

Fall Exam Schedule Update Reminder:

- Monday, January 13 - Second Block Exam
- Tuesday, January 14 - Third Block Exam
- Wednesday, January 15 - Fourth Block Exam
- Thursday, January 16 - First Block Exam
- For makeup exams, we will be contacting you individually to schedule .

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Follow us on Facebook: [ParkwoodHSNC](#)

Follow us on Twitter: [@ParkwoodHSNC](#)

Follow us on Instagram: [@ParkwoodHSNC](#)



Spring Schedule Corrections

Beginning January 13th, students may make a request at the following link: <https://bit.ly/PWSP25SchCorReq>

Deadline to request a schedule correction is Monday January 27, 2025 at 3:30pm.

All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request will be allowed per student.

Requests will only be considered for the following:

- * senior is missing a required class for graduation or for college admission
- * student has not met or is missing a pre-requisite for a course for which they are enrolled
- * student is scheduled for a course that he/she has passed
- * student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule
- * level change in core class (ie. Honors to CP - only if new level is not at class size max) (AP courses that are yearlong with a companion course cannot be changed)

Counselors will respond to student's UPCS email in regards to their request.



Attendance

Reminder:

We will be exclusively using the new Student Absence Form designed to enhance our ability to accurately track and manage student attendance at the beginning of the 2nd Semester.

To use the form, you'll first have to create an account.

<https://ucpsapps.ucps.k12.nc.us/absence/index.php?val=high>

This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to ensure every student receives the support they need to succeed academically.



PWHS Calendar

Monday 01/13	Tuesday 01/14	Wednesday 01/15	Thursday 01/16	Friday 01/17	Saturday 01/18
Block 2 Exam	Block 3 Exam	Block 4 Exam	Block 1 Exam End of 1st Semester 6:00 Men's and Women's Wrestling at Forest Hills	Teacher Workday- No School Men's and Women's Wrestling at Piedmont 4:00/ 5:00/ 6:00/ 7:30 Men's and Women's Basketball vs Piedmont and Buford (JV Women's)	10:00 Women's Wrestling State Dual Championship

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PTSO Information

Happy New Year! The PWHS PTSO uses The PWHS PTSO uses our monthly [newsletter](#) and social media as our primary sources of communication. **Please make sure you are following us on Facebook at [Parkwood HS PTSO](#) and on Instagram at [Parkwood PTSO](#) to stay up to date on all the latest events and information.**

GENERAL PTSO UPDATES:

- To support the PWHS administration team as they recognize great attendance, PTSO is asking for gift card donations to be used as prizes for the monthly attendance drawings. Click here to signup to donate gift cards: [PTSO Gift Card Donation](#)
- Order your Spirit Wear [here](#)! All orders are delivered to the school for pick up by the student.

SENIOR UPDATES:

- The next PTSO sponsored Senior Treat will be Friday, 2/14 during lunch!
 - REMINDER: to receive the PTSO sponsored Senior Treat, you **must** purchase a Senior Package (minimum purchase of White Package \$30; order your Senior Package [here](#)); Senior Packages will be available for purchase through the end of Spring Break.

If you have any questions about the PTSO, please feel free to send us an email at parkwoodptso@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO! It's going to be a great year!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board

Kerri Lowery PWHS PTSO President

Kim Starnes PWHS PTSO Vice President

Lauren Jenkins PWHS PTSO Treasurer

Adrienne Jaquith PWHS PTSO Secretary



PTSO Senior Package

CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR PACKAGES

BLACK LEVEL PACKAGE

\$100

- Senior Wolf Pack Yard Sign
- Senior Class T-Shirt
- Senior Class Hoodie
- Senior water bottle
- Senior Class Lanyard
- Family PTSO Membership (required to be eligible for PTSO Scholarships)
- Includes participation for all special senior events



BLUE LEVEL PACKAGE

\$60

- Senior Wolf Pack Yard Sign
- Senior Class T-Shirt
- Senior Class Lanyard
- Family PTSO Membership (required to be eligible for PTSO Scholarships)
- Includes participation for all special senior events

**CHOOSE
YOUR
DESIGN**



WHITE LEVEL PACKAGE

\$30

- Senior Class T-Shirt
- Family PTSO Membership (required to be eligible for PTSO Scholarships)
- Includes participation for all special senior events

A LA CARTE ITEMS

COMING SOON!

- Hoodie \$40
- Water bottle \$15
- Lanyard \$10
- Yard Sign \$20
- T-shirt \$30
- Senior mom T-shirt \$30



FAFSA information for Seniors

SENIORS – Financial Aid For College

The 2025-2026 FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now open

Create your account at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) - takes 1 to 3 days to process account registration. If you have an account log in.

- Once processes apply early using the 2025-2026 FAFSA to find out what financial aid you may be eligible for in college next year.
- Financial aid is available for trade schools, community colleges and universities.
- NC students filling out the FAFSA may qualify for the [Next NC Scholarship](#), which benefits most students from households making \$80,000 or less. The scholarship fully covers tuition and fees at any community college or more than half, if not all, of tuition and fees to attend any public university in the state for eligible students

Have these documents on hand. Here are the main things students need to complete the FAFSA. (For a full list of items needed, [here's an easy, printable checklist](#)).

- Recommend parent & student are together when completing FAFSA form.
- Photo or copy of Social Security Card or Green Card (if applicable)
- 2023 Federal Tax Forms
- Personal email address

<https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/> is a great resource to assist with FAFSA.

If you have questions please reach out to your student's counselor.



NCDOT Aviation Art Contest- Due 01/17/2025

This year's theme is "Women with Wings." Read more about the theme at the NCDOT Division of Aviation's [art contest website](#). We invite all students who live in or attend school in North Carolina to focus their creativity on the incredible Women with Wings, who unite in a world where the skies are a canvas of peace and friendship. Using colored pencils, crayons, pens, or paint, artists can be inspired by Women with Wings to show how women from all walks of life find liberty and inspire others through their love for flight.

All students who participate will receive Certificates of Participation. Additionally, the **top three** entries in each age group, determined by date of birth, will be forwarded to Washington, D.C., to be judged in the national competition. The artwork of the national winners will be sent to Switzerland to compete in the international competition.

Student Winners by Age Group	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
Junior	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
Intermediate	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
Senior	\$300	\$225	\$150	\$100

For the winning students' schools:

Junior	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
Intermediate	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
Senior	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50

Student artwork will be returned after the competition if:

- The student or school submits return packaging/mailer and postage **at the time the artwork is submitted.**
- The student does **not** place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the national or international level. The national and international contests may retain winning artwork. **Contest tips and rules, entry forms, and the required Certificate of Authenticity may be found** on the NCDOT Division of Aviation's [art contest website](#).

Mail artwork submissions to:

North Carolina Aviation Art Contest
NCDOT Division of Aviation
Attn: Corbi Bulluck
1560 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27699-1560



Registration Timeline for Rising 10th-12th



Parkwood High School Rising 10th-12th Grade Registration Timeline 2025-2026

<https://bit.ly/PWHSRegistration>

1/23-1/24 — Students receive registration information

- * registration instructions
- * registration form
- * course selection options

2/6 — Information Night @ 6:30pm for students & parents in Auditorium

2/7 — Last day for students to enter course requests into PowerSchool

2/10-2/28 — Counselors meet with students individually to review course requests and make any changes to course levels or electives. Students must turn in signed registration form at counselor meeting.






Getting Ready for College- January 25th



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

 @UCPSCollegePrep

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Getting Ready for College

January 25, 2025

10 AM - 12 PM - In Person
at Wingate University

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

Come learn about the college admissions process, how to get on a path to success, finding a best-fit college, creating a strong academic plan, amongst other topics.

Target audience is students & parents in grades 8 - 12.



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Local Scholarship Information

Seniors, it is time to be applying for scholarships. Where to look:

- Website of all the colleges you are applying to
- Where your parents work, bank and community groups they are involved with
- Free search engines that can be found on our scholarship webpage:
<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4819>
- [Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities list](#) – This list in order by deadline date and is updated regularly with scholarships as we become aware of them.

ARMY ROTC Scholarships

The benefits of the Army ROTC scholarship are:

*Full Tuition and fees OR Room and Board (\$6,000 a semester) Book allowance- \$1200 a year *
Monthly Stipend- \$420 a month while in school *Travel reimbursement from home to college (once)
*No commitment through the first year (as either a 4-year or a 3-year winner). Students can thus walk away with no financial penalty if they feel the program is not right for them *Some schools provide additional benefits

The basic requirements (obviously higher academic scores are more competitive) are:

*US Citizen *Age between 17 and 31 *GPA – Through the Junior Year, 2.5 or higher. Unweighted.
*SAT or ACT . One has to be taken **but there is no minimum score required** *Meet prescribed Army Height and Weight standards *Pass a Physical Fitness Test Once on Campus *Medically Qualified Once on Campus *No Civil Convictions

Second Board Document Deadline – 20 January 2025 **Apply at:**

<https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/find-your-path/army-officers/rotc/scholarships>

Howard University Karsh STEM Scholars Program:

(Opens on November 1, 2025 with Deadline: **January 30, 2025**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:
A) Currently have a GPA of 3.30 or higher B) Have at least a “B” average in college-preparatory science and C) Be a US citizen or a permanent resident. More information at <https://karshstemscholars.howard.edu/>.

Fidelity Scholars Program:

The Fidelity Scholars Program (FSP) application opens on 10/1/24! The Fidelity Scholars Program combines a generous annual needs-based scholarship with robust wrap-around services that support students' persistence to degree or certificate attainment. FSP provides a last dollar scholarship opportunity to high school seniors and GED recipients, ages 16-24, who will be enrolling at a 4-year college/university for the first time in Fall 2025.

If a student meets the eligibility criteria listed below, they can apply:

- 2.5 – 3.5 unweighted GPA or GED
- Demonstrate financial need
- Enroll at a 4-year, not-for-profit college or university in your home state
- Come from underrepresented populations and historically underserved communities
- Be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. national or permanent resident

Deadline to apply: January 30, 2025 - [application information](#)

Daughters of the American Revolution (Deadline: **January 31, 2025**)

To be eligible for the many scholarships that they offer, a student must: A) Be a United States Citizen B) Must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the USA. To apply for Daughters of the American Revolution's Scholarships, please visit the [DAR](#) website



Information Night for Rising 10th-12th



Parkwood High School



Information Night for Parents & Students
Rising 10-12th Grade
February 6, 2025
@ 6:30pm in Auditorium

Students will register for classes for 2025-26 school year Jan 24-Feb 7.
Attend our information night to learn about the opportunities available.



Learn About:

- ◊ Academies/Pathways
- ◊ AP Courses
- ◊ Career & College Promise Program
- ◊ Preparing for Post High School Options
(presented by Ms. Timeka Ruffin with CFNC.org)



Optimist International- Deadline 2/10

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2024-2025

The Weddington Optimist Club has two scholarship opportunities for middle or high school students. Club level prizes are **\$250** for 1st place, **\$150** for 2nd place, **\$100** for 3rd place. District winners will win a **\$2500** college scholarship!

ESSAY CONTEST

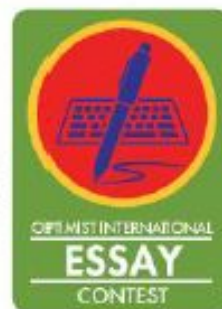
The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live.

The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

One District Scholarship of \$2,500



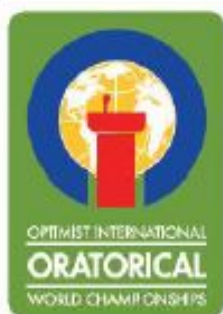
Topic:
"How Optimism Has Paved
My Road to Success"



To enter, write an essay on the topic:

"How Optimism Has Paved My Road To Success"

Your paper should be 700-800 words in length. Essays must be submitted no later than **Feb 10, 2025**. For more information and complete rules, contact: Steve Jarrell: steve@jarrellhomes.com or text: 704-774-7170



Topic:
"How Optimism Has Guided
Me Through Trying Times"

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

District Scholarships:

First Place: \$2,500 • Second Place: \$1,500 • Third Place: \$1,000
with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the
World Championships level

To enter, prepare a speech on the topic:

"How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times"

Your speech should be 4-5 minutes in length. The in-person contest will be in **late March-2025**.....details to follow. For more information and complete rules, contact: Greg Babineau: gregbabineau@gmail.com or text: 908-442-6587



Union Power Cooperative College Scholarship

High School Seniors!

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



Two ways to apply :

- Visit union-power.com/collegescholarships
- Scan the QR code

APPLY BY MARCH 1

To apply for the Union Power College Scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be a child of a Union Power Cooperative member or live in a home served by Union Power Cooperative.
2. Be a high school senior in the current graduating class.
3. Attend a North Carolina-accredited college or university.
4. Meet the criteria of 40% need, 30% academic achievement, and 30% extracurricular activities in school, civic, and community functions.



Project Uplift- Deadline March 14

Experience CAROLINA

with the Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs at UNC-Chapel Hill

Have you ever wondered what a typical day on campus is like? Project Uplift and Uplift PLUS offer an opportunity to experience campus life at UNC-Chapel Hill. Led by current UNC students, we provide a warm and inviting space for you to experience Carolina.



PROJECT UPLIFT

2025 Dates : May 31, June 7, and 14

Project Uplift is an one-day summer enrichment and college access program that provides students with exposure to life at Carolina



Enjoy a one-day immersive Carolina experience.

Engage in an essay writing workshop.

Get the inside scoop from current Tar Heels on what it's like to be a Carolina student!

Learn about admissions, scholarships and student aid.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Apply online at go.unc.edu/ProjectUpliftandUpliftPLUS. Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for Uplift PLUS.
2. Upload a PDF copy of your unofficial high school transcript.

LEARN MORE AT [GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS](https://go.unc.edu/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS)



UPLIFT PLUS

2025 Dates : July 6-19

Uplift PLUS is an intensive, 2-week on-campus program, providing an immersive and engaging experience to prepare the next generation of leaders.



Participate in academic, social, cultural and experiential learning activities.

Complete an essay writing course in which you draft your college admissions essay.

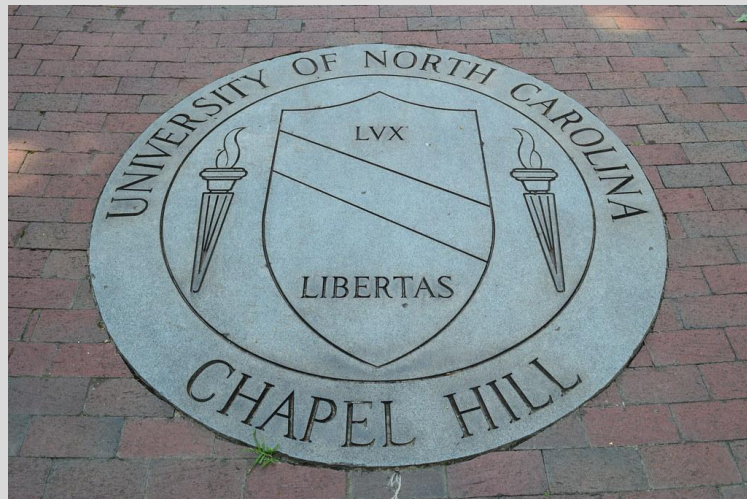
Receive one-on-one mentoring from current Carolina students.

Gain exposure to campus resources and various schools and units at UNC-Chapel Hill.

DEADLINES

We encourage you to start your application early!

Application Opens: January 15, 2025
Application Deadline: March 14, 2025
Decision Notification: April 2025



Descubre CAROLINA

con las Programas de Oportunidades de Educativas de Carolina en UNC-Chapel Hill

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado cómo es un día típico en el campus? Project Uplift y Uplift PLUS ofrecen la oportunidad de experimentar la vida en el campus de UNC-Chapel Hill. Dirigidos por estudiantes actuales de UNC, estos programas brindan un espacio acogedor para que experimentes Carolina.



PROJECT UPLIFT

Fechas para 2025: Mayo 31, Junio 7 and 14

Project Uplift es un programa de enriquecimiento que se enfoca en el acceso a la universidad. El programa brinda a los estudiantes exposición a la vida en Carolina



Disfruta de una experiencia inmersiva de un día en Carolina.

Participa en un taller de escritura de ensayos.

Descubre cómo es ser estudiante en Carolina directamente de estudiantes actuales.

Aprende sobre admisiones, becas y ayuda financiera para estudiantes.

¿CÓMO APLICAR?

1. Aplica en línea en go.unc.edu/ProjectUpliftandUpliftPLUS, indica en tu formulario si quieres ser considerado para Uplift PLUS.
2. Sube una copia PDF de tus calificaciones de la escuela secundaria.



UPLIFT PLUS

Fechas para 2025: Julio 6-19

Uplift PLUS es un programa residencial de dos semanas que brinda una experiencia inmersiva para preparar a la próxima generación de líderes.



Participa en actividades de aprendizaje académico, social, cultural y experiencial.

Toma un curso de escritura para escribir tu ensayo para admisión a la universidad.

Recibe orientación y consejos personalizados de estudiantes actuales de Carolina.

Aprende sobre los recursos del campus y las diferentes escuelas y unidades en UNC-Chapel Hill.

FECHA LÍMITE

¡Recomendamos que comiences tu aplicación temprano!
Aplicación se Abre: Enero 15, 2024
Aplicación se Cierra: Marzo 14, 2024
Decisiones serán Anunciadas: Abril 2024

APRENDE MÁS EN [GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS](https://go.unc.edu/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS)





Thurgood Marshall College Fund- Closes 4/25



INVEST
in your
FUTURE.

Thurgood Marshall College Fund has awarded more than \$500 million in scholarships and career readiness programs. TMCF offers both merit-based and need-based awards to ease the financial strain for students at TMCF member schools and other eligible accredited institutions.

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE
Apply for open scholarships.



TMCF.ORG



NC College Connect

✓ **NC College Connect**

THIS IS YOUR MOMENT!

With a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, you're one step closer to college.

Your moment has arrived, and this is your opportunity to meet it head on. This simplified application process helps you avoid stressful applications and subjective essays.

Seniors—If you had a 2.8 weighted GPA at the end of your junior year, you're ready!

NC College Connect is a program that offers qualified students the opportunity for a simplified application process at select UNC System universities and their local North Carolina community college—as long as they meet state graduation requirements and UNC System course requirements.

Imagine what your college future could be like at...

- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- University of North Carolina Asheville
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Winston-Salem State University
- Your local North Carolina community college



Visit NCCollegeConnect.org or scan the QR code to learn more about how to claim your spot.

Here's what you need to know.

1. If you have a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, you have the opportunity for a simplified application process to the participating NC colleges and universities.
2. To claim your spot, you should scan the QR code on your letter (or the one below!) to visit NCCollegeConnect.org.
3. There you will find a "Claim Your Spot" button that will take you to the NC College Connect portal if you are already logged into your CFNC account. (Tip: If you are not logged in, you will be asked to log in using your CFNC credentials or create a new CFNC account.)
4. After logging in, you will see a list of colleges and universities where you can complete a simplified application for each institution.
5. Once you've submitted your simplified application(s), the college(s) will contact you with more information about next steps.
6. These simplified applications will have fees, possibly ranging from \$30 to \$75. Submit your simplified application during College Application Week (October 21–27, 2024) to avoid application fees for most participating institutions.

What are you waiting for?
Meet your momentum and explore your options at NCCollegeConnect.org.





Career and College Promise Information



**MEET WITH
YOUR SPCC
CAREER COACH**

MS. STURDIVANT



SCAN ME

MONDAY & THURSDAY

MEDIA CENTER

CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU



Career Plans

Parents,

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, NC Senate Bill 193 requires that **all** students in grades 6-12 have a career plan. A student's initial career plan will be created by the end of their 6th grade year and then revised annually through 12th grade. UCPS will utilize Major Clarity as the platform for students to create their career plan. This can be accessed by students through Clever. Parents are encouraged to review their student's career plan with them each year.



PWHS Counseling Department

The focus of the PWHS Counseling Center is to provide students with support in their academic, career, and personal/social development. The counselors assist students with scheduling, course selection, career exploration, college and scholarship advising, coping with peer pressure and stress, developing time management skills and more. To make an appointment with your counselor complete the [meeting request form](#), stop by the counseling center, email or call 704-296-0154.

Counseling Staff

- * Mr. Troy Harris - 9th Grade
- * Ms. Stacey Sebastian - 10th-12th (A-G)
- * Mrs. Shari Davison - 10th-12th (H-N)
- * Mr. Adrian Atkinson- 10th - 12th (O-Z)
- * Ms. Ashlee Reynolds 9th-12th (Student Support)
- * Mrs. Valerie Simmeth - Career Development Coordinator
- * Mrs. Shawn Johnston – Counseling Center Administrative Assistant

Additional Support

- * Mrs. Robyn Mobley – School Social Worker
- * Ms. Emily Harrell - Mental Health Therapist





PWHS Counseling Department

Students! Sign up in SCOIR to visit with colleges

- Check in SCOIR to who is scheduled to visit our campus during the week and sign up to attend by the deadline to participate.

- Interested in playing sports in college?



Reach out to Mr. Harris who can help you make sure you are on track by using the [meeting request form](#).



Seniors College Information

- Now is the time to start the application process for colleges. Below are links to information on the steps to applying. If you need help with College Applications reach out to your counselor by using the [meeting request form](#). We are here to assist you.

[Steps for Applying to Four Year Colleges](#)

[Steps for Applying to Community Colleges](#)

Requesting Transcripts and Recommendations for College Applications

- Students use SCOIR (access from the UCPS student high school start up page) to keep track of their applications and request transcripts.
- This link <https://bit.ly/35jrLNu%C2%A0> will show you how to add colleges, request transcripts and letters of recommendations from teachers.



College Readiness Series



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
Getting Ready for College	November 16, 2024	Wingate University
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Location TBD
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	Location TBD
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 8, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Location TBD
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Location TBD
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Location TBD
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

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



Parents & Guardians

With a new school year comes a need to make sure that we have the correct contact information for all our families. Please take a moment and verify in PowerSchool that the following are still correct:

- Contact Names
- Contact Numbers
- Contact Emails

Please contact melinda.rivers@ucps.k12.nc.us to update your information.

Keep in Mind- You will need to show your ID when coming to the school so please remember to bring it with you.



Quick Links

[PWHS Student Handbook](#)

[UCPS BOE Student Handbook](#)

(includes attendance and dress code information)

[Parents' Bill of Rights](#)

[Edulog](#) for Bus Transportation Zone

[Parking Pass Info](#)

- Student drivers: Students whose cars are on campus after the school day need to be mindful that they may need to move their cars - particularly if they park around the baseball field. This is to avoid damage caused by fly balls.

[Say Something Anonymous Reporting System](#)

Chromebook issues:

- New students report to media center to collect new computer
- Broken computers/computer issues, see Mr. Gaither between 12:00 - 4:00