



# Pirate Press

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## PORTER RIDGE HIGH OPEN HOUSE

**Friday August 25- 12-3 PM**

--Students & Parents come walk class schedules. Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet them--

--Club Fair displays, Schedule Pick up, Spirit Wear (PRABC), Transportation (sign up for app), Pay Fees, Parking Pass Pick up, and more --

--NEW students 10th - 12th grade, guided tours and information--



## Parking Pass Pick up

Friday, 8/25, 12-3 during Open House

**YOU CANNOT  
PARK WITHOUT  
HAVING YOUR  
PARKING PASS  
DISPLAYED ON  
THE 1ST DAY!  
PICK UP YOUR  
PASS!**

## OPEN HOUSE PARKING IS IN THE STUDENT/STADIUM LOT



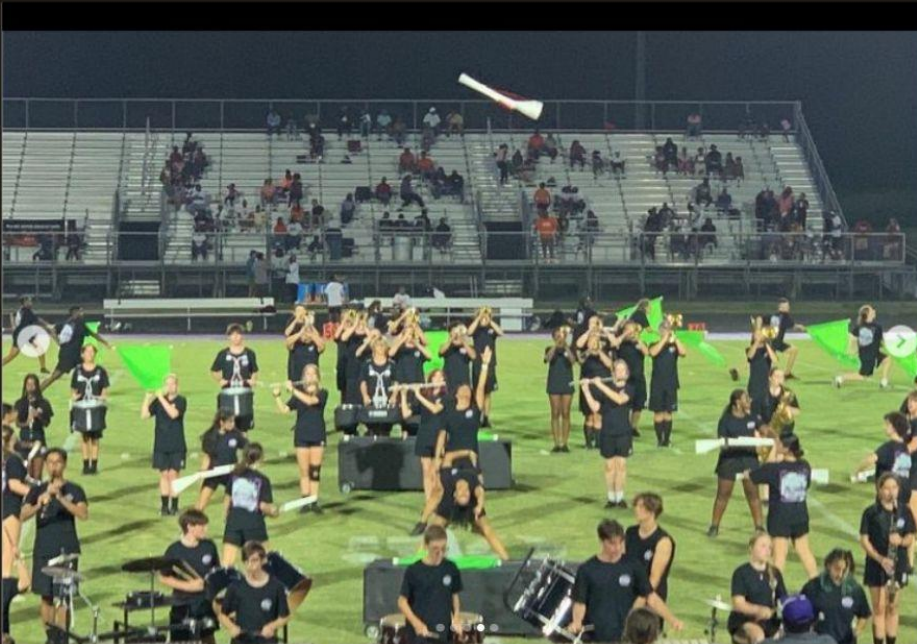
Students are reminded to continue to check the [Student Daily Announcement Page](#) to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our [PRHS Website](#). The Pirate Press is the main form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



# *Pirates* IN ACTION



**HUGE Win tonight over Myers Park!!  
Lost the first two sets, came back and  
won 3-2!!! So proud!! PR vball hasn't  
beaten MP since 2016!**





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# *Beginning of School Year Information*

## **BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION**

- **CHROMEBOOK PICKUP: AT THE OPEN HOUSE ON 8/25 FROM 12-3**
- **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.
- **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.



# *Beginning of School Year Information*

There is a lot of information listed on our PRHS website under “Quick Links” and then “Back to School” that you can access here: [Porter Ridge High School website](#) .

**SCHOOL STARTS ON MONDAY 8/28.** All students should be on campus by 8:00 am as 1<sup>st</sup> period starts at 8:10am.

**STUDENT SCHEDULES** have been available via [Parent and Student Portals](#) since Monday 8/14. If your child has an error on their schedule please [follow this link](#) for information on how and when to request a schedule correction. Please know that we do not change schedules for other reasons.

## **LEADERSHIP AT PORTER RIDGE HIGH**

Porter Ridge High School is a Leadership High School where we work to make sure students can Lead Themselves first, and then lead others next.

Students work with Advisors two times per week to think about future Careers/College and their plans to make their goals happen.

Students reflect on what their strengths and accomplishments are and will continue to highlight those in the digital portfolio that they create during high school. This portfolio can go with them to college or career!

Students build good habits that will last a lifetime – like “Be Proactive”, “Begin with the End in Mind”, and “Put First Things First” – in both their classes and extracurricular activities.

Through instruction and high school activities our students move toward being innovative leaders, resilient problem-solvers, skilled collaborators, effective communicators, and key contributors.

## **SCHOOL/FAMILY COMMUNICATION**

PRHS uses a weekly newsletter to keep parents informed of what goes on at school – the **Pirate Press**. It is emailed to the main email address we have on file. We have already sent out multiple newsletters. If you or someone you know is not receiving them, please call the school and update your information.

The newsletter is also added to facebook and Instagram each week, and back editions are on [our website](#).



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**CELL PHONES** are permitted for student use in between classes and during lunch. However, cell phones must be silenced and put AWAY during all class periods. This is to enhance the learning environment for all students. We have specific behavioral expectations for students to keep their cell phone with them during the day. Students may not use it to harass other students, to record other students or teachers without their knowledge, or to violate the PRHS or UCPS Code of Conduct in any way.

**BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR FORMS:** On Tuesday 8/29, all students will meet in Pirate Advisory (listed as "Homeroom" on their schedule). They will go to Pirate Advisory after first period and teachers will explain that to the students. In Advisory they will learn more about PRHS and will have a review of important rules and procedures. You can access the [Codes of Conduct here](#) so that you can review them as well. Students will bring home three paper forms on Tuesday 8/29, the rest of the forms needed are available online by clicking here: [online forms](#)

**SUPPLY LISTS** for students' classes will be on the syllabus for the class, however, supply lists may not be definite until the first day of school. To access the syllabus (after 8/26), go to the PRHS website, click on the 'I want to' button in the right hand side, click on staff directory, and find your teacher's name. There is a link to the classroom canvas page in this part of the directory.

**VAPES/TOBACCO AND TOBACCO-LESS PRODUCTS** - Vapes are an issue with teenagers everywhere today. Please help us keep our school a healthy environment for ALL students by having a direct conversation with your child that vapes are prohibited on school campus and if a student is found to have a vape we have strict consequences. We suggest that you have this conversation frequently and ask your child to clean out their book bag to make sure this will not be an issue.



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**Porter Ridge High School**

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal

[Click Here for Back to School Info](#)

## Back To School Resources

[Home](#) > [Academics](#) > [Back to School Resources](#) > [Back To School Resources](#)

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

[Chromebooks](#)

[Class Schedules](#)

[Schedule Corrections](#)

[Parent Portal](#)

[Pirate Advisory](#)

[Beginning of Year Forms](#)

# *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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## *Transportation*

### *Car Rider, Bus Rider,*

### *Student Driver*

**CAR-RIDER:** If you are dropping your child off at school please expect slightly longer lines at car-rider drop-off during the first week of school. We strongly encourage you to arrive on campus by 7:45am to ensure your child is to class on time. This is a good guideline to follow all year long. Please follow all directions of staff as we utilize the whole front lane to drop students off in the morning. In the afternoon your student will walk to your car – most parents text their location in the line.

**BUS-RIDER:** Please sign up for the Edu-Log Parent Portal for bus transportation. Your child can get their Bus Boarding Pass through this app. You can get more information, along with how to download the app at the [UCPS Transportation website](#). We will be able to assist you with this at Open House on 8/25 if you need help. **It is so IMPORTANT that your child is at their bus stop 20 minutes early each day.** We would suggest a little earlier the first two weeks of school. *“Our bus driver shortage continues and will impact operations as we open school. We will continue to practice strategies put in place in prior years, including double runs and bus stop consolidation. In addition to the normal 1<sup>st</sup> week delays, we anticipate added challenges with the bus driver shortage. We will be communicating any delays using the Edulog Parent Portal app, and additional information is available on the UCPS Transportation website. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated as we work through these challenges.”*

**STUDENT-DRIVERS:** All student drivers **MUST** have a parking pass to enter the student lot. This means that they must purchase and pick up their parking pass before school starts. Parking passes are available for sale now and can be picked up on 8/25 during open house and at lunch the first day of school. Students should arrive to park by 7:45am. Students must come directly into the school on arrival – there is no loitering in the parking lot. More information about student parking is on the next page. Students will be emailed once their parking pass application is approved with a parking spot number starting August 21.

Students can **pick up the pass** on Thursday, August 24 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM outside the stadium (JV Football Game) or Friday, August 25, from 12-3 at the Open House. **STUDENTS CANNOT PARK WITHOUT A PARKING PASS-COME PICK UP YOUR PARKING PASS.** Email [josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us) with questions.

**PARKING PASSES** are on sale at this time: [Click here for info.](#)





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**[CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO  
PARKING PASS  
INFORMATION](#)**



SCAN ME

# PIRATE PARKING PASSES

On sale August 11! Check out this page on our website to begin  
the application process:

<https://bit.ly/3P6yDAT>







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# *Juniors PSAT*

**CLICK HERE JUNIORS**  
**TO SIGN UP FOR THE PSAT**  
**AUGUST 31ST DEADLINE**

# PSAT

CURRENT JUNIORS CAN  
RESERVE THEIR SPOT TO  
TAKE THE NATIONAL MERIT  
SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING  
TEST - THE PSAT-AT THE END  
OF OCTOBER...

ARE YOU A JUNIOR? DO  
YOU WANT TO TAKE THE  
PSAT TO TRY TO QUALIFY  
FOR THE NATIONAL MERIT  
SCHOLARSHIP?

UCPS WILL PAY FOR CURRENT  
JUNIORS TO TAKE THE PSAT. BUT  
YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE  
USING [THE GOOGLE FORM](#).  
JUNIORS MUST BE LOGGED INTO  
THEIR UCPS GOOGLE ACCOUNT TO  
SIGN UP!





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# *Nutrition & Chromebooks*

## TECHNOLOGY USE

**CHROMEBOOKS** are issued to all students so that teachers can plan instruction that may include incorporation of materials online. Please know that this is only a part of the instructional plans. Students are responsible for their chromebooks and should treat them with care.

**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.

We are excited for students to receive their new device - those paying in advance online or by cash/check can **pick up their chromebook** this week during Open House on 8/25 12-3. Technology Fee will be added to your students account at the end of August - pay now at link above.

Do you owe **past technology bills** for repairs/lost items? This info was emailed home earlier this summer, but you can also check the Parent Portal in Powerschool

## NUTRITION

**EATING LUNCH AND BREAKFAST:** Let's keep all of our students READY for LEARNING this year by ensuring they have a nutritious lunch. Learning is always better when we have lots of energy to think and problem solve. All students are welcome to bring their lunch each day. Students can also buy breakfast and lunch from the school cafeteria. **Please know that NO outside vendor food can be brought to school during the lunch period.** Students who are bringing their lunch should have it with them when they arrive to school. There are two important links for our families when using our cafeteria:

If you need help with paying for school meals please **Apply for Free/Reduced Meals** by [clicking here](#)

If you want to set up an online payment account to put money in your child's lunch account [click here](#)

**Apply for Free/Reduced Meals NOW**

Breakfast + Lunch Cost for each student  
= \$28 per week in HS  
= \$27.50 per week in ES/MS

[WWW.LUNCHAPPLICATION.COM](http://WWW.LUNCHAPPLICATION.COM)  
OR COME INTO YOUR SCHOOL  
TO APPLY TODAY!!

Apply now to get approved prior to the first day of school. Students without approved free/reduced lunch status will have to pay for meals starting on Day ONE.

Students qualifying for Free Meals will have their \$30 Technology Fee waived - please bring approval letter to school office for waiver.





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# Class of 2024 Information

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)

### GET READY FOR SENIOR PORTRAIT MAKEUPS!

Great news Class of 2024!

Prestige Portraits has been chosen as your official Senior Portrait Yearbook Photographer.

Your school is requesting that every Class of 2024 Senior make an appointment with your school to have their portraits taken. Don't miss out on being in the yearbook! You must be photographed by Prestige to be included in the 2023/24 yearbook.

We will be at your school on the dates below to offer these special photography sessions.

**DATES:** September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**LOCATION:** Porter Ridge High School (Media Center)  
Sign-up in school.

**COST:** \$25



Senior Portraits included in your school's yearbook will require students dressed in either a Black Drape or a Tuxedo. Prestige will provide these outfits at the time of your session. Please wear appropriate undergarments under these outfits. We suggest a white t-shirt for the tux and something strapless to wear under the drape. Also, don't forget to bring up to two outfits for your casual pictures!

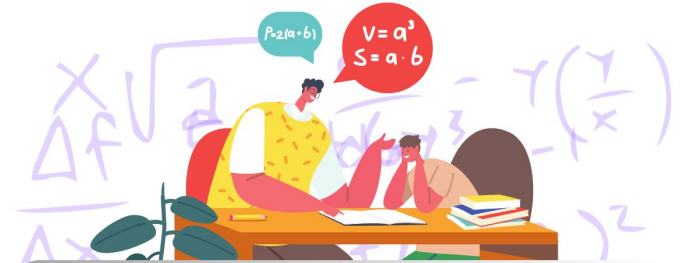
Yearbook Only sessions are available at the camera by request and will also be done at Makeup Day in the fall.

Questions? Please email us at [prestigebwarea@lifetouch.com](mailto:prestigebwarea@lifetouch.com). We look forward to sharing this milestone with you and providing outstanding photography and customer service.

**Prestige**  
Photography by Lifetouch

P.S. If you would rather have a session done at a Prestige studio, visit [prestigeportraits.com/studio](https://prestigeportraits.com/studio) to find a studio near you.

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](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## 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](https://prestigeportraits.com)



**Prestige**  
Photography by Lifetouch



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



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# *Class of 2024*

## *Information*

**Class of 2024**  
**Spirit Wear**

NOW AVAILABLE @  
[www.porterridgeband.org](http://www.porterridgeband.org)

Stay tuned- sales will open back up soon!

The advertisement features a large grey t-shirt with the following text: "SENIOR CLASS OF PR MMXXIV 2024". The "PR" is flanked by three horizontal lines on each side, and a sword is positioned below it. Below the t-shirt, there is a collection of spirit wear items: a pair of black shorts with "SENIOR" on the leg, a black drawstring bag with "SENIOR" and a skull logo, a black t-shirt with "SENIOR" and a skull logo, a black circular cap with "SENIOR" and a skull logo, a black neckerchief with "SENIOR" and a skull logo, and a white sign on a stick that says "HOME OF A SENIOR" with a skull logo in the background.

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETICS

AUG 28 - SEPT 2

**28**  
MONDAY

Soccer -  
vs East Meck  
5:30/7:00

**29**  
TUESDAY

Volleyball-  
vs Monroe  
5:00/6:00

**30**  
WEDNESDAY

Volleyball-  
@ Hickory Ridge  
5:00/6:00

Soccer-  
vs Piedmont  
5:30/7:00

**31**  
THURSDAY

JV Football-  
vs Hickory Ridge  
6:30

**1**  
FRIDAY

Vars Football-  
vs Hickory Ridge  
7:00

**2**  
SATURDAY

No Events



### RESULTS FROM THIS PAST WEEK

		<u>JV</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>
8/17	TENNIS VS CATA		LOSS
	VOLLEYBALL VS CATA	WIN	WIN
	SOCCER VS PALISADES	WIN	WIN
	JV FOOTBALL AT ROCKY RIVER	WIN	
8/18	VARSITY FOOTBALL VS ROCKY RIVER		WIN
8/22	VOLLEYBALL VS MYERS PARK		WIN
8/23	VOLLEYBALL VS FHHS	WIN	WIN
8/23	SOCCER VS INDEPENDENCE		WIN

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

[CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)

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



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

### 23-24 PIRATE PASS



- ✓ ENTRY TO ALL PRHS  
REGULAR SEASON HOME  
GAMES FOR ALL SPORTS
- ✓ 50 YD LINE  
PRIORITY SEATING
- ✓ ENTRY TO PRMS HOME  
FOOTBALL GAMES
- ✓ BOOSTER CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP

# \$150

<https://ucps.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/4358>

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR  
ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

[FOOTBALL](#)

[JV FOOTBALL](#)

[SOCCER](#)

[JV SOCCER](#)

[VOLLEYBALL](#)

[JV VOLLEYBALL](#)

[CROSS COUNTRY](#)

[GIRL'S GOLF](#)

[GIRL'S TENNIS](#)

[FIELD HOCKEY](#)



PORTER RIDGE  
ATHLETIC ZONE



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

### SPIRIT WEAR SALE DATES

8/8	5PM	PRHS FALL SPORTS MEETING
8/11	5PM	PRMS PEP RALLY
8/18	4PM	PRHS 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION
8/23		PRMS OPEN HOUSE
8/24		PRMS OPEN HOUSE
8/25		PRHS OPEN HOUSE

# 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**



## PORTER RIDGE FOOTBALL 2023 SCHEDULE

<b>AUG 18</b> VS ROCKY RIVER	<b>AUG 25</b> AT SOUTH IREDELL	<b>SEPT 1</b> AT HICKORY RIDGE	<b>SEPT 8</b> AT WEST CABARRUS
<b>SEPT 15</b> AT MONROE	<b>SEPT 29</b> AT MARVIN RIDGE	<b>OCT 6</b> VS WEDDINGTON	<b>OCT 13</b> VS CUTHBERTSON
<b>OCT 20</b> VS SOUTH MECK	<b>OCT 27</b> AT SUN VALLEY	<b>HOME GAMES</b>	

**SHOW YOUR PIRATE SPIRIT ON FRIDAYS  
AT SCHOOL AND AT THE FOOTBALL  
GAMES ON FRIDAY NIGHT.**



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***Student Activities***

***- Click to check it out!***

**THERE IS A CLUB FAIR FOR THE OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, 8/25, AND THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF SCHOOL DURING LUNCHES.**

## Clubs and Special Interests

Club Inf

Battle

Beta Cl

Book Club

Club PFC

Computer Science Club

Dungeons & Dragons Club

FBLA

**[Click here to check out what PRHS students are involved in outside of classes!!!](#)**





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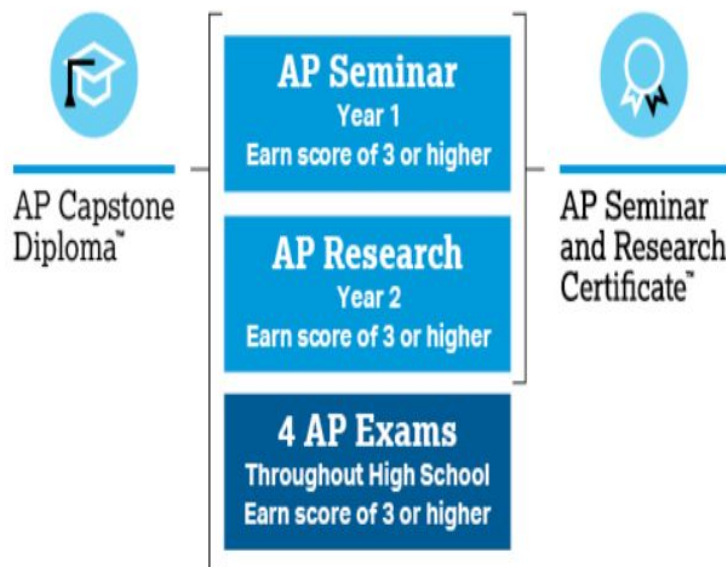
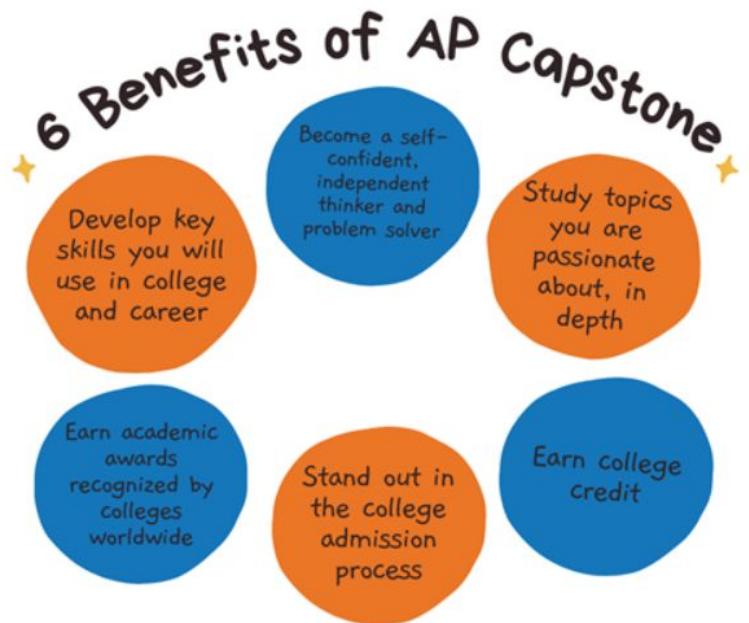
# *AP Capstone Program*

## *Information*

### To learn more about the **AP Capstone Diploma Program**

**[please click here](#) and  
 Contact Your Counselor!**

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, 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.





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# Student Advisory

**PRHS IS A LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL**

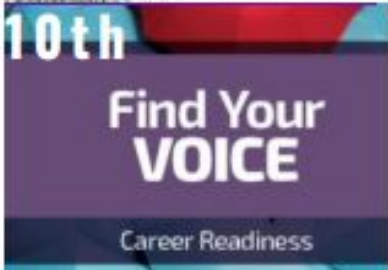
**LeaderinMe.**



**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  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**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  
[cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**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.



COLLEGE  
 READINESS

UCPS  
 BUILD QUALITY. FOSTER SUCCESS.

**2023-2024  
 Parent Series**

@UCPSCollegePrep

ucpscollegeready

## **Scoir for Seniors**

August 29, 2023  
 7:00 PM - Webinar

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

**Join our webinar to learn what Scoir is, what it does, and what steps your student needs to take to apply to college!**

## **INTERESTED IN BEING A PEER TUTOR?**

PRHS is revamping the Peer Tutor Program for Elementary, Middle, and High School Peer Tutors!

If you are interested in being a Peer Tutor at any of these levels, email your school counselor!



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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



LAWA PRESENTS

## 2023-2024

### HIGH SCHOOL SERIES REGISTER FOR...

FREE Bilingual information sessions for students and caregivers on preparing, planning, and paying for postsecondary education. Learn about college applications, financial aid, career paths, bachelor's & associate degrees, trade and vocational program options, and campus tours.



## PATHWAY EXPLORATION SESSIONS AND MORE!

Free transportation from select sites

Register at: [lawa.news/highschool](https://lawa.news/highschool)

### Careers in Computer Science and Engineering

Saturday, September 30, 2023  
8:30 am-1:00 pm

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

### Financial Aid and Admission Process

Saturday, October 21, 2023  
8:30 am-1:00 pm

Queens University of Charlotte

### Careers in STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Central Piedmont Community College

### Careers in Business

Business, Healthcare Management, Marketing, Finance, and Economics

Saturday, December 2, 2023

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Belmont Abbey College

### FAFSA Application Process

Saturday, January 20, 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Northeastern University

### Careers in Economics and Pre-Business

Saturday, January 27, 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Davidson College

### Careers in Health Science

Saturday, February 10, 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Wingate University

### Careers in Education

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

### Trade and Vocational Careers

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

South Piedmont Community College

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Spring 2024

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Johnson C. Smith University

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Sábado, 30 de Septiembre de 2023

8:30 am-1:00 pm

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Sábado, 21 de Octubre de 2023

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Queens University of Charlotte

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Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas

Sábado, 18 de Noviembre de 2023

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Central Piedmont Community College

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Negocios, Administración en Salud, Mercadotecnia, Finanzas y Economía

Sábado, 2 de Diciembre de 2023

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Belmont Abbey College

### Proceso de solicitud de FAFSA

Sábado, 20 de Enero de 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Northeastern University

### Carreras en Economía y Negocios

Sábado, 27 de Enero de 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Davidson College

### Carreras en Ciencias de la Salud

Sábado, 10 de Febrero de 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

Wingate University

### Carreras en la Educación

Sábado, 24 de Febrero de 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

### Carreras Técnicas

Sábado, 16 de Marzo de 2024

8:30 am-1:00 pm

South Piedmont Community College

### Experiencia en Johnson C. Smith

Primavera del 2024

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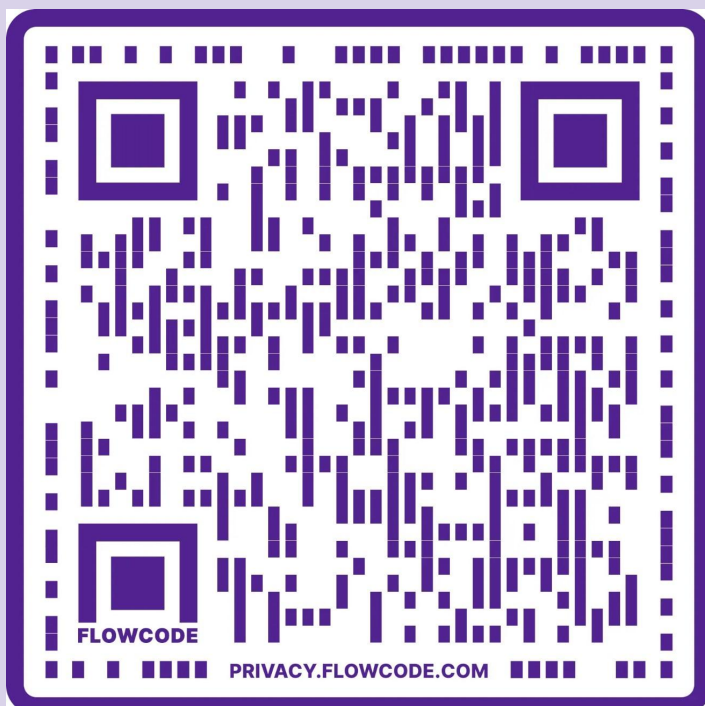
# **PRHS COUNSELING** **NEWS**

**Hi STUDENTS!**

**My name is Ms. Wilson and I will serve as your College Advisor for this upcoming school year. I am a recent graduate of UNC Charlotte and have worked in higher education for two years. Aside from helping students with the college admissions process, I also enjoy coaching volleyball and basketball year-round.**

**I will be in the PRHS Counseling Department every Wednesday and Thursday, and the QR code attached is a direct link to schedule a meeting with me.**

**I look forward to meeting you all, and assisting you with *all things* college as you transition out of high school!**





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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

**Schedule Corrections:** The Schedule Correction Google Form opened Monday, August 21st. Counselors are working 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 were released via PowerSchool

-Monday, August 21st, Students were able to request corrections via Google Form



## SCHEDULE CORRECTION FORM

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdx\\_z2d\\_5dzcnIMnw42dqBL\\_AhzP1AokKgotn00vgs3F6jS\\_hg/close\\_dform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdx_z2d_5dzcnIMnw42dqBL_AhzP1AokKgotn00vgs3F6jS_hg/close_dform)

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.

*Mia Anderson*  
 Senior, Weddington High



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## 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	TRADITIONAL PATHWAY	UNIVERSITY PATHWAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available to all UCPS high school students</li> <li>High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school</li> <li>Gateway to Wingate Scholarship</li> <li>Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024</li> <li>Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice</li> <li>Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant</li> <li>Gateway to Wingate Scholarship</li> <li>Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024</li> <li>Complete the 3 Teaching as a Profession courses</li> <li>High school diploma</li> <li>May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university</li> <li>Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation</li> </ul>
<p><b>COST:</b>            Associate's Degree - Zero Tuition            Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<p><b>COST:</b>            Associate's Degree - Zero Tuition            Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<p><b>COST:</b>            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](http://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](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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Practice SAT - Sept./Oct.  
ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept.  
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Paying for College - Dec.  
Practice ACT - Jan./Feb.  
ACT Blitz - Feb.  
Getting Ready for College - Mar.  
SAT Blitz - Apr.  
Writing a College Essay - May

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- ~ Learn first aid and basic patient care
- ~ Get hands-on experience on ambulance ride alongs
- ~ Volunteer and connect with the community

**Monday Sept 18 2023 INTEREST MEETING**

Atrium Union Women & Children's Center

6 PM to 8 PM

Information, flyers, & dinner provided!



Meetings: 600 Hospital Drive, Monroe NC, 28112  
 Advisors: Shannon.Terrell@atriumhealth.org & Taylor.Raine@atriumhealth.org

Contact Union EMS @ (980) 993 - 7600 unionems.net  
 1403 Dove Street, Monroe NC, 28112

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