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Stay connected!- Remote Learning resources



FREE WI-FI AND INTERNET ACCESS FOR UCPS STUDENTS

ABOUT

UCPS buses will serve as hotspots to provide free Wi-Fi and Internet access for students. Buses will be parked at the following locations.

DATES AND TIMES

Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BUS LOCATIONS

- Creekridge Community
- Flagstone Apartments
- Grace Gardens Apartments
- Icemorlee Apartments Manor Ridge Apartments
- Mill Tree Apartments
 Riverside Community
- · Sandy Ridge Baptist Church
- Suburban Estates Community
- Union Station Apartments · West Ridge Apartments (Boyte St.)
- · Willow Oaks Community

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One complimentary breakfast and lunch are available every day for students in the school cafeteria. Extra entrees and additional snacks and drinks are also available for purchase daily. One complimentary lunch and snack are available every day for all children 18 years and younger at any of the 8 curbside locations. Friday curbside service includes 3 complimentary lunches and 3 complimentary snacks to be enjoyed over the weekend. Complimentary meals are free of charge for the remainder of the school year.



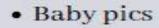


STUDENT COUNCIL

ATT: Seniors and Parents of Seniors

We need your help building the Class of 2021 Senior Slideshow!

Send us:



Throwbacks

(elementary and middle school)

- High school memory pictures with friends
- Family photos
- Individual senior pictures
- Pictures/Videos of this unique senior year

(masks, social distancing, quarantine hobbies, etc)

Send your pictures to prslideshow2021@gmail.com or DM @prhsseniorslide2021 on Instagram and don't forget to include your name/senior's name!

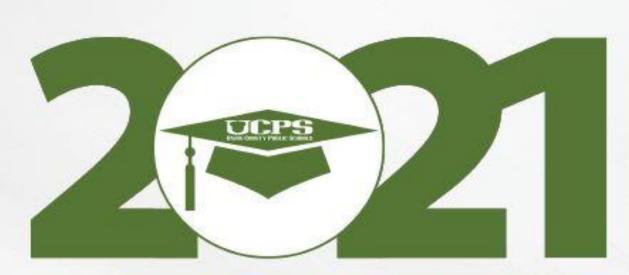




GRADUATION DATES

Save the Date Senior Pirates!

Ticket information is not available at this time. Ticket numbers will be determined based on health/safety protocols at that time.



GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Union County Public Schools will hold graduations for traditional high schools in stadiums May 28 – June 4, 2021. The graduations will be livestreamed for public viewing.

UCPS will follow the latest health and safety guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department and the Union County Health Department. Protocols will be implemented to practice social distancing.

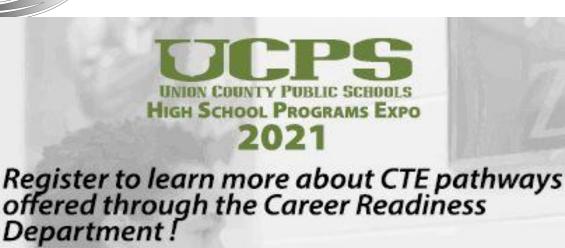
In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

School	Date	Start Time	Location
Central Academy of Technology & Arts (CATA)	June 4	8 a.m.	Walter Bickett Stadium
Cuthbertson High	June 3	8 p.m.	Cuthbertson High Stadium
Forest Hills High	June 2	8 a.m.	Forest Hills High Stadium
Marvin Ridge High	June 4	8 a.m.	Marvin Ridge High Stadium
Monroe High	June 2	8 p.m.	Monroe High Stadium
Parkwood High	June 3	8 a.m.	Parkwood High Stadium
Redmont High	June 3	8 a.m.	Pledmont High Stadium
Porter Ridge High	June 2	8 p.m.	Porter Ridge High Stadium
South Providence School	June 1	6:30 p.m.	CATA (live stream not available)
Sun Valley High	June 4	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Union County Early College	June 3	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Weddington High	June 2	8 a.m.	Weddington High Stadium
Wolfe School	May 28	6:30 p.m.	CATA (live stream not available)



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MONDAY, JANUARY 25th

4:00pm

Accounting/Finance Entrepreneurship Financial Securities Business Mangement

4:30pm

Fire Fighter Law & Justice

5:00pm Apparel & Textile Prod Counseling & Mental Health Culinary Arts Interior Design

5:30pm

Work-Based Learning

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26th

4:00pm

Horticulture Animal Science Veterinary Assisting

4:30pm

Adobe Video Adobe Digital

5:00pm

5:30pm

No Session

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th

4:00pm

Avionics Aerospace Engineering

4:30pm

PLTW Engineering Clean Energy Tech

5:00pm

HVAC, Carpentry Electrical Trades Masonry

5:30pm

Automotive Service Collision Repair

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28th

4:00pm

Health Sciences Academy at Monroe High School

4:30pm
Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science
Python Programming

5:00pm

Marketing Marketing Management Sales rts & Entertainment Mk

5:30pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th

9:00am

9:30am

Career & College Promise

10:00am

Agriculture Mechanics Welding Technology

For more information and to register for the Expo, visit https://bit.ly/Expo_CTE or scan code above.

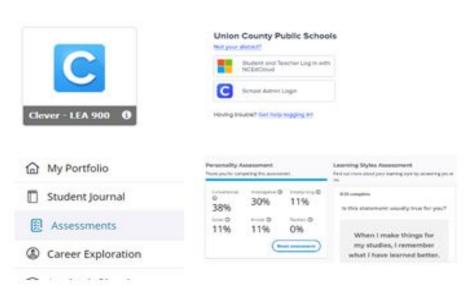




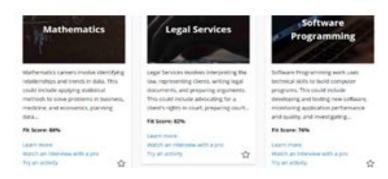
MAJOR CLARITY

UCPS is utilizing a program called Major Clarity for career resources this year. It is similar to Naviance, but with a lot more resources for careers. All Porter Ridge High School students have a Major Clarity account and they can access it by going to the UCPS High School Student Start Up page and click on their NCEdCloud IAM Clever title to login in. Students will then click on the Clever tile. Click on Student & Teacher Log in with NCEDCloud and scroll down until they see More apps and select the Major Clarity tile. Once they are in their Major Clarity account, on the left hand side they can select assessments and take the Personality Assessment & Learning Styles Assessment. After the student takes the Personality Assessment, back on the left side they can click Career Exploration and either search for what they would like to see of if they scroll down, they will see careers that have a Fit Score and click on them to learn more about each career. Below are screenshots as well. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Ms. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us











Jacob Laney Heading to States

Friday, January 22nd, Porter Ridge High School Cross Country will mark its fourth year in a row with representation in the North Carolina 4A XC State Championship. This year's individual qualifier is sophomore Jacob Laney. It is no surprise that Jacob finds himself in this opportunity. Competing for our Porter Ridge running programs since his middle school days, Jacob has been making a name for himself not just on our 4A circuit but on the State and National level. When the pandemic hit last Spring and our track season was cut short, Jacob along with other PRXC elite realized the adversity ahead and began their preparation and training regardless of the then ever changing outlook for the 2020 season. Fast forward to the fall, Jacob was able to race in a few outside venues and in October ran a 15:37 5K, putting him as the number one sophomore runner in the state.

During this Cross Country season, Jacob has been leading the pack with either 1st place overall wins or top 5 placements. He has set course records, made the SW4A All Conference Team, and earned 4A All Region Title. Our entire PR XC family and school is excited to see what he does in the state meet.

Good Luck Jacob and GO PIRATES!!





ATHLETICS

Tryout Information

To be eligible to participate in sports the athlete must pass their 1st semester classes and register in FamilyID and have a current physical on file.

If you have any questions contact Coach Thompson the Athletic Director at ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Dates
Football	Michael Hertz	Michael.Hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us	Feb 8 & 9
Softball	Andy Myers	AMyers@mayerelectric.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	March 1 & 2
Men's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	March 1 & 2
Men's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	April 12 & 13
Wrestling	Randy Durbin	randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us	April 12 & 13
Baseball	Shane Brown	Shane.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us	April 12 & 13
Men's & Women's Track	Tim Beckerman	tb2006itnc@gmail.com	April 12 & 13



COMMUNITY INFORMATION





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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Plan B (In-person Students) - You are assigned to come two days per week (ex. M/T).

On those two days (ex. M/T) you will be marked absent if you are not at school.

On the other two days (ex. W.Th) you will be marked present if you attend the online class. If you don't attend the online class, you will be marked absent.

You will be marked as an unexcused absence unless you are sick or quarantining as directed by the school nurse.

Plan D (Virtual Students) - Attendance will be taken during your virtual classes M,T,W,Th by whether you attend the virtual class. If you attend class online you will be marked present. If you do not it will be marked as an absence. On Friday if you complete the work activities assigned by your teachers you will be marked Present, if you do not you will be absent.

FRIDAY Attendance for both Virtual and In-person Students: You will be marked absent if you do not do the assigned activities/work. If you do the activities/work you will be marked present.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Spanish Club will be collecting winter coats during the months of December and January. Please bring your coat donations to Sra. Koonce's classroom, F102 or to the front office during school hours. We are asking for any size coats that are in good condition.

Auditions for The Importance of Being Earnest in a Pandemic this year's virtual after school play have been extended to Wednesday 1/27. To audition simply submit a monologue to https://flipgrid.com/48d8bbb6. All auditions and rehearsals are virtual and this is open to all skill levels

Seniors!

Remember to turn in all scholarship offers to Ms. Patterson in the School Counseling Office!

There will be a meeting of the PRHS GSA club on Monday, Jan. 25th in room F108 from 3:05-3:45pm. All are welcome to attend to learn about promoting equality for all.

GOT CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

Location: D105 inside Media Center; Who: Mr. Walden or Ms. Snelson; Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30-8:45 am and Mon-Thurs 10:15-12:00 pm;

Friday- Make an appointment w/ Mr. Walden by email

jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us

Academy applications for the 2021-2022 school year will be open in the next few days. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the UCPS Career Readiness (https://ucpscte.org/) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FBLA Business Seminar Series Presents: "Professional Dress and Your Personal Brand Image", online this Friday, January 22nd from 1:00 -2:00 PM. This is an online event. Please see your student announcements for the link to register or email Mrs. Taylor (kenisia.taylor@ucps.k12.nc.us) in advance. The FBLA Club invites all students to participate! Link: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16]bm-zjAKbQtieMAJ43hTlSvlZLSZHEt434MwXNBAQk/edit?usp=sharin

Our yearbook staff will be hosting one last picture day for any students, grade 9-12, that missed picture days on February 3rd between 8am and 11am. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding location coming soon!

Gaming Club is resuming meetings for the second semester! We will be meeting every Tuesday, starting on the 26th, from 3:30 - 4:30 on Teams. E-mail Mr. Sweet if you need to be added to the Team!.



Porter Ridge Student Council is excited to be hosting GooseChase once again! GooseChase is a mobile scavenger hunt that connects students and staff members in an interactive, fun, and competitive way. Signups will begin on February 1st. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram @prhsgoosechase to look for more information and the link to sign up.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Our students' safety and well-being are important to us. If you have concerns about your student's social, emotional, or mental health, please do not hesitate to contact us.

A link has been added to our webpage that will advise you about the resources available for your child at Porter Ridge High School. Our school counselors are Tondra White (A- Cou), Carly Patterson (Cov- Hek), Bryan James (Hel- Mc), Cassidy Lippert (Me- San) and Shari Davison (Sam- Z).

Our school social worker is Laura Weir. Our school's therapist is Shekita Brown. The link to contact any of our support staff and the social and emotional learning resources page is located at the top right-hand side of our school's webpage under the "I WANT TO" box.

Click this <u>link</u> for contact information for our school support staff and to access SEL resources.



From the Counseling Office

Seniors, as you begin receiving offers of admission from colleges and universities... **Congratulations!** You have been working hard and this is an exciting time for you all. Moving forward you have important decisions to make, and if you have questions about an admissions letter and what it means for you, please see your counselor.

If you receive ANY scholarships or grants, please notify Ms. Patterson with the name of the college or scholarship/grant and the amount. Even if you are not attending that school or accepting the award, please notify Ms. Patterson. You can print the letter and put it in her box in the counseling office or forward the email to carlv.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Food Pantry Assistance

- **Common Heart** has a mobile pantry at Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) on Mondays from 7-8 pm. Families can come once a month.
- Also on Thursdays at Light It Up Monroe (1411 Helms St, Monroe), 6:00-7:30 pm, free groceries, clothes, hot food (served that night), coffee (Blessed Beans), basketball (Coach James usually attends), and more!
 Families can come each week.

Esta informacion es para familias que ocupen assistencia de despensas de comida.

- **Common Heart** tiene una despensa movil en Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) los Lunes de 7:00 a 8 pm. Las familias pueden venir una vez al mes.
- Tambien todos los Jueves en Light It Up Monroe(1411 Helms St, Monroe) de 6: 00-7: 30 pm hay despensas de comida, ropa, comida caliente (servida esa noche), cafe (Blessed Beans), baloncesto (nuestra entrenadora de baloncesto Sra. James generalmente asiste) y mas! Las familias pueden venir cada semana.

Seniors-We have created several videos to help you plan for after high school. We know that many of you are working on college applications however others are considering other options. We are asking that you watch the videos that match your goals for important information on next steps. Then complete the following google form to let us know what your current plans are.

Senior Check In form (please complete) - https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8

- PRHS Counseling Canvas -https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UpEroRS5BclmeCA2crF3QsrxxhOxZek6/view?usp=sharing
- Two Year College Information -https://drive.google.com/file/d/12dYWgldGcp0FkghSKUhwb2fHw5l8AYAq/view?usp=sharing
- Four Year College Information -https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kV9EGhzITR7Nj7FJyG34jZFUTMsqTeKU/view?usp=sharing
- Major Clarity career research program https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EeoK680PzPWx9RnPxUoUh2Vbe2BiV0A0/view?usp=sharing
- Scholarships how to research scholarships -https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJyGuNx8ap6opAokI2k2UBuU2Lgo48-v/view?usp=sharing.



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. Each counselor has set up an appointment calendar through which you can schedule a meeting either virtual or in person for a day and time that works for your schedule. If you just have a question please feel free to send your counselor an email.

Tondra White – last names A-Cou

tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - https://calendly.com/tondra-white/15min

Carly Patterson - last names Cov-Hek

carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - https://calendly.com/carly-patterson/studentofficehours

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc

bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - https://calendly.com/bryan-james-1/office-hours

Cassidy Lippert – last names Me-San

cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us

Shari Davison – last names Sap-Z

shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - https://calendly.com/shari-davison/student-office-hours

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Hackathon Event for Students

The UNCG Bachelor of Science in Information Science in the Department of Library and Information Science is holding its first virtual hackathon! This is a great opportunity for students who are interested in Libraries, Information Science, Social Justice, Public Health, or related fields. Teams of high school students are invited to join a hackathon competition to plan and create solutions for food insecurity in Greensboro, NC. No previous coding experience required, all levels are welcome!

This event will take place entirely online over two days, starting Friday, February 12 at 4pm, and ending on Saturday, February 13 at 6pm.

Scholarships & Opportunities

Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award

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Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship

The Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship was established in 2005 to benefit students who graduate from a public high school in Union County, North Carolina. This \$4,000 scholarship supports undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need and is renewable each year. The scholarship committee will nominate one Porter Ridge High School senior to apply for this scholarship. **The deadline to submit this form is February 12, 2021.**

Apply here: https://forms.gle/yXSGeiEJzgzvKBvR9

Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties Scholarship

The Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties, an official Interest Group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will award two college scholarships for the 2021 -2022 Academic Year, to a deserving high school senior within the Anson and Union Counties area.

Interested students may apply for scholarships in one or both of the following categories:

- **1. The Prestigious Pearls Scholarship Fund** • This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who will attend ANY four-year college or university.
- 2. The Belynda Little Horne Scholarship • This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who will attend Winston Salem State University. Mrs. Horne was an educator and loved her students and community. She was also a proud alum of Winston Salem State University. These scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, financial need, leadership, and character. The selection process for semifinalists will include an in-person interview and workshop attendance. Before submission, it is strongly recommended that applicants carefully review their application packet for completion, grammar, spelling, and content. Incomplete applications will be subject to automatic disqualification.

Please see or email Ms. Patterson (carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us) for full application materials.

Deadline: March 16, 2021

NC Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation

The NC Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1970 to provide scholarships for deserving students who indicate a desire to enter the profession of Accounting. The Scholarship awards for 2021-2022 school year will be \$1,000 each.

Please see or email Ms. Patterson (<u>carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>) for full application materials.



Deadline: April 15, 2021

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For more information:

https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/ecac-news/applications-now-being-accepted-for-the-2021-matthew-c-graziadei-achievement-scholarship-award/

Application: https://files.constantcontact.com/77b9bb19001/bd8affd2-1317-4a1e-8154-0c8b6e6cee02.pdf

The Summer Textile Exploration Program (STEP) is a chance for rising high school seniors to experience the best of what the Wilson College of Textiles and NC State have to offer. During one of the five weeks in the summer of 2021, students will have the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, current students and alumni while exploring textiles through projects, workshops and other activities. STEP will take place during the following weeks:

- June 13 18
- June 20 25
- June 27 July 2
- July 11 16
- July 18 23

Each student has the opportunity to rank their level of interest in one of the following subject areas and will complete a project pertaining to that subject-- Apparel Design, Textile Engineering, Business Management, Textile Design, and Polymer Color Chemistry.

Apply here: https://textiles.ncsu.edu/step/

Monroe-Union Rotary Breakfast Club Scholarship

The Monroe-Union Breakfast Rotary Club Scholarship is open for any senior to apply. This scholarship is awarded based on credentials in the area of service to people, the community, and the environment. To apply, write a 250-300 word essay answering the question: "What have I done in the area of service to people, the community and the world to deserve this scholarship?" If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, bring a typed copy of your essay or email it to Ms. Patterson, carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us by Thursday, January 28 at 3:00 pm.

State Employees Credit Union "People Helping People" Scholarship

The State Employees Credit Union (SECU) Foundation established the "People Helping People®" scholarship program to assist students across North Carolina with their educational goals. The PRHS Scholarship Committee will select two students as our school nominees. Those students' names will then be given to the district scholarship committee who will determine the winner from our school. That student will compete against nominees from other high schools for a limited number of scholarships.

For more information: https://www.ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.html

Apply here: https://forms.gle/CLAkuCom6sjt9yto9

Deadline: February 12, 2021



State Employees Association of North Carolina Scholarship

The SEANC Scholarship Foundation will award **up to \$40,000**, to be divided between each scholarship category for the 2021-2022 school year. Only SEANC members, in good standing, their spouses and/or dependent child(ren) and SEANC retired members, in good standing, grandchild(ren) are eligible to receive scholarships.

The scholarship applications are available online at https://www.seanc.org/scholarship and must be returned to their SEANC District Scholarship Chairperson (District Number is located on the SEANC's membership card). Students MUST NOT mail applications to the SEANC Office. This will delay the District judging process. Scholarship Applications MUST be mailed to their District Scholarship Chair, and the mailing addresses can be found here: https://www.seanc.org/scholarship.

All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2021.

NCHSAA Endowed Fund Scholarships

The NCHSAA Endowed Fund offers several scholarships to eligible student-athletes of NCHSAA member schools. Please click the link below for more information about each scholarship opportunity. https://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/nchsaa-endowed-fund-scholarships



Transportation Info Fall 2020

Attestation Forms MUST be filled out Weekly!



Transportation

Weekly Attestation Form – Must be turned in to the bus driver each week

• <u>Printable form</u> <u>Printable form in Spanish</u>

• -OR-

• Google form Google form in Spanish

Parent Acknowledgement Form – Must be completed prior to the first day a student rides the bus

• <u>Printable form</u> <u>Printable form in Spanish</u>

• -OR-

• Google form Google form in Spanish

Here Comes the Bus Phone App Information and Sign-Up

Transportation FAQ

Bus Information can also be obtained through the Here Comes the Bus Phone App above. Please call the school with any concerns.

Pirate Ports of Information



Ports of Information for Pirates:

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