



# Pirate Press

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July 24, 2024 mid-summer



*Summer Office Hours  
Monday to Thursday  
8 AM to 4 PM*

*We have included some information for the start of the 2024-2025 school year... but there is more to come in early August! We are so excited to have our Pirates back! #WeRPR*



## NEW TO PRHS?

### NEW STUDENT TOURS

LED BY STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

TOURS HELD FROM 4-6:30PM

ON: 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20



### NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION MEETINGS

LED BY SCHOOL COUNSELORS

8/12, 8/14, 8/16, 8/19





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# *Beginning of School Year Information*

## **Back to School Information**

- ❖ **Freshmen Orientation: Friday 8/16**
  - Drop students off at 8:30 am for interactive Orientation Activities, PRHS Procedures, and Schedule Review Pirates!
  - This is a student only event.
  - More Info to follow! Watch social media and upcoming newsletters!
  
- ❖ **Chromebook Distribution:**
  - Chromebooks will be distributed the first couple of days of school
  - Students who have paid their Technology Fee for the 24-25 school year will receive a chromebook during the school day
  
- ❖ **Family Open House: Friday 8/23**
  - Grab your parents and come walk your class schedule from 12:00 - 3:00pm. Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet them. Club Fair displays will be up so that you can consider what extracurricular activities you may want to be involved in. Come join us!
  - Are you a new student in 10th - 12th grade? Stop by the main office for a tour guide who can show you where your classes are and answer your questions, along with the tricks of getting around the school!
  
- ❖ **Opportunities for Juniors and Seniors as Peer Tutors, Language Mentors, and Leadership Mentors**
  - We want to continue to support our community by expanding our programs
  - Interested Juniors and Seniors are eligible to apply. Students interested should email their counselor to let them know. More information will be coming out of social media soon! Students do earn course credit for this.
  - Interested Seniors can sign up to help co-advise a 9th or 10th grade Advisory as a Leadership Mentor
  
- ❖ **Parking Passes:** Information will come out in the next Pirate Press. Parking pass applications will be on on Friday, August 9
  
- ❖ **School Starts Monday 8/26.** Students should be in their 1st period class by 8:10 am. Students can arrive at 7:45 or later. We recommend that if you are dropping your child off you are on campus by 7:45 as there will be traffic.



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***Freshman Orientation***

# **FRESHMEN ORIENTATION**

**Friday August 16: 8:30-10 AM**

**Parents Drop-off/pick up students in the PRHS stadium parking lot. This is a student only event.**

**--Walk your Schedule--**

**--Interactive Student Activities--**

**--Learn about PRHS--**



**Freshmen Encouraged to attend**



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# *Bus Transportation*



## **Bus Riders**

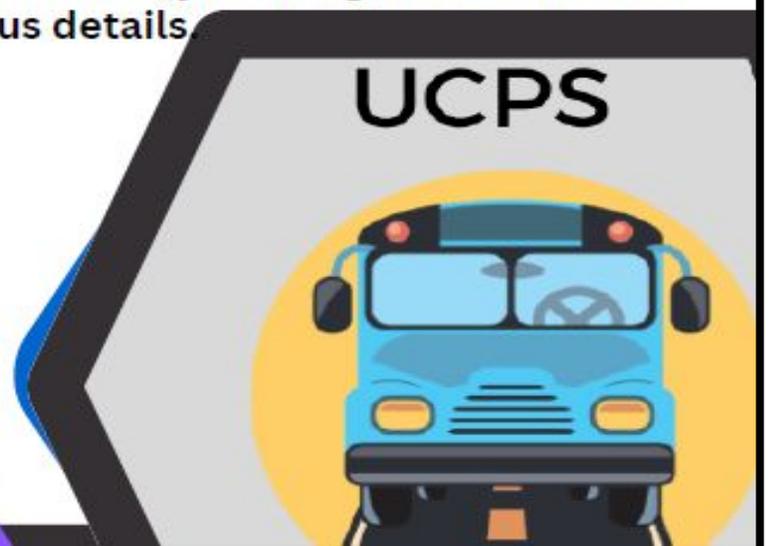
Request transportation for PRHS students who did not have bus service last year and need it this year, click [HERE](#)

- **Download and set up the EduLog App for bus information. Parents and students are encouraged to download and set up the app for real time bus information. You will need to add your student to the app using their student ID number and date of birth.**

In the Edulog app, be sure to turn on Notifications. When the UCPS pushes out bus routes and bus information, you will get a notification and be able to see your students' bus details

### **UCPS Service**

- ✓ **Transportation Department**  
(Website [CLICK HERE](#) or  
call 704-296-3015)





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# *Free and Reduced Lunch*

## **Apply for Free/Reduced Meals NOW**

**Breakfast + Lunch Cost for each student**

= \$28 per week in HS

= \$27.50 per week in ES/MS

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

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

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

**CLICK THE  
AD TO  
APPLY**

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## **Aplique para comidas gratis/reducidas AHORA**

**Desayuno+Almuerzo Costo por estudiante**

= \$28 por semana en HS

= 27.50 por semana en ES/MS

[WWW.LUNCHAPPLICATION.COM](http://WWW.LUNCHAPPLICATION.COM)  
O VEN A NUESTRA ESCUELA  
PARA APLICAR

Aplique ahora para obtener la aprobacion antes del primer dia de clases. Los estudiantes sin el estatus de almuerzo gratis/reducido aprobado tendran que pagar las comidas a partir del PRIMER DIA DE CLASSES.

A los estudiantes que califiquen para comidas gratis se les eliminara la tarifa de tecnologia de \$ 30, traiga la carta de aprobacion a la oficina de la escuela



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# Class of 2025 Information



## Schedule

Your SENIOR PORTRAIT Session!

Class of 2025  
 Porter Ridge High School

Portraits will be taken at the School:  
July 29-August 2, 2024

Schedule Over The Phone: **855-773-3321**  
 Schedule Online: **WWW.UPSTATE-IMAGES.COM/SENIORS**

Or Scan This QR Code To Schedule Online:



\*\*\*Please arrive to your appointment 5 minutes early to check-in. DO NOT MISS YOUR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT, times and dates at this location are limited!\*\*\*

### Session Options



#### Platinum Session:

25-30 Images  
 8 Different Backgrounds  
 3 Casual Outfits  
**Plus** we provide a Tux or Suit/Drape and a Cap & Gown **\$55**

#### Gold Session:

16-20 Images  
 6 Different Backgrounds  
 2 Casual Outfits  
**Plus** we provide a Tux or Suit/Drape and a Cap & Gown **\$40**

#### Silver Session:

10-15 Images  
 4 Different Backgrounds  
 1 Casual Outfits  
**Plus** we provide a Tux or Suit/Drape and a Cap & Gown **\$25**

We offer a yearbook-only session at no cost, call 855-773-3321 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) to schedule this session. (Not available to schedule online.)

Now Available @  
[www.PorterRidgeBand.org](http://www.PorterRidgeBand.org)

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## SENIOR SPIRIT WEAR



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SALE ENDS  
**AUGUST 1ST**

➔
ORDER NOW

ON SALE  
**NOW!**



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# *Beginning of School Year Information*

*In our next edition we will have our our Back to School pages on the PRHS website updated for info on.....*

*Chromebooks- Distributed the First few days of School*  
*Class Schedules*  
*Schedule Corrections*  
*Parent Portal*  
*Pirate Advisory*  
*Beginning of Year Forms*

## ***Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow***

Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.

- Parents can provide notes for up to five days that a student is absent. After those days PRHS will require a doctor/medical note to excuse the absence.
- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes must be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student may fail the course due to attendance.



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# AP CAPSTONE INFORMATION

*This unique program from the College Board allows students to take two additional AP Courses unique to the AP Capstone program. These courses are AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Program started with the Class of 2021 at Porter Ridge and our Capstone students have an excellent record of high performance in AP courses, with over 95% of our Class of 2023 earning a diploma or certificate. Students may take these courses along with other AP Courses and be eligible to work towards an AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board. According to College Board,*

*Congratulations!* **Class of 2024 students who earned the AP Capstone Diploma**

Indigo Antio	Ava Hinson
Wesley Burke	Yongmin Kim
Kai Butler	Syed Mehdi
Adam Cassidy	Ciera Monday
Kyra Cheek	Madison Myers
Sebastian Concepcion	Melissa Obi
Jacelyn Davis	David Proffitt
Mackenzie Esakov	Chloe Ripoli
Maggie Green	Armando Sanchez Timaure
Robyn Harvey	Riley Souders
	Emily Veith

*Criteria for the AP Capstone Diploma:  
 Receive a 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research exams and on any 4 additional AP exams*

*Congratulations!* **Class of 2024 students who earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate**

Jad Barahmeh	William Medlin
Alex Barzoff	Keaton Nguyen
Noah Beachum	Sarah Olivares
Campbell Fagan	Abigale Seeburger
Kiara Hines	Cali Tindall
Benjamin Kissinger	Bernadette Twegbe
Lillian Lawrence	Emily Villafana
Joshua Mangum	Kenna Williams
Eli Marano	Kaylee Wisher

*Criteria for the AP Seminar and Research Certificate:  
 Receive a 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research exams*

*AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP® courses — AP Seminar and AP Research — and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses. More information can be found on the College Board website. If interested, please contact your counselor.*

**To learn more about the AP Capstone Diploma Program please [click here](#).**



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# Student Activities & Programs

Reach out to make an **IMPACT** as a Leadership Mentor in 9th & 10th Grade Pirate Advisory

## LEADERSHIP MENTOR



**CLICK ON THE AD TO APPLY**

## 2024 NCSMA YEARBOOK AWARDS



### TAR HEEL AWARD

*(highest distinction)*

### ALL-NORTH CAROLINA AWARD

*(second-highest distinction)*

### SOCIAL MEDIA

*Second Place*

### COVER DESIGN

*Second Place*

### COVERAGE

*Second Place*

### THEME

*First Place*

### LAYOUT

*Honorable Mention*

### COPY

*Honorable Mention*



#### Critique Highlights:

- The staff of The Hook can be incredibly proud of their 2024 edition. It is obvious you love your school and yearbook.
- Your book is so strong it is difficult to come up with suggestions for improvement.
- Your spread designs and your use of typography are stunning.
- Your photography is strong.
- Your multi-sentence captions are strong.



## Clubs and Special Interests

### Club Information

Battle of the Books

Beta Club

Book Club

Club PFC

Computer Science Club

Dungeons & Dragons Club

FBLA

**.... And so many more....  
 Click here to check out  
 what PRHS students are  
 involved in outside of  
 classes!!!**

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!**



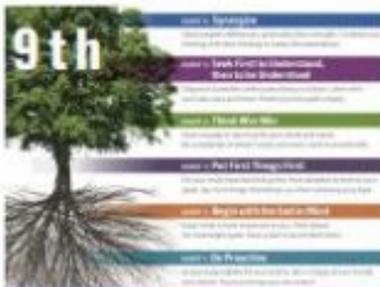
*Students meet in advisory period twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and learn about leadership, goal setting, problem solving, and more.*

## PRHS IS A LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

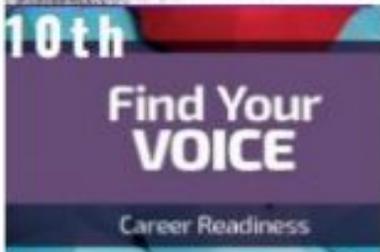
LeaderinMe®



## CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDENTS DO IN ADVISORY!



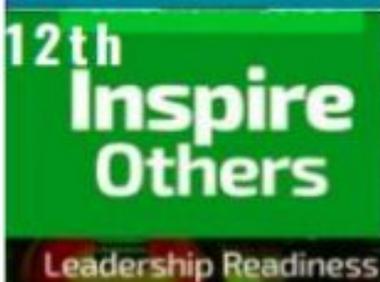
**The Seven Habits Course** is all about developing life-readiness skills to prepare you to lead your own life and face difficult challenges. Everyone is a leader, including you. Effective leaders do things in ways that yield lasting positive results and live by timeless, universal principles. Principles provide constancy amidst change; each of the 7 Habits is based on principles of effectiveness that will guide you through life's greatest challenges.



**The Find Your Voice Career Readiness course** is designed to help you learn and master skills that will enable you to find and then express your voice at school, at home, online, in the workplace, on a team, and in a competitive world market. Everyone has something to say but learning how to say it makes all the difference.



**The Take Charge College Readiness course** is designed to prepare you for the challenges and new responsibilities post-secondary education brings to students like you. The best thing you can do is apply what you learn in this course right away. If you do, you won't find yourself scrambling to develop important skills that make academic and general success possible. This course is for all students who will attend a 4-year university, 2 year, vocational school or enter into the workforce or military.



**The Inspire Others Leadership Readiness course** is all about Inspiring your team and keeping organized. These skills require both interpersonal effectiveness and the time-tested tools of leadership. The intent of this course is to learn and apply the same processes used by organizational leaders across the world. While the content in this course is world-class, the project-based learning approach is what brings it to life.



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# 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](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](#)**



Follow the PTO Instagram  
Page at [prhs\\_pto](https://www.instagram.com/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 ATHLETICS

PORTER RIDGE  
ATHLETIC ZONE



MULTIPLE TEAMS · JUL 20  
**Fall Sports Begins July 31!!**  
**\*Click for Tryout Information\***



PIRATES NEWS · AUG 22  
**Porter Ridge High School  
Athletic Schedules**



PIRATES NEWS · JUN 21  
**The New Home of Porter Ridge  
Athletics!**



Sport	Coach	Email Address
Athletic Director	Justin Leath	JUSTIN.LEATH@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheer	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheer JV	Karen Gault	<a href="mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us">ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>
Cross Country	Lea Schullery	lea.schullery@ucps.k12.nc.us
Football	Michael Hertz	michael.hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer JV	Angelo Joaquin	angelo.joaquin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer Varsity	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net
Volleyball	Heather Welch	heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

## PRHS FOOTBALL CHEER TRYOUTS

MONDAY, JULY 29 | 4:00-6:30PM  
TUESDAY, JULY 30 | 4:00-6:30PM  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 | 5:00-7:30PM

AUX GYM

## TENNIS TRYOUTS

MUST BE  
REGISTERED IN  
FAMILYID & HAVE  
A CURRENT  
PHYSICAL ON FILE

JULY 31ST- AUGUST 2ND

8-10 AM

## PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS - FALL 2024

JULY 31  
AUGUST 1  
AUGUST 2

10AM TO NOON IN  
THE MAIN GYM

\*MUST HAVE AN UPDATED PHYSICAL  
UPLOADED TO FAMILY ID TO  
PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS. TRYOUTS  
ARE MANDATORY TO BE ON THE  
TEAM. THERE WILL BE CUTS\*

ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
HEATHER.WELCH@UCPS.K12.NC.US



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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## Who is your counselor?

**Ashley Lawson**- last names A-Cou  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Tanisha Anderson**- last names Cov-Hek  
[tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc  
[bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Cassidy Jarrett**– last names Me-Sao  
[cassidy.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.

**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...](#)

**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)

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## Porter Ridge High Class Schedules

Go LIVE on PowerSchool  
Friday, August 16th at 3:00 pm

Schedule Correction Google Form will go LIVE  
Monday, August 19th

**Schedule Corrections:** The Schedule Correction Google Form will open Monday, August 19th. Click [HERE](#) for the link!

Counselors will work on “Please See Counselor” holes first. “Please See Counselor” is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected, including alternates. Please make sure that you check your schedule in PowerSchool and fill out the Schedule Correction Google Form if needed.

- **Schedules will not be completed and live for you to see until Friday 8/16.**
- **The Schedule Correction Google Form will close on Friday, August 30th at 5:00 pm.**
- Requests for 1st & 2nd semester should be made at this time. All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request will be allowed.
- All schedules have been reviewed. We will not make changes for students who were placed in the 1st or alternative courses requested. Requests will only be considered for the following:
  - Senior is missing a required class for graduation or for college admissions
  - Student has not met or is missing a prerequisite for a course for which they are enrolled
  - Student is taking a course that he/she has passed
  - Student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule
  - Student has the same course listed twice on the schedule
  - Student has “Please See your counselor” listed on their schedule.
- Please make sure to fill out the form, so that your schedule is ready for the 1st day of school, which is **Monday, August 26th**. A counselor will email you as we are able to process your request at your UCPS school email whether a correction can or cannot be made to your schedule.



# **TEACHER ACADEMY OPPORTUNITY**

**Are you  
interested in  
being a Teacher  
or a Peer  
Tutor?**

- Porter Ridge High School is offering an opportunity to start your journey now!
- You can take Teaching courses while in High School, earn an Associate's Degree at no cost, and attend Wingate university for no more than \$2500 per year!

**To be an effective  
peer tutor, you will  
take a course  
called Teaching as a  
Profession in the  
Fall of 2024.**





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@porterridgeswimming @prhsiratecheer @prhs\_gsa\_ @prhswtennis  
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@prhs.outdoors.club @prguards @prhsmenslacrosse @lawandjusticeskillsusa  
@prhs.culinaryarts @prb.o.b @porter.ridgewbb @ucpsncathletics  
@prhs\_menssoccer @the.hook.student.media @prhs4mun  
@prhs\_sewing\_and\_upcycling @prhs.rise @prhs\_fieldclub  
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