



PWHS Calendar

Monday 10/23	Tuesday 10/24	Wednesday 10/25	Thursday 10/26	Friday 10/27	Saturday 10/28
Red Ribbon Week Ohio University @ PWHS 9:50 AM (Sign up in SCOIR to attend) Women's Golf Regional @ Burlington 9:00	Red Ribbon Week Men's Soccer @ CATA 6:00	Red Ribbon Week College App Week- Financial Aid during all lunches in the Media Center US Navy @ PWHS during all lunches	Red Ribbon Week College App Week- What to expect after submitting your applications during all lunches in the Media Center University of South Carolina @ PWHS 2:50 PM (Sign up in SCOIR to attend) JV Football vs Piedmont 6:30	Red Ribbon Week Varsity Football @ Piedmont 7:00	Marching Band Competition @ Porter Ridge 9:15 Marching Band Competition @ Providence High 4:00 Cross Country Regionals @ Winston Salem

Remember to follow us on social media:

Follow us on Facebook: [ParkwoodHSNC](#)

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

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



Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week

October 23 - 27, 2023

celebrate **LIFE**
live drug **FREE**





NC Governor's School



GS Governor's School
of North Carolina

Summer Program

Join us for an informational
webinar! Register by visiting
<https://bit.ly/24govschoolinfosession>



About the Program

The Governor's School is a 4 week residential program to build a learning community where students are encouraged to explore and ask questions, with the purpose of learning for its own sake and discovering new possibilities.

[GS Webpage](#) on NC DPI

[GS Family Overview](#)

11th Graders

Academic Disciplines

- English
- Spanish
- Mathematics
- Natural Science
- Social Science

Art Disciplines

- Art
- Choral Music
- Instrumental Music
- Dance
- Theater

10th Graders

- Choral Music
- Dance
- Instrumental Music

[Click here for School Contacts](#)

North Carolina Governor's School

A Summer Program for Gifted and Talented High School Students



Have the experience of a lifetime.
Spend your* next summer at the NC
Governor's School! In this four-week
residential program, you can:

- Learn new concepts in engaging classes—all without the pressure of grades or tests
- Meet amazing new friends from across the state
- Participate in performances and presentations
- Focus on the subject area of your interest and discuss new ideas
- Attend exciting elective seminars, workshops, and campus-wide activities
- Gain experience to help you prepare for college



Because of Governor's School...

"I feel like I am a whole new person and feel as though nothing can top this experience." - GS Student, 2023

"I have become a better human and a more critical thinker. I have learned how to communicate more, be more confident, and truly understand what learning means." - GS Student, 2023

* Open to current 11th graders. Current 10th graders may apply in some arts areas.

For more information and to apply:

Contact **Ms. Sebastian** | **Guidance office** | www.ncgovschool.org

Please join Ms. Sebastian in
the media center on
Monday, 10/23 at 2pm for an
informational meeting for
Governor's school.

North Carolina



College Application Month

During the month of October, your counselors will hold mini-sessions every **Tuesday & Thursday** in the media center for students graduating June 2024.



OCTOBER is COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

SESSION TIMES:

Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:00-8:30 am
11:53-12:19 1st lunch
12:23-12:49 2nd lunch
12:53-1:19 3rd lunch
1:23-1:49 4th lunch

This is an opportunity to receive valuable information and get help from your counselor so take advantage of this opportunity!

Topics to include:

- A step-by-step guide to applying to college
- Choosing colleges that are a best fit for you
- In-state, out-of-state, public and private school options
- Importance of knowing application deadlines
- Applying for NC residency and why it's important
- How to write an effective application essay
- How to use SCOIR for transcripts, teacher recommendations etc.
- Registering for the NCAA if you plan to play college sports
- Using an application portal to apply to colleges
- CFNC Free Application Week October 16-20
- Applying for financial aid through FAFSA
- College portals and receiving communication from schools

NC Countdown to College - Month of October

CNFC.org Events

NC College Application deadlines and open house links:

<https://www.cfnc.org/media/fadgkuqj/nc-college-admissions-deadlines-and-visit-information.pdf>

Online events to help with college applications:

<https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/>

College Admission Checklist:


<https://www.cfnc.org/media/spdnrtmk/cfnc-college-admission-checklist-2023.pdf>




Getting Ready For College



2023-2024 College Readiness Series

 @UCPSCollegePrep

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Getting Ready for College

October 28, 2023

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Held at Wingate University

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

Presented in partnership with Wingate University, attendees will learn:

- How to create a strong academic plan in HS
- Choosing a Best Fit College
- UCPS Supports to Prep for College

All attendees receive free admission to the Wingate vs. Lenoir-Rhyne football game at 6PM!

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS





Learning Opportunities

Change the Future: Become a Teacher!

iTeach

Meet faculty, staff, and students from the ECU College of Education and learn about our Education Preparation programs, licensure options, and scholarships for education majors during this event.

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Time: 1pm — 4pm

ECU Main Campus Student Center, Room 249

501 E. 10th Street, Greenville, NC

Rain Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023 (same time & location)



Register Here: bit.ly/3YL5Rwe

Prospective high school sophomores, juniors & seniors interested in Teacher Education programs at ECU are encouraged to participate in this event.

Sponsored by the College of Education at East Carolina University
Event Contact: Dr. Catrina Davis • davisca@ecu.edu • 252-328-5985

Individuals requesting accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the ECU Department for Disability Support Services at least 48 hours prior to the event at 252-737-1016 (Voice/TTY).



EXPERIENCE IMMERSION

immersion.summer.wfu.edu



Explore life on a college campus and discover potential career paths during one-week summer institutes at Wake Forest University.

Industry experts will lead high school students through institutes like:

- Medicine
- Business
- Engineering
- Debate and Public Advocacy
- Psychology
- Leadership

Explore all 21 Summer Institutes:





Universal Technical Institute



GEAR UP AND COMPETE
TO EARN A \$2,500 GRANT

COMPETE TO EARN A GRANT TOWARD TUITION

*We are offering up to \$450,000 in grants
toward tuition to high school seniors!**

Put your skills to the test in our one-hour Grant Competition
for a chance to earn up to \$2,500 toward tuition.²

Also, participate in Gear Up, an open house event where you
can tour our state-of-the-industry facilities, learn more about
our industry relationships and chat with instructors and
admissions representatives about the training program that
piques your interest.

PLUS, GAIN INFO ON:

- Financial aid, scholarship and grant opportunities¹
- Housing assistance
- Career Services available during and after your training³

Don't miss this opportunity to have fun and find out more
about our school!



**RSVP &
REGISTER
TODAY**

Saturday, November 18th, 2023
10:00 AM (9:30 AM Check-In)

NASCAR Technical Institute
220 Byers Creek Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Anna Kerrigan
704-280-4453
akerrigan@uti.edu

*Financial aid, scholarships and grants are available to those who qualify. Awards vary due to specific conditions, criteria and state. UTI is committed to making reasonable, appropriate and effective modifications in policies, practices, and procedures for qualified individuals with disabilities; if you need specific accommodations, please notify Student Services in advance of your arrival. UTI and MIAT are educational institutions and cannot guarantee employment or salary. For program outcome information and other disclosures, visit www.uti.edu/disclosures for UTI and www.miat.edu/disclosures for MIAT.





Union Power Cooperative

Seniors- please see the information below for the Union Power College Scholarship open to Seniors planning to attend a NC accredited college or university.

Juniors- please see the information below regarding the Youth Tour.



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Enhancing and Empowering our local communities.

Union Power Cooperative invests in teachers, students, families, and their futures through powerful partnerships and programs that support our mission to enhance the quality of life of our members and the communities we serve. This principle is woven deeply into our various programs.



The Union Power College Scholarship is available each year from September through March to current high school seniors planning to attend a North Carolina-accredited college or university. The scholarship is a one-time offer of \$1,000. The senior must be a child of a Union Power Cooperative member or live in a home served by Union Power Cooperative.



**Bright
Ideas**
EDUCATION GRANTS

In 1994, North Carolina's electric cooperatives dedicated their interest in improving education. The Bright Ideas grant program has expanded over the past two decades, encouraging teachers to share their bright ideas that will be meaningful and engage students to further their education. Teachers from our service area can apply for up to \$2,000 per grant from April through September.



NC

Youth Tour provides an opportunity for high school juniors to have an unforgettable, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Students will learn about the history of the nation's capital and better understand how American history has shaped the U.S. today. It also allows students to take on leadership roles and learn their value as a citizen.



Touchstone Energy®
**Sports Camp
Scholarships**

Each year, students in the sixth and seventh grades can apply for a chance to play on the court for two of the state's largest universities - N.C. State and University of Chapel Hill from January through March.



PWHS PTSO

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. Check out our [October newsletter](#) for details on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and fundraisers.

PWHS PTSO At a Glance

- Purchase Parkwood High Spirit Wear day or night! Check out our new [Spirit Wear website](#) and place an order today!
- Have you purchased your Class of 2024 Senior Package? If not, what are you waiting for?! Purchase a [Senior Package](#) and start celebrating your Senior today!
- Help us help Parkwood High School! Join the PWHS PTSO by [purchasing a family membership for \\$10](#); your membership helps fund PTSO sponsored student and teacher events throughout the year

If you have any questions about the PTSO or are interested in a Committee Chair role, please feel free to send us an email at parkwoodptso@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board

Kerri Lowery PWHS PTSO President

Kim Starnes PWHS PTSO Vice President

Brianne Tolani PWHS PTSO Treasurer

Adrienne Jaquith PWHS PTSO Secretary





Quick Notes from the Counselors

ASVAB

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023 from 8:30-11:30am.

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) measures aptitude and acquired skills which can be used to help predict future academic and occupational success. ASVAB scores give students insight into their options and aid them in planning their next step after high school. The ASVAB is also used by the military for enlistment and classification.

Must be in 10th, 11th or 12th grade to take the test. The test will be on computer and takes about 2 1/2 hours.

Must sign up at <https://forms.gle/6Hq9zHaW4dFDuGdo7> by Thursday, 11/9/2023.

SPCC

Students in 11th & 12th grade who meet eligibility requirements may take college classes at SPCC. Must have a minimum 2.8 unweighted GPA or higher.

If you are a senior or junior interested in learning more information about taking college classes at SPCC in spring 2024 while in high school please complete this interest form: <https://forms.gle/fimtJGa99P6eHSRG6>

South Piedmont Community College is hosting information sessions on the Career & College Promise program for students interested in taking classes SPCC while in high school. Parents & students are encouraged to attend. Click here for more information on how to attend the sessions below: <https://spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/>

2023-2024 Virtual CCP Info Sessions –All info sessions begin at 6 PM.

November 14, 2023, December 12, 2023, January 9, 2024, February 13, 2024, March 12, 2024 and April 9, 2024



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-M)
- * Mrs. Terri Onley - 10th - 12th (N-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. Thais Yeon – Behavioral Health Therapist
- * Ms. Wendolyn Davis - SPCC Career Coach





PWHS Counseling Department

Students! Sign up in SCOIR to visit with colleges

- Check in SCOIR to see who is scheduled to visit our campus during the week and sign up to attend by the deadline to participate.
- **In October:** Guilford College
- **In November:** Davidson College

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.



PWHS Counseling Department



Where can you find scholarships?

***Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities** This list is put together by the counseling office and is updated regularly.

***Voice of Democracy Scholarship**

-\$35,000- 50 Awards (Deadline: **October 31, 2023**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Currently be in high school between the grades 9-12. B) Be enrolled in a public, private, or parochial high school or home study program in the United States. Applications can be found by going to: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

***Park Scholarships at NC State University:**

The Park Scholarship is a four-year scholarship awarded on the basis of outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This scholarship is valued at about \$116,000 for North Carolina residents, including: tuition and fees; room and board; books and personal expenses; educational trips, retreats, and seminars; enrichment grants to fund study abroad, research projects, service activities, conferences, early course registration, and more. Students are selected based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. A complete description of each quality is available [here](#). For more information, please visit: <http://park.ncsu.edu/> Deadline to submit Park application: **November 1, 2023**

***The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program**

A community of leaders within Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, striving to make transformational contributions to society. The Robertson Scholars Leadership Program seeks students who have demonstrated outstanding potential to become great leaders in college and beyond. Our goal is for Robertson Scholars to play significant and impactful roles in their communities and society, today and in the future. Students must apply for undergraduate admission to Duke and/or UNC-Chapel Hill the same year they apply to the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program. Robertson Application Deadline: **November 15, 2023**. More information can be found [here](#).



Athletics



Don't miss out on the great things happening in our athletics department! Visit their website to view the latest news from games and events, see photos of our athletes in action, view live streams, purchase tickets and more! [Use this link to see how to access on your mobile device.](https://parkwoodathleticzone.com/partner/28/event/4178/buy-tickets)

Every student needs to purchase an All Sport Student Pass. Only \$40 for every single home game this year - all sports! (Playoff games excluded - and we plan to play in playoff games a lot this year :)

<https://parkwoodathleticzone.com/partner/28/event/4178/buy-tickets>

Passcode = UCPS Student ID number



Student parking



Hang tags for students who have been assigned parking will be available to pick up from Ms. Gibbs in the office.

[Parking Pass Info](#)



UCPS College Readiness



2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

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

Live Events

Scoir 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.

Scoir for Underclassmen
College Recruiting for Athletes
Choosing the Right Path in HS



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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

Office Phone: 704-296-0154

PWHS & UCPS Information

- [Counseling Department](#)
- [PWHS CTE](#)
- [UCPS Calendar](#)
- [Media Center](#)
- [Transportation Bus App \(New!\)](#)
- [Volunteer Information](#)
- [Annual Parent Notification Process/Policy 5-08](#)

Instructional Support

- Student Technology Help Desk
- [Technology Tutorials for Parents and Students](#)
- [EmpowerEd Parent Portal](#)
 - [Mobile Apps, Attendance and Grades, Canvas Access and Tutorials](#)
 - [Tutorial Video](#)

Back to School Forms

- [Free and Reduced Lunch Application](#) (If Applicable)
- [Military Connected](#) (If Applicable) *
- [Notice of Right to Withhold Consent](#) (If Applicable) *
- [Request for Medical Information](#) (Required) *
- [Authorization to Carry Medicine](#) (If Applicable) *

** Indicates physical copy. Please print, complete and return to homeroom teacher, if applicable. Physical copies are available in front office, upon request.*



Quick Links

[PWHS Student Handbook](#)

- Attendance Policy
- Student Dress Code

[Edulog](#) for Bus Transportation Zone

[Parking Pass Info](#)

[Yearbook Information](#)

[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