



# Pirate Press

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## Student Jobs

The Student Lighthouse team is hiring students to help out around Porter Ridge High School.

pick up an application in guidance

opportunity for service hours!

2025



## PIRATE COVE



Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays From 3:10 -4:10 p.m. in the Media Center.

PEER TUTORS FROM MATH, ENGLISH, AND SCIENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP ALONG WITH A MATH TEACHER!!



**\*CASH ONLY\***

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SALE

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
<u>BUNDLE PACKS</u>	
2 MECHANICAL PENCILS & PACK OF LEAD	\$1.25
FOLDER, PENCIL, PAPER	\$2.00

**OPEN TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
DURING ALL LUNCHES**

**Registration  
2025-2026  
Rising 10th,  
11th, and  
12th Grade  
Registration  
is  
HAPPENING  
NOW!!!!  
Please  
check out  
Page 2**

# Registration 2025-2026 Rising 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Registration is HAPPENING NOW!!!!

# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## Registration Timeline

### Thursday, January 30th to Friday, February 7th

- ★ Students will enter their course selections into PowerSchool through their student account (directions on next slide)

### Friday, February 7th

- ★ All course requests are to be submitted online by 5:00 pm

### February 10th to March 7th

- ★ Counselors will meet with students individually to review their course selections through their 2nd block classes (schedule on another slide)
  - This is a quick review of your selection courses. If you have questions please meet with your assigned counselor prior to your assigned registration day

## Registration Directions

1. Log into your PowerSchool Account.
2. Click Class Registration

You will see the following Registration Boxes - English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language, A/B Day, Physical Education, Miscellaneous, Fine & Performing Arts, CTE, Alternates, and UCPS Electives



## Registration Directions

1. Each Registration Box has details explaining what course to select.
2. You will click the pencil to review the actual course selections and then select your course.



## Registration - Next Steps

- ★ REMEMBER, Everyone must select FOUR Alternates!!!
- ★ If you have questions about a recommendation please ask your teacher(s).
- ★ If you have questions about class selections please reach out to your assigned counselor.
- ★ All forms you will need are located in the Counseling Suite and on the PRHS website under Quick Links - [HS Course Registration](#)
- ★ Forms are due March 14th, 2025!

## FEBRUARY 2025 Registration Schedule

9 <i>Counselor &amp; Student Meetings Begin!!</i>	10 (A) <i>Gordon Greer Joaquin Smith, T. Warning</i>	11 (B) <i>Allran Batchelor Baucom Boino</i>	12 (A) <i>Boryczewski Bridges Brown Byrum Chavis</i>	13 (B) <i>Cheron Clancey Cosma Craig Diaz</i>	14 (A) <i>Drake Ellis Fraday Hertz Small</i>	15
16	17 <b>WORKDAY</b>	18 (B) <i>Dunne Farris Fiallo Fulmer* Hargett</i>	19 (A) <i>Frazier Goldberg Goodine Howard Smith, M.</i>	20 (B) <i>McCullough Wooddruff Yelverton</i>	21 (A) <i>Grello Hill Jessup</i>	22
23	24 (B) <i>Helms Hoagland Koonce Lytle</i>	25 (A) <i>Ladimir Olson Ruggiero Williams, W.</i>	26 (B) <i>O'Brien Oliviero Parker</i>	27 (A) <i>Kasler McCollum Ruhland Welch</i>	28 (B) <i>Macera Smith, S. Watson</i>	

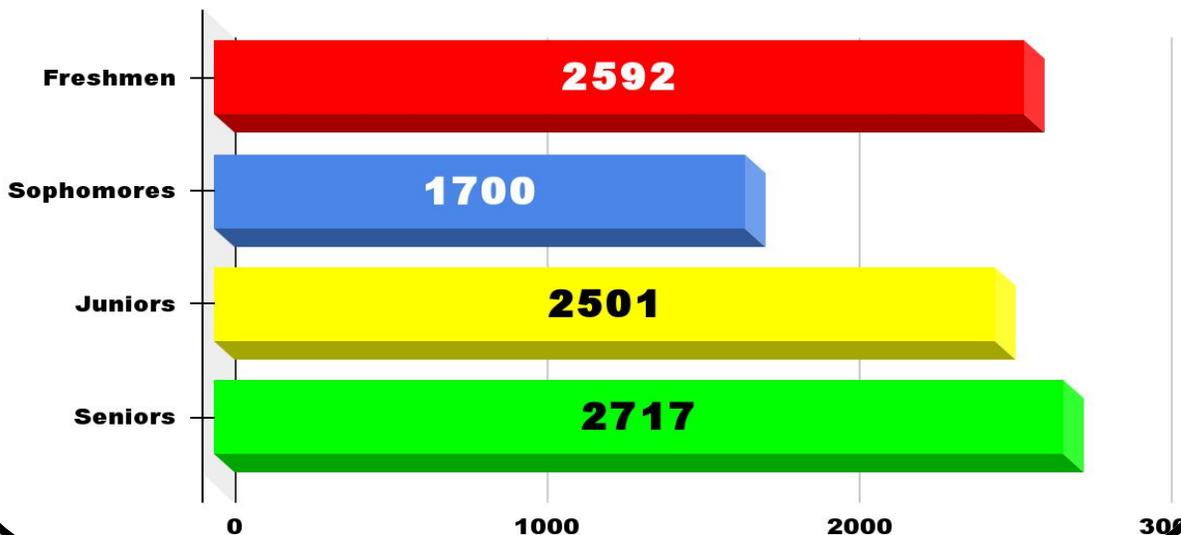
## MARCH 2025

2	3 (A) <i>Wickham Wiles Williams</i>	4 <b>WORKDAY</b>	5 (B) <i>Schullery</i>	6 (A) <i>Newsome Saffles Washington</i>	7 (B) <i>Make Ups</i>	8
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- ★ **Umoja** will be hosting an Wildn' Out event later in February in the Auditorium. For those who signed up, please stay tuned for information about the logistics of the event.
- ★ There will be an **Engineering Club** meeting on Friday, February 21st right after school in room E207D. Everyone is welcome! Club Picture forms will be available.
- ★ **The theatre department** will be hosting a live webinar with Broadway actor Sayo (pronounced shy-oh) Oni on February 28th during 4th block. Students interested in acting professionally after high school should see Ms. B in A109 to get a permission slip to attend.
- ★ **Club Picture Day** is Thursday, February 27th in the gym. To get your picture taken, make sure to see your club advisor for your club picture time and to receive your pink slip. If you do not have a pink slip, you cannot be in your club's picture.

## Class Cup Points



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!**



**Pirate Palooza Survival Guide**

Spirit Dress Rules:  
 All outfits worn must be within the Porter Ridge High School dress code.

02/17

No School!!  
 Enjoy your day off, Pirates!

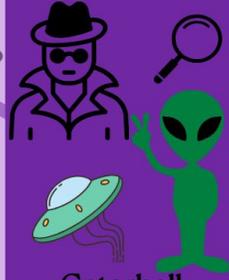


02/18

Class Wars  
 9th: Grey  
 10th: White  
 11th: Purple  
 12th: Black  
 Class Wars during 4th block  
 Team Trivia Showdown @5:37

02/19

Spies vs. Aliens



Gatorball @6:00pm

02/20

Rhyme Without a Reason



Ridge Madness @5:30

02/21

Famous Friday



Dress as your favorite celebrity!

Remember to get your spirit points at all lunches!

Basic: 1 point ALL OUT: 3 points

Friday, 02/21

**Famous Friday**

DRESS AS A CELEBRITY OR A CHARACTER

FROM THEIR FEATURE FILM...

Jenna Ortega

Steve Harvey

Elle Woods

Adam Sandler

James Bond

- 1 point for basic, 3 for all out
- Must be school appropriate

**ATTENTION SENIORS**

Submit pictures for Senior Slideshow



Submit photos via Instagram @pseniorslideshow or email pseniorslideshow@gmail.com

Due April 29th



- What we're looking for:
- Baby pictures
  - Throwbacks
  - School events
  - High school events
  - Individual senior pics
  - Sports
  - Extracurriculars





PROM is in 9 weeks! First Round of tickets go to sale 2/24 to 2/28 at all lunches for \$70 each! You must have paid your schools fees and ALL Lunch fees! See Ms. Lawson with questions!!



# 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](#)**

**ATTENTION SENIORS!**

SAVE THE DATE:  
**APRIL 16TH**

CAP & GOWN GROUP PHOTO  
IN THE STADIUM

**REPORT AT 8:15 AM**

\*Cap and gown pick-up April 14th and 15th

## Seniors Report your Scholarships

*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!*





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# 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!*

Reading response project in Spanish IV  
 In Ms. Fiallos class!!





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## *Pirate Gram Recognition from Teachers*

- Dylan Curry- Has the best journal responses everyday! -Ms. Boryczewski  
Sol Juliana Wright- Insightfulness & creative set design commentary. Ms. Boryczewski  
Ivan Gonzalez- Highest score on Solo Pantomime Performance! -Ms. Boryczewski  
Nathaniel Marte- Effective communicator, always asking thoughtful questions. -Ms. Boino  
Julius Jean- Louis- Way to go! Highest grade on Unit I Pre- test! -Ms. Boino  
Antonio Ginocchio- Kudos! Highest grade on Unit I Exam. -Ms. Boino  
Paola Diaz- Off to a great start with AP Portfolio this semester! -Ms. Baucom  
William Cordova- Doing a great job participating in class & helping classmates! -Ms. Glenn  
Dominic Jackson- Participating more, listening, and staying on top of his work! -Ms. Glenn  
Kensington Reddish- Always a bright spirit. Enjoy having her in my class. -Ms. Glenn  
Austin Carnes- Great addition & always turns in all work! Always has a positive attitude! -Ms. Wiles  
Olivia Collison- Organized & great contributor! -Ms. Wiles  
Dinah Yelverton- Highest grade on Unit I test! -Ms. Wiles  
Hillary Perez Perez- Used the online application & asked great questions! -Ms. Kasler  
Zyana Rendon- Being a Reading Rockstar! -Ms. Kasler  
Ilia Polevoi- Completing the most assignments online! -Ms. Kasler  
Kira Briggs Manga- Goiving above & beyong on projects & class work & walking the Pirate Walk! -Mr. Byrum  
Logan Diaz- Outstanding work & being a true Pirate in the class! -Mr. Byrum  
Griffin Harty- Always working hard & participating in class! -Mr. Byrum  
Margaret HArbour- Working hard! -Ms. Hill  
Riley Morin- Working hard & being helpful! -Ms. Hill  
Madison Murphy- working hard & being kind! -Ms. Hill



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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

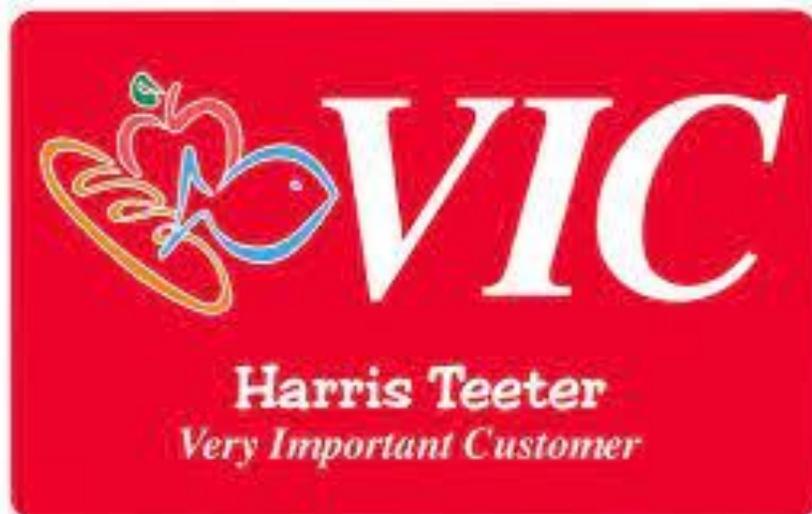


**You can Now Venmo the PTO donations**

**Please Click here to donate.**

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.





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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...](#)

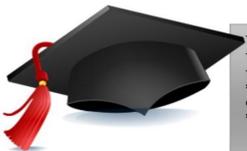
**2025**  
*class of*  
**Porter Ridge High School**  
**Graduation**  
**Tuesday, June 10**  
**8:00pm**  
**PRHS Stadium**

## **Student of Success Scholarship**



**Eligible Seniors**  
**Academic Year 2024 - 2025**

### **Details and Dates**



Two \$1,000 academic scholarships will be awarded to Union County seniors  
 Two \$1,000 academic scholarships will be awarded to Wilson County seniors  
 Two \$1,000 academic scholarships will be awarded to Mecklenburg County seniors  
 One \$1,000 academic scholarship will be awarded to a Monroe High School senior - The Rising Redhawk Award

Applications open from January 20, 2025 through March 13, 2025  
 Finalists announced April 2025  
 Recipients announced May 2025

### **Submission Requirements**

- Must be a high school senior attending school in Union County, NC, Wilson County, NC, or Mecklenburg County, NC to be eligible
- Written essay OR video submission
- One short answer
- List of extracurricular activities



**Full details at [www.StateofSuccess.org](http://www.StateofSuccess.org)**

## \*SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES\*

✓ THE PIRATE SCHOLARSHIP DOCUMENT HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH SEVERAL NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

✓ MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE DOCUMENT FREQUENTLY FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES

✓ DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND ON THE PRHS WEBSITE, STUDENT CANVAS ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND LINKED IN OUR INSTAGRAM BIO



# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



## 2024-2025 College Readiness Series

@UCPSCollegePrep    ucpsclegeprep

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

WEDNESDAYS IN GUIDANCE

EMAIL NOW TO MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT:

[CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU](mailto:CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU)

## High School Seniors!

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



Two ways to apply :

- Visit [union-power.com/collegescholarships](http://union-power.com/collegescholarships)
- Scan the QR code

**APPLY BY MARCH 1**

# College Readiness Student Opportunities



## ADOBE PATHWAYS

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      A[ADOBE VISUAL DESIGN 1] --> B[ADOBE VIDEO DESIGN]
      A --> C[ADOBE VISUAL DESIGN 2]
      B --> D[ADOBE VIDEO DESIGN 2]
      C --> E[ADOBE DIGITAL DESIGN]
    
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### ADOBE VISUAL DESIGN 1 (Honors)

Welcome to the world of Graphic Design. In this course students will work in the industry leading Adobe **PHOTOSHOP** and **ILLUSTRATOR**. Students learn the programs interface, image editing, compositing images, retouching images, digital drawing, painting, and exporting images.

**Ai** **Ps**

CERTIFICATIONS:  
Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator

### ADOBE VISUAL DESIGN 2 (Honors)

PREREQUISITE: Adobe Visual Design 1. In this course students will work in the industry leading Adobe **INDESIGN**. Students learn the programs interface, tools, print production, and how to create projects such as flyers, posters, magazine covers, etc.

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CERTIFICATIONS:  
Adobe InDesign

### ADOBE VIDEO DESIGN (Honors)

Students will plan, record, and edit video using the industry standard program Adobe **PREMIERE PRO**. Students will learn the interface, editing video, applying effects, working with audio, and exporting video.

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CERTIFICATIONS:  
Adobe Premiere Pro

### ADOBE VIDEO DESIGN 2 (Honors)

Students will continue to develop skills and knowledge of Adobe Premiere Pro learned in Adobe Video Design I. You will also be introduced to Adobe **AFTER EFFECTS**. After Effects will allow you to create more dynamic and eye-catching motion graphics, animations, and effects to you video projects.

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## SPCC REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Summer Registration and Fall Pre-Registration has begun!

**EMAIL OUR SPCC CAREER COACH NOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**

**CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU**

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.



**Congratulations to Junior Hailey Yee on becoming a BigFuture Ambassador! She will serve as a leader among her peers to share college and career resources!**



### 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





# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE

Juniors will have the opportunity to visit the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) on March 18, 2025. This visit will allow you to explore the campus, learn more about the admissions process, financial aid, and many other opportunities offered at UNCC.

- ★ We only have 45 spots available, so the first 45 students to submit their signed permission forms will be able to attend. Permission forms are available in the Guidance Office.
- ★ Permission forms are due in Guidance on February 28, 2025.

## College Readiness Student Opportunities

Congratulations to our N.C. Governor's Page- Palina Matsiukevich!! This will be such an exciting opportunity for Palina this spring.



Rotary  
District 7680

SEMINAR FOR  
TOMORROW'S  
LEADERS



## SUMMER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE



Unlock your potential this summer with the ROTARY 7680 leadership program!

### OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

- ✓ For Rising Juniors and Seniors in High School
- ✓ July 17-20, 2025
- ✓ Gardner Webb University
- ✓ Designed by Center for Creative Leadership



MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION <https://rotary7680.org/sft/>

## Union West Rotary Club SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY



SCAN ME

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

Students must attend Porter Ridge, Sun Valley, Metrolina, or be a homeschool student from Indian Trail.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

Complete online application and submit an essay by April 9.

### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:

A total of \$10,000 will be awarded to graduating seniors pursuing further education at a college, university or trade school.

CONTACT US: 704-821-8114

[RPW@IndianTrail.org](mailto:RPW@IndianTrail.org) [UnionWestRotary.org](http://UnionWestRotary.org)



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## College Readiness Student Opportunities

### “Academy Pathway Applications 2025-2026” – Rising 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Academy applications for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the [UCPS Career Readiness \(https://ucpscte.org/\)](https://ucpscte.org/) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

### Nurse Aide (CNA) & EMT Academy - **Deadline – Thursday, March 6th**

\*The application for Nurse Aide & the \*New\* EMT academy **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. If the application is not turned in by Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, students will be put on a waitlist.

### Cosmetology Academy - **Deadline – Monday, May 5th**

\*The application for Cosmetology **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. If the application is not turned in by Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, students will be put on a waitlist.

### “2025-2026 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 2025-2026 CTE Internship application is now open. 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 2025 Internship – March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Fall 2025 Semester – May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Spring 2026 Semester – October 1<sup>st</sup>

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).

**The CTE Academy applications are now open.** If you are interested in any CTE academy please visit the UCPS CTE web page or see Ms. Webb in guidance. The Nurse Aide and EMT academy is due back to Ms. Webb no later than Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> & Cosmetology deadline is Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)**

**[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)**

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

## THIS WEEK

MONDAY

**24**

-WSOCCER VS  
PARKWOOD  
6PM

TUESDAY

**25**

-LAX VS  
ARDREY KELL  
5:30/7:30

WEDNESDAY

**26**

-WSOCCER @  
PIEDMONT  
6PM

THURSDAY

**27**

-WSOCCER @  
BUTLER  
6PM

FRIDAY

**28**

-BASEBALL @  
RICHMOND  
4/7

SATURDAY

**1**

-TRACK @ MCA

-BASEBALL @  
PIEDMONT  
4/7

-SOFTBALL VS  
CHAR LATIN  
4:00

-BASEBALL @  
CATA  
6PM

-SOFTBALL @  
HOUGH  
4:00

-WLAX VS  
INDEPENDENCE  
6PM

-SOFTBALL @  
PIEDMONT  
5:30

**Sport**

**Coach**

**Email Address**

Baseball Varsity

Tommy Small

Thomas.Small@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf

David Scholl

djscholl1@gmail.com

Men's Lacrosse

Jack Callahan

callahanjack561@gmail.com

Men's Tennis

Tom McQueen

tjmcqueen@earthlink.net

Softball

Kevin Allran

kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's/ Women's Track and Field

Meredith Forrest

Meredith.Forrest@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Lacrosse

Deevo Tindall

deevo@thebrandstoryteller.com

Women's Soccer Varsity

Jade Cheron

Jade.Cheron@ucps.k12.nc.us

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

## Athletic Results

### Wrestling

Porter Ridge State Qualifiers, Krisangle Flores - Regional Champion at 165 lbs, Corey Sanchez - 2nd at 106 lbs, Aslan Demurchiyev - 3rd at 144 lbs, Maddox Cheek - 4th at 132 lbs, Joziah Chandler 4th at 215 pounds.

### Indoor Track

**Congratulations to our Porter Ridge track and field athletes who competed Saturday at the Indoor State Championship:** Kennedy Williams, Mylen Cadiang, Raeghan Melchor, Ava Searcy, Chloe Wiedbrauk, Antonio Taylor, Amir Sherwood-Saul, Diogo Bessa, Cristian Faraj, Caleb Chilzcuk, Ike Burch and Cade Cresswell. It is an incredible accomplishment to reach that level of competition and we are so proud.

**A huge congratulations goes out to Cade Cresswell** for his 2nd place finish at the State Championship in the men's 1000m. Cade ran a time of 2:28.38, beating our school record by 2 seconds, logging the 11th best time in the nation and clocking the fastest 1000M time run by a Junior in NC history. Amazing job Cade!

### Swimming and Diving

Everyone's excited that Spencer Chew was named All-Conference Diving!!! What an honor!

**The spring track season has tryouts on February 20th and 21st. FamilyID must be completed to participate. Please contact Coach Forrest for more information.**



**PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**  
*Annual*  
**BBQ FUNDRAISER**  
**3/28/25**  
**11AM-6PM**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**

The advertisement features a white background with a faint skull and crossbones watermark. The text is in various shades of blue and purple, with some words in a stylized, blocky font.



**PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**  
**ONLINE SPIRIT WEAR STORE**

The advertisement displays a collection of merchandise including jackets, t-shirts, and hats in various colors (purple, white, black, grey). The text is in black and purple, with 'ONLINE SPIRIT WEAR STORE' in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

**Click on the Ad to Order BBQ**

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



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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  
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## 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](mailto:prabcpres@gmail.com) for more information.



### 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.

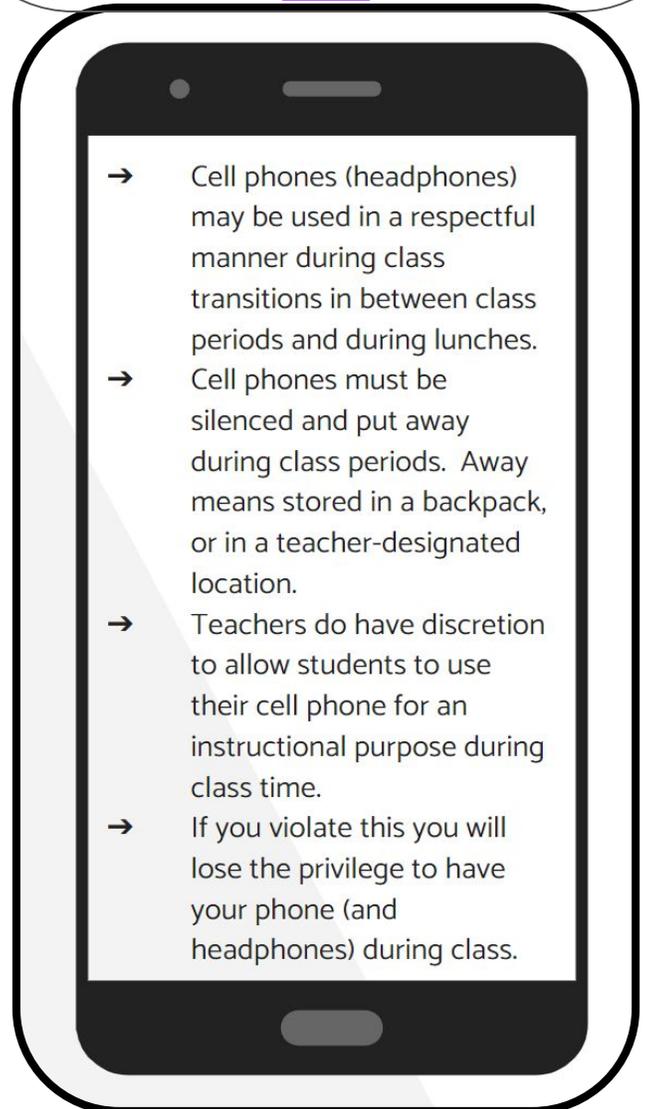
If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

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](#)





**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.



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# Attendance, Chromebooks & Info

**TECH SUPPORT  
 HOURS**

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

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**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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