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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

ORIENTATIO N DROP OFF MAP

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

Porter Ridge High Class Schedules

Go LIVE on PowerSchool
Friday, August 16th at 8:00 am
Schedule Correction Google Form will go LIVE
Monday, August 19th

www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7675

*Back to School pages on the PRHS website are now updated. Please **Click HERE** for all PRHS back to school information in English and Spanish.*

*Please **Click HERE** to obtain, sign, and review beginning of school year forms.*

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

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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! The map is on page ONE.
  - This is a student only event.

- **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. **Click HERE to pay!**

- **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. 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:** Parking Passes are on sale at this time. **Click HERE** to purchase and pay. Parking pass will be given out the first day of school as you enter the student parking lot and at the open house on 8/23.

- **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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Welcome Back Letter

Welcome to the PRHS 2024-2025 school year! We have some Back to School Information for Porter Ridge High School Families:

There is a lot of information listed on our PRHS website under "Quick Links" and then "Back to School" that you can access here: **Porter Ridge High School website** . (Please reference this email, but should there be changes, or adjustments to links, they will be on the 'Back to School' website.)

We wanted to highlight a few things for you here.

- **School starts** on Monday 8/26. All students should be on campus by 7:55 am as 1st period starts at 8:10am. You may drop your students off as early as 7:45 am.
    - Student schedules will be available via **Parent and Student Portals** on Friday 8/16. (We will show our 9th graders how to access this and their schedule during the freshmen orientation that day).
    - On the first day of school students should report directly to their first period class. If a student was not able to look their schedule up on Parent Portal ahead of time, they should report to the cafeteria and there will be staff there to help them. Our suggestion for students who do access their schedule online is to take a screenshot of it so that they can access it from that screenshot when they arrive to school.
    - Students who enrolled this summer may not be able to view their schedule on their device - they should report to the cafeteria and see a staff member. We will get them a printed copy of their schedule to use if they did not get this at Family Open House on 8/23.
    - If your child has an error on their schedule please **follow this link** for information on how and when to request a schedule correction. Please know that we do not change schedules for other reasons.
- **Leadership** at Porter Ridge High
    - Porter Ridge High School is a Leadership High School where we work to make sure students can Lead Themselves first, and then lead others next.
    - Students work with Advisors two times per week to think about future Careers/College and their plans to make their goals happen.
    - Students reflect on what their strengths and accomplishments are and will continue to highlight those in the digital portfolio that they create during high school. This portfolio can go with them to college or career!
    - Students build good habits that will last a lifetime – like "Be Proactive", "Begin with the End in Mind", and "Put First Things First" – in both their classes and extracurricular activities.
    - Through instruction and high school activities our students move toward being innovative leaders, resilient problem-solvers, skilled collaborators, effective communicators, and key contributors.
- **School/Family Communication**
    - PRHS uses a weekly newsletter to keep parents informed of what goes on at school – the Pirate Press. It is emailed to the main email address we have on file. We send mid-summer, early August, and then weekly newsletters as school starts. If you or someone you know is not receiving them, please call the school and update your information.
    - ** If you are not getting the Pirate Press email (one was sent on 8/8) please contact Ms. Lawwill (**carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us**) to verify your email address. Parents are expected to keep an up to date email address, street address, and phone number with the school for communication, and for emergency purposes.
    - The newsletter is also added to facebook and Instagram each week, and back editions are on **our website**. Please follow us on social media. The majority of our posts are on IG.
    - Students will also have access to a student/staff-only google doc that posts announcements submitted from clubs/teachers/athletics, etc... Students are expected to read this and their UCPS email accounts every 1-2 days.

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- **Transportation Information**
  - Car-Rider: If you are dropping your child off at school please expect slightly longer lines at car-rider drop-off during the first two weeks of school. We strongly encourage you to arrive on campus by 7:45am to ensure your child is to class on time. This is a good guideline to follow all year long. Please follow all directions of staff as we utilize the whole front lane to drop students off in the morning. In the afternoon your student will walk to your car – most parents text their location in the line.
  - Bus-Rider: Please sign up for the Edu-Log Parent Portal for bus transportation. Your child can get their Bus Boarding Pass through this app. You can get more information, along with how to download the app at the **UCPS Transportation website**. We will be able to assist you with this at Open House on 8/23 if you need help. It is so IMPORTANT that your child is at their bus stop 20 minutes early each day. We would suggest a little earlier the first two weeks of school.
  - Student-Drivers: All student drivers MUST have a parking pass to enter the student lot. This means that they must purchase and pick up their parking pass before school starts. Parking passes are available for sale starting 8/9 and can be picked up on 8/23 during open house. If a student cannot attend Open House they should email Dr. Wall to make alternate arrangements (**josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us**). Students should arrive to park by 7:45am. Students must come directly into the school on arrival – there is no loitering in the parking lot.

- **Eating Lunch and Breakfast:** Let's keep all of our students READY for LEARNING this year by ensuring they have a nutritious lunch. Learning is always better when we have lots of energy to think and problem solve. All students are welcome to bring their lunch each day. Students can also buy breakfast and lunch from the school cafeteria. Please know that NO outside vendor food can be brought to school during the lunch period. Students who are bringing their lunch should have it with them when they arrive to school. There are two important links for our families when using our cafeteria:
  - If you need help with paying for school meals please Apply for Free/Reduced Meals here: **https://ucpsschoolnutritionservices.com/?page=lunchapps**
  - If you want to set up an online payment account to put money in your child's lunch account click here: **https://ucpsschoolnutritionservices.com/index.php?sid=1305151850267381&page=prepaidacct**
  - **We strongly encourage you to apply for Free/Reduced Meals if there is any chance you may qualify.** Each year we have students accumulating debt in the cafeteria who could have qualified for free/reduced meals if they had applied. This debt does not go away at the end of the year, we roll it over into fees owed the next year. If your child qualifies for free/reduced meals, they can also have the tech fee waived by showing their approval letter to our bookkeeper who will waive the tech fee.

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- **Technology Use**
  - Chromebooks are issued to all students so that teachers can plan instruction that may include incorporation of materials online. Please know that this is only a part of the instructional plans. Students are responsible for their chromebooks and should treat them with care.
    - UCPS has a Technology Fee of $30 each year that all students must pay. Link is here (https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=7927) on our website. This fee will help to cover accidental damage, and allows the district to repair chromebooks more quickly.
    - Students must pay the Tech Fee in order to get their chromebook. **We strongly encourage you to apply for Free/Reduced Meals if there is any chance you may qualify.** If your child qualifies for free/reduced meals, they can also have the tech fee waived by showing their approval letter to our bookkeeper who will waive the tech fee.
    - Do you owe past technology bills for repairs/lost items? This info was emailed home in early August, but you can also check when Parent Portal comes back up on 8/16.
  - Cell phones are permitted for student use in between classes and during lunch. However, cell phones must be silenced and put AWAY during all class periods. This is to enhance the learning environment for all students.
    - We have specific behavioral expectations for students to keep their cell phone with them during the day. Students may not use it to harass other students, to record other students or teachers without their knowledge, or to violate the PRHS or UCPS Code of Conduct in any way.
- **Beginning of School Year Forms**: On Tuesday 8/27, all students will meet in Pirate Advisory (listed as "Homeroom" on their schedule). They will go to Pirate Advisory after second period and teachers will explain that to the students. In Advisory they will learn more about PRHS and will have a review of important rules and procedures. You can access the **Codes of Conduct here** so that you can review them as well. Students will bring home three paper forms on Tuesday 8/27, the rest of the forms needed are available online by clicking here: **online forms**
- **Supply lists** for students' classes will be on the syllabus for the class, however, supply lists may not be definite until the first day of school. To access the syllabus (after 8/26), go to the PRHS website, click on the 'I want to' button in the right hand side, click on staff directory, and find your teacher's name. There is a link to the classroom canvas page in this part of the directory.
- **Dress Code**
  - PRHS does have dress code guidelines as we believe that dressing for school may be different than dressing for other events… We want out students to Dress for Success and be sure to check out the guidelines before you shop or pick out your back to school clothes. See the **information in our PRHS Student Handbook** on page 21. If you have questions stop in at Open House to ask in advance or email your counselor or administrator.
- **Vapes/Tobacco** and tobacco-less products – Vapes are an issue with teenagers everywhere today. Please help us keep our school a healthy environment for ALL students by having a direct conversation with your child that vapes are prohibited on school campus and if a student is found to have a vape we have strict consequences. We suggest that you have this conversation frequently and ask your child to clean out their book bag to make sure this will not be an issue.
- **Freshmen Orientation**
  - Students only – 8:30 -10:00 am Friday 8/16. This will be an activity based orientation where students will access their schedules, use maps to find their classrooms, and learn some important information about high school!
- **Pirate Family Open House**
  - Pick up class schedules (also avail on parent/student portal 8/16 at noon), meet teachers, club fair displays, schedule pick up (if you don't have access on your phone), Spirit Wear, Bus Transportation (sign up for the app), Pay Fees, Parking Pass Pick Up, and more.....
  - New 10-12 grade students will be able to have guided tours
  - All Students and families welcome… including 9th grade families….

#Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR

Respectfully,

Kim Fisenne

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Welcome Back Letter en Espanol

En Espanol

Bienvenido al año escolar 2024-2025 de PRHS! Tenemos información sobre el regreso a clases para las familias de la escuela secundaria de Porter Ridge:
Hay mucha información enumerada en nuestro sitio web de PRHS en "Enlaces rápidos" y luego en "Regreso a la escuela" a la que puede acceder aquí: **Porter Ridge High School website** sitio web de Porter Ridge High School.
Queríamos resaltar algunas cosas para usted aquí.
La escuela comienza el lunes, 26 de agosto. Todos los estudiantes deben de estar en nuestras instalaciones a las 7:55 a.m. Su primer bloque de clases empieza a las 8:10 a.m. Usted puede dejar al estudiante desde las 7:45 a.m. que las puertas están abiertas.

- El horario de los estudiantes estará disponible a través del portal para padres y estudiantes **aquí** el viernes 16 de agosto. Durante la orientación de los estudiantes de noveno grado, nosotros les mostraremos como poder acceder a su horario en línea.
- En el primer día de clases los estudiantes deben reportarse directamente a su primera clase. Si el estudiante no pudo ver su horario en línea antes de iniciar la escuela entonces debe de ir a la cafetería y allí encontrará a alguien que trabaja aquí en la escuela que le ayudará. Nuestra sugerencia es que vayan al portal y tomen una foto de su horario para que tenga acceso a él durante el transcurso del día.
- Los estudiantes que tomaron clases durante el verano probablemente no podrán ver su horario. Estos estudiantes deben de ir a la cafetería y encontrarse con un miembro de nuestra facultad. Nosotros vamos a tener una copia de su horario para que lo puedan usar.
- Si el estudiante tiene un error en su horario vaya a este vinculo **aquí** para obtener información sobre como y cuando, se hace la solicitud de corrección. Por favor sepa que no hacemos cambios de horario por otras razones.

Liderazgo en Porter Ridge High

- La Escuela Porter Ridge es una Escuela Secundaria de Liderazgo donde trabajamos para asegurarnos de que los estudiantes puedan liderarse a sí mismos primero y luego liderar a otros.
- Los estudiantes trabajan con asesores dos veces por semana para pensar en futuras carreras/universidad y sus planes para hacer realidad sus metas.
- Los estudiantes reflexionan sobre cuáles son sus fortalezas y logros y continuarán destacándolos en el portafolio digital que crean durante la escuela secundaria. ¡Este portafolio puede ir con ellos a la universidad o carrera!
- Los estudiantes desarrollan buenos hábitos que durarán toda la vida, como "Ser proactivo", "Comenzar con el fin en mente" y "Poner primero lo primero", tanto en sus clases como en sus actividades extracurriculares.
- A través de la instrucción y las actividades de la escuela secundaria, nuestros estudiantes se convierten en líderes innovadores, solucionadores de problemas resistentes, colaboradores hábiles, comunicadores efectivos y contribuyentes clave.

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Comunicación Escuela/Familia

- La escuela de Porter Ridge utiliza un boletín semanal para mantener informados a los padres sobre lo que sucede en la escuela: Pirate Press. Este boletín se envía al email que fue dado al momento en que se registró al estudiante. Usted recibirá esta información a mediados del verano, a comienzo de agosto y después de que comienza la escuela un boletín semanal. Si usted o alguien que usted conozca no está recibiendo el boletín, por favor contacte a la oficina para actualizar su información.
- ** Si usted no recibió la carta del Pirate Press que se envió el 8 de Agosto, por favor comunicarse con Ms. Lawwill (carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us) para verificar su dirección electrónica. La escuela espera que los padres mantengan su información actualizada con la dirección electrónica, y número telefónico, para casos de emergencia.
- El boletín también se agrega a Facebook e Instagram cada semana, y las ediciones anteriores están en nuestro sitio web. Síganos en las redes sociales.
- Los estudiantes también tienen acceso a un documento en Google que envía anuncios sobre diferentes organizaciones como clubs/anuncios de profesores/actividades atléticas, etc… se espera que los estudiantes lean este documento usando la dirección electrónica otorgada por la escuela UCPS cada 1-2 días.

Información de transporte

- Usuarios de Carro: si va a dejar a su hijo en la escuela, espere filas un poco más largas para dejar a los pasajeros en automóvil durante la primera semana de clases. Le recomendamos encarecidamente que llegue a nuestras instalaciones a las 7:45 am para asegurarse de que su hijo llegue a clase a tiempo. Esta es una buena pauta a seguir durante todo el año. Siga todas las instrucciones del personal mientras utilizamos todo el carril frontal para dejar a los estudiantes en la mañana. Por la tarde, su estudiante caminará hasta su automóvil; la mayoría de los padres envían un mensaje de texto con su ubicación en la línea.
- Usuarios de Bus: Regístrese en el Portal para padres Edu-Log para el transporte en autobús. Su hijo puede obtener su tarjeta de embarque de autobús a través de esta aplicación. Puede obtener más información y cómo descargar la aplicación en el sitio web de UCPS de trasporte. Podremos ayudarlo con esto en la jornada de puertas abiertas de la escuela, el 23 de agosto de 12:00 p.m. hasta las 3:00 p.m. si necesita ayuda. Es muy IMPORTANTE que su hijo esté en la parada del autobús 20 minutos antes todos los días. Sugerimos un poco antes las primeras dos semanas de clases.
- Estudiantes-conductores: Todos los estudiantes-conductores DEBEN tener un pase de estacionamiento para ingresar al estacionamiento de estudiantes. Esto significa que deben comprar y recoger su pase de estacionamiento antes de que comiencen las clases. Los pases de estacionamiento están disponibles para la venta el 9 de agosto y se pueden recoger el 23 de agosto durante la jornada de puertas abiertas de la escuela. Si un estudiante no puede asistir a esta jornada, debe enviar un correo electrónico al Dr. Wall para hacer arreglos alternativos (**josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us**). Los estudiantes deben llegar al parqueadero a las 7:45 am. Los estudiantes deben entrar directamente a la escuela al llegar; no se permite quedarse en el estacionamiento.

Almuerzo y Desayuno:

- Mantengamos a todos nuestros estudiantes LISTO para APRENDER este año asegurándonos de que tengan un almuerzo nutritivo. Aprender siempre es mejor cuando tenemos mucha energía para pensar y resolver problemas. Todos los estudiantes son bienvenidos a traer su almuerzo cada día. Los estudiantes también pueden comprar desayuno y almuerzo en la cafetería de la escuela. Tenga en cuenta que NO se pueden traer alimentos de vendedores externos a la escuela durante el período del almuerzo. Los estudiantes que traigan su almuerzo deben tenerlo con ellos cuando lleguen a la escuela. Hay dos enlaces importantes para nuestras familias cuando usan nuestra cafetería:
- Si necesita ayuda para pagar las comidas escolares, solicite comidas gratis o a precio reducido aquí: **https://ucpsschoolnutritionservices.com/?page=lunchapps**
- Si desea configurar una cuenta de pago en línea para depositar dinero en la cuenta de almuerzo de su hijo, haga clic aquí: **https://ucpsschoolnutritionservices.com/index.php?sid=1305151850267381&page=prepaidacct**
- **Nosotros hacemos énfasis para que aplique a la comida gratis/precio reducido si ha habido algún cambio y usted pueda calificar**. Cada año nosotros tenemos estudiantes acumulando deuda en la cafetería, motivo por el cual podría aplicar para los beneficios de comida gratis o a precio reducido. Esta deuda no desaparece al final del año continua en los próximos hasta que sea cancelada. Si su hijo califica para este beneficio de comida gratis/o precio reducido, también será exonerado del costo del uso de la computadora cuando muestral la carta de que fue aprobada la aplicación a la contadora de la escuela.

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Uso de tecnología

- Se entregan Chromebooks a todos los estudiantes para que los maestros puedan planificar la instrucción que puede incluir la incorporación de materiales en línea. Tenga en cuenta que esto es solo una parte de los planes de instrucción. Los estudiantes son responsables de sus Chromebooks y deben tratarlos con cuidado.
- UCPS ha instituido una tarifa de tecnología de $30 este año que todos los estudiantes deben pagar. El enlace está aquí (https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=7927) en el sitio web. Este costo va a cubrir los accidentes de daños, y ayudara al distrito para reparar los chromebooks más rápido.
- Los estudiantes deben de pagar el costo de la tarifa de tecnología para poder tener su computadora. Nosotros animamos a que apliquen a la comida gratis/o precio reducido, para que también puedan obtener la computadora sin ningún costo, solo a aquellos que tienen la carta de aprobación a la aplicación.
- ¿Usted debe cuentas por reparación o perdida de artículos tecnológicos? Está información será enviada por correo a su casa al principio de agosto, pero usted puede chequear esto cuando el portal de padres este habilitado el 16 de agosto.
- Los teléfonos celulares están permitidos para el uso de los estudiantes entre clases y durante el almuerzo. Sin embargo, los teléfonos celulares deben silenciarse y guardarse durante todos los períodos de clase. Esto es para mejorar el ambiente de aprendizaje para todos los estudiantes.
- Tenemos expectativas de comportamiento específico para que los estudiantes mantengan su teléfono celular con ellos durante el día. Los estudiantes no pueden usarlo para acosar a otros estudiantes, para grabar a otros estudiantes o maestros sin su conocimiento, o para violar el Código de Conducta de PRHS o UCPS de ninguna manera.

Formularios de comienzo del año escolar:

- El martes 27 de agosto, todos los estudiantes se reunirán en Pirate Advisory (listado como "Homeroom" en su horario). Ellos irán a Pirate Advisory después del segundo período y los maestros se lo explicarán a los estudiantes. En Asesoría aprenderán más sobre PRHS y tendrán una revisión de reglas y procedimientos importantes. Puedes acceder a los Códigos de Conducta **aquí** para que también puedas revisarlos. Los estudiantes traerán a casa tres formularios en papel el martes 8/27, el resto de los formularios necesarios están disponibles en línea haciendo clic **aquí**: formularios en línea
- Las listas de útiles para las clases de los estudiantes estarán en el plan de estudios de la clase, sin embargo, las listas de útiles pueden no estar definidas hasta el primer día de clases. Para acceder al plan de estudios (después del 26 de agosto), vaya al sitio web de PRHS, haga clic en el botón "Quiero" en el lado derecho, haga clic en el directorio del personal y busque el nombre de su maestro. Hay un enlace a la página de Canvas del salón de clases en esta parte del directorio.
- Vaporizadores/Tabaco y productos sin tabaco: los vaporizadores son un problema para los adolescentes de todo el mundo hoy en día. Ayúdenos a mantener nuestra escuela como un entorno saludable para TODOS los estudiantes al tener una conversación directa con su hijo acerca de que los vaporizadores están prohibidos en las instalaciones de la escuela y si se descubre que un estudiante tiene un vaporizador, tenemos consecuencias estrictas. Le sugerimos que tenga esta conversación con frecuencia y le pida a su hijo que limpie su mochila para asegurarse de que esto no sea un problema.
- Orientación para estudiantes de noveno grado: **Solo estudiantes,** es el viernes 16 de agosto a las 8:30 hasta las 10:00 de la mañana. Este día los estudiantes tendrán diferentes actividades de orientación donde obtendrán acceso a su horario, aprenderán a usar el mapa de la escuela y dónde están sus salones de clase, y también aprenderán información importante sobre la escuela.

Te invitamos a visitar tu escuela PRHS!

- Para recoger el horario (también está disponible en el portal de padres/estudiantes el día 16 de agosto al medio día) Durante este día podrás conocer a tus profesores, ver los clubes que la escuela tiene y que puedes hacerte parte de, comprar ropa que representa nuestra escuela, obtener información sobre la ruta de bus y hacerte parte de la app de trasporte, pagar deudas, obtener el pase de estacionamiento para que pueda parquear aquí en la escuela, y más…
- Los nuevos estudiantes de grado 10-12 podrán tener visitas guiadas
- Todos los estudiantes y familias son bienvenidos... incluidas las familias de 9º grado...

Respetuosamente,
Kim Fisenne

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Open House

2024-2025

Walk your schedule

Meet Your teachers

Buy SpiritWear

Pick up Parking Passes

Get Transportation Information

Park in Student Lot

Family Open House
Friday, Aug 23rd
ALL GRADES WELCOME
12:00 - 3:00

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Parking and Attendance

Click here for Parking Pass Information

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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Leadership Opportunities

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT PRHS

PIRATES AMBASSADORS

Are you bilingual?

EXTEND YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS BY SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AT SARDIS ELEMENTARY, PORTER RIDGE ELEMENTARY, AND MIDDLE:

- TUTORING
- SMALL GROUP WORK THAT CAN REINFORCE SUBJECTS.
- ORGANIZING WITH THE LEAD TEACHER, INTERACTIVE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT ADDRESS DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLES.
- CREATE CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS THROUGH SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES ABOUT ADAPTING TO THE SCHOOL AND ITS COMMUNITY.

YOU WILL RECEIVE HONORS CLASS CREDIT FOR BEING A PIRATE AMBASSADOR

bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS

LEADERSHIP MENTOR

INTERESTED IN WORKING AS A MENTOR DURING PIRATE ADVISORY FOR OUR YOUNGER HS STUDENTS? OPEN TO SENIORS ONLY.

A GREAT WAY TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON STUDENTS AT PRHS

Heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

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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

UCPS

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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 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

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 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

CLICK THE AD TO APPLY

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Student Activities & Programs

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!**

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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
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tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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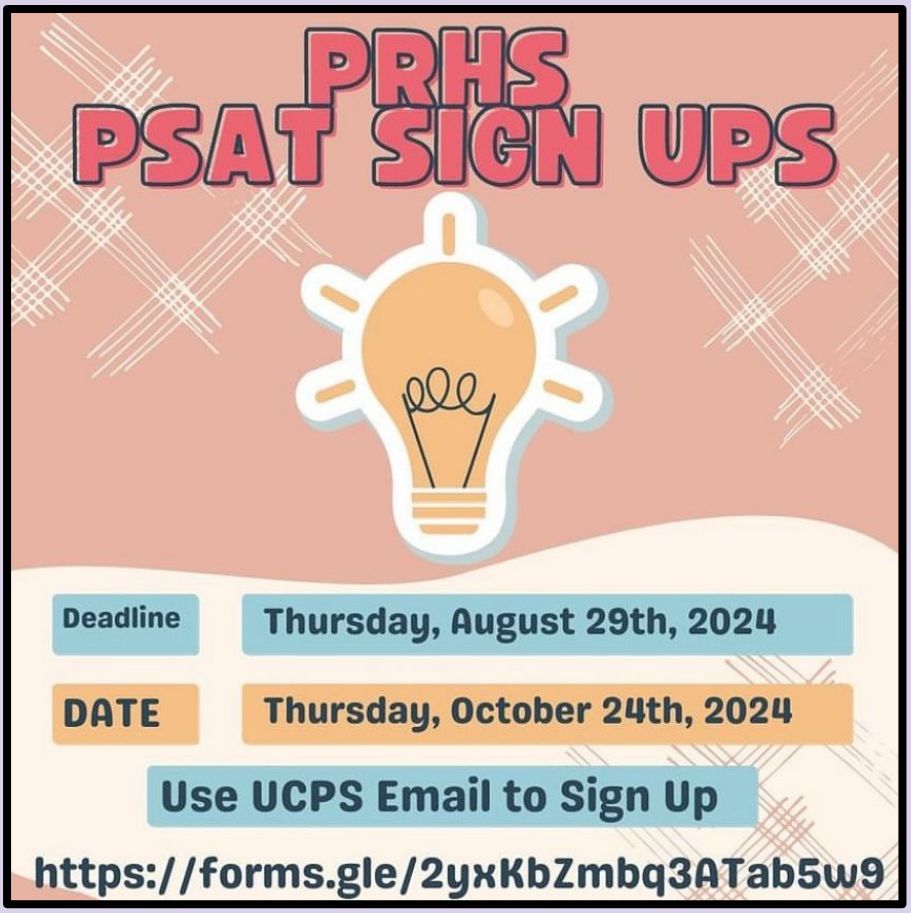
Alexandra Green– last names Sap-Z
alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

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…



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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Porter Ridge High Class Schedules

Go LIVE on PowerSchool

Friday, August 16th at 8:00 am

Schedule Correction Google Form will go LIVE

Monday, August 19th

www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7675

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.

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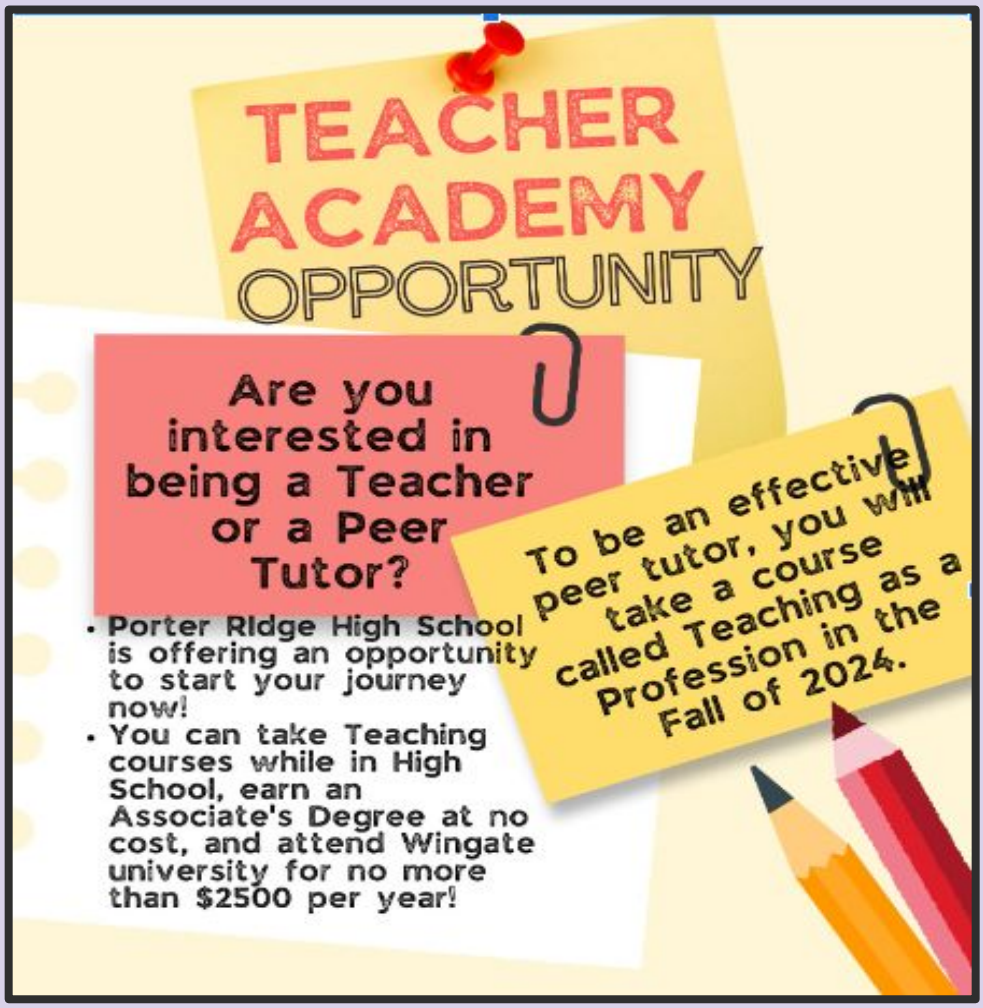

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Advisory

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

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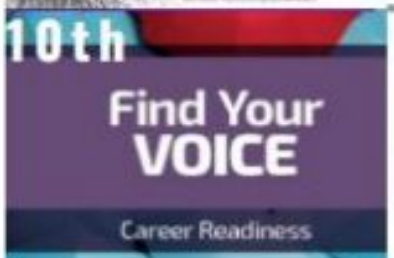
CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDENTS DO IN ADVISORY!

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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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
Wesley Burke
Kai Butler
Adam Cassidy
Kyra Cheek
Sebastian Concepcion
Jacelyn Davis
Mackenzie Esakov
Maggie Green
Robyn Harvey
Ava Hinson
Yongmin Kim
Syed Mehdi
Ciera Monday
Madison Myers
Melissa Obi
David Proffitt
Chloe Ripoli
Armando Sanchez Timaure
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
Alex Barzoff
Noah Beachum
Campbell Fagan
Kiara Hines
Benjamin Kissinger
Lillian Lawrence
Joshua Mangum
Eli Marano
William Medlin
Keaton Nguyen
Sarah Olivares
Abigale Seeburger
Cali Tindall
Bernadette Twegbe
Emily Villafana
Kenna Williams
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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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

INFORMATION TO LINK VIC CARD

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

PIRATE ATHLETICS

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

19 MONDAY
-Soccer vs E Lincoln 5:30/7:00

20 TUESDAY
-Volleyball @ Parkwood 5:00/6:00

21 WEDNESDAY
-Volleyball @ Independence 5:00/6:00
-Soccer vs W Cabarrus 5:30/7:00

22 THURSDAY
-Volleyball vs W Cabarrus 5:00/6:00
-Soccer@ Richmond Senior 5:30/7:00
-Field Hockey vs Ballantyne Ridge 5:45
-JV Football @ Mallard Creek 6:30

23 FRIDAY
-Football@ Rocky River 7:00

24 SATURDAY
-X Country @ Metrolina Christian Academy

#COMMITTED

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	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
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

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PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE- OUR OFFICIAL ATHLETIC WEBSITE- CLICK THE QR CODE

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS WEBSITE

PORTE

SPIRIT WEAR WILL BE SOLD AT THE OPEN HOUSE ON 8/23 FROM 12-3!

Porter Ridge High School Events

Porter Ridge High School Annual Pirate Pass

All sport season pass - Porter Ridge High School Annual Pirate Pass

Aug 12, 2024 - Jun 06, 2025

CLICK ON THE AD FOR THE PIRATE PASS

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Soccer Defeats Butler

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Volleyball defeats Providence

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THE PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
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The Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club (PRABC) is dedicated to providing athletic opportunities to Porter Ridge students by supporting and encouraging all middle and high school student athletes. Funding for school athletic facilities, equipment, uniforms, high school and middle school field maintenance and game officials are all made possible through your sponsorship support, athlete participation fees, fundraisers and spirit wear sales. The PRABC is a volunteer organization that does not receive financial support from the school system. We need your help to provide Indian Trail area student athletes a competitive and successful athletic program. We offer several opportunities for local businesses to partner with us to help support our programs.

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THIS WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY
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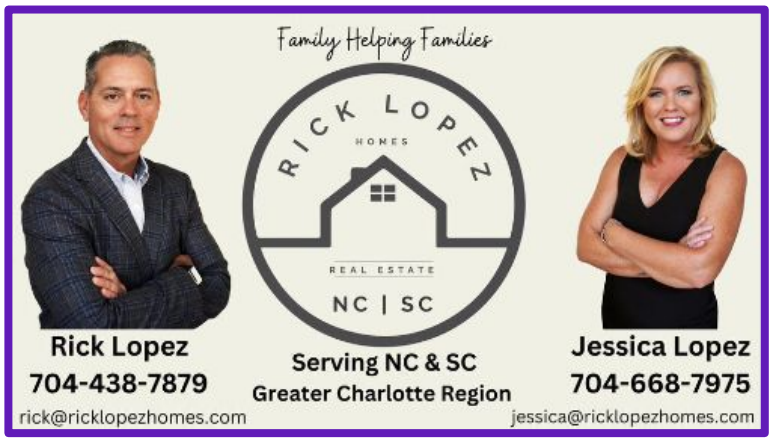

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! NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

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.

ESCUELAS PUBLICAS DEL **CONDADO UNION**

! NUEVOS PROTOCOLS PARA EVENTOS UCPS

UCPS ha experimentado una serie de incidentes de seguridad en eventos deportivos en el condado.

Para los deportes de otoño, UCPS implementará los siguientes protocolos.

- Solo se permitirán bolsas transparentes, que no midan más de 4.5" x 6.5" en eventos / juegos. Las bolsas médicas y de bebé están sujetas a revisión.
- Los estudiantes de primaria e intermedia deben estar acompañados por un adulto (21 años o mayor) para asistir a eventos y juegos.
- La venta de entradas terminará al inicio del medio tiempo o en la mitad de un evento.
- Después de consultar con la policía y los líderes del distrito, UCPS utilizará escáneres corporales en los eventos. El uso de escáneres corporales comenzará en el otoño de 2024 en los partidos de futbol.

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2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Scoir 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.

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College Readiness Series

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College Entrance Exams 101

September 17, 2024
6:00 PM
Webinar

To register, visit https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions

Have you ever wondered what the major differences are between the ACT and the SAT? Are these tests even relevant anymore? What is considered a "good" score? These questions and more will be answered in this webinar!

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College Readiness Series

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Scoir for Seniors

August 27, 2024
6:00 PM
Webinar

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Seniors! Now is the time to apply to college. Learn how Scoir (pronounced *score*) can help you request transcripts and letters of recommendation, track your application status, and even start your application to some schools!

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