



# Pirate Press

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## Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Floats- PTO Needs your help- [Click here](#) to donate a gift card

The PTO would like to serve the teachers ice cream floats for teacher appreciation week on May 7. We are asking for Walmart gift cards or a donation. If donating please send to the school office labeled PTO by May 2.



PRHS  
JUNIOR NIGHT  
RESUME  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
SCOR  
APPLICATIONS  
COLLEGE VISITS  
CAREER  
SCHOLARSHIPS

Monday, April 22nd @ 6:30 pm  
Media Center

**We have made a change on how we are accepting absence notes.** Our attendance counselor has transitioned to a different job and UCPS is no longer filling these jobs. If you have questions about your child's attendance please call the main office at PRHS and our staff will assist you. Moving forward we will be accepting parent notes only using an [electronic Absence Reporting Form linked here](#). Please bookmark the form. It will also be linked on our website and in our newsletter. There is information below about using the form, and more information on the form itself:

- This form is to be used by a PARENT/GUARDIAN to report a **STUDENT'S PREVIOUS DAY OR CURRENT DAY'S absence** from school due to illness.
- A maximum number of **FIVE (5) days can be excused FOR ILLNESS with a parent note** (uploads to this form) each semester, for an approved 'excused absence reason. A request for an exception to this guideline should be directed to your child's administrator or counselor for Principal approval. (This includes paper/email notes that were sent in prior to this form being available.)
- Official Medical/Court/Legal Absence notes should still be turned in to the main office on paper. Please do not complete this form when you are providing documentation from a doctor (or court, DMV, etc...).
- Only the parent or guardian may complete this form, no students. Parent email completing form will be verified with email(s) we have on file, only forms submitted by a matching email will be accepted. IF you need to verify your email that we have on file - it is the email address that we send the weekly Pirate Press newsletter to. You can verify other addresses by calling the school.
- \*Email and paper Parent Notes for illness will no longer be accepted\*
- Students arriving to school late, or returning to school from a medical/court/legal appointment should continue to sign in to school and turn in their doctor/court/official note to the front desk.



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# *WorkKeys Testing*

## *Silver or Above*

The students listed below are going to be honored on Friday with a Work Keys breakfast sponsored by the PTO for earning a Silver or above on WorkKeys Testing. Congratulations. WorkKeys tests career readiness and is a part of how our school is graded by the NCDPI!

Austin Adkins  
Allie Albrecht  
Zain Aldulaimi  
Nathaniel Almond  
Kathryn Arce  
Hanna Areh  
Anthony Barber  
Brody Baucom  
Noah Beachum  
Giavanna Bongiorno  
Danielle Brown  
Adam Cassidy  
Arlen Castaneda-Serrano  
Drake Chilczuk  
Reece Christenson  
Isabely Coeto  
Juliya Coffey  
Christopher Cooley  
Garrett Cotter  
Joseph Courtney  
Kendall Cronin  
Natalia Davila-Costa  
Jacelyn Davis  
Ethan Davison  
Brionna Dickson  
Holden Drake  
Chloe Dressler  
Christopher Eggerichs  
Cassie Fauser  
Ethan Faust  
Luke Forrest  
Waleed Francis  
Edward Franz  
Margaret Garner  
Cameron Gerlach  
Jacqueline Giron-Diaz  
Yulissa Gomez Hernandez

Natalia Gonzalez-Contreras  
McKenzie Greer  
Bella Hasty  
Khaleal Henson  
Mali Hines  
Elizabeth Horoian  
Jackson Huffman  
Marcus Hunter  
Chancellor Kelly  
Daniel Kennedy  
Sankalp Kumar  
Alyssa Lancaster  
Taylor Laney  
Camron Lawson  
Rohan Lee  
Ethan Livarchuk  
Oscar Lopez-Rodriguez  
Lindsey Love  
Katrin Malovana  
Joshua Mangum  
Eli Marano  
Julia Matlack  
Mario Medina-Perez  
William Medlin  
Veronica Mercurio  
Glen Moody  
Andy Morales Flores  
Antonio Munoz-Duran  
Georgia Myers  
Caroline Nguyen  
Sarah Olivares  
Muhammad Orabi  
Joel Osei-Ankomah  
Dominic Palombo  
Brooks Patel  
Connor Patterson  
Landon Pence

Gabriel Penna  
Samaad Peoples  
Lennon Pierce  
Logan Pipkin  
Maggie Pucci  
Ethan Puchalski  
Bessy Puerto  
Jean Ramos  
Elyanna Reyes  
Joshua Robbins  
Samuel Ryder  
Armando Sanchez Timaure  
Shanti Santana Fernandez  
Joshua Santos  
Wyatt Saville  
Aiden Schlotterback  
Trinity Shepherd  
Vincent Slater  
Nadia Smihal  
Cadence Smith  
Emma Snelson  
Carter Sterchi  
Dylan Surface  
Branden Taylor  
Isaac Taylor  
Olivia Taylor  
Cade Theyson  
Connor Thurson  
Marcelo Trincado Ynojosa  
Bernadette Twegbe  
Emily Veith  
Jeremy Webb  
Hannah Williams  
Kenna Williams  
Sa'Diah Williams  
Kaylee Wisher  
Cole Wooten



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# AP Exams

Below is the listing of ALL AP Exams. Please review and make sure you know the day, time, and location of your exams.

| AP Exam  | Date                            | Time                                   | Room                       |
|--|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| AP US Government   | Monday, May 6th                 | 8:00 am                                | PRHS<br>E212               |
| AP Human Geography   | Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 8:00 am                                | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP Seminar<br>(Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)<br><i>*if you are enrolled in Stats you will take on the makeup date, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon*</i> | Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 12:00 noon                             | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP Stats   | Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 12:00 noon                             | PRHS<br>E212               |
| AP English Literature<br>(Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)   | Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:00 am                                | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP Computer Science A  | Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 12:00 noon                             | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP Environmental Science   | Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:00 am                                | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP Psychology  | Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 12:00 noon                             | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP US History<br>(Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)   | Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>    | 8:00 am                                | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP Art & Design Portfolio  | Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>    | Portfolio must be submitted by 8:00 pm |                            |
| AP Calculus AB & BC  | Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>    | 8:00 am                                | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP Pre-Calculus  | Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>    | 12:00 noon                             | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP English Language<br>(Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)   | Tuesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:00 am                                | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP World History<br>(Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)  | Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 am                                | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP Computer Science Principles<br>(Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)  | Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00 noon                             | PRHS<br>Media Center       |
| AP Music Theory<br>(2 <sup>nd</sup> part Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)  | Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00 noon                             | E212 &<br>Counseling Suite |
| AP Biology   | Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 12:00 noon                             | E212                       |
| AP Physics I   | Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>    | 8:00 am                                | Counseling Suite           |



## **PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING 2024**

You ***should*** bring the following items to the exam room:

- Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for completing multiple-choice answer sheets
- Pens with black or dark blue ink for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams
- Up to two calculators with the necessary capabilities if you are taking an AP Biology, Calculus, Environmental Science, Physics, or Stats Exam
- Charged Chromebook if you are taking Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Seminar, US History, or World History

You ***should not*** bring the following to the exam room:

- Electronic devices, such as: cell phones, digital cameras, personal digital assistants (PDAs), BlackBerry, smart phones, laptops, Bluetooth-enabled devices, MP3 players, iPods, e-mail/messaging devices, camera/photographic equipment, devices that can access the internet, or any other electronic or communication devices
- Books, compasses, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, protractors, or notes
- Rulers and straightedges (unless you are taking an AP Physics exam)
- Scratch paper (notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets)
- Computers or calculators (except as noted above)
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions
- Watches that beep or have an alarm, or smartwatches
- Portable listening or recording devices (even with headphones)
- Scissors, pocket knife, or other sharp implements
- Clothing with subject-related information
- Food or drink (*Unless this has been preapproved as an accommodation by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office prior to the test date*)

### **Reminders:**

You are required to arrive no later than 10 minutes prior to your exam: 7:50 for the morning administration and 11:50 for the afternoon administration. Students ***may not*** be dismissed until an exam has officially ended; do not ask to leave early if you finish before the end of the exam. If you play a sport or have a job, it is your responsibility to inform your coach or employer of your AP Exam obligation, and arrangements should be made accordingly. Please note that if you ride the bus, you ***may need*** to make alternate travel arrangements as morning exams begin at 8:00 am and afternoon exams end at approximately 4:00 pm.

Get a good night's rest before your exam, and eat a nutritious breakfast/brunch. You are allowed to bring a snack and beverage for your 10-minute break. However, food and drink are prohibited in the exam room. It is advisable to bring a sweater or jacket, in case the room temperature is below your comfort level.

You are required to abide by the policies of both the College Board and PRHS during the exam period. Any misconduct will be reported and could jeopardize your AP Exam score.

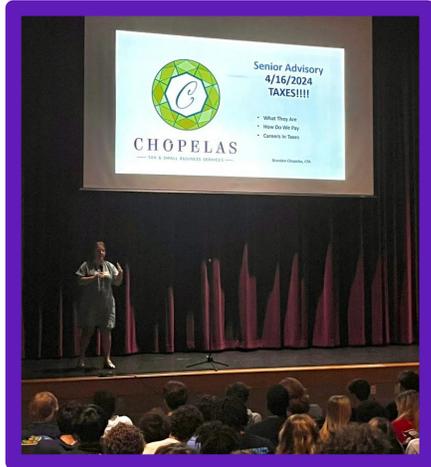
AP Scores will be available online in July. You will access your scores via your College Board account. Check the score release schedule, available on the student AP scores website in May.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, feel free to contact Ms. Lawson at [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us) or (704)292.7662. Thank You and Good Luck!!!

# Pirates In Action



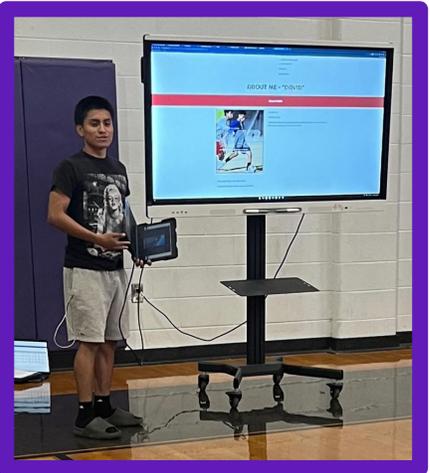
Ms. Koonce's Juniors show off how they are leaders, communicators, problem-solvers, contributors to their community and families, and collaborators as they present their Pirate Leadership Portfolio !



Senior Seminar this week for Advisory.... And the topic was Taxes!!! Not our favorite topic but vital for our Ss to learn about!! Thank you to Mrs. Chopelas from Chopelas tax for coming to speak to our senior class during advisory! Yesterday was tax day and today our kids learned important real world tax information from a local CPA!

Our students Lead The Way by presenting their Portfolios to their teachers and classmates this week. Incredible demonstration of habits of highly effective teens!!

Our Pirates are ready to conquer the AP Gov exam!



Apparel classes complete their Create a Stuffed Animal project... students in Ms. Goldberg class show their creativity and problem solving in the design and completion of the project





- Buy your **yearbooks** at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
- This week members of our **Yearbook Staff** attended a day of Yearbook Staff Development. Every school had the chance to present their upcoming theme and design ideas. Our PR yearbook students gave such a compelling presentation and communicated their ideas so effectively that they won **first place**, earning a free cover application for next year's book. Way to go Pirates!
- The last day to **pre order your yearbook** is May 5th! Order yours today @ [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) to secure the lowest 2024 price.
- **Women's Basketball** workouts will be every Tuesday and Thursday. If you have any questions please see Coach Brown.
- Join us as **Porter Ridge High School's Castaways** present five student written and directed short scenes in this year's Beginning Theatre Showcase on April 19th. Tickets are \$5 and available at [porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz](http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz)
- **The FFA is hosting the third annual Pirates for Pups** dog adoption event on April 20th from 11 am - 2 pm. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a day of games, meeting adoptable dogs, food trucks, snow cones, and more!
- **NEHS / Creative Writing Club** will meet in Ms. Wright's room F105c after school on Monday, April 22
- Happy National Librarian Day to Ms. Snelson!!
- The **Spanish and French** clubs are extending the **dog food drive** to April 26th. Put your name on your donation to enter the drawing for an International treat, then put it in one of the boxes located on lower F hall, in the cafeteria or by student entrances.
- **FFA is having its annual Plant Sale** starting this Friday through Saturday 8am-4pm. Teachers and staff can start looking TODAY! We have multiple varieties of vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers, and Geranium Hanging Baskets. If you would like to look around in the greenhouse, please email Mrs. Jenna Simpson. We appreciate your support to FFA and the Ag Program!
- **Improv club** is back! Join us for some fun theatre games on April 19th in A109 from 3:15-4:15
- **GSA** is having a meeting this Friday, April 19 in G106! We'll be having a joint meeting with Knitting & Crocheting, so we'll be making pride bracelets and art! We hope to see you there!

Students are reminded to continue to check the [Student Daily Announcement Page](#) to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our [PRHS Website](#). The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**



## 2024 SERVICE ACADEMY DAY



CONGRESSMAN  
**DAN BISHOP**  
SERVING NORTH CAROLINA'S 8TH DISTRICT

If you are interested in applying for a Nomination  
To a U.S. Military Service Academy in the Fall of 2024

**Please Join Us!**

Saturday, April 20, 2024  
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Porter Ridge High School  
2839 Ridge Road  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

RSVP to [Melissa.Merrell@mail.House.gov](mailto:Melissa.Merrell@mail.House.gov)  
Call (704) 218-5300 for more information

**THE PORTER RIDGE FFA PROUDLY HOSTS:**  
**3rd Annual**  
**PORTER RIDGE**  
**PIRATES**  
**FOR**  
**PUPS**

BENEFITING  
**South Charlotte Dog Rescue**

**April 20, 2024 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Food Truck 🐾 Snow Cones 🐾 Vendors 🐾 Adoptable  
Dogs 🐾 Raffle Baskets 🐾 Games & More!

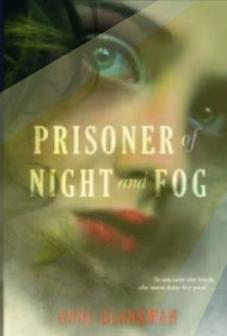
**LOCATION: PORTER RIDGE  
HIGH SCHOOL BY THE STADIUM**

**SEND QUESTIONS TO: [CASSIDY.HELMES@UCPS.K12.NC.US](mailto:CASSIDY.HELMES@UCPS.K12.NC.US)**

## BOOK CLUB MEETING

We will be discussing  
*Prisoner of Night and Fog* by Anne Blankman  
on April 24 at 3:05 in E107

We Will  
Also Be  
Working  
On Next  
Year's Fall  
Fest!



Bring a  
snack to  
share!

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TENEMOS HAMBRE

SPANISH AND FRENCH CLUBS  
ARE COLLECTING  
DONATIONS OF DOG FOOD  
APRIL 15-19

TO HELP FEED THE PUPS AT SOUTH CHARLOTTE DOG RESCUE  
DELIVERED AT THE PIRATES FOR PUPS EVENT  
SATURDAY APRIL 20TH

MERCI 🐾 GRACIAS 🐾

PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR DONATION TO ENTER THE DRAWING FOR  
A FRENCH OR SPANISH TREAT!



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**PRHS**

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**PRHS FFA ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

**APRIL 18TH-20TH  
 OPEN 8AM - 4PM**

**LOCATION: PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE  
 2839 RIDGE RD, INDIAN TRAIL, NC 28079**

Contact Information:

Jenna Simpson 704-776-5660

Cassidy Helms 704-698-7771

**FFA SPONSORED**

PRICES

HANGING BASKETS \$12

FLATS \$15

6PK \$4 4PK \$4 INDIVIDUAL \$2



FRUITS & VEGETABLES

SQUASH  
 CUCUMBER  
 TOMATO  
 STRAWBERRIES



HERBS

OREGANO  
 BASIL NEWTON  
 BASIL PURPLE  
 CILANTRO  
 CHIVES



FLOWERS

SNAPDRAGON  
 GERANIUM  
 VINCA  
 PETUNIA  
 IMPATIENS  
 ALYSSUM  
 CELOSIA  
 MARIGOLD



PEPPERS

SWEET BELL  
 SWEET BANANA  
 JALAPENO  
 CAYENNETTA  
 HABANERO



**Band of Pirates Fundraiser!**

**4.15-4.19**

The Band of Pirates are selling Double Good popcorn! Prices for Signature Bags (5 cups each) start at \$11 and Curated Collections at \$31. The popcorn is ultra-premium, delicious, and award-winning! It ships directly to your home and is 100% virtual.

Please visit the link, scan the QR code, or see a band or guard member to purchase!

<https://s.dgpopop.com/3anr87x0>



[CLICK HERE FOR GOOGLE FORM](#)



**Hiring Students!**

**PORTER RIDGE HIGH**



PORTER RIDGE WANTS TO INTRODUCE THE IDEA OF HIRING STUDENTS FOR OUR SCHOOL! HOURS MAY BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR: SERVICE HOURS (CHECK WITH ADVISOR), RESUME, AND AS A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY. SOME JOBS REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM YOUR TEACHER TO BE OUT OF CLASS FOR A SHORT TIME EACH DAY/WEEK.



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# PRHS Student Announcements

**BASEBALL AND  
SOFTBALL TAILGATE**

**White Out**

**April  
24th  
5:00pm**

Come out by the sand volleyball court and support baseball and softball and get you spirit points at all lunches if you dressout at school!

Dress up to school & get spirit points at all lunches!

**BLACK OUT**

04/18  
Thursday

Lacrosse Game  
vs. Parkwood

Take a picture of yourself at the game and tag @prhs\_classcup for more spirit

Tuesday, May 7th  
PRHS WOMEN'S SOCCER SPIRIT DAY

**PURPLE OUT**

PORTER RIDGE VS. CUTHBERTSON

Wear all purple to school to support the PRHS Women's Soccer Team. Tag @prhs\_classcup to get points for attending the game!

1 point for basic, 3 points for all out

**LAST DAY TO PREORDER YOUR YEARBOOK IS MAY 5TH!**

Order your yearbook by May 5th to secure the LOWEST 2024 price!

Scan the QR code to buy yours today! or visit [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)



## **Pirate Grams...from English**

**Kindra Kallenbach... Always goes above and beyond**  
**Brooke Revels... Excellent research!**  
**Luke McLean... Impressive work**  
**Emma Lyons... Great job on your quiz**  
**Andres Perez... Hard worker and great communicator**  
**Gavin Goss... Enthusiastic, positive and always volunteers**  
**Nathaniel Marte... Always on task and respectful**  
**Liliana Georgoulakos... Excellent work**  
**Gabrielle Howard... Authentic and realistic**  
**Jesna Sitaula... Great work ethic and focus**  
**Adrian Rodriguez Jaquez... Hard worker and great focus**  
**Aydan Huseynova... Read so many books!**  
**Ethan Snyder... Effective communicator**  
**Casey Soma... Participates with enthusiasm everyday**  
**Natalie Donahue... Excellent peer participant**  
**Jaya McKeever... Positive attitude and diligent student**  
**Emilia Stasik... Very dedicated student**  
**Calvin Mitchell... Best in participation**  
**Keira Sanders... Very considerate student**

## **Pirate Grams...from PE**

**Abigail Forrest... Works hard in the weight room**  
**Rosangela D'Oliveira Marquez... Always does the right thing**  
**Luke Foster... Constantly working hard**  
**Anisia Petrushchenkova... Great attitude and work ethic**  
**Maddox Lally... Always tries his best**  
**Alise Lamont... Always has a smile on their face**

## **Pirate Grams...from Science**

**Asher Briscoe... Awesome student**  
**McKenzie Payne... Insightful and funny**



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# Senior Announcements



## ATTENTION SENIORS

submit pictures for the Senior Slideshow

submit photos via instagram  
 @prseniorslideshow24  
 or  
 email prseniorslideshow24@gmail.com

What we're looking  
for:

- baby pictures
- throwbacks
- school events
- high school events
- individual senior pics
- sports
- extracurriculars



**Due April 29th**



## Sprinkle us your Scholarships!

*Seniors, join us for an ice cream scholarship  
celebration in 4th on May 17th*

*All scholarships must be turned into Ms.  
Lawson by May 15th to attend!*



*Class of 2024 Graduation*  
*Tuesday June 11th 8:00 pm*



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# Parent Information

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We're looking for PTO Board Vice President and Secretary. We are seeking parents willing to pay to support the PTO's work, willing to donate items for teacher appreciation and school events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events or as needed.

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**     **[INFORMATION TO LINK VIC CARD](#)**

## Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Floats- PTO Needs your help- [Click here](#) to donate a gift card

The PTO would like to serve the teachers ice cream floats for teacher appreciation week on May 7. We are asking for Walmart gift cards or a donation. If donating please send to the school office labeled PTO by May 2.



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



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

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

**22**

MONDAY

-Golf SCC Tourney  
11:00AM  
-LAX @ Sun Valley  
5/7

**23**

TUESDAY

-Baseball @ Sun  
Valley 4:30/7  
-Softball vs Indy  
5:30  
-LAX vs Sun Valley  
5:30/7

**24**

WEDNESDAY

-Tennis SCC  
Tourney 9:00AM  
-Baseball vs Sun  
Valley 4:30  
-Track @  
Cuthbertson 4:00  
-Softball @  
Weddington 5:00

**25**

THURSDAY

-Softball vs Sun Valley  
5:30  
-LAX vs Marvin Ridge  
5:30/7

**26**

FRIDAY

-Baseball @ Sun  
Valley 4:30/7  
-Soccer vs Sun  
Valley 4:30/7

**27**

SATURDAY

#COMMITTED



### Athletic Results

**4/15**

Baseball @ Ardrey Kell Loss 13-3

Boys LAX vs Cuthbertson- Loss 21-2

Girls LAX vs Cuthbertson- Loss 21-2

**4/16**

Men's Golf Finished 4th vs Conference foes

(Sun Valley, Weddington, Marvin Ridge, Cuthbertson) at SV

Soccer @ Weddington- Loss

Tennis @ Weddington- Loss

Men's Volleyball @ Metrolina-

Softball Lost at Weddington

Softball vs Marvin Ridge- Resume

**4/17**

Baseball @ Parkwood

Tennis at CATA

Track

**4/18**

Tennis @ Cuthbertson

Boys LAX vs Parkwood

Girls LAX vs Parkwood

Men's Volleyball vs

Union Academy

**The PR men's and women's track teams** competed in a meet at Sun Valley. Men took 1<sup>st</sup> overall and women 5<sup>th</sup>. There were outstanding performances from all our athletes including a first-place finish and regional qualification for Kennedy Williams in the 400m, Kennedy also finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m. Michael Richie finished 1<sup>st</sup> in men's triple jump and high jump, men's 4x100 relay took 1<sup>st</sup> as well as Cade Creswell in the men's 800m.

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



[CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS](#)  
All tickets are sold on this website or at the GATE by credit/debit card.

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR DAILY SPORTS SCHEDULE](#)

We could not be more PROUD of these three Cheerleaders!! CONGRATULATIONS to Isabely, Kam, and Taylor for committing to cheer at WINGATE University

## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE



**HEART OF A CHAMPION DAY**  
Atrium Health

### Save the Date

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 4, 2024**  
Time, schedule and registration details to be announced

Students will receive orthopedic and general wellness assessments from our team of expert providers. Students will also receive heart screenings for sudden cardiac death, not offered during routine physicals, to detect health risks before they become issues.

**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.

**Atrium Health**  
Musculoskeletal Institute

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

**For winter 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 of the final event.



### 2024 PORTER RIDGE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

| Date | Day       | Opponent                  | Location | Time      |
|------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 3/5  | Tuesday   | Providence                | HOME     | 4:30      |
| 3/12 | Tuesday   | Union Academy             | AWAY     | 4:30      |
| 3/14 | Thursday  | Ardrey Kell               | HOME     | 4:30      |
| 3/19 | Tuesday   | Sun Valley                | AWAY     | 5:00      |
| 3/21 | Thursday  | Metrolina                 | HOME     | 4:30      |
| 3/26 | Tuesday   | Piedmont                  | HOME     | 4:30      |
| 4/9  | Tuesday   | Piedmont                  | AWAY     | 4:30      |
| 4/11 | Thursday  | Lee Park                  | HOME     | 4:30      |
| 4/16 | Tuesday   | Metrolina                 | AWAY     | 5 and 6pm |
| 4/18 | Thursday  | Union Academy             | HOME     | 4:30      |
| 4/24 | Wednesday | Sun Valley (Senior Night) | HOME     | 4:30      |
| 4/29 | Monday    | Weddington                | AWAY     | 5:30      |
| 4/30 | Tuesday   | Butler                    | AWAY     | 4:30      |
| 5/2  | Thursday  | Playoffs begin            | TBD      | TBD       |



## PORTER RIDGE SPRING GIVEAWAY

- \$10 DONATION PER ENTRY  
- 3 WINNERS SELECTED  
- PICK YOUR PRIZE

**A**

36" BLACKSTONE GRIDDLE  
EST - \$500

**B**

LOWE'S PATIO PACKAGE  
\$500 GIFT CARD

**C**

CAR DETAIL PACKAGE  
EST - \$500

Follow the link to support PRHS Athletics!

Goes toward uniforms and practice/game equipment for our HS Sports.



Support High School Athletics by contributing to the PR Athletic Booster Club fundraiser this spring. Share this post with friends and family and let's support our amazing students and school

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

The Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club 2024 BBQ Fundraiser is Friday, April 19, 2024 11A-6P. BBQ Plates will be available for purchase for \$12.00. For more information please visit [prathleticboosterclub.org](http://prathleticboosterclub.org). We are in need of volunteers for the BBQ. If you are available, please sign up [here](#).

Registration is underway for the 2024 PRABC Golf Tournament, Monday, June 17, 2024. Sign up as an individual or team. We are accepting sponsorships, raffle prizes, gift baskets, goodie bag items and more. Please visit [prathleticboosterclub.org](http://prathleticboosterclub.org) or email [prabcevents@gmail.com](mailto:prabcevents@gmail.com) for more information.

**PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**  
*Annual*  
**BBQ FUNDRAISER**  
**4/19/24 11AM-6PM**

**1LB CHOPPED**  
**\$15**  
**PORK BUTT**  
**\$50**  
**FULL RIB RACK**  
**\$25**

**PRHS STADIUM**



**SANDWICH PLATE**  
**\$12**  
**BBQ PLATE**  
**\$12**  
**FAMILY PACK**  
**\$65**



**PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**  
**2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024**



**ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
**2722 W. ROOSEVELT BLVD**  
**MONROE, NC 28110**



**PORTER RIDGE**  
**ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**SPONSORSHIPS**  
**— LEVELS —**

**ALBATROSS SPONSOR - \$2500**

- LOGO ON WEBSITE, PIRATE PRESS, FLYERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.
- LOGO GOLF TOWEL PROVIDED TO EACH PARTICIPANT
- BANNER AT ENTRANCE TO GOLF TOURNAMENT AS PRESENTER
- TABLE PROVIDED FOR SPONSOR DISPLAY USE
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY FOURSOME INCLUDED

**BIRDIE SPONSOR - \$1000**

- LARGE BANNER HOLE (18 AVAILABLE)
- OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP A TABLE AT HOLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

**EAGLE SPONSOR - \$500**

- YOUR CHOICE OF
  - CONTEST SPONSOR
    - CLOSEST TO THE PIN
    - LONG DRIVE
    - MULLIGAN
    - RAFFLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

**PAR SPONSOR - \$100**

- ORGANIZATION NAME AND LOGO ON SIGN AT ONE OF THE COURSE HOLES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**VISIT**

<https://www.prathleticboosterclub.org/2024golftournament>  
or email [PRABcevents@gmail.com](mailto:PRABcevents@gmail.com)





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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## Who is your counselor?

**Ashley Lawson**- last names A-Cou  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Tanisha Anderson**- last names Cov-Hek  
[tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc  
[bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Cassidy Jarrett**- last names Me-Sao  
[cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Alexandra Green**- last names Sap-Z  
[alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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

While Mrs. Jarrett is on maternity leave her students are assigned to another counselor. Please let them know if you have any questions. Thank you so much.

Me - Neu - Lawson

New - Peo - Anderson

Per - Rho - James

Ri - San - Green

**PRHS  
 JUNIOR NIGHT  
 RESUME  
 RECOMMENDATIONS  
 SCOR  
 APPLICATIONS  
 COLLEGE VISITS  
 CAREER  
 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Monday, April 22nd @ 6:30 pm  
 Media Center

## *Sprinkle us your Scholarships!*

*Seniors, join us for an ice cream scholarship celebration in 4th on May 17th*

*All scholarships must be turned into Ms. Lawson by May 15th to attend!*



**INSTITUTE OF  
 AESTHETICS VISIT**

Interested in becoming an Esthetician?  
 A representative from IA will be on campus Friday, May 3rd during all 4 lunches!



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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## 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:



Monroe Rotary  
Monroe, NC

## MONROE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP 2024

APPLY ONLINE



### 2024 HS GRADUATES

- Deadline is April 18
- Submit applicant and service info, transcript, and resume in the online application

FOR MORE INFO

@monroerotarync@gmail.com



Dear Colleague,

The 2024 AP<sup>®</sup> Exam administration is about a month away, and preparations are in full swing. Make sure your students know about all the [free resources](#) in AP Classroom they can use to review material, check their understanding, and get quick feedback on their areas of strength and where they need more practice.

On April 22, we'll be releasing a brand-new batch of [AP Daily: Practice Sessions](#). These videos are focused on practicing free-response and multiple-choice questions for the AP courses that offer them. Last year's videos are still available too.



## AP DAILY: PRACTICE SESSIONS NEW 2024 Videos

### AP Daily: Practice Sessions



Sessions are 15 minutes each.



New video recordings for each course will be released on April 22. All videos will be posted on [YouTube](#) and in [AP Classroom](#) and can be watched on demand at any time.



The 2024 practice sessions aren't available for AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Art and Design, and AP world languages. However, videos on the Review page under Course Resources in AP Classroom are excellent preparation resources for these courses.

[Learn More](#)

**Click on the Ad to Learn More**



# Earth Day

PRHS celebrated Earth Day today with donated plants from NCFarms, a pledge wall for students to sign and a photo booth! The Media Center, Growing Green Club and Ms. Goodine's 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> block Earth Environmental Science classes helped put on the fair during all lunches where students and staff got to pick plants to take home, sign the pledge wall with ways to protect our Earth and take photos with their phone using our photo booth! It was a great event that was enjoyed by everyone!





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# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

## “Academy Pathway Applications 2024-2025” – Rising 11th & 12th Graders

Academy applications for the 2024-2025 school year will open on February 9th. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the UCPS Career Readiness (<https://ucpscte.org/>) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

## Cosmetology Academy Deadline

\*The application for Cosmetology **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Friday, May 17th. If the application is not turned in by Friday, May 17th, students will put on a waitlist.

## “2024-2025 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 2024-2025 CTE Internship application will open on February 1st. 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 2024 Internship – April 15th
- Fall 2024 Semester – May 1st
- Spring 2025 Semester – October 1st

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).

Want to take SPCC classes in high school?  
 Want to get a jumpstart on your career?  
 Confused about next steps after graduation?

**Let's Talk!**

Scan below to schedule a meeting:



**Shannon Minick**  
 SPCC Career Coach  
[sminick@spcc.edu](mailto:sminick@spcc.edu)



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**UNION COUNTY**

# JOB FAIR

**Tuesday, April 30**

**9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m**

**Union County Agricultural & Conference Center**  
**3230-D Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112**

- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS
- DISCOVER STAFFING AGENCIES
- TRANSLATORS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-SITE
- BUSINESS ATTIRE RECOMMENDED

Need a resume or help to prepare for the job fair? South Piedmont Community College offers tuition-waived classes for individuals that are unemployed or underemployed.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



**CONTACT:**

**Kristi Phifer**  
**704-290-5216**  
**kphifer@spcc.edu**

# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

**UCPS** COLLEGE READINESS  
 UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

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

### Live Events

- Scior for Seniors - Aug.
- Practice SAT - Sept./Oct.
- ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept.
- College Entrance Exams 101 - Oct.
- Union County College Fair - Oct.
- HS Programs Expo - Dec.
- Paying for College - Dec.
- Practice ACT - Jan./Feb.
- ACT Blitz - Feb.
- Getting Ready for College - Mar.
- SAT Blitz - Apr.
- Writing a College Essay - May

### On-Demand Library

Always available at the link above.

- Scior for Underclassmen
- College Recruiting for Athletes
- Choosing the Right Path in HS

@UCPSCollegePrep

ucpscollegeready

## Pre-College Programs Summer 2024

**JUNE 16-21 / JUNE 23-28**

Week-long immersion programs introduce high school students to college-level study, university life, and career options in a dynamic learning environment.

### What makes pre-college programs *unique*?



Each program exemplifies the high-quality arts and sciences approach that is a hallmark of UNC Asheville and pairs participants with expert faculty and industry professionals in concentrations including Ceramics; Pre-Med; Geology & Adventure; Film Scoring & Sound Design; Great Smokies Young Writers Workshops (Creative Writing); Meteorology; River Ecology & Adventure; Music Composition & Songwriting; Climate, Robotics, Rocketry & Aerospace Engineering; and Video Game Design.

Pre-College Programs are open to rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Lodging, meals, excursions and all academic materials are included in the program cost starting at \$1,430 per week.

**Registration Open Now**  
 UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE

For more information, visit [unca.edu/precollege](http://unca.edu/precollege) or contact Office of Conferences & Camps at [precollege@unca.edu](mailto:precollege@unca.edu)



## Explore Your Passion with AP Capstone™

**THE AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM LETS YOU:**

- Study topics of your own choosing, in depth.
- Master key skills you'll use in college and career.
- Stand out in your college applications and interviews.

Porter Ridge High School participates in the AP Capstone Diploma Program. It's a two-year program based on two AP courses—AP Seminar and AP Research. Other AP courses teach you, in depth, about a specific subject, like biology or U.S. history. AP Seminar and AP Research are different. They focus on helping you develop academic skills you can use in any discipline. Students must take a combination of AP courses that include AP Seminar in the Junior Year and AP Research in the senior year.

Participating in AP Capstone can help students:

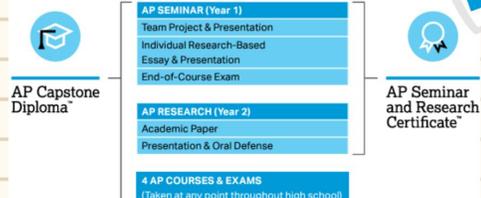
- Stand out to colleges in the application process.
- Develop key academic skills they'll use in college and beyond.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Earn college credit: Many colleges offer credit for qualifying scores.

[www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs)

### How It Works

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.



Learn more about AP Capstone at [collegeboard.org/apcapstone](http://collegeboard.org/apcapstone).



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# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

## **Truist Financial Foundations Scholarship**

The Truist Financial Foundations Scholarship Contest is open to any high school student who has completed at least three of the EVERFI - Financial Literacy digital lessons. **Application Deadline:** Fall semester entries must be submitted by **January 7, 2024**; spring semester entries must be received by **May 6, 2024**. **Prize:** \$2,000 - \$3,000 in educational funding [Student Application](#)

## **DataSetGo Distinguished Scholar Award**

The Distinguished Scholar Award is open to any Principal Foundation student in grades 9-12 who has completed at least one of the *Data Science Foundations* or *Data Science Exploration: Financial Wellness* digital lessons. The contest will be open throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. **Application Deadline:** Entries must be submitted by April 30, 2024. **Prize:** \$5,000 in Educational Funding [Student Application](#)

## **Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities Scholarship Contest**

Accounting+ will be awarding eleven students nationally \$5,000 in educational funding. The Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities Scholarship is open to U.S. high school students between 13-19 years old who have completed at least one Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities course module. Students must submit a 300-500 essay for a chance to win. **Application Deadline:** April 30, 2024 **Prize:** \$5,000 check for educational purposes. [Student Applications](#)

## **OneMain Financial Credit Worthy Scholarship**

The Credit Worthy Scholarship Contest presented by OneMain Financial is open to any U.S. high school student (grades 9-12) who has completed Build - Credit Fundamentals, or a minimum of three modules of the Keys to Your Future, EVERFI: Financial Literacy and/or Venture courses within OneMain Financial's footprint. **Application Deadline:** Fall semester entries must be submitted by **January 15, 2024**; spring semester entries must be received by **May 6, 2024**. **Prize:** \$1,000 check for educational purposes. [Student Application](#)



## SEMINAR FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS

# Empowering our Next Generation of Leaders!

**JULY 18-21, 2024 GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY**

- Explore the meaning of Leadership
- Discover yourself and how you relate to others
- Develop conflict resolution and communication skills
- Examine ethics and values in leadership
- Create a network of service-oriented friends



SFTL is open to rising High School Juniors and Seniors

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of District 7680 (No cost to attend)



◀ SFTL Student Application



### What is SFTL?

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a Rotary International Initiative, sponsored by Rotary Districts throughout the world. This is an opportunity to help our next generation of leaders define themselves and expand their skills.

In 2009 Rotary District 7680 partnered with CCL (Center for Creative Learning) to design a leadership course for high school students, using the same framework delivered to global executives, policy makers and military officers. Tools developed over 50 years of transforming lives-each principal is intentionally crafted in the classroom, then reinforced with activities.



### What is the goal of SFTL?

Within a nurturing and challenging environment, students blossom as they move through principals that empower them to increase self-awareness and develop life-changing skills; giving and receiving feedback; effective group communication; applied leadership and ethics; vision and goal-setting; non-verbal communication; self-assessment; increasing emotional intelligence and reflection.



### How is SFTL organized?

Small clusters of 8 Students, led by a Rotarian Mentor, gather to debrief, recap and clarify. Activities may be performed within the cluster. These groups foster discussions about goals, ambitions, careers, college plans and relationships.

Life-long friendships may develop...according to one Rotarian's daughter, who attended RYLA at Gardner-Webb University in 2005. Now at the age of 36, the daughter recently postponed seeing dear-old Dad so she could meet with her RYLA buddies!

### When and where is SFTL?

Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC will once again host Rotary District 7680 SFTL. Students arrive on Thursday, July 18, 2024 for Check-In to their Dorm and Opening Session with Parents and Guardians. After a quick good-bye, three days of work, play and campus cafeteria food ensues. Parents and Guardians return for the Closing Session on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

### Who can attend SFTL?

Rising high school juniors and seniors (plus a few select rising sophomores) apply first to a local Rotary Club and second to Rotary District 7680. Your local Rotary Club selects Student "Delegates". Once extra slots become available, the district can select applicants who haven't found a local Rotary Club.

### How much does SFTL cost?

According to CCL, this Scholarship is valued at \$5,000! Fortunately CCL is our partner and local Rotary Clubs sponsor each Student...so there is no charge to Students.

### Who is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in our local and world community. Approximately 1.4 million Rotarians belong to more than 35,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographies. Additionally, Rotaract Clubs are focused on college and young adults, while Interact Clubs are focused on high school students.



### What do I need to do next?

Contact your local Rotary Club at <https://www.rotary.org/7680clubfinder>, then submit your Student Application found at <https://www.gwu.edu/2024-sftl-studentapplication>.

# NEXT STOP TEACH UCPS

## Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

- Three pathways are offered
- Earn an Associate's Degree from SPCC at no cost
- Attend Wingate University to earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Earn a Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - Students pay no more than \$2,500 per year
- Participate in apprenticeship and internship programs, professional development and student teaching opportunities
- Become a certified teacher within four years after high school

When I enrolled in the Teaching as a Profession class, I expected to learn the basics of how to be a teacher. In other words, I anticipated purely learning how to share information with others, the process of grading tests, finding worksheets, and other responsibilities of a teacher. I learned so much more in this class than I ever had in mind. I gained new insight on how different ages of children act, how to curate a classroom that is inclusive, how each student has a unique learning style, and that a classroom is made up of several different parts, not just the academic instruction.

*Mica Anderson*  
Senior, Weddington High



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY

## Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

Union County Public Schools recently launched Next Stop: TeachUCPS, a teacher pipeline program for high school students. Through an innovative partnership with South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) and Wingate University, UCPS is growing its own teachers and providing a roadmap that removes financial barriers for pursuing a teaching license.

### ASSOCIATE'S PATHWAY

- Available to all UCPS high school students
- High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation

**COST:**  
Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition  
Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

### TRADITIONAL PATHWAY

- | PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY   | UNIVERSITY PATHWAY  |
|--|---|
| ➤ CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024        | ➤ CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024 |
| ➤ Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice  | ➤ Complete the 2 Teaching as a Profession courses   |
| ➤ Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant | ➤ High school diploma   |
| ➤ Gateway to Wingate Scholarship   | ➤ May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university  |
| ➤ Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation   | ➤ Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation  |

**COST:**  
Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition  
Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

**COST:**  
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, do they have to transfer to Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School?  
A. No, students will stay at their home school and travel to take the Teaching as a Profession courses at either Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School. Please see your Career Development Coordinator for information about transportation.
- Q. Is there a fee for this program?  
A. Under Next Stop: TeachUCPS, tuition fees are covered. The program does not fully cover additional fees.
- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, can they still participate in the Career and College Promise program?  
A. Yes, students have the opportunity to take community college courses through Career and College Promise while in the program.
- Q. Will the CTE Teaching as a Profession Pathway be expanded to other high schools?  
A. This will be reviewed annually and program expansion will be based on student interest and available funding.
- Q. How can I learn more about TeachUCPS and apply?  
A. Talk to the Career Development Coordinator at your school or visit [ucps.k12.nc.us](http://ucps.k12.nc.us) and click on: Academics - High School Education - NextStop: TeachUCPS



## **TARDY POLICY**

Parents, it is important that students are on time for classes throughout the day. In order to ensure that you are aware if your child is tardy to class we will begin to send home notifications via our ConnectEd communication tool when your child has an unexcused tardy. We do have consequences for excessive tardies at school and these can be found in our [PRHS Student Handbook](#). Staff at PRHS remind students that the expectation is to go directly from one class to their next class, by taking the most efficient route possible. While we allow 5 minutes for each transition, students should report to their next class as quickly as possible and do not need the full five minutes. We find that students who take the most direct path to get to class and do not go into different parts of the building are always on time to class. If tardiness is due to a late bus they will be given a pass to class and will have an excused tardy which does not count against them. Thank you for your support as we teach our children the importance of being on time.

### ***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 should 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 can fail the course due to attendance.

## Important Links

[School Forms- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Health and Safety Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE](#)

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

[Transportation Information- CLICK HERE](#)

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.

[Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook](#)

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

## 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](#) for more information on meal prices.

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

## 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.



### HELPDESK HOURS

**Monday – Wednesday – Friday**

**Start: 7:45am**

**End: 11:30am**

**Tuesday – Thursday**

**Start: 12:45pm**

**End: 3:00pm**

- Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.
- Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class periods. Away means stored in a backpack, or in a teacher-designated location.
- Teachers do have discretion to allow students to use their cell phone for an instructional purpose during class time.
- If you violate this you will lose the privilege to have your phone (and headphones) during class.



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## Ports of Information for Pirates:

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