

# 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 is one more opportunity for students to make up time missed due to absences. Tuesday, 1/16/2023, from 3:45 – 5:15 pm AND Saturday. Students have to be on time to be able to take advantage of attendance recovery.

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 01/15	Tuesday 01/16	Wednesday 01/17	Thursday 01/18	Friday 01/19	Saturday 01/20
No School- MLK Holiday	Basketball vs Monroe 4:00/ 5:00/ 6:00/ 7:30	No Events	1st Block Exam- Early Release after all exams are complete	2nd Block Exam- Early Release after all exams are complete  Basketball vs Piedmont 4:30/ 6:00/ 7:30  Varsity Men's and Women's Wrestling @ Piedmont for the RRC Tournament PM	No Events

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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 words "MARK YOUR" in white. The bottom bubble is white with the word "CALENDAR" in blue. The entire graphic is centered within a blue rectangular frame.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

## January:

22nd-24th- 1st Semester exams  
24th- End of 3rd Term/1st Semester  
25th- No school for students  
26th- Start of 2nd Semester

## February:

2nd- Report Cards Distributed  
13th- Information Night for 9th-11th 6PM  
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



# Local Scholarship

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®**

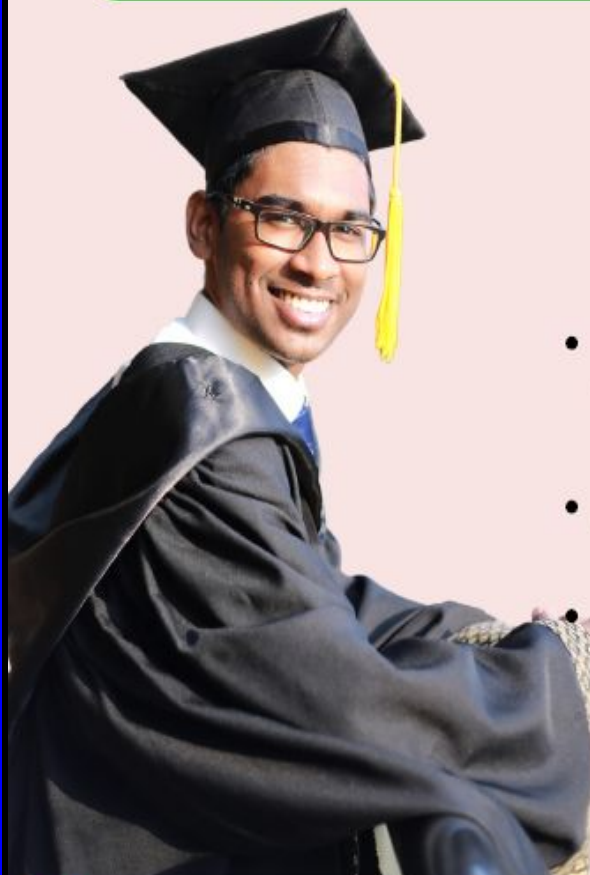
*Alpha Alpha Chi Omega*

**2024- 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**Click here to download  
application**

**OR**

**Scan here for  
application**



**Scholarship Value: \$2,000**

**Application Window:**

**January 15 - March 15, 2024**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Possess minimum G.P.A 2.5 or higher [non-weighted] or minimum G.P.A 3.5 or higher [weighted]
- Attending an accredited 4 year university/college in Fall 2023
- Graduating High School Senior residing and attending school in Anson or Union County, NC

**Have a question? Email us at**

**[aka@alphaalphachiomega.org](mailto:aka@alphaalphachiomega.org)**



**[www.alphaalphachiomega.org](http://www.alphaalphachiomega.org)**



# PWHS PTSO

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

## PWHS PTSO At a Glance:

**Bring the Heat!!** The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual PWHS PTSO Chili Cook-Off will be Friday, 2/2, at 5pm – 6:30pm. HOT PRIZES will be awarded for the BEST chili. **Register before 1/19 for only \$20 to participate. If you are interested in cooking your best chili and participating in our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off, send an email to [parkwoodptso@gmail.com](mailto:parkwoodptso@gmail.com) parkwood with your name and contact information for an entry form. Who will be crowned Chili Champion?!**

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 [ptso@gmail.com](mailto:ptso@gmail.com).

PWHS PTSO Executive Board





# Souper Bowl of Caring

**JOIN US IN THE FIGHT  
AGAINST HUNGER**



**January 29-  
March 24**

All proceeds will go to our  
local community shelter.

Give online at [bit.ly/2024PWSouperBowl](https://bit.ly/2024PWSouperBowl) or give  
cash at our PTSSO-sponsored lunch on Feb 9th.







# 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	DISTRICT LEVEL	ELIGIBILITY	DEADLINE
Prizes: \$100, \$50, \$25	Prize: \$2,500 scholarship	Open to students under the age of 19 (as of Oct 1, 2024)	Essays due by Feb. 12, 2024

### QUESTIONS?

Steve Jarrell  
Weddington Optimist Essay Chair  
Cell: 704-774-7170  
Email: [steve@jarrellhomes.com](mailto: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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_





# Summer Opportunities



## Pre-College Programs *Summer 2024*

JUNE 16-21 / JUNE 23-28

Week-long immersion programs introduce high school students to college-level study, university life, and career options in a dynamic learning environment.

What makes pre-college programs *unique*?



Each program exemplifies the high-quality arts and sciences approach that is a hallmark of UNC Asheville and pairs participants with expert faculty and industry professionals in concentrations including Ceramics; Pre-Med; Geology & Adventure; Film Scoring & Sound Design; Great Smokies Young Writers Workshops (Creative Writing); Meteorology; River Ecology & Adventure; Music Composition & Songwriting; Climate, Robotics, Rocketry & Aerospace Engineering; and Video Game Design.

Pre-College Programs are open to rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Lodging, meals, excursions and all academic materials are included in the program cost starting at \$1,430 per week.

Registration Open Now  
[UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE](https://unca.edu/precollege)

For more information, visit [unca.edu/precollege](https://unca.edu/precollege) or contact Office of Conferences & Camps at [precollege@unca.edu](mailto:precollege@unca.edu)





# 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

[sep@spcc.edu](mailto:sep@spcc.edu)  
704.290.5090





# Focus HBCU Fair

93RD SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONVENTION  
PRESENTS

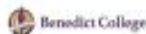
# FOCUS HBCU Fair

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  
704.220.0703

## 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



## Where can you find scholarships?

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

### LAWA (Latin Americans Working For Achievement)

(Deadline March 24, 2024)- For a complete list of requirements and to apply:

<https://www.lawanc.org/scholarship-program> **All statuses welcomed** and there are 3 scholarship categories:

New Youth Scholarship for an upcoming high school graduate or have graduated within the 2023-2024 academic year.

Currently Enrolled Scholarship for students currently enrolled full-time in post-secondary education.

Renewal Scholarship for current LAWA scholarship Recipients.

### 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

### 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



ucpscollegeready



# 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