time-tested tools of leadership. The intent of this course is to learn and apply the same processes used by organizational leaders across the world. While the content in this course is world-class, the project-based learning approach is what brings it to life.



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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

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

Cassidy Jarrett– last names Me-Sao
cassidy.lippert@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.

NEW TO PRHS? JOIN US TO SELECT YOUR CLASS

STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE LEADING TOURS DURING MAY AND AUGUST.
A COUNSELOR WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!

SUMMER DATES:

MAY 30TH 4-6:30PM

MAY 31ST 4-6:30PM

AUGUST 1ST 4-6:30PM

AUGUST 8TH 4-6:30PM

AUGUST 15TH 4-6:30PM

AUGUST 22ND 4-6:30PM

CLICK THIS LINK TO
SIGN UP!!!

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/
GO/20F0D4DAAAEE2FAB9-SUMMER](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4daaae2fab9-summer)

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Save the Date

Senior Night

For after high school plans

Monday, September 11th at 6PM



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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Schedule Corrections:

The Schedule Correction Google Form will open Monday, August 21st. Counselors will work on "Please See Counselor" holes first. "Please See Counselor" is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected, including alternates. Please make sure that you check your schedule in PowerSchool and fill out the Schedule Correction Google Form if needed.

-Monday afternoon, August 14th,
Student Schedules will be released
via PowerSchool

-Monday, August 21st, Students may
request corrections via Google Form



SCHEDULE CORRECTION FORM

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cMsvDMT2CRa5JtQ6JLDe2mv7OKjikZdbg4XKn5xp_0s/edit

Schedule Information:

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

- The Schedule Correction Google Form will close on **Friday, September 1st at 5:00 pm.**
- **Requests for 1st & 2nd semester should be made at this time.** All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request will be allowed.
- All schedules have been reviewed. We will not make changes for students who were placed in the 1st or alternative courses requested. Requests will only be considered for the following:
 - Senior is missing a required class for graduation or for college admissions
 - Student has not met or is missing a prerequisite for a course for which they are enrolled
 - Student is taking a course that he/she has passed
 - Student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule
 - Student has the same course listed twice on the schedule
 - Student has "Please See your counselor" listed on their schedule. Please See Counselor is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected (including alternates).

Please make sure to fill out the form, so that your schedule is ready for the 1st day of school, which is Monday, August 28th. A counselor will email you as we are able to process your request at your UCPS school email whether a correction can or cannot be made to your schedule.



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PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

NEXT STOP TEACH UCPS

Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

- Three pathways are offered
- Earn an Associate's Degree from SPCC at no cost
- Attend Wingate University to earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Earn a Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - Students pay no more than \$2,500 per year
- Participate in apprenticeship and internship programs, professional development and student teaching opportunities
- Become a certified teacher within four years after high school

When I enrolled in the Teaching as a Profession class, I expected to learn the basics of how to be a teacher. In other words, I anticipated purely learning how to share information with others, the process of grading tests, finding worksheets, and other responsibilities of a teacher. I learned so much more in this class than I ever had in mind. I gained new insight on how different ages of children act, how to create a classroom that is inclusive, how each student has a unique learning style, and that a classroom is made up of several different parts, not just the academic instruction.

Mica Anderson
Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY

DRIVEN BY PARTNERSHIPS WINGATE SOUTH PIEDMONT STAY CONNECTED www.ucps.k12.nc.us

Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

Union County Public Schools recently launched Next Stop: TeachUCPS, a teacher pipeline program for high school students. Through an innovative partnership with South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) and Wingate University, UCPS is growing its own teachers and providing a roadmap that removes financial barriers for pursuing a teaching license.

ASSOCIATE'S PATHWAY	PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY	TRADITIONAL PATHWAY UNIVERSITY PATHWAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available to all UCPS high school students High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school Gateway to Wingate Scholarship Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024 Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant Gateway to Wingate Scholarship Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024 Complete the 3 Teaching as a Profession courses High school diploma May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation
<p>COST: Associate's Degree - Zero Tuition Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<p>COST: Associate's Degree - Zero Tuition Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<p>COST: Student incurs cost</p>

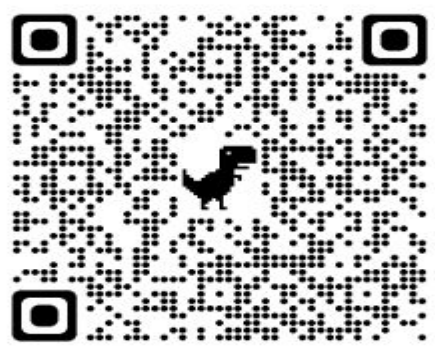
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, do they have to transfer to Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School?
- A. No, students will stay at their home school and travel to take the Teaching as a Profession courses at either Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School. Please see your Career Development Coordinator for information about transportation.
- Q. Is there a fee for this program?
- A. Under Next Stop: TeachUCPS, tuition fees are covered. The program does not fully cover additional fees.
- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, can they still participate in the Career and College Promise program?
- A. Yes, students have the opportunity to take community college courses through Career and College Promise while in the program.
- Q. Will the CTE Teaching as a Profession Pathway be expanded to other high schools?
- A. This will be reviewed annually and program expansion will be based on student interest and available funding.
- Q. How can I learn more about TeachUCPS and apply?
- A. Talk to the Career Development Coordinator at your school or visit ucps.k12.nc.us and click on: Academics - High School Education - NextStop: TeachUCPS

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



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!
[Click here for more info...](#)

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Follow us on: [prhs_counseling](https://www.instagram.com/prhs_counseling)



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Ports of Information for Pirates:

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@prhsmodelunitednations @prhsfilmclub @prphilosophyclub @prhsirates4christ
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