

April 15, 2025

Seniors,

We are so proud of your many accomplishments and cannot wait to celebrate the start of a new phase of your life! As the Class of 2025 you have impacted your school and your community in a positive way. We know that May will be full of memories and emotion as you move forward in your life.

We have included information that you may need about Senior activities. Please remember to keep graduation in your sight - focus on finishing strong and in a way that makes you, your family, and your school proud of your accomplishments. Please read important information about Graduation below.

Graduation: Tuesday June 10, 2025 8:00 pm at Porter Ridge High School Stadium

Arrival: Please arrive in the PRHS gym at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 10th. Please Park in the Porter Ridge Middle school parking lot and walk in through the bus lot doors. If you are being dropped off, your parents should drop you off at the middle school parking lot and then they should proceed to the student/staff lot for guest parking. You will check in to receive your name card and if you are graduating with honors, you will receive your cord. If you successfully presented your portfolio, then you will receive your medal. Hold on to this name card and do not lose it. This is how the presenter will read your name. You will then be directed where to join your advisory class. **Gates open for parents and guests at 7:00 pm. Parking for guests may be directed by staff and the Sheriff's dept. All guests should be parked by 7:30 pm to have time to walk to the stadium and find seating. Guests arriving after 7:30 may not make it through the ticket line and into the stadium until after the graduates process in. Graduation will begin promptly at 8:00 pm.**

Dress Code: Shirt, tie and slacks, or a school appropriate dress. Heels must not be worn as you will be walking on the grass and climbing a steep set of stairs; however, wedges are acceptable. Remember, this is a formal event, and your picture will be taken. Caps and Gowns must not be altered in any manner. Caps may not be decorated in any way. Gowns must be zipped up the full length. All cords & stoles are worn over the gown. ONLY PRHS issued cords and stoles are acceptable to wear. Tassels start on the right side.

Processional/ Recessional: We will have a formal processional and you will line up in two lines. Please follow the directions of staff and the Junior Marshals at all times. They will also be the ones to tell you where to sit and when and where to get up during the ceremony. Due to capacity issues, all graduates must exit the stadium to meet up with their families after the ceremony. Students can meet their parents in the parking lot area or at the rear of the school. We recommend you decide this location in advance. Students can take pictures before the graduation ceremony and the following day on the exterior of the PRHS Campus.

Guests: 8 tickets per graduate are available and **can be picked Wednesday, June 4th and Thursday, June 5th from 12:30 to 3:00 pm and on Friday, June 6th from 9-12, seniors may pick up tickets in the counseling office.** You will be asked to sign indicating that you received them. Please put them in a safe place as replacements will not be given. Tickets will ONLY be given to the senior themselves - no friend or relative may pick them up. **No noise makers, posters, or balloons are permitted at the ceremony. The UCPS Bag Policy is in effect, please tell your relatives so they do not have to return to their cars.** We ask that guests ride together as much as possible as we will have limited parking. Accessible parking is available through the student lot (stadium). If you have family/guests that need accessible seating, complete the [form available](#) here and in the Pirate Press newsletter. You will receive a special seating field pass for these seats and must show it to staff as you enter. If your family has an elderly member who does not need accessible seating, but cannot walk from a distant lot, you may drive

up to the stadium to drop the family member off, park, and then meet them back at the stadium to enter. **Students who owe fees (or Chromebook/books) cannot get tickets until all school/cafeteria fees are paid.**

Diploma Packets: Students will receive their Diploma packets after walking across the stage. The Diploma packet will contain the graduate's Diploma, senior picture information, a keepsake Graduation Program, and an unofficial and official sealed transcript. **DO NOT OPEN** the sealed transcript; it is the responsibility of the graduate to mail the official transcript to the college/university they will be attending. Parents will be given 4 Graduation Programs WITH their tickets to share with all family attending, and an accessible seating pass if requested

Weather: In the event of inclement weather, our first priority would be to delay the ceremony until weather passes. If this is not possible, we will move the ceremony to another date based on weather predictions. Please make sure that you are following all PRHS Social Media the day of graduation for weather.

Senior Week Events and Activities

5/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top Twenty Influential Educator Celebration- 5:30 PM Media Center
5/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Switch Day• Sand Volleyball 4-7
5/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Breakfast & Yearbooks 1st block• Pickleball 5:30 to 7:30
5/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Signing Day- 8:30 to 10:30 AM in the Gym• Kickball Tourney 5:30 to 7:30
5/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grad Walk<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Depart school at 8:30 and return to school around 9:30 (Stallings depart first around 8:30 & PRES depart around 9:15)• Ice Cream Scholarship Social during advisory and into 1st lunch• Craft Cove- 3:45 to 4:45
5/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Razzies/Slideshow starting 2nd block• Beach Bash in the stadium after Razzies
5/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Graduation Speech Auditions during 2nd Block

Please email ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us with questions.

Be sure to continue to watch the Canvas Student Announcements for Senior Information!!