

Wolf Pack Press



Good evening, Parkwood Wolf Pack families,

We've had two great days of exams so far! Two more to go! Monday and Tuesday (1/22/2024 and 1/23/2024) will be regular exam days. Wednesday (1/24/2024) is a makeup exam day. 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 the estimated time 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. If your student needs a schedule correction (for example: they failed a class in the first semester that's a prerequisite), they need to fill out this Google form for their counselor: <https://bit.ly/PWHSSp24SchCorReq>

Students must be logged in to their school google account.

Deadline to request a schedule correction is Friday, February 1, 2024 at 3:30 pm.
Requests will only be considered for the following reasons:

- Senior is missing a required class for graduation or college admission
- Student has not met or is missing a prerequisite for a course in which they are enrolled
- Student is taking a course that he/she has passed
- Students is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- Level change in a core class (for example: Honors to CP – only if there is space available in the other class)

If a student's request cannot be made, they will receive a message through their school email. If the request can be made, a counselor will meet with the student to change the schedule.

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 01/22 | Tuesday 01/23 | Wednesday 01/24 | Thursday 01/25 | Friday 01/26 | Saturday 01/27 |
|---|---|--------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| 3rd Block Exam - Early Release after all exams are complete | 4th Block Exam - Early Release after all exams are complete Basketball vs CATA 4:30/ 6:00/ 7:30 | Make-up Exams | No School Indoor Track @ Marvin Ridge 3:45 | Beginning of 2nd Semester Basketball vs Forest Hills 4:30/ 6:00/ 7:30 Swimming Conference Championship Meet @ Stanly County Family YMCA | No Events |

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Chili Cook Off



Parkwood High School PTSO

Chili COOK OFF

HOT prize
for the BEST
Chili!

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 2

5PM - 6:30PM

Chili Cook Off Competition will be
held in the hall behind the new
gym during the Anson v PW
Basketball game!

\$20 REGISTRATION FEE; MAKE
CHECK PAYABLE TO: PWHS
PTSO

REGISTRATION ENDS 1/26
TO REQUEST AN ENTRY FORM
SEND AN EMAIL TO:
PARKWOODPTSO@GMAIL.COM

\$5 entry fee to taste/vote
for the best chili

\$2.50 bowls of chili





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 1st Annual PWHS PTSO Chili Cook-Off will be Friday, 2/2, at 5pm – 6:30pm. HOT PRIZES will be awarded for the BEST chili and the best dressed booth! Registration fee is \$20 to participate and registration closes after 1/26. If you are interested in cooking your best chili and participating in our 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off, send an email to parkwoodptso@gmail.com with your name and contact information for an entry form. Who will be crowned Chili Champion and have the ultimate bragging rights?!

- **Join us at the Cook-Off on Friday, 2/2, to cast your vote for the BEST chili; entry fee is \$5 and includes 5 voting tickets (additional voting tickets available for \$1 each)! The Cook-Off will be held in the back hall behind the new gym during the Anson v PW basketball game. Make sure you bring your appetite – full size bowls of chili will be available to purchase for \$2.50! Help us make this new event a success!**

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.

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 or give
cash at our PTSO-sponsored lunch on Feb 9th.**





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. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

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

March:

- 5th- No school for students
- 8th- End of Term 4
- 15th Early Release for students and Report cards distributed
- 29th- No school for students

...And Beyond:

- 4/1-4/5 - Spring Break
- 5/11- Prom (tickets on sale beginning April 8)
- 6/11 Graduation at PWHS 8 AM



PWHS FAFSA Assistance

FINANCIAL AID FAFSA

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

PWHS FAFSA ASSISTANCE
Sign up with the QR code



NEXT NC Scholarship

- NC Community College \$3,000
- NC Public University \$5,000
- Complete the FAFSA
- A North Carolina resident, eligible for in-state tuition
- A high school graduate
- From a household with an annual Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$80,000 or less
- <https://nextncscholarship.org/> for additional criteria.

WHAT IS FAFSA? WHO IS IT FOR? WHY COMPLETE IT?

- Allows you to apply for grants, scholarships, federal loans and other aid
- Fund 2 year, 4 year and trade school programs
- Cover education expenses of tuition, books, supplies, meals, fees, housing & transportation

For all SENIORS!

SCHOOL FAFSA COMPLETION INCENTIVES

Students will be entered into a drawing once per month beginning with the month that their FAFSA is completed.

- Prizes
- Food
- Gift Cards

Available by Dec 31st
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

More information:
<https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/fafsa-support>



Free ACT Practice

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Free ACT Practice Tests and Prep

Open to all UCPS high school students

Pretest and Posttest in person
Online content in between

PRETEST:

January 27th, 8 AM- 12 PM

POSTTEST:

February 10th, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at:
Porter Ridge High School

2839 Ridge Road
Indian Trail, NC 28079

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



Register by January 24th:
<https://bit.ly/24ACTpracticerequest>





SPCC FAFSA Day



FAFSA DAY!

Let Us Help You Get
\$\$\$ for College.

Jan. 27 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

South Piedmont Community College
Old Charlotte Highway Campus
4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe

For more information and a list
of required documents, visit:
fafsaday.info.spcc.edu

Registration
requested



¡Día de FAFSA!

Permítanos ayudarle
a conseguir dinero
para la universidad.

27 de Enero | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Colegio Comunitario del Piedmont del Sur
Campus de Old Charlotte Highway

Para más información y una lista de
documentos requeridos, visite:
fafsaday.info.spcc.edu

Favor
de registrar





Local Scholarship

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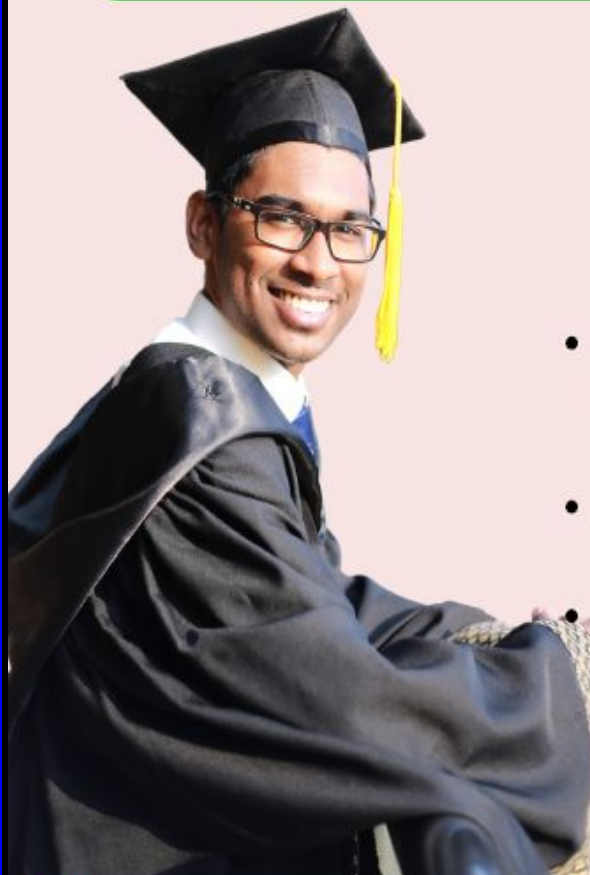
Alpha Alpha Chi Omega

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



www.alphaalphachiomega.org



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

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: _____



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 or contact Office of Conferences & Camps at 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
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



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 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