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Coach Ladimir 1000th Game

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



FAMILY OPEN
HOUSE
2025-2026

Friday, August 22- 12:00 to 3:00

Buy Spirit Wear

Walk Your Schedule

Pick up Parking Passes

Meet Your Teachers



Get
Transportation
Information



SCAN ME

PIRATE PARKING PASSES

Applications go on sale starting Friday August 8! Check out this page on our website for the application process:

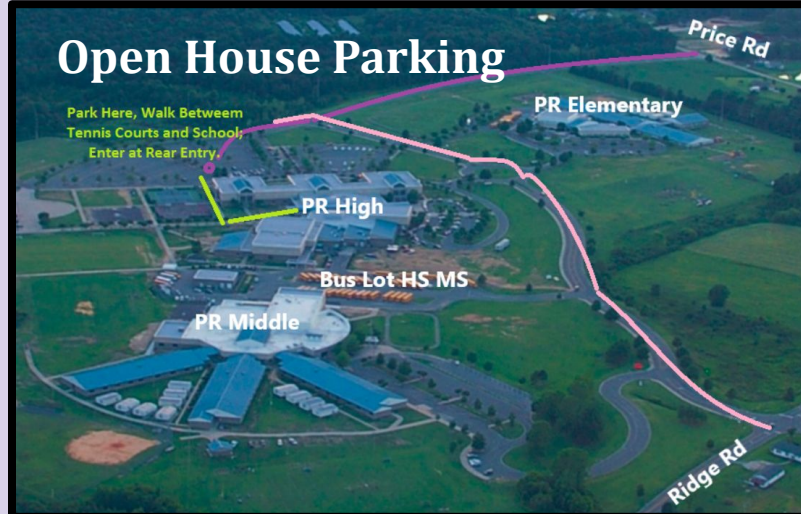
You must be logged in to your student UCPS Account, you must fill out the application form and you must pay before the pass is distributed.

<https://bit.ly/3P6yDAT>



Open House Parking

Park Here, Walk Between
Tennis Courts and School
Enter at Rear Entry.



Infinite Campus is the replacement for power school. Please look at the next several pages for information on how to access Infinite campus and pay your required \$30 Technology fee.

Beginning of Year Checklist

Details in this edition

- ☐ Pay \$30 technology fee.
- ☐ Fill out the Technology Use Agreement
- ☐ Log Into Campus ID to find schedule
- ☐ Purchase a Parking Pass if you drive to school

Beginning of School Year Information

Back to School Information

❖ Chromebook Distribution:

- Chromebooks will be distributed starting the second day of school in Advisory
- Students who have paid their **Technology Fee** and filled out their UCPS Technology Use Form for the 25-26 school year will receive a chromebook during the school day. Please click [here](#) to see how to pay the fee. Please click below to fill out the agreement forms
- **Internet Use Guidelines & Resources - English and Spanish**
- **Chromebook PARENT Agreement Form** - required for ALL PRHS students.
- **Chromebook Student Agreement Form**-required for all PRHS students

❖ Family Open House: Friday, August 22, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

- Park in the stadium/student parking lot
- Grab your parents and come walk your class schedule from 12:00 - 3:00pm. Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet them. Club Fair displays will be up so that you can consider what extracurricular activities you may want to be involved in. Come join us!
- Are you a new student in 10th - 12th grade? Stop by the main office for a tour guide who can show you where your classes are and answer your questions, along with the tricks of getting around the school!

❖ Opportunities for Juniors and Seniors as Peer Tutors, Language Mentors, and Leadership Mentors

- We want to continue to support our community by expanding our programs
- Interested Juniors and Seniors are eligible to apply. Students interested should email their counselor to let them know. More information will be coming out of social media soon! Students do earn course credit for this.
- Interested Seniors can sign up to help co-advise a 9th or 10th grade Advisory as a Leadership Mentor

❖ Parking Passes: Each student who drives to school must have a parking pass. Please click here to pay the \$50 parking fee and fill out the application. You will need to upload your driver's license and a copy of your payment receipt. You must pay your 2025-2026 UCPS Technology Fee (Referenced above) before you will get your parking pass. Parking passes will be handed out at the open house on Friday 8/22 from 12-3. If students do not get their pass at the Open House, then they just need to drive to the parking lot the first day of school and we will have a procedure to distribute the pass. **Students who do not have a parking pass will be fined \$10 a day until they obtain their pass.**

❖ School Starts Monday 8/25. 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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Beginning of School Year Information

***Back to School pages are on the PRHS website updated for
info on..... And we will continue to update for the next
edition***

Click the Links

Student Handbook

Click here for the PRHS Back to School Webpage

***Beginning of Year Forms- Click here to obtain, review, and
sign beginning of year forms - Still Updating***

Attendance Procedures

Clubs and Student Organizations- ***We will have a club fair
the first two weeks of school.***

CLICK ON THE AD BELOW FOR LIVE LINKS TO
THE CHECKLIST OR [CLICK HERE](#)

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

P A R E N T

Checklist



INFINITE CAMPUS

- The State Board of Education has moved to a new Student Information System. Beginning this school year, Union County Public Schools will no longer use PowerSchool. [Infinite Campus](#) will be used to access grades, schedules, attendance, assignments and other important school information.
- Tech Fees can be accessed and paid through Infinite Campus.
- Parents must [claim their account](#) and complete the [annual update](#).
- If you have questions about how to claim your account, call your child's school or visit our Infinite Campus page.



SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES – MEAL PAY

- Beginning this school year, Union County Public Schools will begin using [PaySchools Central](#) for school meal payments. The district will no longer use K-12 Payment Center. Balances from K-12 Payment Center will transfer to the new system.
- To pay for school meals, parents should create an account via <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>
- Parents will need their child's Infinite Campus student ID number to register for PaySchools Central and complete a free and reduced meal application.
- To view school meals and menus, visit <https://myschoolmenus.com/organizations/3326>

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PARENT Checklist



SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES – MEAL CHARGES

- At the August 5 meeting, the Board of Education voted to update its [Operations of School Nutrition Services Policy](#), which included changes to meal charges.
- Due to unpaid meal balances during the 2024-2025 school year, there is approximately \$300,000 in debt that must be paid by Union County Public Schools.
- With the new policy, changes have been made to address negative balances and alternate meals. Review the [School Nutrition Services Policy](#).
- This updated policy does not apply to the 17 Community Eligibility Schools (CEP) that are eligible for free breakfast and lunch meals.



TRANSPORTATION

- Download the [Edulog Parent Portal App](#) to get access to your child's bus schedule, routes and updates from the Transportation Department.
- Bus schedules will be available by August 18.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL RESOURCES

- Need information about calendars, bell schedules, transportation, open house schedules and more? Visit the [UCPS back-to-school webpage](#) to access important resources.

HAVE A SAFE AND
wonderful school year!

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ESCUELAS PUBLICAS CONDADO UNION

LISTA DE VERIFICACIÓN *Para Los Padres*



INFINITE CAMPUS

- La Junta de Educación del Estado se ha trasladado a un nuevo Sistema de Información Estudiantil. A partir de este año escolar, las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Union ya no usarán PowerSchool. Ahora se utilizará [Infinite Campus](#) para acceder a calificaciones, horarios, asistencia, tareas y otra información escolar importante.
- A través de Infinite Campus puede acceder y pagar las tarifas de tecnología.
- Los [padres deben obtener su cuenta](#) y completar la [actualización anual](#).
- Si tiene preguntas sobre cómo obtener su cuenta, llame a la escuela de su hijo o visite nuestra página Infinite Campus.



SERVICIOS DE NUTRICION ESCOLAR - PAGO DE COMIDAS

- A partir de este año escolar, las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Union comenzarán a utilizar [PaySchools Central](#) para los pagos de las comidas. El distrito ya no utilizará el Centro de Pagos K-12. Los saldos del Centro de Pagos K-12 se transferirán al nuevo sistema.
- Para pagar las comidas, debe crear una cuenta a través de <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>
- Los padres necesitarán el número de identificación del estudiante de Infinite Campus de su hijo para registrarse en PaySchools Central y completar una solicitud de comidas gratuitas o reducidas.
- Para ver las comidas y menús escolares, visite <https://myschoolmenus.com/organizations/3326>

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LISTA DE VERIFICACIÓN *Para Los Padres*



SERVICIOS DE NUTRITION ESCOLAR – **COSTO DE COMIDAS**

- En la reunión del 5 de agosto, la Junta de Educación votó para actualizar su [Política de Operaciones](#) de los Servicios de Nutrición Escolar, que incluyó cambios en los cargos por comidas.
- Debido a los saldos no pagados durante el año escolar 2024-2025, hay aproximadamente \$300.000 en deuda que las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Union deben pagar.
- Con la nueva política, se han hecho cambios para abordar los saldos negativos y las comidas alternativas. Revisar [School Nutrition Services Policy](#).
- Esta política actualizada no aplica a las 17 Escuelas de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (CEP) que son elegibles para desayunos y el almuerzos gratis.



TRANSPORTACION

- Descargar la aplicación [Edulog Parent Portal App](#) para obtener acceso al horario, rutas y actualizaciones del autobús de su hijo desde el Departamento de Transporte.
- Los horarios de autobuses estarán disponibles a partir del 18 de agosto.



RECURSOS PARA **EL REGRESO A CLASES**

- Necesita información sobre calendarios, horarios de entrada-salida, transporte, horarios de casas abiertas y más? Visite [UCPS back-to-school webpage](#) para obtener información.

QUE TENGAS UN SEGURO
y maravilloso año escolar!

STAY CONNECTED



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◦ Welcome Back Letter 2025-26 School Year

Welcome to the PRHS 2025-2026 school year! We have some Back to School Information for Porter Ridge High School Families:

We wanted to highlight a few things for you here.

School starts on Monday 8/25. All students should be on campus by 7:55 am as first period starts at 8:10am. You may drop your students off as early as 7:45 am.

- Student schedules will be available via Infinite Campus, the replacement for Power School, on Friday 8/15. (We will show our 9th graders how to access this and their schedule during Freshmen Orientation that day 8/15 (1:30-3:00).
- On the first day of school and throughout the school year students that are eating breakfast report directly to the cafeteria and students not eating breakfast will also report to the cafeteria and will be dismissed to their first block by 8:00. If a student gets to school later than 8:00 they can still get breakfast but on the go. If a student is not able to look their schedule up on Infinite Campus ahead of time, they can get help from staff in the cafeteria. 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 at school.
- Students who enrolled this summer may not be able to view their schedule on their device so a staff member will help them in the cafeteria. We will get them a printed copy of their schedule to use if they do not get this at the Family Open House on 8/22 (12:00-3:00).
- If your child has an error in 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 email (one was sent on 7/24 and 8/7) 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.

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 in 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 8/22 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 8/8 and can be picked up on 8/22 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 three 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://www.lunchapplication.com/>
- <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/nutrition>
- If you want to set up an online payment account to put money in your child's lunch account click here (This is a new payment system: <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>)

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.

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. The link will be posted here as soon as it is available. 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 Infinite Campus, the replacement to Powerschool, is available.
- Cell phones are permitted for student use in between classes and during lunch. However, cell phones must be turned off 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. The first time a student device is taken, the student will get it back at the end of the day. The second time a parent will have to come pick it up.
- **Beginning of School Year Forms:** On Tuesday 8/26, 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 8/26, the rest of the forms needed are available online by clicking here: [online form](#)
- **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 8/25), 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 our 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 – 1:30 PM -3:00 PM Friday 8/15. 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

- Access Class Schedules on Infinite Campus, meet teachers, 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....

[The Back to School Resource page](#) is full of information and resources for both students and parents. Please be sure to look at all resources you can access through the general topics on the menu to the left.

Each page includes information, along with links, to support both students and parents.

Porter Ridge High School staff is excited to see our students and to get back to learning. We consider parents to be partners in this process and hope that you will let us know what additional information we can provide for you. We will continue to encourage our high school students to gain independence by communicating with their teachers, counselors, and administrators with any questions, concerns, or problems.

This page will continue to have information added as we increase resources.

[PRHS School Map.png](#)

[#Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR](#)

Respectfully,

John DeLucia

Principal

Porter Ridge High School

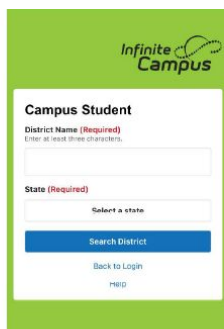
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Accessing Your Student Account with Infinite Campus

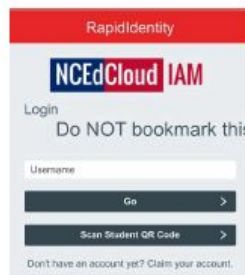
Download the Campus Student App (iOS and Android) OR visit the following link if using a web

browser: <https://900.ncsis.gov/campus/portal/psu900unionco.jsp> and select **Campus Student**.

If using the smartphone app : Union County Public Schools for District Name and select North Carolina for State.

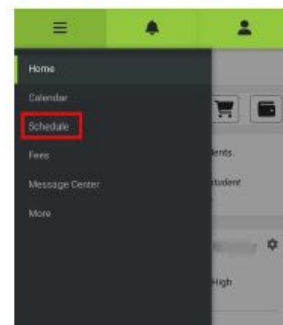


- Type in your student number and password. This is the same information as you would have used for PowerSchool. You will be prompted after successful login if you want to "stay logged in". Choose "Yes" or "No".



- This is your home screen. Please note "Today's Schedule" will show as blank because school is not in session. Select the Menu Bar in the upper left-hand corner and select schedule.





- Your schedule will be visible for all grading terms. T1-T3 are first semester. T4-T6 are second semester. You can toggle between the terms to see how your schedule will change.





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Infinite Campus and Chromebook Fee

- In the fees menu, click **"add to cart"** on the \$30.00 technology fee. Click **"My Cart,"** then **"add payment method."** You will have two choices – pay by card or pay by E-check. Click your choice of payment method and complete payment details.
- The system will ask for a valid email. Please use your **personal email** to receive receipt. Bring this email to show as **proof of payment** to our staff at Chromebook distribution.
- *Remember to look over the schedule and instructions for Chromebook distribution, come at the correct day and time, and to bring your completed Chromebook Agreement Form!

DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	FEE BALANCE	VIEW	ACTION
TECHNOLOGY FEE		30.00	Details	Add to Cart

1
Item in Cart
\$30.00

[My Cart](#)

[My Accounts](#)

Payment Method **(Required)**

No payment methods available

[Add Payment Method](#)



Payment Method

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All fields below are required

Card

US bank account

Card number
1234 1234 1234 1234
 

Expiration date
MM / YY

Security code
CVC


By providing your card information, you allow UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS to charge your card for future payments in accordance with their terms.

Full name



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Parking Passes



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PIRATE PARKING PASSES

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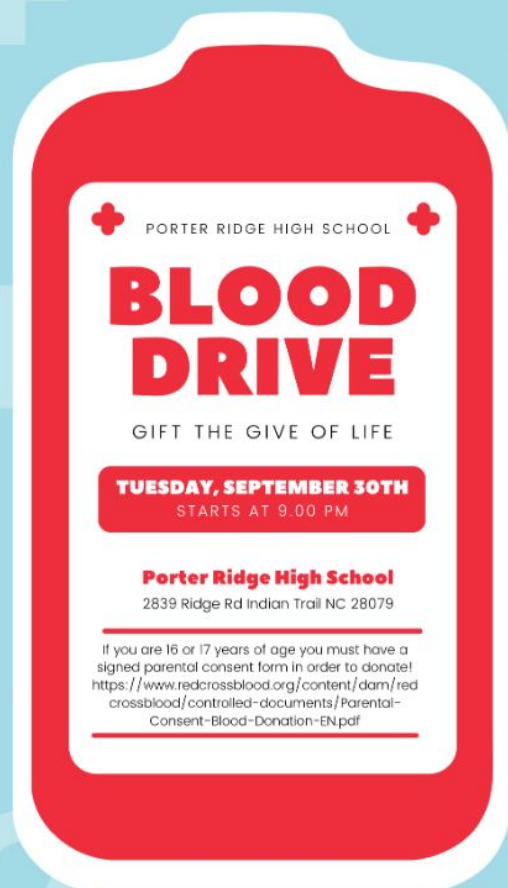
**CLICK ON THE
LINKS**

**Registration Form- Must
be filled out**

Payment Website

CLICK HERE FOR ALL PARKING INFORMATION

Important School Information



JUNIORS PSAT REGISTRATION



Students who want to take The PSAT should register by 3:00 PM Thursday, August 28, 2025 by placing this link in their browser: <https://bit.ly/4mo2ki3> or using the QR Code.

The PSAT / NMSQT will be held between October 20-31. PRHS will set a date in the coming weeks .

Highly encouraged for 11th grade students who wish to participate as one of the entry requirements for the National Merit Scholarship Program .

UCPS will cover the administration cost.

MR. CASIMIRO

SCIENCE TEACHER



Please give a warm welcome to our new international teacher, Mr. Casimiro, who is now part of the Science department at PRHS. He recently moved here from the Philippines and is in the process of settling into nearby housing. He is also looking for a car and essential items for his new home. Mr. Casimiro has joined us with his wife and their four-year-old daughter, and together they are beginning this new journey. We want to extend a warm welcome to him and his family as they join our school and community. He would greatly appreciate any household items in good condition that could help equip his home. We have set up a designated drop-off location in the school's docking deck area for any donations

MORE INFO >>>

Stop by the Porter Ridge High School Front Office, or you can contact him directly at:
MarkAnthony.Casimiro@ucps.k12.nc.us

Porter Ridge High Class Schedules

Go LIVE on Infinite Campus
Friday, August 15th at 8:00 am
Schedule Correction Google
Form will go LIVE
Monday, August 18th

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



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Student Information and Opportunities



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT PRHS



**PIRATES
AMBASSADORS**

Are you bilingual?

GROW YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AS A PIRATE AMBASSADOR!

**SUPPORT STUDENTS AT PORTER RIDGE ELEMENTARY, PORTER RIDGE
ELEMENTARY BY:**

- TUTORING
- HELPING WITH SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES
- CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS BY SHARING YOUR SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

**YOU WILL RECEIVE HONORS CLASS CREDIT FOR BEING A PIRATE
AMBASSADOR**

 bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



LeaderinMe



**SERVE, LEAD,
INSPIRE.
BECOME AN
ADVISORY
LEADER!**

PRHS IS OFFERING A LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR
UPPERCLASSMEN TO SUPPORT
UNDERCLASSMEN DURING ADVISORY
AND ASSIST ADVISORY TEACHERS.

LEADERSHIP

SIGN UP NOW



PORTRAITS OF A PIRATE





Bus Riders

Request transportation for PRHS students who did not have bus service last year and needs it this year, please scan the QR code above to request transportation. [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](#)

Request a Bus

[Click HERE](#) or
call 704-296-3015



UCPS



¿Necesita autobús?



Solicitud de transporte para los estudiantes de PRHS que no tuvieron servicio de autobús el año pasado y lo necesitan este año. Por favor, escanee el código QR de arriba para solicitar transporte. [Click HERE](#)

Descargue y configure la aplicación EduLog para obtener información sobre el autobús. Al utilizar esta aplicación, usted podrá acceder a información en tiempo real sobre el autobús. Para completar el registro, necesitará el número de identificación del estudiante y su fecha de nacimiento.

En la aplicación EduLog, asegúrese de activar las notificaciones. Así recibirá las notificaciones que el condado envíe diariamente sobre las rutas.

UCPS Service



Transportation Department

Website- [Click HERE](#)

Request a Bus

[Click HERE](#)

or

call 704-296-3015



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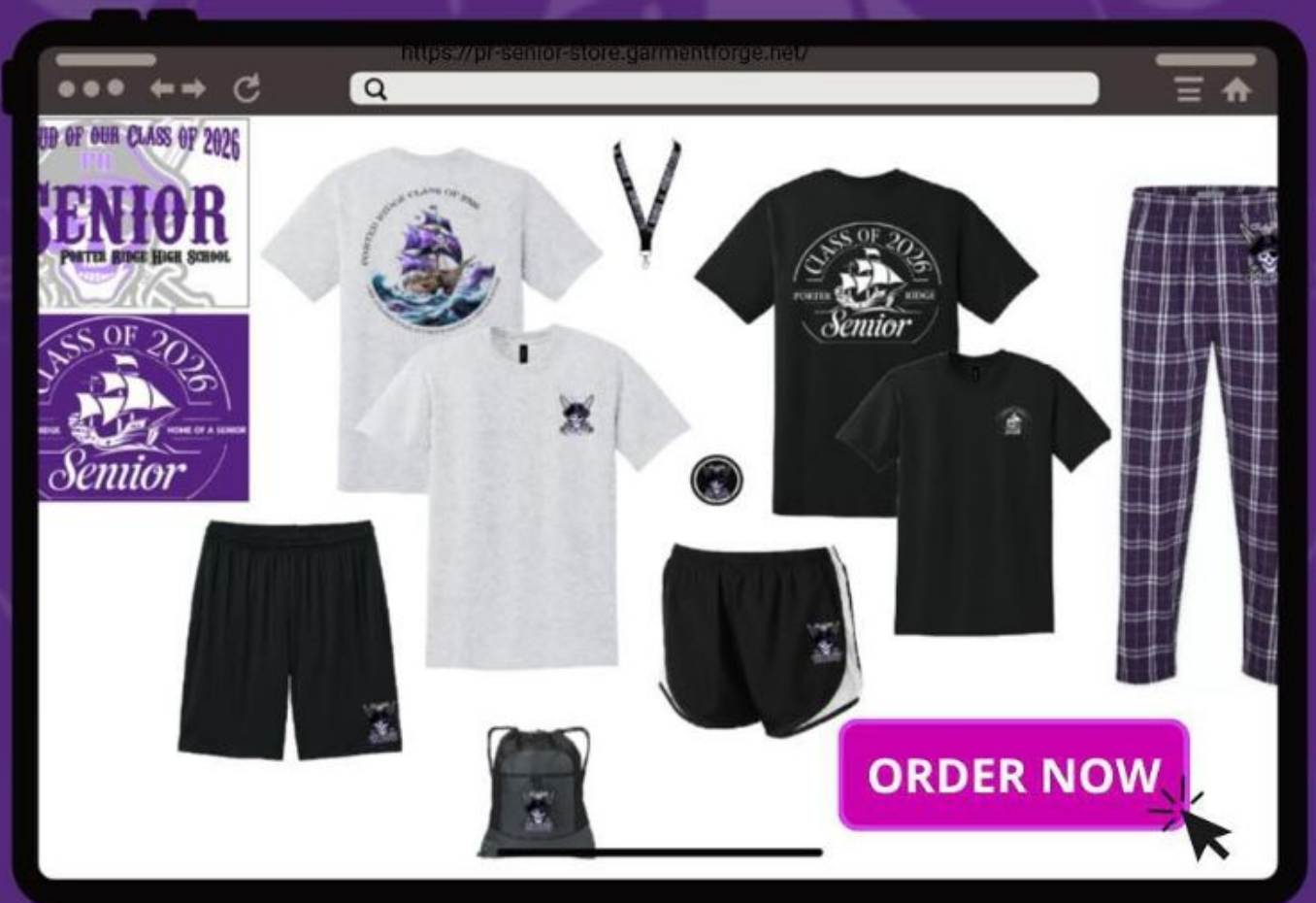


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Class of 2026 Information Spirit Wear

CLICK HERE OR ON THE AD TO ORDER

CLASS OF 2026 SENIOR SPIRIT WEAR



www.PorterRidgeBand.org



Beginning July 2025, Union County Public Schools will begin using **PaySchools Central** for school meal payments.

The district will no longer use K-12 Payment Center for school meals. Balances from K-12 Payment Center will transfer to the new system. Parents will need their child's Infinite Campus student ID number to register for **PaySchools Central** and complete a free and reduced meal application.

Wolfe School and Union County Early College parents should contact the school to obtain their student's Infinite Campus ID number.

PaySchools Central will allow families to:

- Securely and quickly pay for meals
- Apply for free and reduced meals
- Set up reminders and access detailed reports
- Review and manage purchases

Free and Reduced Lunch

[Click here](#) to set up online payments for the school cafe. You can apply for free and reduced lunches through the Pay School Central Account.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I access the PaySchools Central website to start the registration process?
Visit <https://payschoolscentral.com/> From there, parents can register and set up accounts.

Will I need my student's ID number to register for PaySchools Central?
Yes. The Infinite Campus student ID number is a required field when registering for PaySchools Central and completing a free and reduced meal application.

Can parents fill out a free and reduced meal application in PaySchools Central?
Yes. Parents will need to log in to PaySchools Central to fill out the free and reduced meal application.

Do I need to set up a payment method when creating a PaySchools Central account to complete a free and reduced meal application?
No. Please select SKIP when prompted to enter a payment method.

Is there a fee to use PaySchools Central?
There is no fee to register for PaySchools Central. Service fees are applied if households choose to prefund a student meal account using an ACH or debit/credit card. Meal funds can still be added without any fee by cash or check in the lunch line.

Can multiple people create an account and add the same student(s)?
Yes. For example, both parents can create separate PaySchools Central accounts and add the same student(s). Both parents will be able to add funds to the student(s) accounts.

Can I set up auto payments in PaySchools Central?
Yes. Automatic payments can be set up under Auto Replenishment in PaySchools Central.

Is there a mobile app for PaySchools Central?
Yes, you can download the PaySchools Central mobile app through Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Who should I contact regarding error messages in PaySchools Central?
Please contact PaySchools Central support by email psc_help@payschools.com or by phone at (877) 393-6628.

How can I learn more about PaySchools Central?
Watch this overview video to learn more about how to register, setting up accounts and more.



A partir de Julio 2025, las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Unión comenzaran a utilizar **PaySchools Central** para pagos por las comidas escolares.

El distrito ya no utilizará K-12 Payment Center para los pagos de comidas escolares. Los saldos de K-12 Payment Center se transferirán al nuevo sistema. Los padres necesitarán el número de identificación estudiantil de Infinite Campus de su hijo para registrarse en PaySchools Central y completar la solicitud de comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido.

Los padres de Wolfe School y Union County Early College deben comunicarse con la escuela para obtener el número de identificación de Infinite Campus de su estudiante.

PaySchools Central permitirá a las families:

- Pagar por las comidas de forma segura y rápida
- Aplicar para comidas gratis o a precio reducido
- Configurar recordatorios y acceder a informes
- Revisar y administrar compras

Free and Reduced Lunch

[Click here](#) to set up online payments for the school cafe. You can apply for free and reduced lunches through the Pay School Central Account

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PREGUNTAS *Frecuentes*

Cómo accedo al sitio web PaySchools Central para iniciar el proceso de registro?

Visite <https://payschoolscentral.com/> Desde allí, los padres pueden registrarse y crear cuentas.

Necesitaré el número de identificación de mi estudiante para registrarme en PaySchools Central?

Sí. El número ID de Infinite Campus del estudiante es un campo obligatorio al registrarse en PaySchools Central y completar una solicitud de comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido.

Pueden los padres completar la solicitud de comidas gratuitas o reducidas en PaySchools Central?

Sí. Los padres deberán iniciar sesión en PaySchools Central para completar la solicitud de comidas gratuitas o reducidas.

Necesito configurar un método de pago al crear una cuenta de PaySchools Central para completar una solicitud de comida gratuita o reducida?

No. Seleccione OMITIR cuando se le solicite ingresar un método de pago.

Hay algún pago por utilizar PaySchools Central?

Registrarse en PaySchools Central es gratuito. Se aplican cargos por servicio si se opta por prepagar una cuenta de comidas estudiantiles mediante ACH o tarjeta de débito/crédito. Se pueden añadir fondos sin costo alguno en efectivo o con cheque en la fila del almuerzo.

Pueden varias personas crear una cuenta y agregar los mismos estudiantes?

Sí. Por ejemplo, ambos padres pueden crear cuentas separadas en PaySchools Central y agregar al mismo estudiante. Ambos padres podrán agregar fondos a las cuentas de los estudiantes.

Puedo configurar pagos automáticos en PaySchools Central?

Sí. Los pagos automáticos se pueden configurar en Reposición automática en PaySchools Central.

Hay alguna aplicación móvil para PaySchools Central?

Sí, puedes descargar la aplicación móvil PaySchools Central a través de Google Play o Apple App Store.

Con quién debo comunicarme con respecto a los mensajes de error en PaySchools Central?

Comuníquese con soporte de PaySchools Central por correo electrónico a psc_help@payschools.com o por teléfono al (877) 393-6628.

Cómo puedo obtener más información acerca de PaySchools Central?

Mire este video de descripción general para obtener más información sobre cómo registrarse, configurar cuentas y más.

STAY CONNECTED



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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

CLICK HERE OR
ON THE AD FOR
THE PARENT
SYSTEM TO
SUBMIT NOTES.

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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



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 A TECHNOLOGY FEE of \$30 all students must pay. **Click [here](#) to access Infinite Campus to pay.** This fee will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Mario Mood 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.

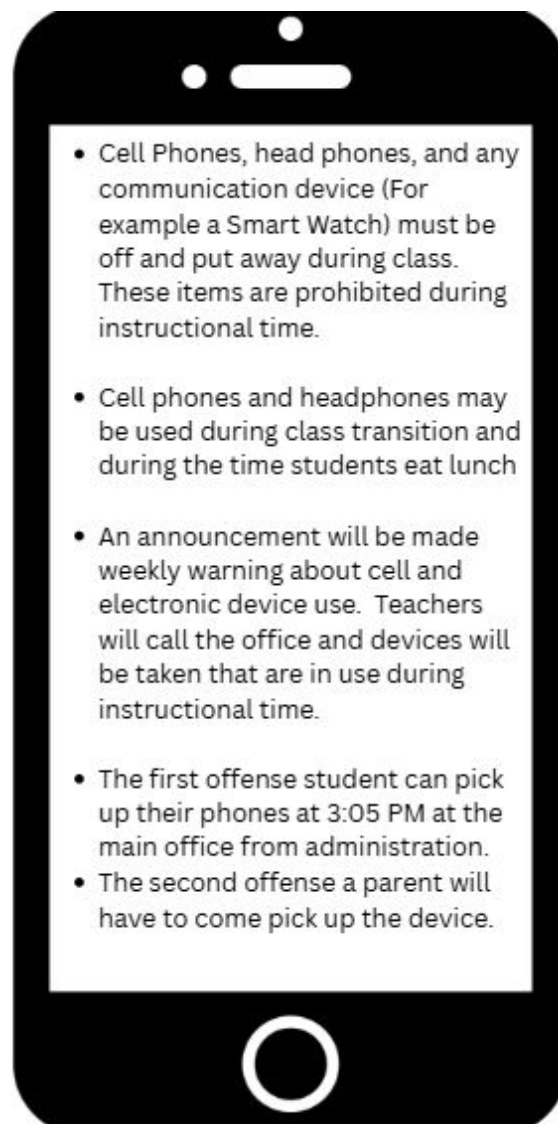
If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

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](#)





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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
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Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek
tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

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

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.



MASONRY PATHWAY

Are you interested in learning about the masonry trade? PRHS will be offering masonry courses this school year! Reach out to your school counselor if you are interested.



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>

Schedule Corrections: The Schedule Correction Google Form will open Monday, August 18th. 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 Infinite Campus and fill out the Schedule Correction Google Form if needed.

Porter Ridge High Class Schedules

**Go LIVE on Infinite Campus
Friday, August 15th at 8:00 am
Schedule Correction Google
Form will go LIVE
Monday, August 18th**

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

- **Schedules will not be completed and live for you to see until Friday 8/15**
- **The Schedule Correction Google Form will close on Friday, August 29th at 3:00 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**
- **Please make sure to fill out the form, so that your schedule is ready for the 1st day of school, which is Monday, August 25th. 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**
- **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.**



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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Chromebook Pickup!

- Enrolled in a 8/15 start SPCC course?
- Signed up for the 8/23 SAT?
- Applying to college?

Stop by the Media Center during the
dates below to pick up your Chromebook!

1-3pm Wednesday, 8/13

1-3pm Thursday, 8/14

1-3pm Friday, 8/15

12-3 Friday, 8/22 during Open
House

Ok



UCPS College
Readiness
Website Click
here for UCPS
initiatives



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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

**Follow the PTO on
social Media**



PRHS_PTO
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Please help the PRHS PTO raise money to support teachers, staff, and students by allowing us to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to our organization! Your card can be linked to more than one organization and you'll multiply the rewards that go toward education. By providing your last name and phone number below, you give us permission to link your VIC card for you. [Click here](#) or on the link above.

PIRATE ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS

COACHES

Athletic Director	Sarah Webb	sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us
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Cheer Varsity and JV	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
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[Click here](#) for
Athletics
Registration

[Click here](#)
for the
PRHS Pirate
Athletics
Website



Watch sports in our main
stadium and in our gym on
these websites- Subscriber
Sites- CLICK THE ICONS



For athletic event tickets [click here](#)
or on the GO FAN Icon ↓



[Click here](#) for the Porter
Ridge Athletic Boosters
Website



[Click here](#) for a list of all PR sports
teams and a link to their schedules



PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

AUG 25TH – AUG 31ST



25

Monday

TENNIS vs Charlotte
Catholic @ Sun Valley
4:00pm

SOCCER vs Monroe
5:30pm / 7:00pm

26

TUESDAY

TENNIS @ Cuthbertson
4:00pm

VOLLEYBALL vs
Cuthbertson
5:00pm / 6:00pm

27

WEDNESDAY

SOCCER vs Concord
5:30pm / 7:00pm

28

THURSDAY

JV FOOTBALL vs
Ardrey Kell
6:30pm

SOCCER @
Mooresville
5:30pm / 7:00pm

VOLLEYBALL vs
Charlotte CatholicC
5:00pm / 6:00pm

29

FRIDAY

V FOOTBALL @
Ardrey Kell
7:00pm

30

SATURDAY

XC COUGAR
INVITATIONAL @
Jesse Helms Park
8:00am

31

SUNDAY

NO
EVENTS

PR

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE SIGN UP

**NO
EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED
MUST BE 16
AND OVER**



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.

Logos for various sports teams and organizations, including PR, are displayed at the bottom.

PIRATE ATHLETICS

SCORES

JV Soccer:

8/18: WIN v. Richmond (1-0)

8/20: WIN v. East Lincoln (2-1)

V Soccer:

8/13: WIN v. Country Day (2-1)

8/18: WIN v. Richmond (3-0)

8/20: WIN v. East Lincoln (4-2)

JV Volleyball:

8/14: WIN v CATA (2-0)

8/19: WIN v. Ballantyne Ridge (2-0)

V Volleyball:

8/14: WIN v CATA (3-1)

8/19: WIN v. Ballantyne Ridge (3-1)

W Tennis:

8/18: WIN v. Parkwood (8-1)

8/19: WIN v. CATA (5-4)

PIRATE ATHLETICS

**PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC
BOOSTER CLUB**

**SPONSORSHIP
PACKAGES**

BRONZE
\$250
1-3X5 STADIUM BANNER

SILVER
\$500
1-3X8 STADIUM BANNER

GOLD
\$750
1-3X8 STADIUM BANNER
1-3X5 BANNER LOCATION OF CHOICE

PLATINUM
\$1000
1-3X8 STADIUM BANNER
1-3X5 BANNER LOCATION OF CHOICE
SIGN/BANNER AT ALL PRABC EVENTS

**MULTI YEAR
AND
CUSTOMIZABLE
SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
ARE AVAILABLE
CONTACT**
PRABCSPONSORSHIPS@GMAIL.COM

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

If you have any questions
or would like to sponsor
please email

prabcsponsorships@gmail.com



**Don't forget Pirate Gear is on
sale at the Open House on
8/22, and at some of our
athletic events. Contact the
Booster Club for Details**

BUY TICKETS ONLINE

USE THE QR CODE BELOW, OR
VISIT GOFAN.CO & SEARCH
PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL PIRATE
PASS

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[Click here for an all sports
season pass](#)

When Coming to Athletic Events

- Only clear bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" are allowed in events/games.
- Students and children 8th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult when attending events/games.
- All ticket sales will end at the mid-point of an event or at the beginning of halftime at games.

PIRATE ATHLETICS

8/5		8/28		9/29	
8/11		9/2		10/1	
8/13		9/4		10/6	
8/18		9/11		10/8	
8/20		9/15		10/13	
8/21		9/17		10/15	
8/25		9/22		10/20	
8/27		9/24		10/22	
		10/27		HOME AWAY	

2025

PORTER RIDGE MENS SOCCER



PORTER RIDGE FOOTBALL

08/22	AT		10/03	AT	
08/29	AT		10/10	AT	
09/05	VS		10/17	AT	
09/12	AT		10/24	BYE	
09/19	VS		10/31	VS	
09/26	VS				



PR

KICK OFF AT 7:00

JOIN THE WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM!!

PRACTICES @ THE DIVIDE GOLF CLUB

EMAIL COACH DAVID SCHOLL AT
DJSCHOLL1@GMAIL.COM



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