

Pirate Press

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Click here for the Senior
Letter with important
information for Graduation



PTO NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Porter Ridge High School PTO would like to provide snacks to all the teachers during June finals. Please help us show our support for all they do for our kids! Check out the available slots at this link-Click HERE. Drop off your donated snacks by May 29th in the school office labeled PTO. Thank you!

QUESTIONS? alanahwhite@gmail.com



Exam Information

IMPORTANT - about exemptions AND attendance recovery

Teachers will share tentative exam exemption status with students on 5/27 and final status on 5/30. If you are unsure – ask your teacher. Remember you can exempt a course if your final average is a 90% or higher AND the exam is a teacher-made exam. All State CTE exams and State EOC exams canNOT be exempted.

- The information that teachers (or Admin) will share with you is accurate for the day that they give you the information HOWEVER if your grade average changes because of work submitted or tests taken your exemption status will change.
- Your attendance is REQUIRED all the way up through final exams. If you have completed all of your required exams you are not required to come to school on the makeup exam day it will be coded as an excused absence- it will not affect your exam exemption or whether you pass/fail a course due to attendance. IF you are a student-athlete these absences may affect your eligibility so please be sure that you are well under the 12 absence limit.
- Your grades all count all the way through the end of the grading period.
- You are REQUIRED to do attendance recovery if you have more than 8 absences. If you have accumulated more than 8 unexcused absences you have received emails from Ms. Elliott about recovery. You should be checking your email. The Principal, Dr. Fisenne, typically waives your excused absences as long as they are not excessive so it is usually your unexcused absences (this includes suspensions) that you need to recover so that you end up with less than 8 unexcused absences. You have had this opportunity all semester at The Study Cove, or by attending your teacher's tutoring you have very limited opportunities remaining. You should go see your counselor if this applies to you.
- If you are still confused at this point, please see Dr. Fisenne or any administrator during lunches so that she can explain to you directly
- **Schedule for A day B day Final assessments** Students will report to their Aday class each morning (based on schedule below) and will take both their Aday and Bday exams in that Aday classroom.
- **Final Exam Schedule Information**: All students will test on campus. Buses will depart at @12:30
- Monday 6/2 First Block exams
- Tuesday 6/3 Second Block exams
- Wednesday 6/4 Third Block exams
- Thursday 6/5 Fourth Block exams
- Students missing an exam day will come in on Day Five for the makeup day: Friday 6/6 (Buses depart at 3:05 on 6/6).
- Exam Reviews: Review for all final exams on Friday 5/30 in class.

Attendance Wainers



ATTENDANCE MATTERS WAIVER INFORMATION



Students must be in attendance at school. Students who miss 8 or more days may fail the course due to attendance.

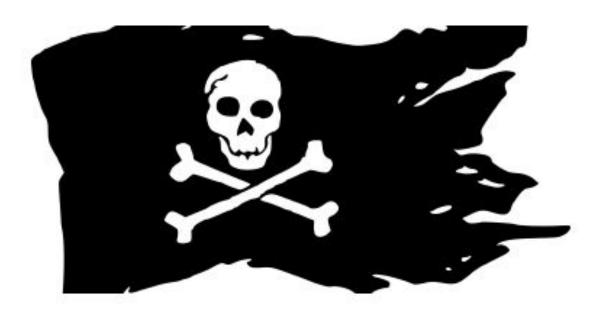
As a school, we do realize that there may be extenuating circumstances that caused a student to miss more than the allowed number of absences from school. Please understand that this process is for serious extenuating circumstances only. Students should continue to complete attendance recovery while they are applying for a waiver.

HOW TO APPLY

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
MAY 29TH

Starting Tuesday, May 20th, come to the counselor's suite to see your counselor and receive the waiver form

Attendance Waivers



ASISTIR A LA ESCUELA ES IMPORTANTE!

INFORMACIÓN PARA EXCUSAR



Es importante clarificar que los estudiantes pueden no pasar las clases por más de 8 ausencias.

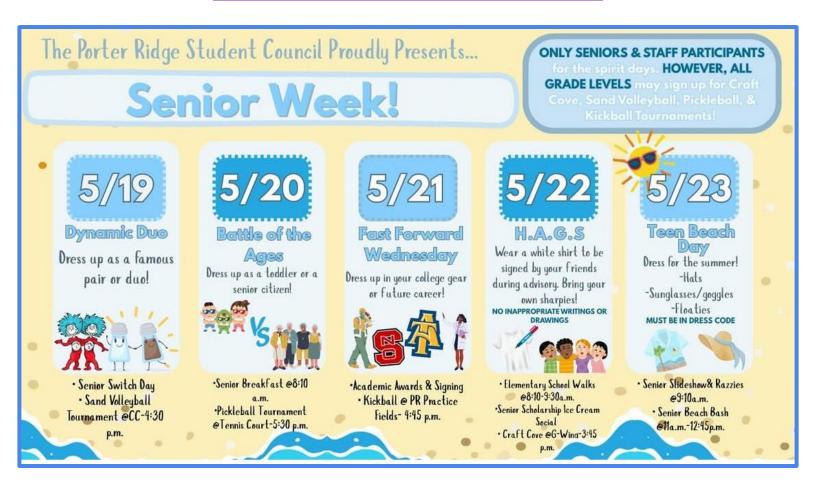
Como escuela, entendemos que hay causas incontrolables por las cuales se falta y causan muchas ausencias en el semestre. Es importante que entiendan que este proceso de aplicación es sólo para este tipo de ausencias! El estudiante debe de continuar asistiendo a la recuperación de ausencias los Martes y Jueves después de la escuela, mientras se este aplicando por la forma para excusarlas.

CÓMO APLICAR?

LA FECHA LÍMITE DE ENTREGA ES EL 29 DE MAYO A partir del martes 20 de mayo, ve a la oficina de los consejeros para hablar con tu consejero y recibir el formulario para solicitar la excusa de tus ausencias

Senior Information

CLICK HERE FOR THE SENIOR LETTER WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATION





Students are reminded to continue to check the <u>Student Daily Announcement Page</u> 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 <u>PRHS</u> <u>Website</u>. The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. Please follow us on social media linked on this page!

Any student who has damage to their Chromebook that would affect final exams should bring it to the Media Center for repair.

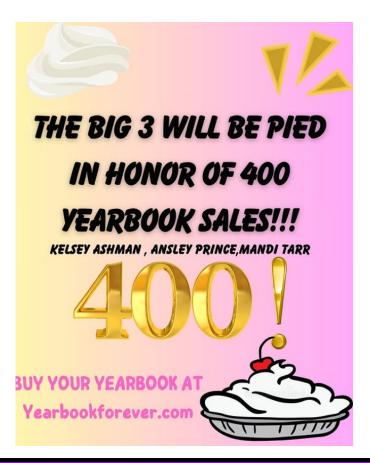






Any student who has put personal stickers on their laptop must remove them before turning in their Chromebook to avoid a charge.

Student Life





OPEN TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

DURING ALL LUNCHES

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SALE

SOURCE SUPPLIES LOW SAFE	
MECHANICAL PENCIL	\$0.50
FOLDER	\$0.75
NOTEBOOK PAPER (20)	\$0.75
FELT TIP PEN	\$1.00
LEAD REFILLS	\$0.25
PEN	\$0.50
ERASER X2	\$0.25
DRY ERASE MARKER	\$0.25
POSTER BOARD	\$1.00
BUNDLE PACKS	
2 MECHANICAL PENCILS	\$1.25
& PACK OF LEAD	
FOLDER, PENCIL, PAPER	\$2.00

All books are due back to the Media Center by Friday, May 23. Any unreturned books will be charged to student accounts.



Juniors WIN! Class Cup Points 4302 Sophomores 3341 Juniors 5014 Seniors 4914



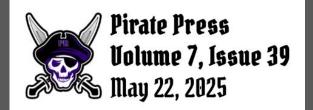
Student Life Activities











ADVISORY & PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Students meet in advisory period twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and learn about leadership, goal setting, problem solving, and more. UCPS Graduates are Effective Communicators, Resilient Problem Solvers, Key Contributors, Innovative

Leaders, and Skilled Collaborators! Students serve Porter Ridge through Leadership!

PRHS Pirate Grams

Joanna Reyes- Miranda- Continue to work hard, believe in yourself and finish the year strong! -Ms. Goldberg Lizbette Aguilar- Saavedra- Continue to work hard & finish the year strong! -Ms. Goldberg Miranda Rodriguez- Continue taking pride in your work! -Ms. Goldberg



Ms. Nardell with EC Assistant Ms.
Davison. Ms. Nardell is one of our TTA
teachers and has been nominated for
the Outstanding Clinical Educator
Award from UNC - Charlotte!

Members of the Student Lighthouse Leadership Team training with Leader In Me representative



SENIOR WEEK AND SCHOOL



ACTIVITIES

Seniors were welcomed back to PRHS with a sweet treat! Thanks Ms. Prince for this surprise for our students!!

Seniors who earned and reported scholarships were given an ice cream sundae treat as a reward! Thank you PTO and parent volunteers! Thank you counselors! Congratulations to our 2025 scholarship recipients!









SENIOR WEEK AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

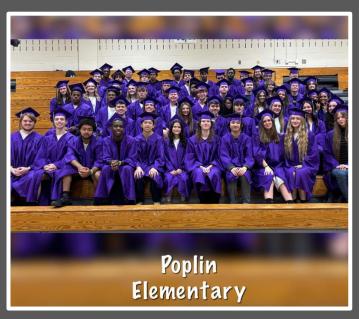




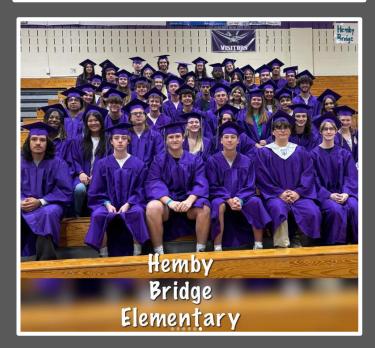




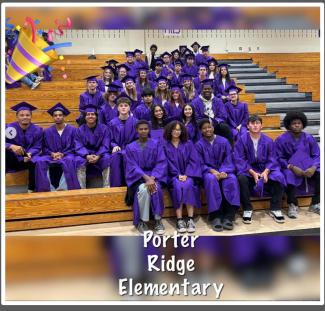
SENIOR WALK DAY















Who is your counselor?

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

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

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

Cassidy Jarrett – last names Me-Sao <u>cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

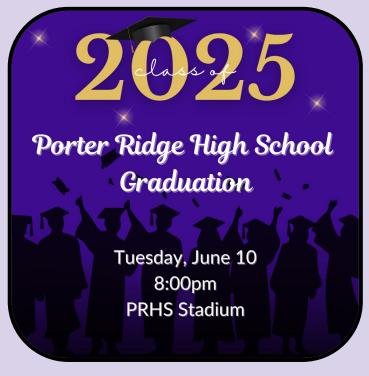
Alexandra Green– last names Sap-Z alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

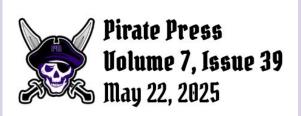
The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.



PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Need Career advice or direction?
Talk to your Counselor or Career
Development Coordinator, Ms. Sarah
Webb today to see all of the pathways
and academies PR has to offer!
Click here for more info...





Attention Class of 2026!

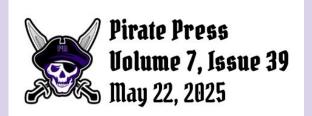
Thank you to all those who came to our Junior night on April 14th. Below is the link to the presentation if you were not able to attend:

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If you are interested in taking SPCC courses,
Summer registration and Fall pre-registration is
open now. Please speak with your counselor and
schedule a meeting with Ms. Sturdivant, our SPCC
Career Coach to learn more. Ms. Sturdivant's
email can be found in the Guidance Lobby.



College Readiness Student Opportunities

PRHS SPRING FINAL EXAMS

June 2-5, 8:00 AM to 12:30

All courses have a final exam that counts at 25% of a student's final grade. All teacher made, EOC, & CTE Exams will be taken at school.

Courses with State Administered Exams		
EOC Exams	CTE Exams	
Math 1	Accounting I	
Math 3	Apparel & Textile Production I & II	
English 2	Business Essentials	
Child De	Business Management I	
	Child Development	
	Culinary Arts & Hospitality I	
	Financial Planning I	
	Food & Nutrition I	
	Foundations of Health Science	
	Health Science I	

Exam Dates

Monday, June 2: 1st Period Tuesday, June 3: 2nd Period Wednesday, June 4: 3rd Period Thursday, June 5: 4th Period

Exam Exemptions

High school students will not be required to take a **teacher** made final exam in a course in the following situations Students will have final notifications on 5/30:

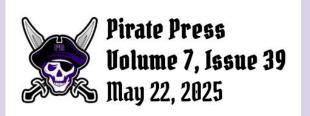
The student has an average of 90 or above. Teacher made exams are defined as tests designed and graded by a UCPS teacher of record for the purpose of assigning an exam grade to a student.

All Students must bring their computer & charger to school each day. All exams with the exception of some teacher made exams will be administered online.

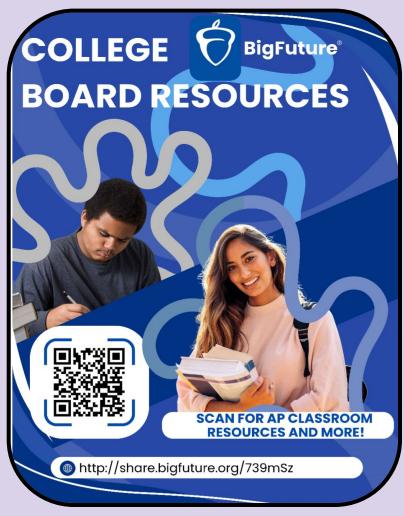


Infinite Campus Parent Information
Infinite campus will be the new
gradebook and student information
application replacing Power School
next year. Click below for parent
information.

English: https://youtu.be/3UELvzz-Cgs
Russian: https://youtu.be/h0AtWziCKho
Ukrainian: https://youtu.be/qBibr6Dxpoo



College Readiness Student Opportunities



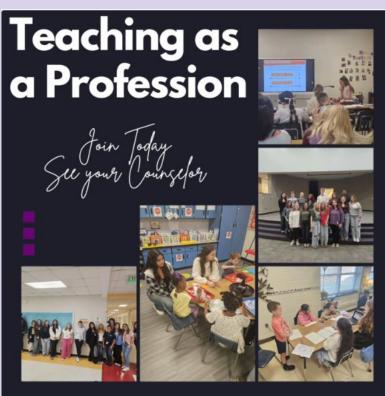
Taking an AP class this year? Scan the QR code to gain access to various College Board resources now!

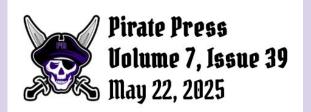
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Scanning this link and following the steps on your AP Classroom Dashboard can qualify you to potentially win a \$500 or \$40,000 scholarship!

Teaching as a Profession is in search of more awesome students to join our program. See your counselor today! Why join?

- * Learn more about becoming a teacher
- * Opportunities for college credit
- * Ability to be a peer tutor
- * Teach UCPS Pathway- SPCC & Wingate
- * Weekly school observations





College Readiness Student Opportunities



YOU'RE INVITED!



May 17, 2025 10am - 1pm

Are you interested in attending a U.S. service academy? Join Team Harris for an information day to learn more about how you can apply!



Charlotte Catholic High School Fine Arts Center



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM

Union, Anson, Stanly, Montgomery, Richmond, Scotland, Robeson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg

FOR MORE INFORMATION

District Director Melissa Merrell Melissa.Merrell@mail.house.gov



Parent Information

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We are seeking parents willing to support the PTO's work, to donate items for teacher appreciation, PTO, and school events, and willing to volunteer at PTO or school events. Please email Amy Dieffenbach at amy_dieffenbach@yahoo.com or Alana White at alanahwhite@gmail.com if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

Click the QR Code to get to the Venmo account or use the QR Code below



JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE

Follow the PTO
Instagram Page at
prhs pto





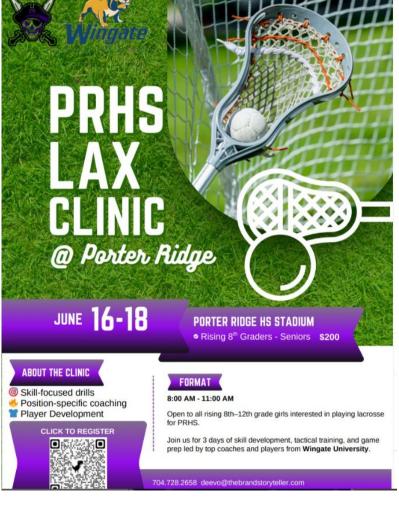


Please help the PRHS PTO raise money to support teachers, staff, and students by allowing us to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to our organization! Your card can be linked to more than one organization and you'll multiply the rewards that go toward education. By providing your last name and phone number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



PRHS Cheer is EXCITED to host Little Pirate Cheer Camp this summer!! Please click here to sign your Little Pirate up!! They will learn cheers, chants, dances, and participate in stunting. On the last day there will be a Cheer Showcase to show off all their new moves. Anyone ages 5 to 13 is eligible to attend. Please contact Coach Lawson with any questions.

There will be an interest meeting for Girls Fall Rugby on Wednesday 5/28 in E208. No experience or prior knowledge needed or expected. See Mrs. Greer in E208 if you are unable to attend.



Sign Up now for the annual Golf Tournament to support the Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club!



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025



EAGLE CHASE GOLF CLUB
3215 BRANTLEY RD
MARSHVILLE NC 28103



CLICK ON THE AD FOR MORE INFO



2025-2026 Cross-Country/Track and Field Uniform Store is Open!

If you are a MS or HS runner and want to order your own competition top, order now!

Click on icon to see the store. These tops can be used for cross-country and track throughout your PR running career.

**PRHS does NOT require any athlete to purchase a uniform top.







PRHS spring athletic signing ceremony

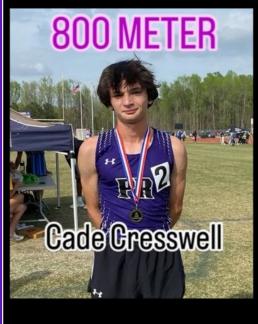
Kisaiah Harris - Football- Wingate

Antonio Taylor - Track Johnson C Smith

Sophia Strachan - WLAX- Coker

Rafael Infante - Soccer- Queens











NCHSAA State Qualifiers

PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETIC ZONEOUR OFFICIAL
ATHLETIC
WEBSITE- CLICK
THE QR CODE OR
USE THE CODE.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE

TICKETS

CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC

BOOSTERS WEBSITE



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

WE WANT YOU!



- FUNDRAISING CHAIRPERSON
- EVENT COORDINATOR
- COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON
- WEBSITE COORDINATOR
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- COORDINATOR PHOTOGRAPHER

If you're looking for a great way to support our schools and have a few extra hours we could really use your help.



Contact prabcpres@gmail.com for more information.

NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

For fall 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 or at the mid-point of an event.
- After consulting with law enforcement and district leaders, UCPS will utilize body scanners at events. The use of body scanners will begin in the fall of 2024 at football games.

































Family Information

Important Links

School Forms- CLICK HERE

<u>Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u>

Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

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.

School Nutrition Prices

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the <u>meal application</u> (click here)

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 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.

Transportation Information- CLICK HERE

- → 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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Attendance Procedures

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO UCPS ABSENCE REPORT FORM



Create your account

Parent or guardian must create an account. The system will not accept submissions from student email accounts. PRHS will review accounts created to ensure that the email address used matches the parent email address in powerschool. For safety reasons if the email address does not match the known parent email, the account will be deleted. For reference, the school newsletter, the Pirate Press, is sent to the parent email address on file. You can also call the school to check on your email



Report Absences

Parent or guardian will submit all absences digitally via this Microsoft form.



Please Note:

- · Must submit one day absence at a time.
- You cannot submit an absence before it occurs
- You must upload documentation necessary to excuse absences.
- Porter Ridge High School may only accept a maximum of 5 absences per semester excused with a parent note. After 5 days, only a doctor's note will be accepted.



Report absence:

Once your account has been created, use this link to log in and begin reporting absences.



Are there any questions?

For questions regarding attendance, please call the

@ 704-292-7662

SUIA PASO A PASO PARA INFORMAR LA AUSENCIA DEL ESTUDIANTE





La cuenta debe ser creada solo por el padre o la persona a cargo del estudiante. La escuela de PRHS va a revisar y verificar de que la cuenta corresponda al mismo correo electrónico que se tiene en el sistema de la escuela, por razones de seguridad.



Reporta la razón por la cual no se asistió a la escuela.

Los padres o la persona a cargo del estudiante debe de documentar la razón por la cual el estudiante no estuvo en la escuela. Esta documentación se hace de manera digital por via de Microsoft. En el mismo lugar donde usted creo su cuenta.



Para tener en cuenta:

- · Solo puede reportar un solo día de ausencia. No puede reportar ausencias por adelantado.
- · Debe de adjuntar la documentación para la
- La escuela de Porter Ridge High School sólo acepta un máximo de 5 excusas escritas por los padres. Después de 5 excusas, sólo se aceptarán notas provenientes del doctor.



Reporte la razón por la que se falto:

Después de que creó su cuenta, usé este link que le da este QR code para reportar la ausencia.



Si todavía tiene preguntas?

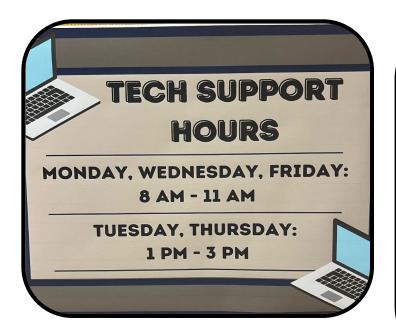
Por favor comuniquese con la escuela al número de teléfono que esta aquí abajo.

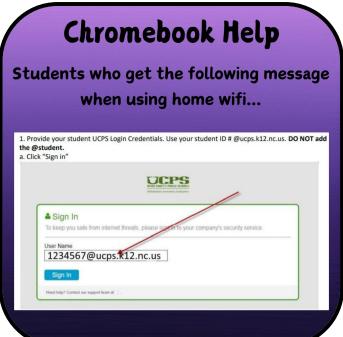


@ 704-292-7662



Attendance, Chromebooks & Info





Please <u>Click HERE</u> to obtain, sign, and review school forms.

Click HERE for all school payments including past due fees and current technology fees.

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 may fail the course due to attendance.



Ports of Information for Pirates:

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