

Wolf Pack Press



Good evening, Parkwood Wolf Pack families,

The end of the semester is RIGHT around the corner! Please encourage your students to make sure that their grades and their attendance is where it needs to be to ensure their success. If your student has questions about their grades, please have them speak with their teachers. If your student has questions about their attendance, please have them speak with their administrator.

Attendance Recovery. There are a few opportunities still left! Every day after school this Monday through Friday from 3:45 – 5:15 pm AND Saturday, 1/13/2024 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Students have to be on time to be able to take advantage of these opportunities.

First semester exams will be January 18 through January 24. We will begin exams promptly at 8:30 am and will continue until all students have completed their exams. Students will be dismissed from school on those days after ALL exams have been completed. While we estimate that this will be around 12:45, THIS IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE. Many factors go into students completing their exams and we always encourage them to take their time and be sure about their answers.

Second semester begins Friday, January 26. It's hard to believe how quickly this year is going by. We're working hard to take advantage of every moment we have to teach and learn at Parkwood High School!

Go Wolf Pack!

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 01/08	Tuesday 01/09	Wednesday 01/10	Thursday 01/11	Friday 01/12	Saturday 01/13
US Marines @ PWHS during all lunches	US Army @ PWHS during all lunches Indoor Track @ Piedmont 3:45 Basketball @ Anson 4:00/ 5:00/ 6:00/ 7:30	No Events	Wrestling vs Piedmont/ Forest Hills 6:00	Varsity Men's and Women's Wrestling @ Jack Britt Invitational PM Swimming @ Fort Mill YMCA 5:30	Varsity Men's and Women's Wrestling @ Jack Britt Invitational 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.



Union County Schools is changing their online payment provider from OSP to SchoolCash Online.

SchoolCash Online is a secure way to pay for school activities, field trips, spirit wear, etc. using Visa, Mastercard, eCheck and Apple Pay (coming soon). We encourage all parents to register now, so you'll be ready to receive email notifications when fees are added to your student's account and make online payments as schools begin to add school items to the online catalog.

[Click here to register.](#)



Upcoming Events

A graphic with a blue background. It features two overlapping speech bubbles. The top bubble is black with the text 'MARK YOUR' in white. The bottom bubble is white with the text 'CALENDAR' in blue.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

January:

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

February:

15th- Career/Military/College Fair at PWHS
16th- Early Release for students
19th- No school for students

...And Beyond:

3/29-4/5 - Spring Break
5/11- Prom (tickets on sale beginning April 8)
6/11 Graduation at PWHS 8 AM



PWHS PTSO

Happy New Year!

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

PWHS PTSO At a Glance:

- Join us for our first meeting of 2024 **this Tuesday, 1/9 at 7pm in the PWHS Cafeteria** - all are welcome!

We've been working hard behind the scenes on several upcoming activities and fundraisers and can't wait to share more details soon – stay tuned!

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.

PWHS PTSO Executive Board



NCSEAA FAFSA Walkthrough



January 9, 2024, 6 - 7 pm

Webinar: FAFSA Line-by-Line Walkthrough (Students and Families)

We invite all students and families to join us for a FAFSA line-by-line walkthrough webinar on **Thursday, January 9, 2024 from 6pm-7pm**. This will be a great opportunity for students and families to preview the form before filling it out.

Please share the QR code with your families and encourage them to register.



Register now



Career and College Promise @ SPCC



INFORMATION SESSIONS

2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12
January 9
February 13
March 12
April 9

**JOIN US @
6PM VIA MS
TEAMS!**



JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Pathways
- Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- Course Load
- Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- Benefits of CCP
- **AND MORE!**

CONTACT US

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US Military Academy

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY **WEST POINT®** **ADMISSIONS EVENT**



**Students, school counselors,
teachers, families and friends
are all welcome to attend.**

**Meet with an Admissions Counselor
and learn more about:**

- What West Point Offers
- Life as a Cadet
- The Application Process



← **SCAN HERE**
Sign up and reserve
your spot TODAY! →



11-Jan-24



6:30 PM




Veterans Bridge Home (Ste 110)
5260 Parkway Plaza Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28217



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www.westpoint.edu

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Local Club Scholarships

2024 STUDENT ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST



We are thrilled to announce the Weddington Optimist Club's Essay Scholarship Contest for 2024! This is an incredible opportunity for students to showcase their writing skills in a 700-800 word essay and stand a chance to win cash prizes and scholarships.

**2024 ESSAY TOPIC:
OPTIMISM: HOW IT CONNECTS US**

Participating in this contest not only provides an excellent platform for written expression but also offers the chance to win valuable cash prizes and scholarships. It's an opportunity for students to explore their creativity and articulate their thoughts on the given topic.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity! Start working on your essay today and submit it by February 12, 2024. Contact Steve Jarrell for any questions or assistance.

CONTEST DETAILS

CLUB LEVEL

Prizes:
\$100, \$50, \$25

DISTRICT LEVEL

Prize:
\$2,500 scholarship

ELIGIBILITY

Open to students
under the age of 19
(as of Oct 1, 2024)

DEADLINE

Essays due by
Feb. 12, 2024

QUESTIONS?

Steve Jarrell
Weddington Optimist Essay Chair
Cell: 704-774-7170
Email: steve@jarrellhomes.com

The Weddington Optimist Club is dedicated to supporting the academic growth and creative expression of our community's youth. Join us in fostering a culture of optimism and scholarship.

Waxhaw Lions Club Essay Scholarship is due by January 31, 2024

Weddington Optimist Club Essay Scholarship is due by February 12, 2024



NC Lions Statewide

2024 CELEBRATE LIBERTY Essay Contest

Lions Clubs from across the state of North Carolina are promoting a statewide "Celebrate Liberty" Essay Contest for high school students.

Essays must be emailed to the club's District Governor as listed on the submission form no later than January 31, 2024. The winner will receive \$250 and be invited to read their essay at the North Carolina Lions State Convention Governor's Banquet to be held in Greensboro, NC on April 27. If they choose to attend, the student's family's dinner expenses will be covered in addition to lodging expenses (if required). *Local clubs may also offer prizes for students in their region.*

2024 Essay Topic: *"What the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution means to me, and how it applies in today's society"*

Eligibility

- Students in Grades 9 - 12

Criteria

- Addresses the essay topic from a personal standpoint
- Insightful and well-written
- Reflects respect and esteem towards our country
- No more than 750 words

Deadline: This completed submission form and the essay must be emailed to NC Lions District Governor Susan O'Brien <obriensu777@gmail.com> by January 31, 2024. Late submissions will be disqualified.

STUDENT NAME: _____
STUDENT ADDRESS: _____
STUDENT EMAIL: _____
STUDENT PHONE: _____
STUDENT AGE: _____
STUDENT GRADE: _____
SCHOOL NAME: _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

My signature confirms that this student essay has been reviewed for eligibility and appropriateness of submission:

TEACHER or EDUCATOR NAME (Printed): _____

TEACHER or EDUCATOR SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



Focus HBCU Fair

93RD SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONVENTION
PRESENTS

FOCUS HBCU Fair

ON-SITE
ADMISSIONS AND
SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER
501 S COLLEGE STREET, CHARLOTTE, NC 28202
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Free
Transportation
and Free
Lunch! Please
see your
counselor to
get a copy of
your transcript
if you are
interested in
on-site
admission
opportunities.



REGISTER HERE:



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FOCUSHBCUFAIR2024](https://tinyurl.com/focushbcufair2024)



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.**



PO Box 5014, Monroe, NC 28111
EMILY.ALDRIDGE@UNION-POWER.COM
UNION-POWER.COM
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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



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



Where can you find scholarships?

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

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Up to \$30,000 over 4 years (Deadline January 10, 2024)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be a graduating high school senior.
- B) Be considered a minority.

Visit this link for more information. <https://jackierobinson.org/scholarship/>

Daughters of the American Revolution (Deadline: January 31, 2024)

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

Creative Writing Awards: Deadline: January 16, 2024

(Deadline: the first 1,000 submissions will be accepted) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be a current high school senior B) Attends a public high school in the USA and C) Plans to attend either a 2 or 4 year college. If you are interested, please apply at. <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/penguinrandomhouse/>

ExploraVision Awards

- \$10,000 - 40 Awards (Deadline: January 31, 2024)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be a United States citizen living within the United States or U.S. Territories and enrolled full-time in a public, private, or home school and no older than 21 years of age.

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



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. Broome 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



@UCPSCollegePrep



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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