



# Pirate Press

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UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Spring Break

APRIL 18-25

## SETTING SAIL TO SENIOR YEAR JUNIOR PRESENTATION

- ☠️ DURING TUESDAY ADVISORIES
- ☠️ LEARN ABOUT THE COLLEGE PROCESS
- ☠️ GET STARTED ON COLLEGE APP ACCOUNTS

Scan to Register Now:



[Click here for the Senior Letter with important information for Graduation](#)  
Check out the rest of the newsletter for more Information about Senior Week and the senior pages

# 2025

*class of*

## Porter Ridge High School Graduation

Tuesday, June 10  
8:00pm  
PRHS Stadium

### Food for Families

# Food Drive

We are collecting food items and non-perishable goods until May 16, 2025

Donations can be dropped off in Guidance, the Front Office, or at the Morning Car Rider Line

# Student Life Activities



**FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS!**

## Craft Cove

**SLIME!**

**MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 3:45  
in G-Wing Atrium**

**Sign-ups @ Lunch:  
04/28 - 05/02**

**ONLY 40 SPOTS!**

**BRING YOUR OWN WHITE T-SHIRT!**

**TOTE BAG PAINTING!**



## PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

**TUESDAY MAY 20TH 2025**  
**@ 5:30-7:30 PM**

LOCATED AT THE TENNIS COURTS

**FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED**

2 PLAYERS PER TEAM

**SIGN UPS: 4/9- 4/17 AND 4/28-5/2**



## Kickball Tournament

**May 21 @5pm**

**Sign-ups: 4/14-4/30  
at all lunches**

**Teams of 6 to 7  
players**

**Free to play and  
watch**



## SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**Sign-ups: April 28th - May 2nd  
at all lunches**

**TEAMS OF 6-7**

**MAY 19TH  
4:30PM**

**TEAM UNIFORMS ENCOURAGED**

**240 CHESTNUT PKWY,  
INDIAN TRAIL, NC 28079**

**FREE TO PLAY!**

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!**

# Student Life Activities

The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...

## Senior Week!

**ONLY SENIORS & STAFF PARTICIPANTS** for the spirit days. **HOWEVER, ALL GRADE LEVELS** may sign up for Craft Cove, Sand Volleyball, Pickleball, & Kickball Tournaments!

**5/19**

### Dynamic Duo

Dress up as a famous pair or duo!



- Senior Switch Day
- Sand Volleyball Tournament @CC-4:30 p.m.

**5/20**

### Battle of the Ages

Dress up as a toddler or a senior citizen!



- Senior Breakfast @8:10 a.m.
- Pickleball Tournament @Tennis Court-5:30 p.m.

**5/21**

### Fast Forward Wednesday

Dress up in your college gear or future career!



- Academic Awards & Signing
- Kickball @ PR Practice Fields- 4:45 p.m.

**5/22**

### H.A.G.S

Wear a white shirt to be signed by your friends during advisory. Bring your own sharpies!  
**NO INAPPROPRIATE WRITINGS OR DRAWINGS**



- Elementary School Walks @8:10-9:30a.m.
- Senior Scholarship Ice Cream Social @6-Wing-3:45 p.m.



**5/23**

### Teen Beach Day

Dress for the summer!  
-Hats  
-Sunglasses/goggles  
-Floaties  
**MUST BE IN DRESS CODE**



- Senior Slideshow & Razzies @9:10a.m.
- Senior Beach Bash @11a.m.-12:45p.m.

It's time for **PR's Got Talent!** Come out to see amazing acts including singers, bands, musicians and skating acts! This one night event will take place April 30th at 7pm. Tickets are available now for \$5 at [our.show/prhstalent](http://our.show/prhstalent)

## PR'S GOT TALENT

RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

@7PM

PRHS AUDITORIUM

TICKETS \$5



[our.show/prhstalent](http://our.show/prhstalent)

# Student Life Activities

HUMANITIES CLUB PRESENTS...

## PIE THE PIRATE!

**DR. WALL!**  
**MRS. WILES!**  
**AND MORE!**

**\$1 FOR TEACHER**  
**\$5 FOR ADMIN**

ENTER THE RAFFLE AT ALL LUNCHES FOR A CHANCE TO PIE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHERS!

**PIEDAY: 5/2 AT THE MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL!**

PRHS Humanities Presents

## Multicultural Festival

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND, 2025 @ 5 PM

**GAMES!**      **FOOD TRUCKS!**      **RAFFLES!**

**\*CASH ONLY\***

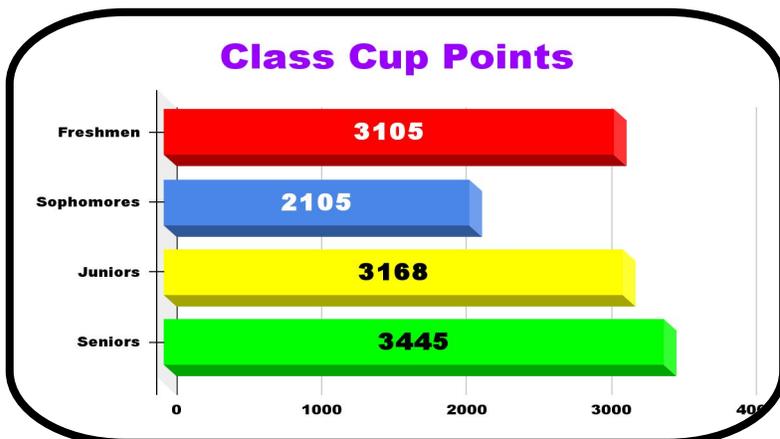
### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SALE

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

**OPEN TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**  
**DURING ALL LUNCHES**

## PIRATE'S COVE CREATIONS

SUGAR SCRUB	\$4.00	DOG TREATS	\$2.00
AROMA BEADS	\$3.00	CUPS	\$5.00
CANDLES	\$4.00	MUGS	\$5.00
SOAP	\$2.00	KOOZIES	\$3.00
BATH FIZZIES	\$2.00	KEYCHAINS	\$3.00
ORNAMENTS	\$2.00	PINS	\$1.00



## 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**

# Senior Information

[CLICK HERE FOR THE SENIOR LETTER WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATION](#)

## Academic Signing & Awards Day

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST

8:30AM IN THE PRHS MAIN GYM

STUDENTS MAY BRING UP TO 2 GUESTS. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

## SENIOR BREAKFAST

TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

JOIN US DURING 1ST BLOCK IN THE CAFETERIA FOR YEARBOOKS AND BREAKFAST!

## Sprinkle us your Scholarships!

Seniors, join us for an ice cream scholarship celebration during Advisory on May 22nd

All scholarships must be turned into Mrs. Jarrett by May 16th to attend!

# 2025

class of

## Porter Ridge High School Graduation

Tuesday, June 10

8:00pm

PRHS Stadium

# Senior Information

**Seniors** - Many 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**  
Submit pictures for Senior Slideshow

Submit photos via Instagram @prseniorslideshow or email prseniorslideshow@gmail.com  
Due April 29th

What we're looking for:

- Baby pictures
- Throwbacks
- School events
- High school events
- Individual senior pics
- Sports
- Extracurriculars

Attention, Seniors! Submissions for the Senior Slideshow are now open. Send us pics of high school, athletics, extracurriculars, friends, family, and baby pics! DM your submissions to our Instagram @prseniorslideshow24 or email your submissions to prseniorslideshow24@gmail.com. Submissions close April 29th.



# 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!*

## *Pirate Gram Recognition from Teachers*

### PRHS Pirate Grams

Demari Alston- You are doing a great job in Biology! Keep up the great work! -Ms. Glenn

Estaban Arteaga- Espinoza- Doing a great job collaborating with peers and explaining the content for others to understand. -Ms. Glenn

Dimitri Minakakis- Always goes above & beyond on his work! Recently made a 100% on his Biosphere Quiz! -Ms. Glenn

Noor Abdoh- Way to go! 100's across the board! -Ms. Boino

Li Minshi- Outstanding improvement! -Ms. Boino

Sean Steiger- WooHoo! Your hard work is paying off! -Ms. Boino

Colby Brown- Thanks for participating! -Ms. McCollum

Caylen Rodriguez- Consistently put in hard work & helping her peers! -Ms. McCollum

Aysel Demurchiyev- I'm really proud of your hard work! -Ms. McCollum

Ty'jai Clifton- Great job on your NC Check In! -McCollum



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Students in Dr. Tarlton's English 3 Honors class have been studying Transcendentalism in Literature this week. After reading Emerson's "Self-Reliance" and "Nature" students were tasked with going on a nature walk and taking photos of specific elements in nature that spoke to them about some aspect of life. Students then spent 10 minutes in silent writing where they used various literary devices to write like Emerson.



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As I was walking around the school campus looking for something to inspire me, I looked up and saw 2 soccer goals. It reminded me of how much I love being on the field and playing. But as I was looking at the goals and imagining myself on the field, I thought of the games where I didn't try my best. I thought of what if this was my last game. I thought of what if I get injured and can't play again. I thought of how I should play every game like it was my last. Every ball that rolls to me is an opportunity. An opportunity to have fun and do my best doing what I love. I realized that when I go to my position on the field I need to play like every game is going to be my last.

Parallelism  
Metaphor  
Imagery



Nature, a tranquil, still moment in time. Learning trees under blue skies, surrounded by barren fields. One, weak, emaciated tree leans on his neighbor, looking for support during this hard season...Do you have a neighbor to lean on? His neighbor standing strong and tall, watches as herds of people rush by, their footsteps tapping the grass, their laughter echoing in the trees. Under the clear sunny skies, flocks

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## Whispers Of Possibility



*In the stillness of motion, dreams take flight. A field of whispers, where day greets night. The goal, a sentinel of hopes untold. They say the quiet holds the loudest sound, In the every blade of grass, potential is found. A canvas of peace, yet bursting with might, Where shadows dance with the sunlight.*

Congratulations to **Brooke Revels** for being selected as one of the recipients of the Weddington Optimist 2025 Aubrey Moore Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to **Ava Marquardt** for being named the PRHS SECU Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to **Julia Rank** for being named a PRHS National Merit Scholarship Qualifier



# PROM

Awesome Prom 2025!!! Shoutout to the Prom Advisors, Prom Committee Students, and to our incredible staff who chaperoned!! Our Students looked incredible and represented our school and community well ! A great night of music, dancing, and friendship!



# PROM



# 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...](#)

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Guidance, the Front Office, or at the  
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## MINI COLLEGE FAIR

Meet representatives from top colleges and universities and learn about their programs, campus life, and admissions process!

 **Thursday**  
May 1st 2025

 **3rd block**  
11:30am-1:40pm

 **Cafeteria**  
During lunch



## \*SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES\*

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

✓ MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE DOCUMENT FREQUENTLY FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES

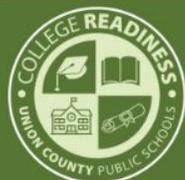
✓ DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND ON THE PRHS WEBSITE, STUDENT CANVAS ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND LINKED IN OUR INSTAGRAM BIO



## Attention Class of 2026!

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

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1g2ILHIVnzxvnDTZo2ADhOxFbQz0EgoD2JFQit8KQGwU/edit?slide=id.p#slide=id.p>



### 2024 - 2025 College Readiness Series

@UCPSCollegePrep @ucpscollegeprep

## What Makes A Good College Essay?

May 13, 2025

6 PM

Webinar

To register visit: <https://tinyurl.com/20250513>

Planning to apply to a school or a scholarship that requires an essay? Juniors should start thinking about their essay topic now.

Join us as we discuss the process from start to finish.



## MEET WITH YOUR SPCC CAREER COACH

MS. STURDIVANT

WEDNESDAYS IN GUIDANCE

EMAIL NOW TO MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT:

[CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU](mailto: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.

## SPCC REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Summer Registration and Fall  
Pre-Registration has begun!

EMAIL OUR SPCC CAREER COACH  
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# College Readiness Student Opportunities



**SCHOOLFUNDR EXCELLENCE & OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

\$5000 award for one male and one female athlete from UCPS

**Scholarship Requirements:**

- ✓ Participation in School Sports
- ✓ Academic Excellence
- ✓ Community Service
- ✓ Financial Need



**APPLY BY APRIL 28**

<https://bit.ly/schoolfundrscholarship>



**HEART OF A CHAMPION DAY**  
Atrium Health

Free high school sports physicals for student-athletes entering grades 9 through 12.  
*Students must be enrolled at an Atrium Health partner high school to participate.*

**Saturday, May 31, 2025 • 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Atrium Health Musculoskeletal Institute  
Orthopedics & Sports Medicine  
6050 W. Highway 74, Indian Trail, NC 28079

Each student-athlete will receive the following free services from our team of expert providers:

- Review of medical history
- General wellness sports screening for North and South Carolina
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) - This is a heart screening for sudden cardiac death to detect health risks before they become issues
- Echocardiogram (ECHO) to be scheduled if needed
- Orthopedic screening (musculoskeletal exam)
- Vision exam
- Registered Dietitian
- Hands-Only CPR training

Please register using the link or QR code between March 1 and May 10:

**REGISTER HERE**



For registration questions, please email [hcdy@atriumhealth.org](mailto:hcdy@atriumhealth.org)

**Atrium Health Musculoskeletal Institute**

Please note:  
The exam is a screening for school sports—not a complete physical—and does not replace the need for an annual physical with your doctor.  
Click here to [LEARN MORE](#) or visit [atriumhealth.org/heart-of-a-champion](https://atriumhealth.org/heart-of-a-champion)



**Atrium Health**

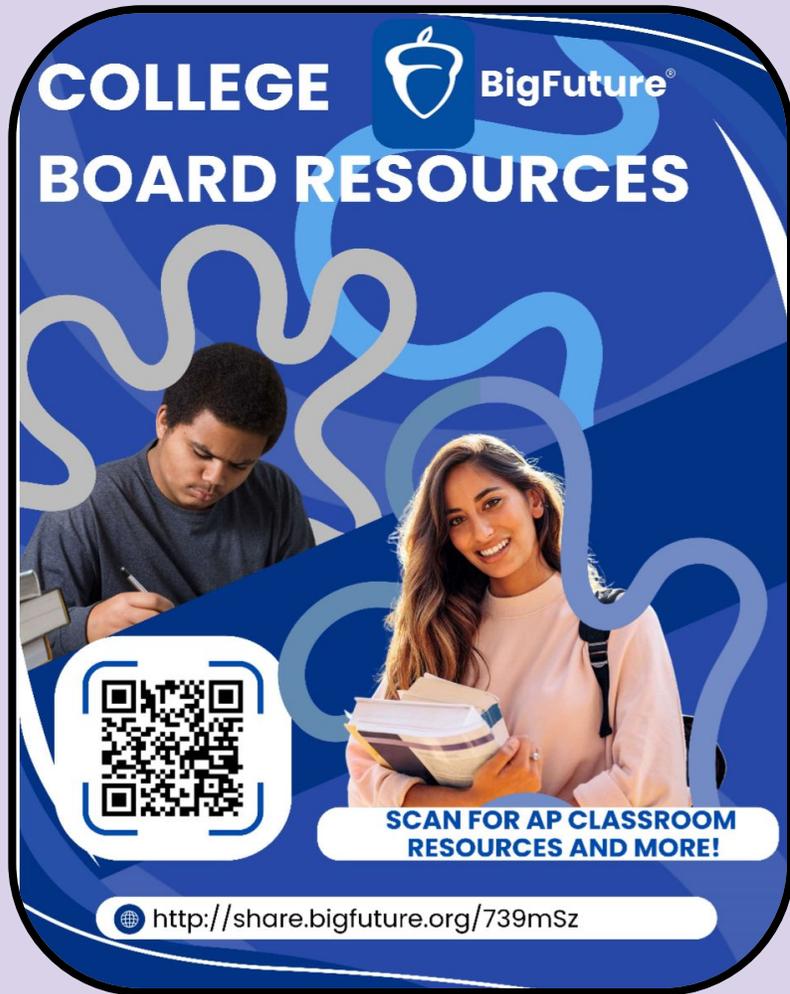
**OFFICIAL PARTNER OF THE CAROLINA PANTHERS**



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

English: <https://youtu.be/noYbSQxz6m0>  
Spanish: <https://youtu.be/3UELvzz-Cgs>  
Russian: <https://youtu.be/h0AtWziCKho>  
Ukrainian: <https://youtu.be/qBibr6Dxpoo>

## College Readiness Student Opportunities



**COLLEGE BOARD RESOURCES**

 BigFuture®



**SCAN FOR AP CLASSROOM RESOURCES AND MORE!**

<http://share.bigfuture.org/739mSz>

The graphic features a blue background with white and light blue wavy lines. It includes a photo of a young man writing in a notebook and a young woman smiling while holding books. A QR code is prominently displayed in the lower-left corner, and a URL is provided at the bottom.

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



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

## Teaching as a Profession

*Join Today  
See your Counselor*



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

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

# College Readiness Student Opportunities

## “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.

### **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.

### **Nurse Aide (CNA) & EMT Academy – Application Deadline has Passed**

\*Any student interested in Nurse Aide (CAN) or EMT Academy and fill out the application now, student 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>

## “2025-2026 Pre-Apprenticeship”

Pre-apprenticeship is a program or set of strategies designed to prepare individuals for entry into Register Apprenticeship Programs (RAP) or other job opportunities. Pre-apprenticeships may last from a few weeks to a few months and may or may not include wages or stipend. Pre-apprenticeship programs have varied program elements; however, at the core, places an individual on a pathway to employability through a RAP.

Students interested in a Pre-Apprenticeship in Health Care, HVAC, Manufacturing or Teaching as a Profession, please visit the UCPS CTE website ([ucpscte.org/pre-apprenticeships/](https://ucpscte.org/pre-apprenticeships/)) for more information and the application.

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. Cosmetology deadline is Monday, May 5th.

**CLICK HERE TO APPLY**

**CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**

# 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.**

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)



**The PTO Needs your help in sponsoring a breakfast for all of our students who did well on the WorkKeys testing by scoring a silver or above. [Please click here](#) to donate items for a breakfast in their honor**

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

## THIS WEEK

**MONDAY**

**21**

-NO EVENTS

**TUESDAY**

**22**

-BASEBALL @  
CAROLINA FOREST  
6PM

**WEDNESDAY**

**23**

-BASEBALL VS  
MONSIGNOR  
(@MBHS)  
4PM

**THURSDAY**

**24**

-BASEBALL VS  
BISHOP  
O'CONNELL  
(@ST JAMES HS)  
4PM

**FRIDAY**

**25**

-BASEBALL @  
MYRTLE BEACH  
HS  
4PM

**SATURDAY**

**26**

-TRACK @  
WEDDINGTON  
8AM

**MONDAY**

**28**

-LAX VS  
CUTHBERTSON  
5:30/7:30

-SCC BASEBALL  
TOURNEY  
TBD

-SCC SOFTBALL  
TOURNEY  
TBD

**TUESDAY**

**29**

-W SOCCER VS  
MARVIN RIDGE  
6PM

-M VOLLEYBALL VS  
COVENANT DAY  
5:00/6:00

-SCC BASEBALL  
TOURNEY  
TBD

-SCC SOFTBALL  
TOURNEY  
TBD

**WEDNESDAY**

**30**

-MLAX @  
PROVIDENCE  
6PM

-SCC  
CONFERENCE  
TRACK MEET @  
PRHS 4PM

-SCC BASEBALL  
TOURNEY  
TBD

-SCC SOFTBALL  
TOURNEY  
TBD

**THURSDAY**

**1**

-LAX VS  
PARKWOOD  
5:30/7:30

-M VOLLEYBALL  
VS AK  
5:00/6:00

-SCC BASEBALL  
TOURNEY  
TBD

-SCC SOFTBALL  
TOURNEY  
TBD

**FRIDAY**

**2**

-M VOLLEYBALL @  
SV  
5:00PM

-W SOCCER @  
WEDDINGTON  
6PM

**SATURDAY**

**3**

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

A graphic for PRHS Little Pirate Cheer Camp. At the top, 'PRHS' is in a blue rounded rectangle. Below it, 'LITTLE PIRATE' is in a pink rounded rectangle, and 'CHEER CAMP' is in a light green rounded rectangle. In the center, three cheerleaders in orange, blue, and pink outfits hold pom-poms. To the right, a pink circle says 'SHIRT AND SNACKS INCLUDED'. At the bottom, three rounded rectangles show the schedule: Tuesday June 24 (9:00-12:00), Wednesday June 25 (9:00-12:00), and Thursday June 26 (9:00-12:00). The background is dark purple with decorative zig-zag lines and starburst icons.

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

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

### **Varsity Baseball:**

- 4/10: WIN v Parkwood (2-1)
- 4/14: WIN v Sun Valley (3-0)
- 4/15: WIN v Sun Valley (4-0)

### **JV Baseball:**

- 4/12: WIN v North Stanly (13-3)
- 4/15: WIN v Sun Valley (11-1)

### **Varsity Softball:**

- 4/11: L v. Cuthbertson
- 4/4: L v. Marvin Ridge
- 4/8: L v. Weddington
- 4/16: WIN v. Sun Valley (13-8)

### **Men's Lacrosse:**

- 4/14: L v. Marvin Ridge
- 4/15: L v. Parkwood
- 4/16: L v. Weddington

### **Women's Lacrosse:**

- 4/10: WIN v. Sun Valley (14-12)
- 4/14: L v. Marvin Ridge
- 4/16: L v. Weddington

### **Women's V Soccer:**

- 4/11: WIN v. Cuthbertson (3-0)

### **Men's Volleyball:**

- 4/9: WIN v. Piedmont (3-0)

### **Track and Field:**

- Porter Ridge Home Meet  
([link to full results](#))
- All American Track Classic  
([link to full results](#))
- Weddington Meet #4  
([link to full results](#))
- For All the Dawgs Invitat.  
([link to full results](#))

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

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



**PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

**2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025**

**EAGLE CHASE GOLF CLUB**

**3215 BRANTLEY RD**

**MARSHVILLE, NC 28103**



**CLICK ON THE AD FOR MORE INFO**

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

WOMENS TENNIS  
INFO MEETING

FALL  
**2025**  
SEASON

APRIL 29 AFTER SCHOOL  
ROOM E104

EMAIL COACH MCQUEEN WITH ANY QUESTIONS:  
TJMCQUEEN@EARTHLINK.NET



Congratulations to Ryan Ladimir  
for being named a Southern  
Carolinas 4A Conference All  
Conference Tennis Player!



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

# Family 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.

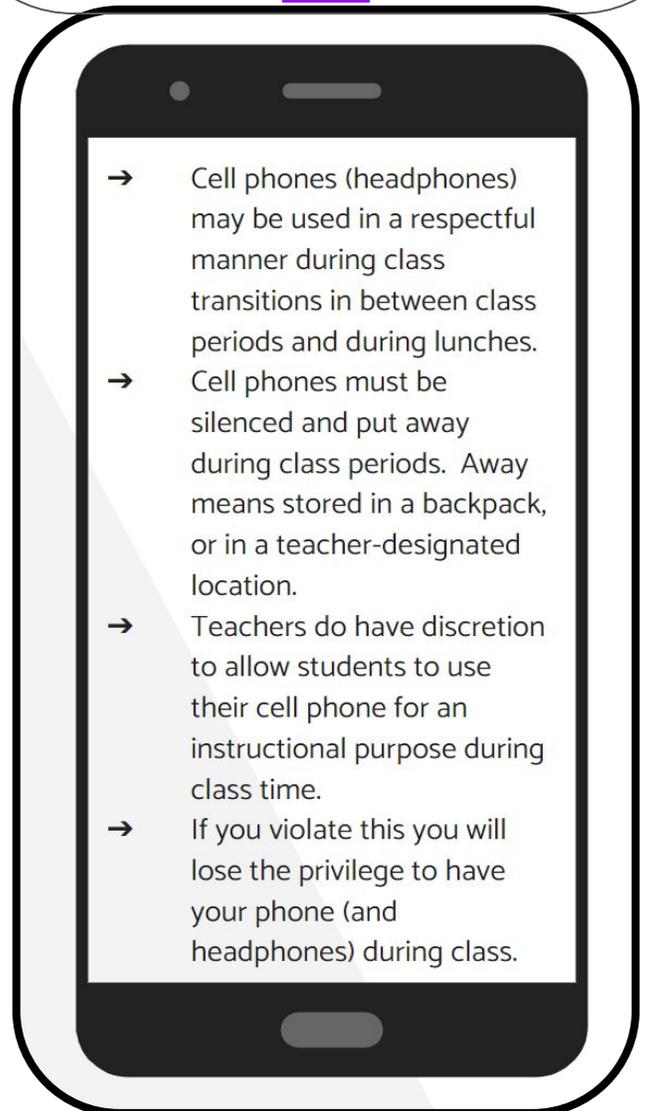
If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

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](#)



# 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



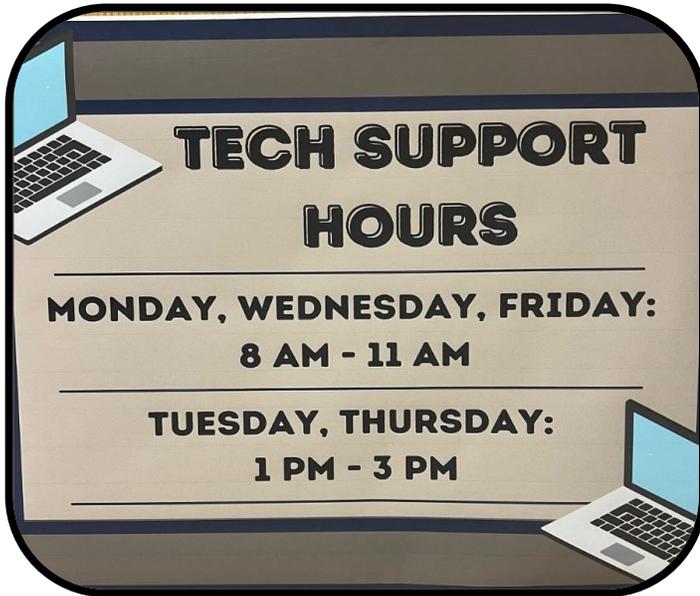
### Si todavía tiene preguntas?

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



@ 704-292-7662

# Attendance, Chromebooks & Info



**TECH SUPPORT  
HOURS**

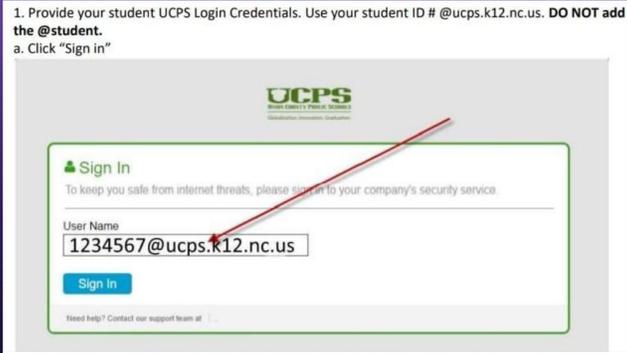
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY:  
8 AM - 11 AM**

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

The sign is a light brown board with black text and two laptop icons on the sides.

## 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"

The screenshot shows a login page with the UCPS logo, a "Sign In" button, and a text input field containing the email address 1234567@ucps.k12.nc.us. A red arrow points to the "Sign In" button.

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.

## Ports of Information for Pirates:

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Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR  
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@prbandofpirates @prhs\_volleyball @prhscounseling  
@pr\_athletic\_booster\_club @prhs.running @prhsbaseball @prhs.beta.club  
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@prhs.outdoors.club @prguards @prhsmenslacrosse  
@lawandjusticeskillsusa @prhs.culinaryarts @prb.o.b @porter.ridgewbb  
@ucpsncathletics @prhs\_menssoccer @the.hook.student.media  
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