



# Pirate Press

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## PRHS HAS EARNED LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL STATUS AS A LEADER IN ME SCHOOL

Senior Walk permission forms and a roster were handed out through 2<sup>nd</sup> period on Tuesday 5/14. Seniors MUST return these to their second period teacher by Monday, May 20th or you do not get to attend the Senior Walk. Seniors that flex can pick up their permission slip from Ms. Martinez in guidance

### PRHS EOC Tutoring Schedule

See the next slides for dates and times

TIME FOR  
**REVIEW**

**Math 1**

TIME FOR  
**PRACTICE**

**English 2**

**Biology**

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. Our Math 3 Tutoring Schedule will come out later this week and will start after May 13. See the tutoring schedules on the next slide

Students: Please consider tutoring sessions to help reach this goal  
We will have **SNACKS**

TIME FOR  
**TUTORING**

## PIRATE FLAG FOOTBALL INTEREST MEETING

MAY  
28



3:15  
A114

ANY GIRL  
INTERESTED

FALL OF 2024  
#PRPIRATEFLAG

SEE COACH  
LEATH FOR  
MORE  
DETAILS

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## EOC TUTORING SCHEDULES ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE



# EOC Tutoring Schedule

## Biology

Monday, May 6	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Tuesday, May 7	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 9	3:10 to 4:10	G114
Monday, May 13	3:10 to 4:10	F109
Tuesday, May 14	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 16	3:10 to 4:10	G114
Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	F109
Tuesday, May 21	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 23	3:10 to 4:10	G114
Tuesday, May 28	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Wednesday, May 29	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 30	3:10 to 4:10	G114

## English 2

Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	G110
Tuesday, May 21	3:10 to 4:10	G112
Thursday, May 23	3:10 to 4:10	G107
Saturday, May 25	9:00- 11:00	E203
Tuesday, May 28	3:10 to 4:10	G112
Thursday, May 30	3:10 to 4:10	G107
Friday, May 31	3:10 to 4:10	G110

## Math 1

Tuesday,  
 Wednesday  
 and  
 Thursday  
 starting on  
May 14<sup>th</sup>  
 from 3:10 –  
 4:10 in  
 room E104

Date	Time	Subject	Teacher	Location
Monday, May 13	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Howard	Media Center
Wednesday, May 15	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 17	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E103
Saturday, May 18	9:00- 11:00	Math 3 EOC	Saffles	E108
Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Howard	Media Center
Wednesday, May 22	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 24	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E103
Saturday, May 25	9:00- 11:00	Math 3 EOC	Saffles	E108
Wednesday, May 29	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 31	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E204



# Top 20 Teacher Recognitions



# PRHS Student Announcements

The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...

## Senior Week!

All grades are able to sign up for Goose Chase, Kickball, & Volleyball Tournaments!

**5/20**

### Met Gala Monday

Dress in fancy, "Met Gala" attire.  
 Ex: Suits, Dresses



**5/21**

### To the Future Tuesday

Dress in your future school attire, or career.



**5/22**

### Wayback Wednesday

Dress as your younger self.



**5/23**

### H.A.G.S. Thursday

Wear a white shirt to school for your friends to sign during advisory.



**5/24**

### Fun in the Sun Friday

Dress for the summer!  
 -Hats  
 -Sunglasses  
 -Floaties/goggles  
 -In dress-code summer attire



- Goose Chase begins!
- Senior Switch
- Volleyball Tournament @CC- 4:30 p.m.
- Senior Academic Awards & Signing
- Senior's get their yearbooks
- Kickball @PR practice fields- 4:45 p.m.
- Elementary School Walks (10-11am)
- Band's Big Show @7pm
- Goose Chase ends!
- Senior Breakfast
- Senior Slideshow
- Razzies
- Senior Beach Bash

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL'S CASTAWAYS PRESENT

**ALMOST, MAINE**  
 BY JOHN CARIANI

MAY 17TH & 18TH  
 7:00 PM

TICKETS: \$7

AVAILABLE AT PORTERRIDGEHS.SEATYOURSELF.BIZ  
 PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE

5/28 6:30PM  
**CHORUS CONCERT**  
 PRHS AUDITORIUM  
 FREE

Porter Ridge FFA  
**PEACH FUNDRAISER**

\$25 for 1/2 bushel cling-free peaches  
 (about 25 pounds)

Pre-sales: 4/29/24 - 6/14/24  
 Pick-up: 7/22/24 at PRHS

To purchase peaches, see an FFA member or Mrs. Helms & Mrs. Simpson.

SEND QUESTIONS TO:  
 cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us  
 jenna.simpson@ucps.k12.nc.us

PRHS StuCo is excited to present our annual...

# KICKBALL

MAY 21 @5PM



**Free for Spectators**

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS...



## SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

MAY 20TH  
4:30 PM

FOOD, DRINKS, AND YARD GAMES WILL BE PROVIDED

SIGN-UPS: APRIL 22ND - MAY 3RD

 Chesnut Square Park

PRHS STUCO PRESENTS...



Senior Week  
**GOOSECHASE**  
Game begins May 20-24

PORTER RIDGE PRESENTS

# PIRATE E-SPORTS

MULTIPLE GAMES  
PLAY AND COMPETE!  
INTEREST MEET DATE: TBD

FOUNDERS:  
Cody Chen  
Diego Corona  
Brandon Cravioto-Gonzalez



Email [daniel.croke@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:daniel.croke@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions or DM us

- From Ms. Schullery and Yearbook Staff: **Yearbooks are being distributed** May 21st - May 24th. Seniors will receive yearbooks after the academic awards and signing ceremony. Underclassmen may pick up their yearbooks during lunches May 21st-May24th. **Students who purchased a yearbook will receive slips during third block on Friday May, 17th and Monday, May 20th.** Green slips are for students who purchased a yearbook only while red slips indicate students purchased an add-on with their yearbook. Students must bring their slip to pick up their yearbook.
- Pirates, the lighthouse team is looking for around ten **students to announce the daily announcements** during the morning and the afternoon. Get the application in the counselor's office....
- **Juniors, get started with the college application process by attending our Setting Sail for Senior Year presentations.** These presentations will be held during Tuesday Advisories in Guidance starting on April 30th. Juniors can register using the QR code found on the Counseling Instagram and in the Pirate Press!
- Join us as **Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present Almost Maine** on May 17th and 18th at 7PM. Tickets are just \$7 and available at porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz
- **The final athletic signing of the year** will be 5/29 at 4:00pm in the Auditorium. Any senior athlete still needing to sign should email Coach Leath by 5/24.
- Join **NEHS / Creative Writing Club** for our FINAL meeting of the year, May 20th after school in Ms. Wright's room, F105C. Bring snacks and games!
- Are you looking to be inspired? Stop by the **2nd Semester Art show** on Wednesday, May 29 from 4-6:30. We have an awesome group of students this semester and would love to show off their hard work. In Upper and Lower G halls, we will have displays from the Visual Art 1, 2, 3, and 4 students, as well as AP art students and Ceramics 1 and 2. All are welcome!!
- There will be a **Field Hockey** interest clinic on May 30th after school from 3:15 to 4:30. Meet in the media center. We will be going over basic skills, season info, and what equipment is needed. All materials for the meeting will be provided. No experience necessary!
- Any **girl interested in playing flag football** in the Fall of 2024, there will be an interest meeting on May 28 in A114 after school at 3:15. If you cannot make it, please reach out to Coach Leath.
- **All books are due back to the Media Center** by Friday, May 17th. Students should drop off all books as soon as possible. Any student who checked out a **calculator** and is finished using it should return it to Mrs. Snelson asap. Thank you!

## We need your IDEAS

If you want to see **improvements around the school** that you haven't seen yet, or if you have suggestions on ideas/ activities that we could add throughout the school; **the lighthouse team has a suggestion box for you in the guidance room, where you can submit your ideas anonymously.** There are also fliers around the school with the QR code if you wish to submit your suggestions online. Use your voice to bring the change you want!

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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# Senior Announcements

We are excited to celebrate the seniors on Friday, May 17th during 4th block with an Ice Cream Social who turned in their scholarship information.

Continue to send your scholarship information to Ms. Lawson!

**UPDATED:** Class of 2024: Click on the Senior Letter below! Students and Parents there is information about graduation, senior week, and more [SENIOR LETTER](#)



**PRHS**  
**Scholarship Total**  
**\$14,164,546**

**82 Students**  
**217 Awards**  
**WAY TO GO SENIORS**

PRHS Stadium

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

2024

**ACADEMIC SIGNING & Awards Day**

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST  
 8:30AM IN THE PRHS MAIN GYM

Students may bring up to 2 guests. Parents are encouraged to attend! Event will be followed by a Senior Breakfast for our students.



# Parent Information

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We're looking for PTO Board Vice President and Secretary. We are seeking parents willing to pay to support the PTO's work, willing to donate items for teacher appreciation and school events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events or as needed.

Please email Amy Dieffenbach at [amy\\_dieffenbach@yahoo.com](mailto:amy_dieffenbach@yahoo.com) or Alana White at [alanahwhite@gmail.com](mailto: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**    **[INFORMATION TO LINK VIC CARD](#)**

## Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Floats- PTO Needs your help- [Click here](#) to donate a gift card

The PTO would like to serve the teachers ice cream floats for teacher appreciation week on May 7. We are asking for Walmart gift cards or a donation. If donating please send to the school office labeled PTO by May 2.



Follow the PTO Instagram Page at [prhs\\_pto](#)



Please help the PRHS PTO raise money to support teachers, staff, and students by allowing us to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to our organization! Your card can be linked to more than one organization and you'll multiply the rewards that go toward education. By providing your last name and phone number below, you give us permission to link your VIC card for you. [Click here](#) or on the link above.

## **Pirate Grams.... from Math**

Hailey Yee... Exemplary work & dedication  
Holden Drake... Outstanding leadership  
Jason Maleck... Helpful & outstanding citizenship  
Ethan Davison... Always eager to learn  
Randy Brown... Always wants to improve  
Greyce Assis... On task and on time



## **Pirate Grams....from the Arts**

Alexander Sykes... Always gives 100%  
Alena Sursiakova... Always does their best  
Alexia Aguilar Cobian... Amazing student



## **Pirate Grams....from Social Studies**

Lana Nguyen... Always willing to share experiences  
Glen Moody... Great student  
MarQuise Murray... Always makes the class smile  
Jillian Ashman... Great at debate  
Abigale Seeburger... Always participates  
Kareliz Cotto Rodriguez... Had the greatest project teacher ever received

Students made pretzels from  
Scratch in Culinary 1 with Ms.  
Hasty!!

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

Porter Ridge Pirates Track & Field heading up State! Best of Luck Kennedy(400m) & Raeghan (Triple Jump)!



**Track and Field Regionals. PR men's and women's track teams had a great showing at 4A Regionals in Davie County on Saturday.** We represented almost all events with a total of 20 athletes participating. In order to qualify for 4A States, an athlete must place in the top 4 at Regionals and we had two amazing athletes accomplish this. Kennedy Williams placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the women's 400M dash and Raeghan Melchor placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in women's triple jump. Congratulations to all our athletes on a great season and we wish Kennedy and Raeghan all the best as they compete this Friday at States.

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



**LITTLE PIRATE CHEER CAMP**

Tuesday, June 25  
Wednesday, June 26  
Thursday, June 27

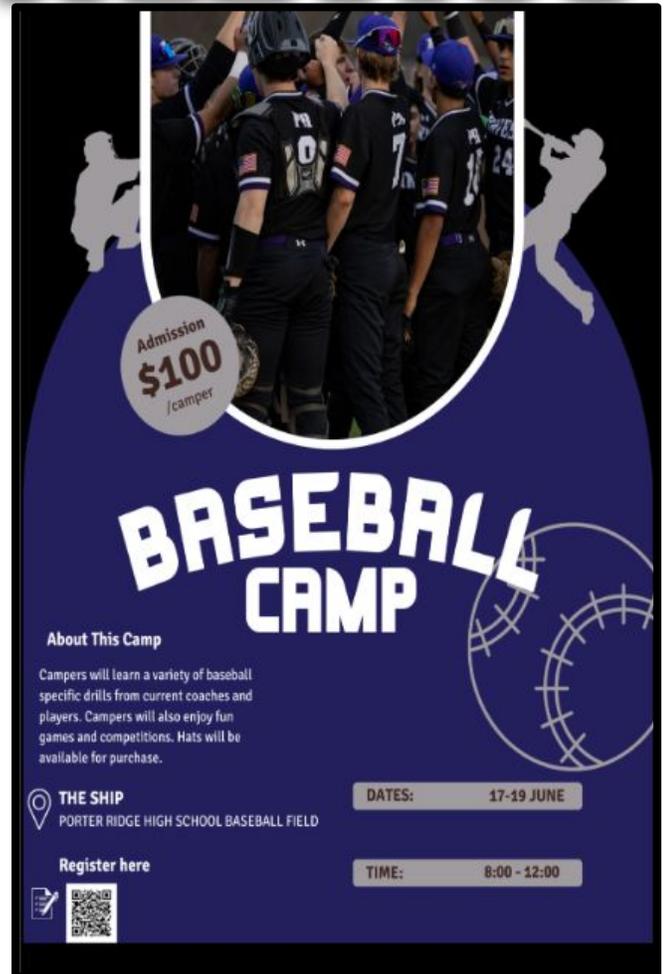
9:00am - 12:00pm

Age 5 - 13

The poster features a yellow scroll with the title, a purple speech bubble with dates, a purple speech bubble with time, a purple speech bubble with age range, a green parrot on a purple megaphone, and a purple starburst.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for Little Pirate Cheer Camp. Deadline is June 14th. Contact Coach Lawson with any questions.

**PORTER RIDGE  
ATHLETIC ZONE**



**BASEBALL CAMP**

Admission \$100 /camper

**About This Camp**  
Campers will learn a variety of baseball specific drills from current coaches and players. Campers will also enjoy fun games and competitions. Hats will be available for purchase.

**THE SHIP**  
PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD

Register here

QR code

**DATES:** 17-19 JUNE

**TIME:** 8:00 - 12:00

The poster features a photo of baseball players in a huddle, a purple silhouette of a baseball player, and a purple baseball.



**SOFTBALL**  
*Kids Camp*

**JUNE 17-19, 2024**  
3-day camp from 9am-12pm  
Rising 5th-8th graders  
Instructors will be coaches and players from the Porter Ridge High School softball team!

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**  
Cost: \$100  
Sign Up Here: [bit.ly/PRsoftball](https://bit.ly/PRsoftball)

Email [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions

The poster features a photo of softball players, a purple silhouette of a softball player, and a purple softball.

# 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.



There will be a **meeting for all women interested in playing tennis** next year on Tuesday, May 21st after school in room E104. Please stop by room E104 if you have any questions.

**Women's Basketball** workouts will be every Tuesday and Thursday. If you have any questions please see Coach Brown.

There will be a **Field Hockey** interest clinic on May 30th after school from 3:15 to 4:30. Meet in the media center. We will be going over basic skills, season info, and what equipment is needed. All materials for the meeting will be provided. No experience necessary!

## WOMENS TENNIS MEETING

**2024**  
SEASON

**MAY 21 AFTER SCHOOL  
ROOM E104**

EMAIL COACH MCQUEEN WITH ANY QUESTIONS:  
TJMCQUEEN@EARTHLINK.NET

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

Registration is underway for the 2024 PRABC Golf Tournament, Monday, June 17, 2024. Sign up as an individual or team. We are accepting sponsorships, raffle prizes, gift baskets, goodie bag items and more. Please visit [prathleticboosterclub.org](http://prathleticboosterclub.org) or email [prabcevents@gmail.com](mailto:prabcevents@gmail.com) for more information.



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT

### MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024



**ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
2722 W. ROOSEVELT BLVD  
MONROE, NC 28110



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

# GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS — LEVELS —

### ALBATROSS SPONSOR - \$2500

- LOGO ON WEBSITE, PIRATE PRESS, FLYERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.
- LOGO GOLF TOWEL PROVIDED TO EACH PARTICIPANT
- BANNER AT ENTRANCE TO GOLF TOURNAMENT AS PRESENTER
- TABLE PROVIDED FOR SPONSOR DISPLAY USE
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY FOURSOME INCLUDED

### BIRDIE SPONSOR - \$1000

- LARGE BANNER HOLE (18 AVAILABLE)
- OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP A TABLE AT HOLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

### EAGLE SPONSOR - \$500

- YOUR CHOICE OF
  - CONTEST SPONSOR
    - CLOSEST TO THE PIN
    - LONG DRIVE
    - MULLIGAN
    - RAFFLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

### PAR SPONSOR - \$100

- ORGANIZATION NAME AND LOGO ON SIGN AT ONE OF THE COURSE HOLES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**VISIT**

<https://www.prathleticboosterclub.org/2024golftournament>  
or email [PRABcevents@gmail.com](mailto:PRABcevents@gmail.com)





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## 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.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.jarrett@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.

# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

**FAFSA**  
form

REMINDER

**DID YOU COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA FORM?**

Check your application status at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

## SETTING SAIL TO SENIOR YEAR JUNIOR PRESENTATION

🦴 DURING TUESDAY ADVISORIES

🦴 LEARN ABOUT THE COLLEGE PROCESS

🦴 GET STARTED ON COLLEGE APP ACCOUNTS

Scan to Register Now:



# MENTAL HEALTH ACTION DAY

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT WITH FOOD, GAMES, RAFFLES, VENDORS, AND MORE!

Friday, May 17

FOOD WILL BE CASH ONLY (\$2 HOTDOGS, AND \$1 POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, AND SUNSET SLUSH). PROCEEDS WILL GO TO OUR MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE!

LOCATION: PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL'S BACK FIELD

TIME: 6PM-9:30PM

MOVIE SCREENING OF INSIDE OUT STARTS AT DARK!

HELP US BREAK THE STIGMA SURROUNDING MENTAL HEALTH AND BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

Alice Jules Coffeehouse  
 Marathon (Unionville)  
 High Octane  
 Franklin's Court Grille  
 NCG (Monroe)  
 Stone Theatres (aka Sun Valley 14)  
 Simpsons Eggs Inc.  
 Tupperware

Prevention Services  
 Youth Villages

Center for Prevention Services

UCPS  
 UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monarch

Agapé

Turning Point

Atrium Health

SUNSET SLUSH  
 Classic Italian Ice, est. 2003



# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

## “Academy Pathway Applications 2024-2025” – Rising 11th & 12th Graders

Academy applications for the 2024-2025 school year will open on February 9th. 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.

## Cosmetology Academy Deadline

\*The application for Cosmetology **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Friday, May 17th. If the application is not turned in by Friday, May 17th, students will put on a waitlist.

## “2024-2025 CTE Internship”

UCPS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Internship program provides students the opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career interest prior to college or post-secondary training. The 2024-2025 CTE Internship application will open on February 1st. Students can find the Internship application by going into their Major Clarity account and clicking on Work-Based Learning on the left-hand side.

## Application Deadlines

- Summer 2024 Internship – April 15th
- Fall 2024 Semester – May 1st
- Spring 2025 Semester – October 1st

If you have any questions, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

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

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



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# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS



**CAMPUS VISIT DAY**  
 Tuesday, May 14  
 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!**

**VISIT 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!

 [CabarrusCollege.edu](http://CabarrusCollege.edu)  
 Admissions@CabarrusCollege.edu  
 704-403-1555

**CABARRUS COLLEGE**  
 of HEALTH SCIENCES  
*We are Healthcare Education.*

Britt Ellis  
 Director, Admissions and Recruitment  
 Enrollment Management  
 Cabarrus College of Health Sciences  
 82 YEARS | LEADING EDUCATION CARING  
 O: 704-403-3207  
 F: 704-403-2077

**Explore Your Passion with AP Capstone™**

**THE AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM LETS YOU:**

- Study topics of your own choosing, in depth.
- Master key skills you'll use in college and career.
- Stand out in your college applications and interviews.

Porter Ridge High School participates in the AP Capstone Diploma Program. It's a two-year program based on two AP courses—AP Seminar and AP Research. Other AP courses teach you, in depth, about a specific subject, like biology or U.S. history. AP Seminar and AP Research are different. They focus on helping you develop academic skills you can use in any discipline. Students must take a combination of AP courses that include AP Seminar in the Junior Year and AP Research in the senior year.

Participating in AP Capstone can help students:

- Stand out to colleges in the application process.
- Develop key academic skills they'll use in college and beyond.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Earn college credit: Many colleges offer credit for qualifying scores.

[www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs)

**How It Works**

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.

**AP Seminar: Where Creativity Meets Critical Thinking**

AP Capstone Diploma	<b>AP SEMINAR (Year 1)</b>	AP Seminar and Research Certificate
	Team Project & Presentation	
	Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation	
	<b>AP RESEARCH (Year 2)</b>	
	Academic Paper	
	Presentation & Oral Defense	
	<b>4 AP COURSES &amp; EXAMS</b> (Taken at any point throughout high school)	

**Learn more about AP Capstone at [collegeboard.org/apcapstone](http://collegeboard.org/apcapstone).**

**UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE**

## Pre-College Programs Summer 2024

JUNE 16-21 / JUNE 23-28

Week-long immersion programs introduce high school students to college-level study, university life, and career options in a dynamic learning environment.

**What makes pre-college programs *unique*?**



Each program exemplifies the high-quality arts and sciences approach that is a hallmark of UNC Asheville and pairs participants with expert faculty and industry professionals in concentrations including **Ceramics; Pre-Med; Geology & Adventure; Film Scoring & Sound Design; Great Smokies Young Writers Workshops (Creative Writing); Meteorology; River Ecology & Adventure; Music Composition & Songwriting; Climate, Robotics, Rocketry & Aerospace Engineering; and Video Game Design.**

Pre-College Programs are open to rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Lodging, meals, excursions and all academic materials are included in the program cost starting at \$1,430 per week.

**Registration Open Now**  
[UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE](http://UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE)

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WINGATE GATEWAY SCHOLARSHIP
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South Piedmont Community College  
 Central Piedmont Community College  
 Stanly Community College  
 Richmond Community College  
 Rowan-Cabarrus Community College  
 Blue Ridge Community College

## A four-year degree for \$2,500 per year or less?



### Make your dreams a reality with the Wingate University Gateway Scholarship

Wingate University is working with area community colleges to break down financial barriers and provide students with a seamless transfer pathway. Our community college partners include South Piedmont, Central Piedmont, Stanly, Richmond, Rowan-Cabarrus and Blue Ridge.

Build on your success in community college and earn a scholarship to complete your bachelor's degree for no more than \$2,500 per year in tuition!

#### Requirements

- Meet our admission standards
- Earn your associate's degree from a participating community college with at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Complete the FAFSA or financial responsibility form.

#### Gateway Scholarship NEXT STEPS

1. Submit an online application to Wingate.
2. Provide your high school and community college transcripts.
3. Complete the FAFSA or financial responsibility form.
4. Once accepted, commit to Wingate by submitting your enrollment deposit.



### Gateway Scholarship FAQs

- Our admission application is FREE. There is no separate application for the scholarship. High school students should submit our first-year undergraduate application. High school graduates (those who completed community college courses after graduating from high school) should use the transfer-student application.
- The scholarship is for up to 4 years (8 semesters) at Wingate as long as students maintain a GPA consistent with our academic standards.
- The scholarship is applied to a student's financial aid after all other institutional, federal and state aid have been applied toward tuition.
- The scholarship can be used for any undergraduate program (not just certain majors.)
- Scholarship recipients are responsible for the costs of room, board and a meal plan if they live on campus (average additional cost of \$10K per year).
- The scholarship is not limited to a certain number of recipients each year. Any student who meets the qualifications is eligible.
- Although it is not an income-based scholarship, families are required to complete the FAFSA or a financial responsibility form, to be eligible.
- The scholarship includes any associate degree pathway.
- Students must be enrolled full-time at Wingate (12 or more credit hours) to receive the scholarship.

### Gateway to Wingate Tips

- Plan your courses. Work with your community college advisor and Wingate to ensure that your courses will transfer toward your major.
- Visit Wingate University's campus.
- To receive a schedule that best fits your academic goals, submit your enrollment deposit early.

#### Areas of Study

##### Undergraduate Majors

Accounting  
 Biochemistry  
 Biology  
 - Agricultural and Food Systems  
 - Biology and Education  
 - Environmental Biology  
 Environmental Biology/Public Health Track  
 Chemistry  
 - Chemistry and Business Communication  
 - Health Communication  
 - Journalism  
 - Speech & Theater  
 - Sports Medicine  
 - Strategic Communication  
 Criminal Justice  
 Education  
 - Educational studies  
 - Elementary Education  
 - Middle Grades Education  
 - Reading & Elementary Education  
 English  
 - English & Education  
 Exercise Science

- Fitness Professional Track  
 - Pre-Professional Track  
 Finance  
 Health and Physical Education  
 History  
 - History Education  
 Human Services  
 International Business  
 Management  
 Marketing  
 Mathematics  
 - Mathematics & Business  
 - Mathematics & Education  
 Music  
 - Music Education  
 - Music Performance  
 Nursing  
 Political Science  
 Psychology  
 Public Health  
 Religious studies  
 Sociology  
 Sport & Recreation Management

##### Pre-Professional Programs

Pre-Professional Programs  
 Pre-Dentistry  
 Pre-Law  
 Pre-Medicine  
 Pre-Nursing  
 Pre-Occupational Therapy  
 Pre-Pharmacy  
 Pre-Physical Therapy  
 Pre-Physician Assistant  
 Pre-Veterinary Medicine  
 Pre-Ministerial

##### Graduate Programs

Accounting  
 Business  
 Education  
 Elementary Education  
 Educational Leadership  
 Higher Education  
 Executive Leadership  
 School Superintendency  
 Medical Science  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Pharmacy  
 Physical Therapy  
 Physician Assistant  
 Public Health  
 Social Work (under development)  
 Sport Management

If you have questions about Wingate's admissions application, please contact Valerie Graham, Valerie@wingate.edu, 704-233-8103.



# 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 curate 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.

*Mica Anderson*  
Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY



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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

- Available to all UCPS high school students
- High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation

**COST:**  
 Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition  
 Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

#### TRADITIONAL PATHWAY

##### PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice
- Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation

**COST:**  
 Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition  
 Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

##### UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Complete the 2 Teaching as a Profession courses
- High school diploma
- May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university
- Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation

**COST:**  
 Student incurs cost

### 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 and click on: Academics - High School Education - NextStop: TeachUCPS**



**We have made a change on how we are accepting absence notes.** Our attendance counselor has transitioned to a different job and UCPS is no longer filling these jobs. If you have questions about your child's attendance please call the main office at PRHS and our staff will assist you. Moving forward we will be accepting parent notes only using an [electronic Absence Reporting Form linked here](#). Please bookmark the form. It will also be linked on our website and in our newsletter. There is information below about using the form, and more information on the form itself:

- This form is to be used by a PARENT/GUARDIAN to report a **STUDENT'S PREVIOUS DAY OR CURRENT DAY'S absence** from school due to illness.
- A maximum number of **FIVE (5) days can be excused FOR ILLNESS with a parent note** (uploads to this form) each semester, for an approved 'excused absence reason. A request for an exception to this guideline should be directed to your child's administrator or counselor for Principal approval. (This includes paper/email notes that were sent in prior to this form being available.)
- Official Medical/Court/Legal Absence notes should still be turned in to the main office on paper. Please do not complete this form when you are providing documentation from a doctor (or court, DMV, etc...).
- Only the parent or guardian may complete this form, no students. Parent email completing form will be verified with email(s) we have on file, only forms submitted by a matching email will be accepted. IF you need to verify your email that we have on file - it is the email address that we send the weekly Pirate Press newsletter to. You can verify other addresses by calling the school.
- \*Email and paper Parent Notes for illness will no longer be accepted\*
- Students arriving to school late, or returning to school from a medical/court/legal appointment should continue to sign in to school and turn in their doctor/court/official note to the front desk.

## **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.

## 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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