

# Wolf Pack Press



Good evening, Parkwood Wolf Pack families,

Friday (12/1/2023), students received their report cards for the second six weeks. It's crunch time! Please encourage your students to pay attention to their academic progress, do their best, and communicate with their teachers in order to get the very best grades they can for the first semester.

Attendance is crucial for students to do their best academically. They need the interaction with their teachers to provide guidance, support, and vital instruction. When students accumulate more than 7 unexcused absences, they are subject to forced failure (FF). At Parkwood High School, we will begin Attendance Recovery Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, to give students with too many absences the opportunity to recover some of those in order to get credit for their classes this semester. If your student is in jeopardy of failing a class due to attendance, it is imperative that they be at Attendance Recovery, that they arrive on time and that they sign in and sign out.

Go Wolf Pack!

**Remember to follow us on social media:**

**Follow us on Facebook:** [ParkwoodHSNC](https://www.facebook.com/ParkwoodHSNC)

**Follow us on Twitter:** [@ParkwoodHSNC](https://twitter.com/ParkwoodHSNC)

**Follow us on Instagram:** [@ParkwoodHSNC](https://www.instagram.com/ParkwoodHSNC)



# PWHS Calendar

Monday 12/4	Tuesday 12/5	Wednesday 12/6	Thursday 12/7	Friday 12/8	Saturday 12/9
US Marines @ PWHS during all lunches	Indoor Track @ Forest Hills 3:45  Basketball @ Indian Land 4:00/ 5:00/6:00 /7:30	No Events	US Air Force @ PWHS during all lunches  Wrestling vs Weddington/ Indian Land 6:00  Swimming @ MAC (9850 Providence Rd. Charlotte) 12:00-2:30	Women's Wrestling in the Parkwood Women's Duel Tournament 5:00	Men's Wrestling @ Chesterfield in the AM

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# Attendance Recovery Information

## ATTENDANCE RECOVERY

Parkwood High School will offer attendance recovery sessions on the following dates and times. Students who owe recovery will be notified by Administration. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with their recovery time and complete the total hours owed.

### RECOVERY SESSIONS SCHEDULE

**Afternoons: 3:45- 5:15 (21 hours total)**

**Monday, Dec. 11- Friday, Dec. 15**

**Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Friday, Jan. 5**

**Monday, Jan. 8 – Friday Jan 12**

**Saturdays: 8 am - 2 pm on Jan. 6 & 13 (12 hrs total)**

Students must arrive on time for recovery sessions and must sign in and out in order to receive credit. *Please be aware that additional unexcused absences will increase the recovery time owed.*

*Thank you.*



# 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 [November newsletter](#) for details on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and fundraisers.

## PWHS PTSO At a Glance:

- **Candy Grams are coming!!** PTSO will be selling candy grams on Tuesday, 12/12 and Wednesday, 12/13 for \$1 each during lunches; candy grams will be delivered on Thursday, 12/14. Students can buy a candy gram for a friend, a teacher or for themselves!
- **Need a gift for your favorite Parkwood student? Check out the [online Spirit Wear shop](#)!** Order by 12/11 for delivery to school by 12/15 or pay \$5 flat rate for shipping to home (be aware of potential delays with holiday shipping!).
- **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](mailto:parkwoodptso@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO! It's going to be a great year!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board



# Upcoming Events



## December:

- 11th- 15th- Student Council Holiday Spirit Days
- 12th- Concert Band Winter Pops Concert (PWHS Auditorium 7 PM)
- 18th-31st- Winter Break- No school for students

## January:

- 1st- Winter Break- No school for students
- 15th- No School for students
- 18th-24th- 1st semester exams
- 24th- End of 3rd Term/1st Semester
- 25th- No school for students
- 26th- Start of 2nd Semester

## ...And Beyond:

- 3/29-4/5 - Spring Break
- 5/11- Prom
- 6/11 Graduation at PWHS 8 AM



# Quick Notes from the Counselors

## 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.

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

## Fidelity Scholars Program

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. The program is working to identify and support approximately 2,500 talented students from Fidelity's geographical priority areas in the United States. For year 2023-2024, the program will focus on students from Florida, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas and Washington, DC. For more information, please visit <https://uncf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program> and apply by **January 11, 2024**.





# 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. **Deadline is March 1, 2024.**

Juniors- please see the information below regarding the Youth Tour. **Deadline is December 31, 2023.**



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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.



# Girls on the Run Scholarship



## Alumni Scholarship

**NOW ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS!**

application deadline - April 8th  
apply @ [www.girlsontherununion.org](http://www.girlsontherununion.org)





# 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

## 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.

**\*Lyceum Scholars at Clemson:**

The program gives \$10,000 scholarships and teaches the recipient student the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society through a specific curriculum that is the equivalent of a minor in Political Science. Priority application deadline to Clemson University Honors College: November 1, 2023 Priority application deadline to Clemson University: December 1, 2023. Lyceum Scholars Program Application Deadline: **December 10, 2023**  
[Application information here.](#)

**\*Science Ambassador Scholarship**

- \$40,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: **December 13, 2023**)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be a high school senior or an undergraduate student.
- B) Be a woman attending a school in the United States.

Applications can be found by going to: <https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/>

**\*Power of Resilience Scholarship**

- \$1,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: **December 31, 2023**)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be in either high school or college and must show good academic standing with a GPA of at least 3.0.
- B) Submit an essay discussing a serious life challenge you encountered and how you overcame that challenge.

Applications can be found by going to: <https://scottglovsky.com/power-resilience-scholarship/>

**\*Overachievers Student Grant**

- \$15,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: **December 15, 2023**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be in middle school or high school. B) Be a person who is making a difference in others' lives outside of the classroom. Applications can be found by going to: <https://powertothepen.com/g2overachievers/>



# 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](mailto: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