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today before they
are sold out!!!**



VS



**10/26
Tickets on sale now
Limited Tickets**

**Click the Ad
for Ticket
Link**

www.Sunvalleyathleticzone.com/tickets

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!

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



PRHS NURSE IN NEED OF DONATED ITEMS CLICK HERE TO DONATE

- Individually wrapped goldfish crackers.
- Juicy juice apple juice box
- Waters (any size, prefer small bottles).
- Star mint candies.



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

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!**



[CLICK HERE TO ORDER CAPS & GOWNS AND MORE](#)

PORTER RIDGE SENIORS!

Time to Place your Graduation Orders!

*Click Below to Order your
Cap & Gown, Porter Ridge
Graduation Announcements,
Senior Gear & Rings!*

Order Deadline:

Wednesday, November 1

[CLICK HERE TO PLACE
PORTER RIDGE
GRADUATION ORDERS!](#)



*Pirate Tip - Scroll down page to
see the \$39 option for cap,
gown, and tassel.*



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](#)

Pirates



♥ ◻ ◻ ◻
Liked by [prhs_castaways](#) and 26 others
[prhs_vocal_treasures](#) Congratulations to Larissa and Gabe for being accepted into the Mars Hill Choral Festival!! Not only will they have a great choral experience but have been offered a \$22,500/year scholarship for Mars Hill!!!!



IN ACTION

Student Activity

Announcements

- ★ **Pirate Cove Classic** is this Saturday 10/28 here at PRHS - Come check out this great Band Competition!!
- ★ Buy your **yearbooks** at yearbookforever.com ... yearbook ads for seniors also available at this website!!!
- ★ **HOSA meetings** will be on the 4th Thursday of the month @7:45am.
- ★ **GSA** will be meeting this Friday, October 27th in room G106.
- ★ **Umoja** members please pick up your field trip permission form from Ms. Washington in room G213 or Mrs. Lytch in room F109.
- ★ Any student looking to **tryout for a winter sport** should stop by and see Coach Leath during lunch Tuesday or Thursday this week to check eligibility or answer any questions you may have. He will be set up at a table in the cafeteria.
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- ★ **2023-2024 Swim Team Information**
 - Make sure you register using [Family ID](#) and have a physical on file.
 - Stay up to date by joining our group on the [Band App](#)
 - Swim [Calendar](#) and [Meet Schedule](#)
 - Swim [Gear Shop](#)
- ★ If you are a student interested in being nominated for the **Davidson Belk Scholarship**, please see Ms.Wilson in the counseling suite. The deadline to be nominated is November 1st.

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!





PORTER RIDGE FFA HOSTS:

HOWL-O-WEEN

Pet COSTUME PHOTO CONTEST

**SUBMIT PHOTOS BY
OCTOBER 27TH**

**SUBMIT PHOTOS VIA PORTER
RIDGE FFA INSTAGRAM DMS
OR EMAIL MRS. HELMS**

EMAIL: CASSIDY.HELMS@UCPS.K12.NC.US

INSTAGRAM: @PRHSFFA

Prize for winner!



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!**

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

UCPS is inviting elementary,
middle and high school
students to spread
holiday cheer!



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PORTER RIDGE FFA

POINSETTIA

FUNDRAISER

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





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

Congratulations to our PRHS Parade Princess nominee, Kyra Cheek!



PURCHASE A SENIOR AD!

When are ads due?
October 31st no exception



What is the link?
Yearbookforever.com

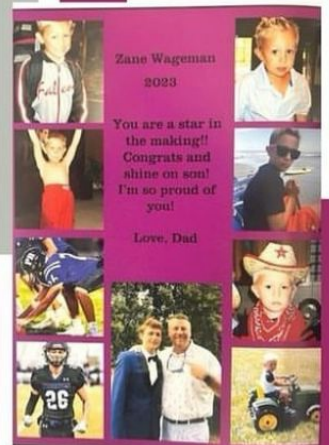
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CELEBRATE YOUR SENIOR WITH A SENIOR AD!

BUY NOW THRU OCTOBER 31ST
STARTING AT \$60



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PIRATE ATHLETICS




THIS WEEK AT PORTER RIDGE

23 MONDAY	24 TUESDAY	25 WEDNESDAY	26 THURSDAY	27 FRIDAY	28 SATURDAY
No Events	No Events	MSOC vs Sun Valley 5:30/7:00	No Events	Var FB @ Sun Valley 7:00	Cross Country "AA Midwest Regionals" @ Ivey Redmon TBD

September 18 - September 23
#COMMITTED

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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.

RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK

	<u>JV</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>
SOCCER VS WEDDINGTON	LOSS	LOSS
SOCCER VS CUTHBERTSON	LOSS	TIE
FOOTBALL VS SOUTH MECK	WIN	WIN
SOCCER VS SUN VALLEY		
VOLLEYBALL VS SUN VALLEY	WIN	LOSS
VOLLEYBALL VS CUTHBERTSON CONF TOURNEY		LOSS

PRXC COMPETED AT THE SOUTHERN CAROLINA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP WHERE CADE CRESSWELL PLACED IN THE TOP 12, EARNING AN ALL-CONFERENCE TITLE. HIS TIME WAS 16:50.

PIRATE ATHLETICS

[CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

[All tickets are sold on this website or at the GATE by credit/debit card.](#)

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

PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETIC ZONE



PIRATE ATHLETICS

THEMES 2023



- AUG 18 PURPLE OUT
- AUG 25 WHITE OUT
- SEP 1 USA OUT
- SEP 8 COUNTRY OUT
- SEP 15 TROPICAL OUT
- SEP 29 COUNTRY CLUB OUT
- OCT 6 PINK OUT
- OCT 13 BLACK OUT
- OCT 20 JERSEY OUT
- OCT 27 CONSTRUCTION OUT

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.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT





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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

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

Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek
tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Cassidy Jarrett– last names Me-Sao
cassidy.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.



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!



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COLLEGE
NEWSLETTER



Enhancing and Empowering
our local communities.

Union Power
Cooperative

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.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



Bright Ideas
EDUCATION GRANTS

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.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



CHARLOTTE

UNCC LEVINE SCHOLARSHIP

Interested in being nominated? Complete the Google Form or see Ms. Wilson in the counseling suite.

<https://tr.ee/yKB4lcqp>
[Qu](#)



**BELK
SCHOLARSHIP**

DAVIDSON

Nomination Deadline: November 1

If you would like to be nominated, click the link in our Linktree!

Application Deadline: November 15



**PARK
SCHOLARSHIPS**

NC STATE

Application Deadline: November 1

You can self-nominate

<https://tr.ee/CRNLQH3R1p>




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PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

BUSINESS IS BOOMING now hiring servers hosts COOKS



7800 Stevens Mill Road
 Matthews
 704•628•5179



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

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



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

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@prhsmodelunitednations @prhsfilmclub @prphilosophyclub @prhs_pirates4christ
@prhs_humanities @prhs_growinggreen @porter_ridge_hs_pto @prhs_spanish.club
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