

Wolf Pack Press



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.

Remember to follow us on social media:

Follow us on Facebook: [ParkwoodHSNC](#)

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

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



PWHS Calendar

| Monday 03/17 | Tuesday 03/18 | Wednesday 03/19 | Thursday 03/20 | Friday 03/21 | Saturday 03/22 |
|---|---|--|--|--|-------------------|
| 4:30 Men's Volleyball @ Cuthbertson 5:00 Women's Soccer @ Queens Grant | 4:00 Men's Tennis vs West Stanley 4:30/ 7:00 Baseball vs Piedmont 6:00 Softball vs Piedmont 6:00 Women's Soccer vs Anson 3:30 Men's Golf @ Red Bridge vs West Stanley | 4:00 Men's Tennis vs Mt. Pleasant 4:30 Men's Volleyball vs Arborbrook 5:00 Women's Lacrosse @ Independence | 4:00 Men's Tennis vs Forest Hills 3:30 Men's Golf @ Eagle Chase vs Forest Hills 3:45 Track & Field @ Anson 6:00 Softball @ CATA | Teacher Workday- No School 4:30/ 7:00 Baseball @ Piedmont | No Events |

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Prom Ticket Information

Prom Ticket Information:

- Prom is Saturday May 17th from 8pm-11pm at the Agricultural Center
- April 1st Start Selling Tickets at 8:00am (Online)
- We will sell tickets for 6 weeks to students who do not have fees in PowerSchool or to the Cafeteria
- April 1st – May 15th
 - \$50: April 1st – April 17th (Before Spring Break)
 - \$60: April 28th- May 9th
 - \$75: May 12th -May 15th
- We will NOT sell tickets the day before or day of Prom
- MUST HAVE PAID ALL YOUR FEES TO PURCHASE A TICKET
- Outside guest forms will be available on March 24th and due back by April 17th (before Spring Break)



PWHS Band Boosters Fundraiser

**Parkwood
High School
Band
Boosters will
be selling
items for
their Spring
Fundraiser.**



**March 14
through
March 28**



SPCC Open House



Career & College Promise Program (CCP)-Dual Enrollment

ABRIMOS NUESTRAS PUERTAS A TODOS

¡El primer paso para sus metas universitarias y profesionales!

- Haga una visita de campus y nuestros laboratorios
- Aprenda sobre grados académicos y programas entrenamientos del fuerza laboral
- Reciba asistencia con ayuda financiera
- Conozca a instructores y asesores académicos
- Aprenda sobre los clubs y organizaciones para estudiantes

Cuándo & Dónde

27 de Marzo | 4pm - 7pm

Old Charlotte Highway Campus,
4209 Old Charlotte Highway,
Monroe, N.C.

Tyson Family Center for Technology
3509 Old Charlotte Highway,
Monroe, N.C.



Escaneé aquí para registrarse para la Casa Abierta.

**Registro solicitado pero no requerido.

Regístrese y asista para tener la oportunidad de ganar una tarjeta de regalo de \$100!



OPEN HOUSE

The first step to your college and career goals!

- Tour campuses and labs
- Learn about degrees and workforce programs
- Get help with financial aid
- Meet with Instructors and academic advisers
- Learn about student clubs and organizations

When & Where

March 27th | 4pm - 7pm

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4209 Old Charlotte Highway,
Monroe, N.C.

Tyson Family Center for Technology
3509 Old Charlotte Highway,
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Scan here to register for Open House.

**Registration requested but not required.

Register and attend for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!





PTSO Information

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:

- **Nominations for the 25-26 PTSO Executive Board are now open through 3/31; open positions include President, Vice President and Secretary. If interested, please send an email to parkwoodptso@gmail.com. Voting will take place during the May PTSO meeting on 5/7.**
 - Send an email to parkwoodptso@gmail.com if you are interested in serving in one of the additional open positions for the 25-26 school year:
 - § **Senior Committee Chair**
 - § **Social Media Chair**
- Clear crossbody bags now available to purchase – order your Spirit Wear [here!](#) All orders are delivered to the school for pick up by the student
- 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 sign up to donate gift cards: [PTSO Gift Card Donation](#).

SENIOR UPDATES:

- **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!** Parkwood PTSO is proud to offer two \$750 scholarships to graduating seniors whose families are members of the Parkwood High School PTSO. To be eligible, seniors must be in good standing with the school, have plans to attend a trade school, 2-year or 4-year college/university after graduation, have a PTSO Family Membership and have completed this application no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2025.
 - [Seniors click here to apply: 2024-2025 PWHS PTSO Education Scholarship Application](#)
 - Join the PTSO by clicking [here](#) to purchase a \$10 family membership
- **The next PTSO sponsored Senior Treat will be on Thursday, 4/17!!**
 - REMINDER: to receive the PTSO sponsored Senior Treat, you **must** purchase a PTSO Senior Package (minimum purchase of White Package \$30; order your Senior Package [here](#)); PTSO Senior Packages will be available for purchase through the end of Spring Break. **It's not too late to recognize your Senior by purchasing a PTSO Senior Package by sales end 4/30 – order now while supplies last!**

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



PTSO Senior Package

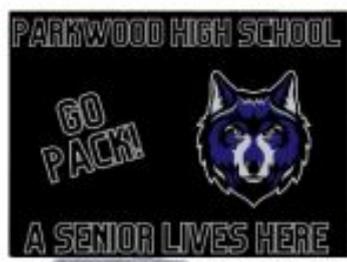
CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR PACKAGES

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 Senior package purchase is required to participate in PTSO sponsored events!

(Minimum white package)



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.

- Assists students with apply for community college, trade schools, and 4-year universities.
- Types of aid students may be eligible for:
 - Grants – free money, does not have to be paid back
 - Loans – borrowed money, must be paid back
 - Work Study – provides a job paid by the student aid program
- Apply in Senior year for 2025-2026 through <https://studentaid.gov/>.
- Parents who need assistance with FAFSA can sign up for virtual evening help at: <https://calendly.com/collegereadinessucps>
- CFNC FAFSA support: <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/fafsa-assistance/>
- Students who need assistance should fill out this link and a counselor will assist you: <https://bit.ly/PWCollegeAppAssistance25>

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.



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.

Seniors going into the NURSING field, this opportunity may be for YOU!

To qualify for the scholarship, candidates must have:

GPA of 3.5 or higher

Accepted by a college/university with the major in nursing (please attach acceptance letter).

Submit a typed essay of no more than 250 words: Explaining the reason for choosing to major in nursing, and how this scholarship will impact your nursing journey.

Students who meet the criteria and are interested in applying for the scholarship can apply directly through the [form](#) and E-Mail application to: Wendy Nielsen by [April 1, 2025](#).

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Union County Antique Tractor & Power Club

Please see your counselor to get the requirements and application to apply to this local scholarship.

deadline: [April 1, 2025](#)

Union County Education Foundation

Two college scholarship opportunities (\$3,000 & \$1,500) for UCPS Seniors who plan to major in education. We want to invest in your future, supporting and encouraging you on your journey to becoming an educator. All applicants of our college scholarship create a two-minute surprise video tribute to a UCPS teacher.

UCPS seniors should:

- 1) Select a teacher who has had a profound influence on you.
- 2) Brainstorm a creative way to pay tribute to the teacher in video format. Videos that are creative, funny, or meaningful get the attention of the judges.
- 3) Begin shooting your video! Make sure it is under two minutes. More video tips are listed here.
- 4) Keep your video a secret from your teacher.
- 5) Brush up your resume, have your recommendation letter ready, and get a PDF of your transcript.

Check out the Teacher Tribute playlist on our YouTube channel for examples of other vibrant videos from previous college scholarship recipients.

Deadline: March 28, 2025

Apply here:

<https://ucedfoundation.org/index.php/grants-and-scholarships/senior-scholarship/>

NC State Extension Master Gardener: **Application deadline is April 1, 2025.** The applicant must be a resident of Union County, North Carolina, must be a graduating senior attending school (public, charter, private, home, etc.) in Union County (NC), in good standing, with at least 3.0 GPA, and must be planning to attend a college or university and be majoring in botany, environmental studies, forestry, landscape architecture, horticulture, crop sciences, local foods, animal husbandry or related fields. This award will be based on academic standing, student personal statement and one teacher/counselor (or other non-family member) recommendation. Student statement should explain why the student deserves this scholarship, educational goals and what they plan to do with their degree. The statement can be less than 1 but no more than 2 pages in length. Teacher/counselor (or other non-family member) recommendation should include why the student is qualified for this scholarship. Paper recommendation should be submitted with the scholarship application in a sealed envelope by the application deadline. Emailed recommendation may be sent separately to the address below by the deadline. The NC Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association of Union County Scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. The winning applicant will receive a check from the UCCEMGA in time to register for fall classes. See your counselor for the scholarship application. If you have any additional questions, please contact either: Michael Luther mluther13@hotmail.com 704-617-0553 or Tina Sagartz cgsagartz@carolina.rr.com 336-414-6382



SAT Practice Tests and Prep

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Free SAT Practice Tests and Prep

Open to all UCPS high school students

Pretest and Posttest in person
Online content in-between

PRETEST:

March 26, 8 AM - 12 PM

POSTTEST:

April 12, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at:
Sun Valley High School
5211 Old Charlotte Highway
Monroe, NC 28110

The registration form is set for only UCPS students to be able to complete it! Parents must ask their student to register themselves.

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SAT®

Register by March 26:

<https://bit.ly/25SATtestPREP>




ALBERT

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UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pruebas de práctica y preparación gratuitas para el SAT

Abierto a todos los estudiantes de secundaria de UCPS

Prueba previa y posterior en persona
Contenido en línea entre-medio

PRUEBA PREVIA:

Marzo 26, 8 AM - 12 PM

PRUEBA POST:

Febrero 10, 8 AM - 12 PM

Pruebas presenciales realizadas en:
Sun Valley High School
5211 Old Charlotte Highway
Monroe, NC 28110

El formulario de inscripción está diseñado para que solo los estudiantes de UCPS puedan completarlo. Los padres deben pedirle a su estudiante que se registre ellos mismos.

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Inscríbete antes del 26 de marzo:

<https://bit.ly/25SATtestPREP>




ALBERT



IG Contest!! Deadline March 31st

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

College Readiness ●●●



Create an Instagram post or reel that encourages the Class of 2025 to complete the FAFSA!

5 winners will receive a

\$100 GIFT CARD

**INSTAGRAM
CONTEST** 

The Details

Your post/reel should

- Encourage seniors to complete the FAFSA.
- Be creative, yet appropriate!
- Appeal to teenagers.
- Be produced solely by students in grades 9-12 currently enrolled and attending a high school in UCPS.
- Be created safely and not put anyone in danger.
- Should remain respectful of the differences among individuals and peoples, including race and ethnicity, sex, gender identity, political viewpoints, sexual orientation, special health needs, age, belief system, country of origin, and socio-economic status.
- Not contain nudity of any kind or provocative sexual content.
- Not contain profanity or other inappropriate language.



Submit your entry by March 31st

<https://forms.gle/TAmAVajGvTfngYMA9>

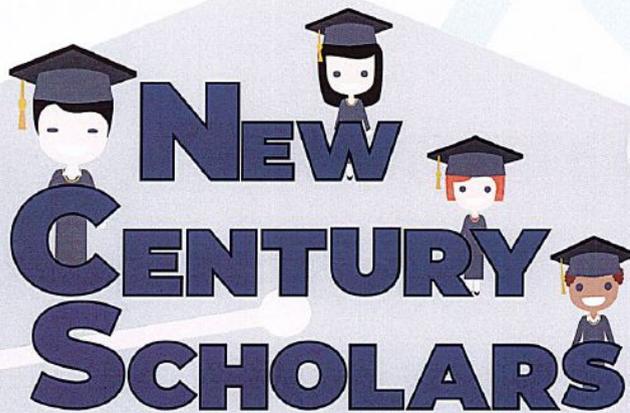
FAFSA STRONG



New Century Scholars Deadline 4/1

Looking for money for college?

Have you
heard of

 NEW
CENTURY
SCHOLARS



<https://bit.ly/2025NCSApp>



Scholarship for



students presented by

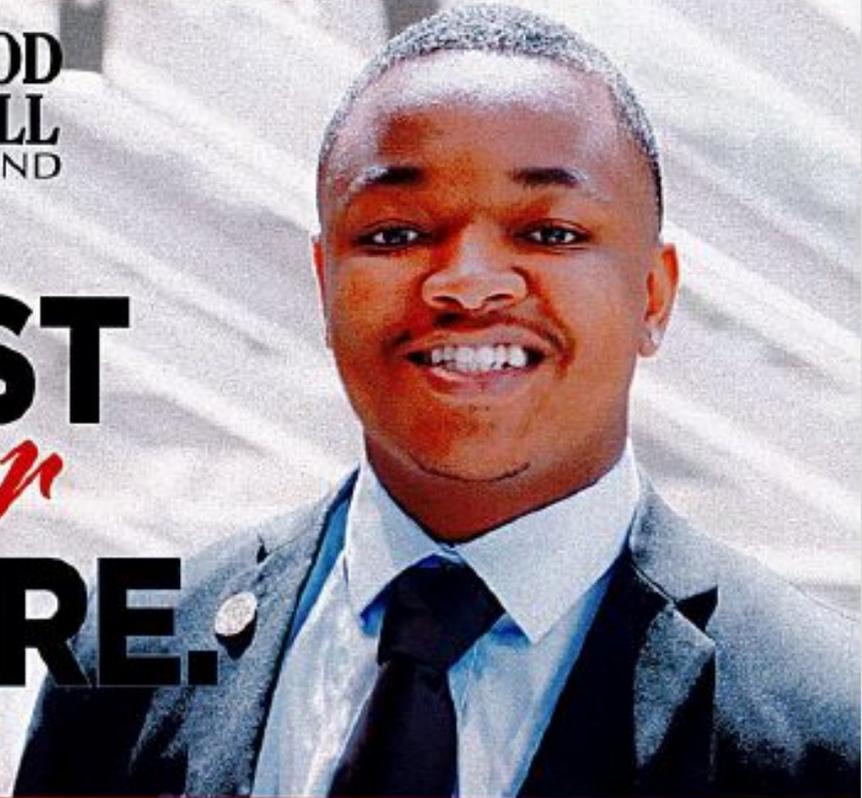




Thurgood Marshall College Fund- Closes 4/25



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



Scholarship for UCPS Athletes

 schoolfundr



SCHOOLFUNDR EXCELLENCE & OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

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

Scholarship Requirements:

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



APPLY BY APRIL 28



<https://bit.ly/schoolfundrscholarship>





Parkwood High Golf Tournament- May 3rd



PARKWOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY MAY 3RD 2025
9AM SHOTGUN START
MONROE COUNTRY CLUB**

- **\$360 PER GROUP OF 4**
- **SIGN UP AT**
WWW.PARKWOODATHLETICZONE.COM
(CLICK PARKWOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT
AT TOP OF THE PAGE)

Thank you to our
event sponsor!



Contact AD Mike Helms for more information:
Michael.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us



Summer Internship Program Opportunity



READY TO LEARN & EARN?

Hey Students! DIG IN to our summer internship program and gain real-world experience while preparing for your future!

Your path to a
rewarding career,
STARTS HERE!





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

**MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
IN
LIBRARY**

**EMAIL NOW TO MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT:**

CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU



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

🐦 @UCPSCollegePrep

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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 part 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