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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 Study Cove

Recovery Days Left for Semester I



Make up ONE period per day from 3:10 - 4:10: 1/8, 1/9, 1/10, 1/11, 1/12, 1/16, 1/17

Make up TWO class periods per day from 12:30 - 2:30 after exams: 1/18, 1/19, 1/22, 1/23

Alternatively you can stay for tutoring with your teacher. Your teacher must document it THAT day in the Recovery spreadsheet.

You must provide your own transportation home

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

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.

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

Next Week is the Last Week of the Semester

The Study Cove

**Recovery Days Left
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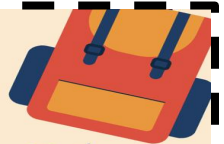
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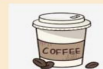
The Study Cove



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 & Exam Exemptions

RECOVERY AND WAIVER INFORMATION CLICK HERE

- **IMPORTANT - about exemptions AND attendance recovery.....**
- - Teachers will share tentative exam exemption status with students on 1/12 and final status on 1/17. If you are unsure – ask your teacher.
- - The information that teachers (or Admin) will share with you is accurate for the day that they give you the information - **HOWEVER** if you get additional unexcused absences, **OR** if your grade average changes because of work submitted or tests taken - your exemption status and/or your need for attendance recovery will change.
- - Your attendance is **REQUIRED** all the way up through final exams. If you have completed all of your required exams you are not required to come to school on the makeup exam day – it will be coded as an excused absence- it will not affect your exam exemption or whether you pass/fail a course due to attendance.
- - Your grades all count - all the way through the end of the grading period.
- - You are **REQUIRED** to do attendance recovery if you have more than 8 absences. If you have accumulated more than 8 unexcused absences you have received emails from Dr. Christie Felder about recovery. You should be checking your email. The Principal, Dr. Fisenne, typically waives your excused absences as long as they are not excessive – so it is usually your unexcused absences (this includes suspensions) that you need to recover so that you end up with less than 8 unexcused absences. You have had this opportunity all semester at The Study Cove, or by attending your teacher's tutoring – you have very limited opportunities remaining. You should go see your counselor if this applies to you.
- - If you are still confused at this point, please see Dr. Fisenne or any administrator during lunches so that she can explain to you directly.

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!

- ❖ The **PRHS Schedule Correction Google Form** is now live. This form will stay open until Thursday, February 1st. You must use your UCPS email address for the form to work. <https://forms.gle/osmfqyCvXJFk3JiS7>
- ❖ Buy your **yearbooks** at yearbookforever.com
- ❖ All students who checked out **calculators** for a 1st semester Math class are reminded that calculators are due back by the end of the semester. If you are exempt from your exam, return your calculator as soon as possible. If you are using it on your exam, return it the day of the exam when everyone is dismissed to go home.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Skills USA** will be having our monthly meeting **Wednesday Jan 11 at Piedmont High School in the Fire Academy Building**. We are approaching competition time and need all members and anyone interested in joining to show up and have membership dues paid at this time.
- ❖ **Growing Green** will be doing a campus clean up **Friday, January 12**. If you are interested in helping, and get volunteer hours, meet in Ms. Goodine's room, E111, right after school.
- ❖ If you are currently enrolled in a Spring SPCC course, **Student Agreement forms must be turned into Ms. Green in the Guidance Lobby before the start of finals!**
- ❖ Next **FCCLA** meeting will be Feb 6 after school until 4:15
- ❖ Next **Sewing and Upcycling Club** meeting will be 2/8/24 until 4:15 p.m.

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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PRHS News & AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM

Hiring Students!

[CLICK HERE FOR GOOGLE FORM](#)

PORTER RIDGE HIGH



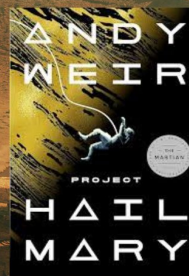
PORTER RIDGE WANTS TO INTRODUCE THE IDEA OF HIRING STUDENTS FOR OUR SCHOOL! HOURS MAY BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR: SERVICE HOURS (CHECK WITH ADVISOR), RESUME, AND AS A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY. SOME JOBS REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM YOUR TEACHER TO BE OUT OF CLASS FOR A SHORT TIME EACH DAY/WEEK.

BOOK CLUB MEETING

MEETING IN E107
JANUARY 17TH AT
3:10

WE ARE READING
PROJECT HAIL MARY
BY ANDY WEIR

BRING A SNACK TO
SHARE!!!



growinggreen_prhs
Porter Ridge High School

Porter Ridge Cluster Campus Clean-Up



All are welcomed! No equipment needed!

Friday, January 12th @ 3:05pm
in Room E111



Have questions? DM this account!



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Dayfind Program Expansion

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WAYFIND IS EXPANDING!

THE COLLEGE-ACCESS PROGRAM WILL NOW BE OFFERED
IN THE PORTER RIDGE AND SUN VALLEY CLUSTERS.



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>



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



Leader in Me student leaders from Sun Valley Middle & Porter Ridge High are partnering at the PRHS outdoor classroom. SVMS students toured the classroom and discussed with PRHS students the processes involved in student initiatives since they are wanting to build an outdoor classroom at their school! Students are exemplifying the **Portrait of a Graduate** by being skilled collaborators, effective communicators, and innovative leaders. Through this project students will have to be resilient problem solvers! Way to be key contributors at your schools! Good luck SVMS students!

Pirates **IN ACTION**





Attendance & Exam Exemptions

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:

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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.



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Senior Announcements

Click on
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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!**



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

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
PROM 2024

WELCOME TO
New York

04.27.24 | 8PM-12PM
THE FILMORE
CHARLOTTE

ROADWAY
52ND STREET



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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 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!

JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE



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

PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

15

MONDAY

-NO EVENTS

16

TUESDAY

-Swimming
Conference Meet
MCAC
-Indoor Track SCC
Conference Meet
JDL FastTrack

17

WEDNESDAY

-No Events

18

THURSDAY

-No Events

19

FRIDAY

-Wrestling vs
Cuthbertson
-Basketball @
Carmel Christian

20

SATURDAY

#COMMITTED



CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ATHLETIC
SCHEDULES

[BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL](#)

[GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL](#)

[GIRLS JV BASKETBALL](#)

[BOYS JV BASKETBALL](#)

[WRESTLING](#)

[INDOOR TRACK](#)

[SWIMMING](#)

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR
HOME EVENT
TICKETS

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

PORTER
RIDGE
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, S, W, 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 with any questions

PIRATE ATHLETICS



PIRATE ATHLETIC RESULTS

Girls Basketball Vs. MRHS- Loss
Boys Basketball Vs. MRHS- Loss
Girls Basketball Vs. WHS- WIN
Boys Basketball Vs. WHS- Loss
Wrestling Vs. SVHS- Win
Wrestling- Pirate Duals- See Caption
Indoor Track at WHS- See Caption

PR Indoor Track attended the Weddington Invitational meet in Winston Salem at JDL Fast Track. All of our athletes had strong performances in a very competitive meet. A few outstanding results were Wyatt Pugh, with a shot put PR of 50'8", Mylen Cadiang qualified for states in the women's 55 meter dash, Landon Adams qualified for states in the men's 55 meter hurdles and Cedric Blowe took first place overall in the men's 55 meter dash.

FRIDAY NIGHT HOME BASKETBALL

PRHS VS Cuthbertson 1/12/24
Come out and Cheer the Pirates
Varsity Girls at 6:00
Varsity Boys at 7:30

PRHS Wrestling

PR 70 Monroe 3

PR 48 Providence Day 24

PR 60 Anson County 34

PR 54 Metrolina 17

PR 51 Cox Mill 27

Khaleal Henson got his 100th win

Overall team record 20-2

2-0 Conference





Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

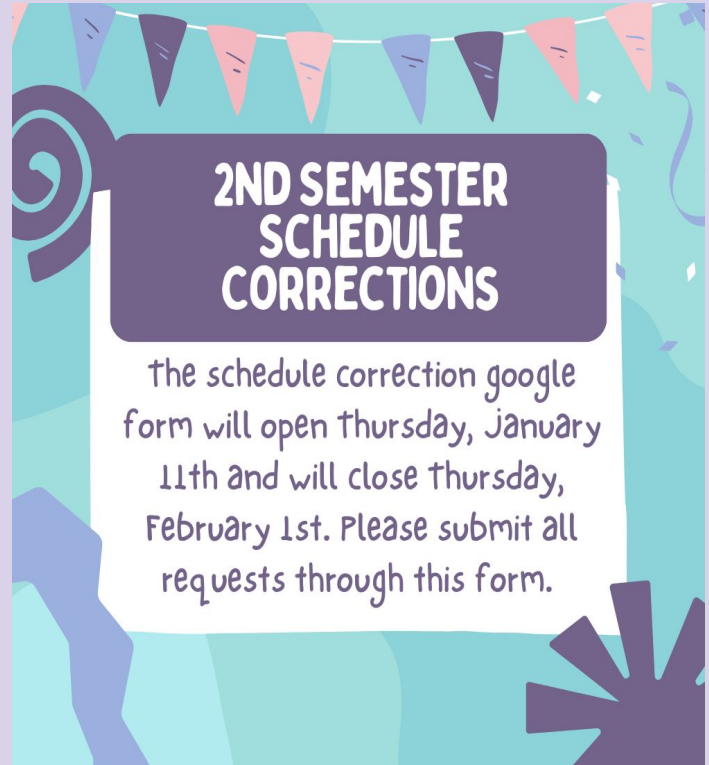
Cassidy Jarrett- last names Me-Sao
cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us

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.

The **PRHS Schedule Correction Google Form** is now live. This form will stay open until Thursday, February 1st. You must use your UCPS email address for the form to work.

<https://forms.gle/osmfqyCvXIFk3JiS7>



2024-2025



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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PRHS COUNSELING news



Attention Seniors!

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED
ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?**

If so, please email ALL offers to
Ms. Lawson at
ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

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



CAMPUS VISIT DAY

Saturday, January 20
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Scan QR Code
TO REGISTER NOW!

CAREERS START AT CABARRUS COLLEGE

Join us to learn about our 18 degrees in 11 health science disciplines.

- Drop-in format with sessions beginning every 30 minutes
- Tour our state-of-the-art facility
- Meet our faculty
- Connect with current students in your program of interest
- Learn how our generous scholarships, loans and financial aid keep your costs low

Register now. We can't wait to meet you!



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Admissions@CabarrusCollege.edu
704-403-1555

CABARRUS COLLEGE
of
HEALTH SCIENCES

We are Healthcare Education.

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!

[CLICK HERE](#)

If you are currently enrolled in a **Spring SPCC course**, Student Agreement forms must be turned into Ms. Green in the Guidance Lobby before the start of finals!

93RD SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONVENTION
PRESENTS

FOCUS HBCU Fair

ON-SITE
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



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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