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The PRHS Fine Arts Department Invites You To

The Holly Jolly Winter Spectacular

December 16th & 17th @7pm
Tickets \$5

Donate

Teacher Nomination

Are you thinking about what to give your favorite teacher? Let us do the shopping this year! Nominate your favorite UCPS teacher and on the last day of school before Winter Break we will surprise the winning teacher with a \$500 Visa Gift Card! Follow us on all our socials to make sure you see who wins!

Nominate Your Teacher!

Click on the picture to nominate!

MHA-SAVES Toiletry Supply Drive

Blankets Soap and Lotion Fuzzy Socks

Candy Self-Care Nail Care

Drop donations off at the front of the school by the auditorium.

12/2-12/13

Click on the Images to see the commercials

Levine's Children's Hospital Toy Drive

December 2-13

Gifts must be in their original boxes. **DO NOT WRAP!!**

Check out the needed items:

Turn your donations into Mr.Allran's room in E212

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!

Congrats to our **choral students** selected to perform at the Mars Hill Festival!

Emphasis on **LITERACY** in Sra. Grello's Spanish I courses pertaining to global current events in Nov-Dec 2024. Reading and writing has been the key to success this week!

Ryan, a TTA student in Mrs. Smith's class at PRHS, helped pick out and design several centerpieces for the classroom Thanksgiving lunch. Ryan made choices of colors, provided cutting skills, and even arranged the details in the way he wanted. This was an all hands-on deck project and all involved had a great time working on this functional activity. So thankful for Mrs. Smith for allowing Ryan to display these in the classroom. Ryan and his sister plan to donate the centerpieces to small business or nursing homes within the Union County area



Congratulations

ON MAKING MARS HILL CHORAL
FESTIVAL

EMILY BOWLING

ANASTAJIA CHARLEY

KLOEY FIGUEROA

GABRIEL HAMILTON

ZION MCDUFFIE

LARISSA SMITH

PEYTON WAGAR



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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 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!

JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE



You can Now Venmo the PTO donations

Please Click here to donate.

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.

Follow the PTO
Instagram Page at
[prhs_pto](https://www.instagram.com/prhs_pto)



• GOOSECHASE starts on 12/11



Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...

Winter Wonderland Week

Monday
12/16

Tuesday
12/17

Wednesday
12/18

Thursday
12/19

Friday
12/20

DRESS TO IMPRESS

New Year's Eve Ed.
 Dress in fancy clothes to welcome in the new year



Dress Code Appropriate!

Bonfire @ 5:30

Tacky Tuesday

Dress in your tackiest sweater or gear



• Cookie Wars @ 3:30

Snowed In Wednesday

Dress in Winter Gear or wear all White



• Game Night @ 5

Twas the night before break

Dress in comfy clothes or pajamas



School Appropriate

• Hot Chocolate @ 7:45
 • Family Feud during 4th Block

No School!

Enjoy your break and don't come to school!



You are cordially invited to
 PRHS' PROM
 2025

WONDERLAND Tea Party

April 12th, 2025
 8:00-11:00 p.m.
 The Fillmore Charlotte

Tickets Sold During Lunch \$70
 2/24 - 2/28

Tickets Sold During Lunch \$80
 3/17-3/20
 3/24-3/28

Hiring Students!

The Student Lighthouse team is hiring students to help out around Porter Ridge High School. Use this link to sign-up for a student job and earn service hours!

[LEARN MORE](#)

2024-25



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Student Life Activities

GAME NIGHT SIGN-UPS

SIGN-UPS: DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 13

Sign up during lunches the week of December 2nd through December 13th to get a chance to participate in one of the four Game Night tournaments for the 2024 Game Night.

BONEYARD BONFIRE

Onesie Contest

December 12 | 5:30-7:45

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE EVENT

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNER



Come out and join us!!

Game Night 2024

Wednesday, December 18th

PRHS PRESENTS BONEYARD BONFIRE

Gather 'round the crackling flames, sip on warm drinks, and revel in the enchanting atmosphere. It's a night to remember, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the cozy glow of a roaring bonfire.

Date:
December
12th

- Food & Drinks

Time:
5:30pm to
7:45pm

- Music & Games



PRHS Stadium Circle



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Senior Information

Seniors - over 266 Seniors ordered their Cap and Gown sets already, but we still have a lot of Seniors to go. Please see the flier below and order your cap and gown today. Once you get to the link there are many options. If you just want the cap, gown, and tassel set it costs \$39 but you must scroll almost all the way down the page to be able to click on it. Thanks!

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

Porter Ridge Seniors:
Time to place Your
Graduation Orders!

**Seniors: It's time to Order
Cap and Gowns,
Graduation Announcements
and Senior 2025 Gear!**

Order Deadline

Friday, November 15

**Go to IG Bio or to link
on facebook
TO PLACE**

**Porter Ridge
SENIOR ORDERS!**



**Up To
\$75 OFF
Class Rings**

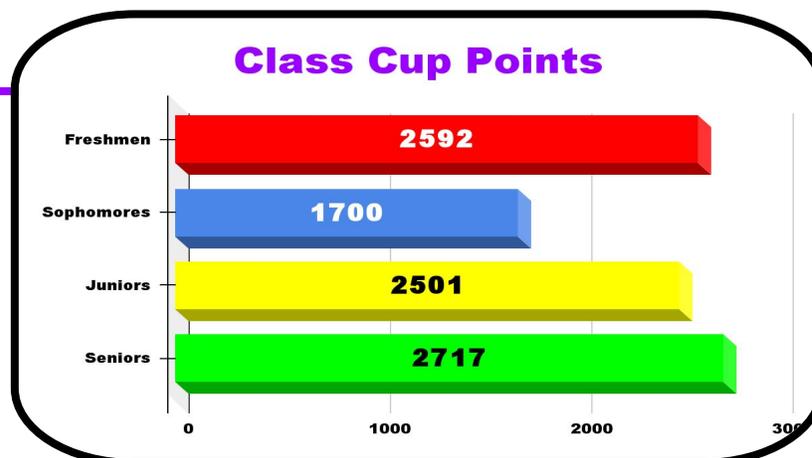
Questions? (800) 567-8367 or chris.gaither@jostens.com

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The class of 2025 has already received over 1 million dollars in scholarships! If you have received a scholarship offer, please email the offer to Ms. Jarrett in the counseling office!



- ★ **The Badminton Club** meeting is December 13th for our Holiday Party.
- ★ **The Science National Honor Society** will be meeting Monday, December 9th at 3:10 pm in Mrs. Broadbent's room. See the Band App or Instagram for more information.
- ★ The next **FCCLA meeting** will be Tuesday, December 10th at 3:05 in room A107. Please bring a treat to share for the holiday celebration.
- ★ It's that time of year to craft ornaments with joy and good cheer! In the **International Club**, let's gather and create a festive, fun meeting- don't be late! Bring your holiday spirit, your glitter, and glue. We'll make something special, just for you! Come celebrate cultures, traditions, and fun as we make memories before the year is done. Thursday 12/12 after school from 3-4 in Ms. Fiallo's room
- ★ If you love holiday movies, check out the festive flick pics on the **Media Center door that are based on books and enter to win movie tickets**. Entries should be submitted by December 16.
- ★ **The Fine Arts Department presents the Holly Jolly Winter Spectacular!** Tickets are on sale now for \$5! There will be two shows on December 16th and 17th at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased by visiting porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz Seats are limited so get your tickets today!
- ★ There will be an **FBLA** dinner on Wednesday, December 18th from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm in room F100. Meeting topic is: "Invest in What's Next: Life After High School". The guest speaker for this event will be: Michael A Newsome, PhD Economic Education Specialist for The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Permission forms are available in F100 and are due by Friday, December 13th. Door prizes and giveaways, see you there!



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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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

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

Cassidy Jarrett- last names Me-Sao
cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us

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.

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...](#)

THE SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST FORM WILL OPEN IN JANUARY! THIS IS HOW YOU WILL REQUEST A CHANGE FOR YOUR SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE.

Counselors will not be making any schedule changes until the form opens.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)

THE YLA IS A THREE-DAY PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DRAFT, DEBATE AND VOTE ON MOCK LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING, GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 7-9, 2025.



APPLY AT
NCLEG.GOV/YLA



Marines Visit



December 11th 10:35am
Counseling Lobby

Sign up
through
Scoir!



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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



Planning to Pursue a degree in a field related to Horticulture?

The Garden Club of Weddington is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a senior in UCPS who plans to pursue a degree in a horticulture-related studies program. You can find the application by scanning the QR Code below. The deadline for applying is February 1st, 2025.

See Your Ag Teachers or CDC for questions



MONROE-UNION BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

EMAIL OR SEE MS. JARRETT IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE TO PICK UP THE APPLICATION!

Application and short essay are due to Ms. Jarrett **December 17th.**

High School Seniors!

Apply today for a chance to receive a \$1,000 College Scholarship!

Two ways to apply :

- Visit union-power.com/collegescholarships
- Scan the QR code

APPLY BY MARCH 1



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College Readiness
Student Opportunities



2024-2025
College Readiness Series

@UCPSCollegePrep ucpscollegeprep

Scior for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
Getting Ready for College	November 16, 2024	Wingate University
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Location TBD
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	Location TBD
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 8, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Location TBD
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Location TBD
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Location TBD
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

For more information and to register, visit
<https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>.



**MEET WITH
 YOUR SPCC
 CAREER COACH**

MS. STURDIVANT



SCAN ME

WEDNESDAYS

IN GUIDANCE

CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU

PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

9

MONDAY

-NO EVENTS

10

TUESDAY

-Swim County Meet
@ MAC 9:30AM

-Basketball vs Forest Hills
4:30/6:00/7:30

-Indoor Track
@ Piedmont
3:45

11

WEDNESDAY

-Wrestling @ Mt Pleasant 6:00

12

THURSDAY

-No Events

13

FRIDAY

-Basketball @ Ardrey Kell
4:30/6/7:30
-Swim Meet Fort Mill Y 6:00

14

SATURDAY

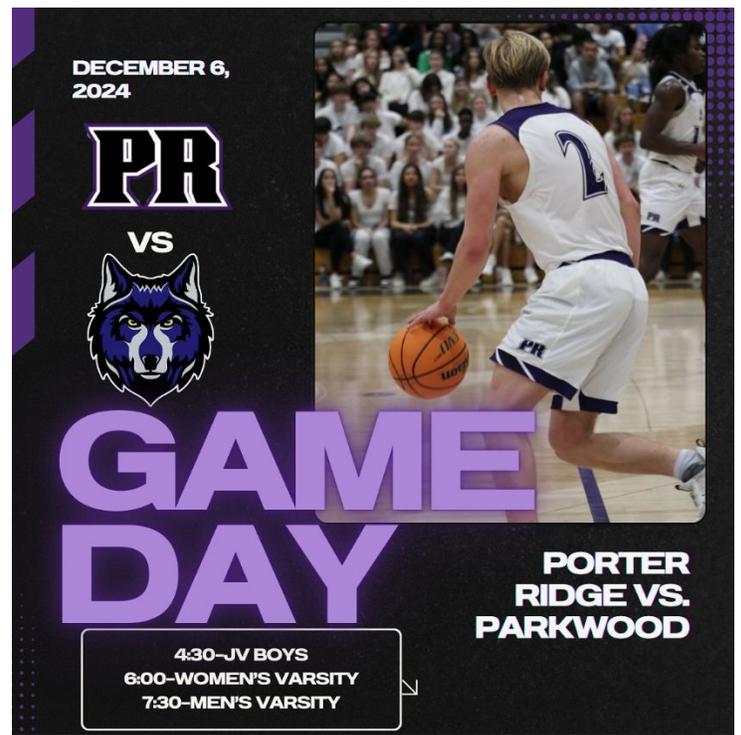
-Wrestling @ Piedmont

#COMMITTED



Sport	Coach	Email Address
Athletic Director	Justin Leath	JUSTIN.LEATH@ucps.k12.nc.us
Basketball Cheer	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Basketball Cheer JV	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Indoor Track	Meredith Forrest	meredith.forrest@ucps.k12.nc.us
Wrestling	Randy Durbin	randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Basketball JV	Matthew Byrum	matthew.byrum@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Basketball Varsity	Cody Frady	cody.frady@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Basketball	Morgan Brown	morgan.brown@gmail.com

PIRATE ATHLETICS



[CLICK HERE](#)

[PRABC VOLUNTEER INQUIRY FORM](#)

If you want to make an impact for hundreds of student athletes, we need your help! We are volunteer friendly and can use your skill set, even if it's a couple hours a month, to accomplish our goals. Please complete this form and we will be in touch.

[SCORES AND RESULTS](#)

Boys Basketball Lost to East Meck. 57-46

Girls Basketball beat East Meck. 59-53

PIRATE ATHLETICS

PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETIC ZONE-
OUR 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

24-25 PIRATE PASS

- ✓ ENTRY TO ALL PRHS REGULAR SEASON HOME GAMES FOR ALL SPORTS
- ✓ 50 YD LINE PRIORITY SEATING
- ✓ PRABC MEMBERSHIP
- ✓ EXCLUSIVE T-SHIRT

\$150

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

! 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.

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.



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Important Links

[School Forms- CLICK HERE](#)

[Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[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 [meal application](#) (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

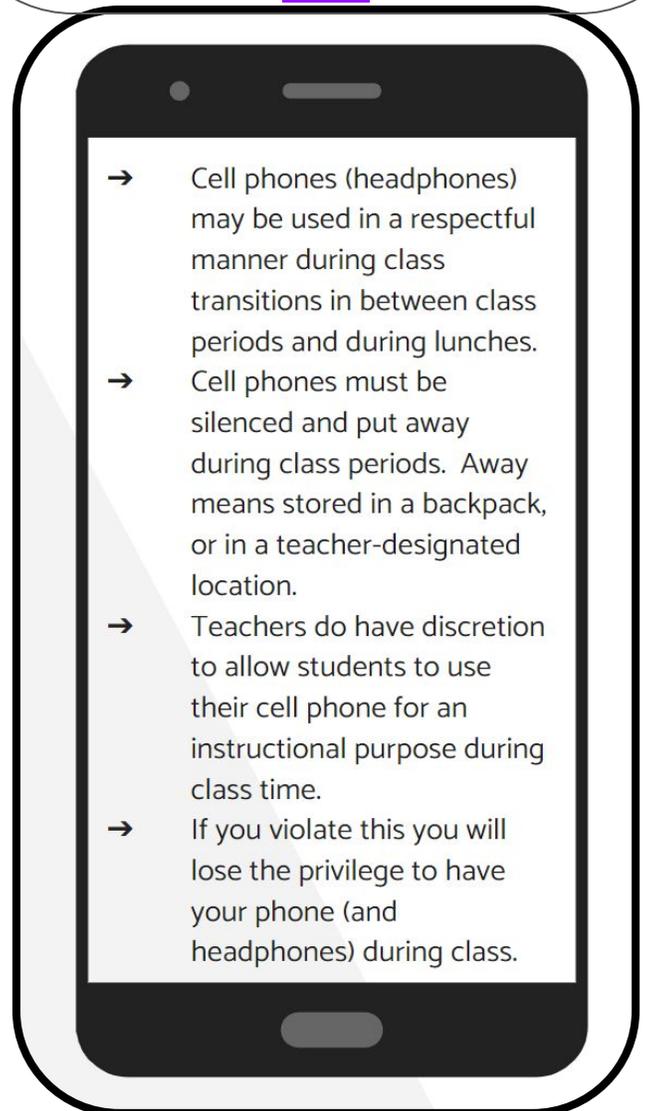
Family Information

[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](#)





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New Attendance Procedures

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO UCPS ABSENCE REPORT FORM

ATTENTION PLEASE!

1



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

2



Report Absences

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

3



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.

4



Report absence:

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

5



Are there any questions?

For questions regarding attendance, please call the school.



@ 704-292-7662

GUIA PASO A PASO PARA INFORMAR LA AUSENCIA DEL ESTUDIANTE

ANUNCIO
 IMPORTANTE

1



Crea tu cuenta

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.

2



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 vía de Microsoft. En el mismo lugar donde usted creo su cuenta.

3



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 excusa.
- 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.

4



Reporte la razón por la que se faltó:

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

5



Si todavía tiene preguntas?

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



@ 704-292-7662



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Attendance, Chromebooks & Info

**TECH SUPPORT
HOURS**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY:
8 AM - 11 AM**

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY:
1 PM - 3 PM**

Chromebook Help

**Students who get the following message
when using home wifi...**

1. Provide your student UCPS Login Credentials. Use your student ID # @ucps.k12.nc.us. **DO NOT** add the @student.
a. Click "Sign in"

*Please **Click HERE** 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.



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Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR
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@prbandofpirates @prhs_volleyball @prhscounseling
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@prhsmualphatheta @aghoulihan @prhs.jcl.club @porterridgeswimming
@prhspiratecheer @prhs_gsa_ @prhswttennis @prhs.dnd.club @pr_nehs
@PRHS_Vocal_Treasures @prhsspeechanddebate @prhs_mha_saves
@prhsfilmclub @prphilosophyclub @prhspirates4christ
@prhs_humanities @growinggreen_prhs @Prhs_pto @prhs_spanish.club
@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
@porterridgepe_department @prhstaap @rhokappaprhs
@skillsusa_piedmont_porterridge @prhs_esports

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@PRPiratehoops @pr_volleyball @PorterRidgeFB @prtrackandfield
@PRHSSoccer1 @PRHSPiratesBSB @PorterRidgeFFA @PRLAX2

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@UCPSInnovate @UCPSCareerready @UMatterinUCPS
(we post very limited info on Twitter)