



Pirate Press

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PAJAMA OUT

Come support your Pirates during 1st round of playoffs @ HOME!
vs Cuthbertson @ 7pm

Wear pajama pants with a white shirt!

At school: 3 points all out
1 point basic

At the game: 2 points for attending



Tuesday, November 7 is a teacher workday- No School. Friday, November 10 school is not in session in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday. Please vote!
Thank you Veterans!



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



JOIN PTO SEE FORM ON PAGE 2



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!



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*Parent
 Information*



PRHS Parent Teacher Organization Membership



Dear Parents,

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

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

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

~ PRHS PTO

PRHS NURSE IN NEED OF DONATED ITEMS [CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

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

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Student Name (s): _____

Grade Level (s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Let us know if you're interested in serving with the PTO in any of these areas:

Hospitality Membership Fundraising Communication



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!**



School *Announcements*

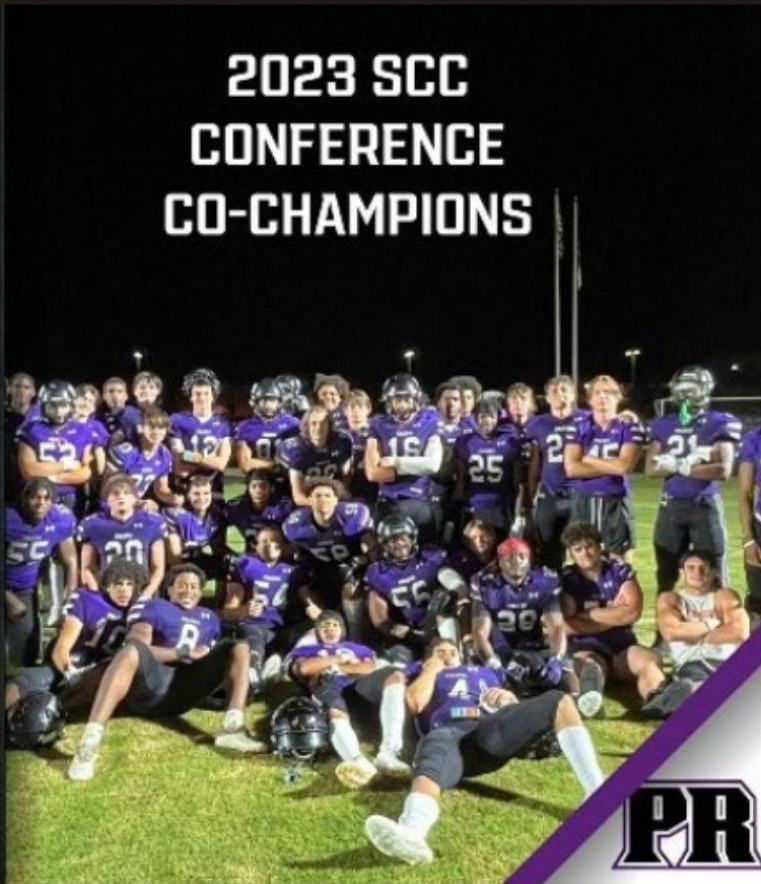


Congratulations to our Porter Ridge High Teacher of the Year, Mr. Emmanuel Ross and our CTE Teacher of the year, Ms. Heather Welch.



Congrats to Cadet Ethan Helms who, along with Cadet Moss of PHS, received a Tier 1 (full ride) scholarship from AFROTC to the college of his choice and when complete will be commissioned as an officer in Air Force or Space Force. Way to go!!!

Pirates



IN ACTION

www.PorterRidgeBand.org

FRUIT SALE!

ENDS NOVEMBER 7TH



SHOP NOW →

SENIORS- Save \$40 on CLASS RINGS!

Senior Class Ring Sale! Use Promo code **SENIORGIFT40**

(excludes Tradewinds and Basic P-Rings).

Rings ship home before the holidays!

CLICK TO SHOP PORTER RIDGE RINGS

PORTER RIDGE FFA

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Orders Due 11/3

Pick-Up

at the Porter Ridge Greenhouse on Wednesday, November 29th from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.


\$12

See an FFA member or Mrs. Helms to pay in cash or check. Checks can be made out to Porter Ridge FFA.

Send questions to Mrs. Helms at: cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us



Click on Ad to Order



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

Shop Jackets

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



Student Activity Announcements

- ❖ Buy your **yearbooks** at yearbookforever.com
- ❖ **The French club** will meet Friday November 3rd in room F107 to tie-dye our T-shirts. If you would still like to order a shirt, bring \$12 to Madame Myers by Wednesday, November 1st.
- ❖ **Science National Honor Society** will have its next meeting Monday, November 6th at 7:50am in E207D.
- ❖ Join **National English Honors Society / Creative Writing Club** after school on Monday, November 6 .
- ❖ Falling for Fall Decor? Sign up to make a **leaf jar decoration at the Media Center's next Maker Series event** on Mon. Nov. 13th afterschool in the Media Center. See the QR code on the poster by the Media Center doors and in the cafeteria to sign up. All supplies and light refreshments will be provided.
- ❖ The next **Battle of the Books team meeting** will be right after school Wed. Nov. 15th in the Media Center Workroom. We are an academic reading competition team and open to new members! Come and join us! See Mrs. Snelson or Ms. Myers for questions.
- ❖ **Skills USA** will be having our monthly chapter meeting on Wednesday Nov 15 @ 4:00 at Piedmont High School in the fire academy building. As part of this meeting we will be having a pay to play kickball tournament! Cost is \$5 to play and is not limited to just Skills members, this is open to all students!! Come out for a fun filled time and learn about Skills USA!!



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

PIRATE ATHLETICS

1ST RD NCHSAA PLAYOFFS

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VS

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PORTER RIDGE

CUTHBERTSON

NOV 3 // 7PM // PORTER RIDGE HS

BUY TICKETS TODAY!!



#COMMITTED
#SCC CONFERENCE CO-CHAMPS

2023 SCC
CONFERENCE
CO-CHAMPIONS



RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK

SOCCER 1ST ROUND STATE PLAYOFFS VS MOORESVILLE-WIN 2-1
FOOTBALL VARSITY WIN VS SUN VALLEY



PIRATE ATHLETICS

[CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
PRHS CONCESSIONS

November 3, 2023



VS



1st ROUND NCHSAA PLAYOFFS



Sign up today!

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR
ATHLETIC SCHEDULES
[FOOTBALL](#)
[SOCCER](#)

PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETIC ZONE



NO
OUTSIDE FOOD & DRINKS
OR LARGE BAGS
MAY BE BROUGHT INSIDE STADIUM
OR OTHER ATHLETIC VENUES



For questions or concerns,
please speak to an administrator.

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



NEW
PROTOCOLS
FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.
Effective, Oct. 6, 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 or at the mid-point of an event.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
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Cassidy Jarrett- last names Me-Sao
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Alexandra Green- last names Sap-Z
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The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

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

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



Enhancing and Empowering our local communities.

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



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



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



NC

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



**Touchstone Energy[®]
Sports Camp
Scholarships**

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

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



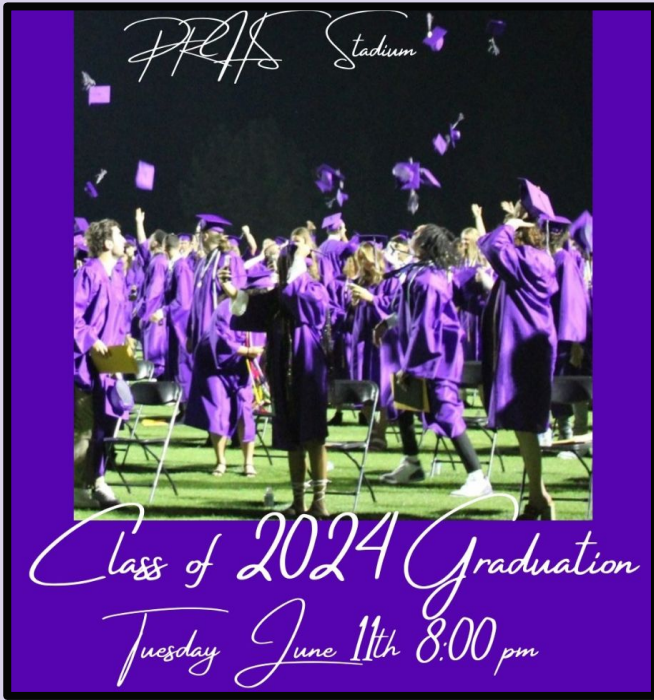
CLICK HERE
COLLEGE
NEWSLETTER





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Holiday Resources



Common Heart Great Turkey Countdown

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

It's Turkey Time!

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

Apply for Assistance

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

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

Holiday Resources



Union County Christmas Bureau

Accepting Applications Now - Nov. 17, 2023.

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

Apply for Assistance

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

To apply, call 704-296-4828 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 17. When applying over the phone, please be prepared to provide the last four digits of social security numbers for all individuals in the household who have them, as well as the monthly gross income for all individuals in the household, including salaries, types of benefits, child support, etc. Applicants should also be prepared to give the date of birth, clothing sizes, and gift ideas for all children aged 18 and younger.



Christmas Assistance - The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte

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

 SalvationArmyUS



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BUSINESS IS BOOMING
now hiring servers hosts cooks



7800 Stevens Mill Road
 Matthews
 704•628•5179

PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS



2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

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

Live Events

Scoir for Seniors - Aug.
 Practice SAT - Sept./Oct.
 ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept.
 College Entrance Exams 101 - Oct.
 Union County College Fair - Oct.
 HS Programs Expo - Dec.
 Paying for College - Dec.
 Practice ACT - Jan./Feb.
 ACT Blitz - Feb.
 Getting Ready for College - Mar.
 SAT Blitz - Apr.
 Writing a College Essay - May

On-Demand Library

Always available at the link above.

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



@UCPSCollegePrep



ucpsccollegeready

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!

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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.

- 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.



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 [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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Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Twitter: @PorterRidgeHSNC @PRHSCareer @prhs_athletics
@PRPiratehoops @pr_volleyball @PorterRidgeFB @prtrackandfield @PRHSSoccer1
@PRHSPiratesBSB @PorterRidgeFFA @PRHScheer
@porterridgeabc @PorterRidgeBand @Piratestuco @PRLAX2

Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR

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@prhsfilmclub @prphilosophyclub @prhs_pirates4christ @prhs_humanities
@growinggreen_prhs @porter_ridge_hs_pto @prhs_spanish.club @prhs.outdoors.club
@prguards @prhsmenslacrosse @lawandjusticeskillsusa @prhs.culinaryarts @prb.o.b
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