

# Wolf Pack Press

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We are so fortunate to have our counselors at Parkwood High School! Mrs. Davison, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Onley, Ms. Reynolds Ms. Sebastian - You all make Parkwood High School a better place. Thank you for all you do for our students and staff!

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 02/12	Tuesday 02/13	Wednesday 02/14	Thursday 02/15	Friday 02/16	Saturday 02/17
US Marines @ PWHS during all lunches	US Army @ PWHS during all lunches  Information Night for 9th-11th grade 5:00-7:00 Drop-in 6:00 Presentation  Basketball @ Piedmont 4:30/ 6:00/ 7:30	US Navy @ PWHS during all lunches	PWHS College, Career and Military Fair for students  Men and Women's Wrestling NCHSAA States @ Greensboro Coliseum	Early Release for students at 12:30  Men and Women's Wrestling NCHSAA States @ Greensboro Coliseum  Basketball @ CATA 4:30/ 6:00/ 7:30	Men and Women's Wrestling NCHSAA States @ Greensboro Coliseum

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

Follow us on Facebook: [ParkwoodHSNC](#)

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

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



# Portrait of a Graduate

## EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

A Wolf Pack member is:

- Accomplished in the skills of
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Listening
  - Speaking
  - Use of technology
- Confident in all they do
- Organized when they work





# Upcoming Events



## February:

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

## April:

4/1-4/5 - Spring Break

4/26- Early Release for students and the End of Term 5

## ...And Beyond:

5/11- Prom (tickets on sale beginning April 8)

6/11 Graduation at PWHS 8 AM



# 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](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.

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



# Information Night



## Parkwood High School Information Night for 9-11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents February 13, 2024

Students will begin registration for classes for 2024-25 in mid-February.  
Attend our information night to learn about the opportunities available.

**5-6pm Drop in opportunity to speak with  
teachers in student center  
Presentation @6pm in PWHS Auditorium**

### Learn About:

- ◊ Academies/Pathways
- ◊ AP Courses
- ◊ Career & College Promise Program
- ◊ Steps to Prepare for College





# 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



# PWHS College, Career & Military Fair

## **PWHS** *3rd Annual* **COLLEGE, CAREER & MILITARY FAIR**

### **WHEN**

**February 15, 2024**  
**8:30am - 12pm**

### **WHERE**

**PWHS Old Gym**

#### **SIGN-UP [First come, first serve basis]**

> Check if your 1st or 2nd block teacher signed up the class to attend.

**OR**

> Individually—attend during Advisory  
— scan QR Code below to sign up



### **PARTICIPANTS**

#### **COLLEGE**

Appalachian State University  
Benedict College  
College of Charleston  
East Carolina State University  
Elizabeth City State  
Johnson & Wales University  
Kent State University  
Tulsa Welding School  
UNC Charlotte  
UNC Greensboro  
UNC Wilmington  
University of Alabama  
University of South Carolina  
Wingate University  
Winston Salem State  
& More

#### **CAREER**

Charlotte Pipe  
CL Driving School  
Greiner Bio-One  
Hoopaugh Grading Company  
Monroe Fire  
Pinnacle Financial Partners  
State Utilities Contractors  
Union County Sheriff's Office  
Union EMS  
& More

#### **MILITARY**

Air Force  
Army  
Coast Guard  
Marine  
Navy  
National Guard



# 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



REGISTER HERE:



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

Sign up via both codes!



See your counselor for more  
details and your transcript



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.



# 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](#) or details on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and fundraisers.

## PWHS PTSO At a Glance:

- **Support the [PTSO 1 Pack, 1 Family Fundraiser](#)!! Our goal is \$10,000 and we can reach our goal if every family donates just \$10! REMEMBER – check with your employer to see if they will match your donation!**
- **Want to raise money for Parkwood while saving money for yourself?** Call or text Staci Howell State Farm for a free quote at 704-256-1980. Staci Howell State Farm will donate \$25 to PWHS PTSO for every NEW insurance quote given in the month of February; if you are an existing Staci Howell policyholder and call for a quote to add coverage, she will also donate \$25! **Raising money for PWHS has never been easier!**
- **Students – grab your friends and [click here](#) to register by Thursday, 2/29 for the Lip Sync Battle on Thursday, 3/21 at 4:30pm. Not a singer but love to perform? Then this event is for you!** All performances must be approved immediately after school on Thursday, 3/14. Prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place...who will take home the grand prize?!
- **Calling all Seniors! Parkwood PTSO is proud to offer two \$750 scholarships to graduating seniors.** To be eligible, seniors must be in good standing with the school, have plans to attend a trade school, 2-year or 4-year college/university after graduation and have completed the application no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2024. [Click here to access the PWHS PTSO Scholarship Application.](#)

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).

PWHS PTSO Executive Board



# Parkwood PTSO Lip Sync Battle

**STUDENTS + TEACHERS  
NOT A  
SINGER?...**

**...BUT LIKE TO  
PERFORM?**

**COMPETE IN THE  
LIP SYNC BATTLE!**

**MARCH 21, 2024 @ 4:30 PM**

ALL PERFORMANCES MUST BE  
APPROVED ON **3/14/24**  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCHOOL

PRIZES AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND,  
AND 3RD PLACE

REGISTER BY **2/29/24** :  
**PARKWOODPTSO@GMAIL.COM**

\$1 FOR STUDENTS  
\$2 FOR PARENTS



# Parkwood PTSO Support

Help Support Your PTO

## Parkwood High School

will be donated to the  
PTO for all NEW INSURANCE  
quotes given in the  
month of  
**February**  
when you mention this ad!

**\$25**

Staci Howell. State Farm



Call or text  
for a quote!  
**704-256-1980**



# 2024 House Page Program

The 2024 Short Session House Page Applications will be available online beginning **Monday, March 4th, 2024**. The Page website can be accessed by visiting the following: <https://www.ncleg.gov/House/PageProgram/>.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Pages may only serve one time in the House.
2. **Sophomore, junior and senior high school students** will be eligible to apply.
3. Information for prospective Pages can be found at our website for Page information, including the process and the application(listed in the hyperlink)
4. Check the House Page website for participant eligibility requirements and available dates to serve as a House Page.
5. House Page applications are accepted until all weeks are full.

Applications are submitted electronically for review, approval, and sponsorship.



# SPCC Spring Open House

# OPEN HOUSE



## The first step to your college and career goals!

- Tour campuses and labs
- Learn about degrees and workforce programs
- Get help with financial aid
- Meet with instructors and academic advisers
- Learn about student clubs and organizations

## When & Where

**March 12 | 4pm - 7pm**

Old Charlotte Highway Campus,  
4209 Old Charlotte Highway,  
Monroe, N.C.

**March 19 | 4pm - 7pm**

L.L. Polk Campus,  
680 Highway 74,  
Polkton, N.C.



Scan here to  
register for  
Open House.

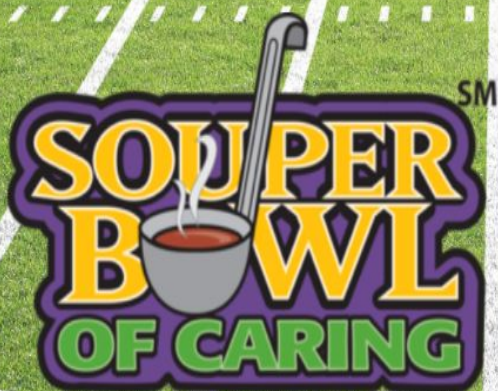
\*\*Registration  
requested but  
not required.





# 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 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.](#)



# 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>



# Local Scholarship

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®**

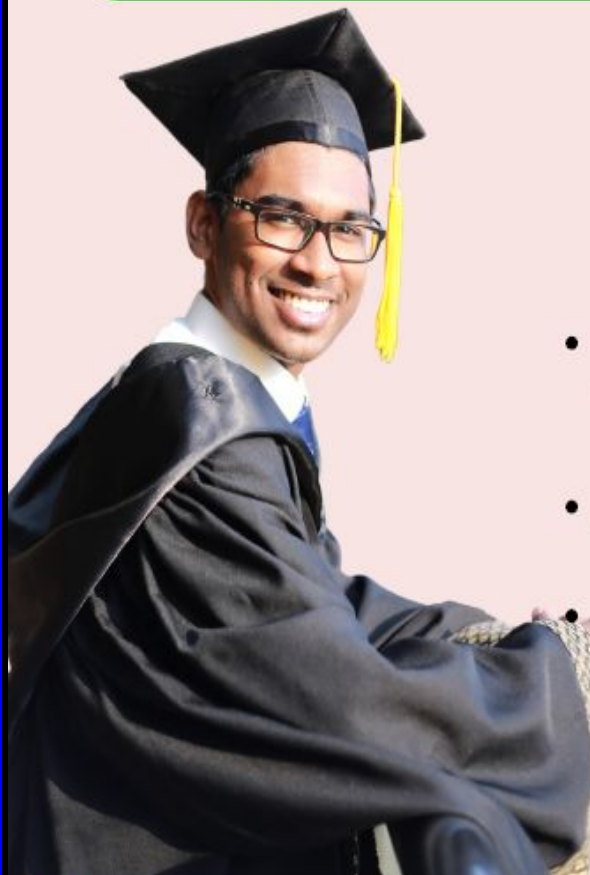
*Alpha Alpha Chi Omega*

**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)**



# UCPS Impact 30 Film Competition

UNION COUNTY **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**IMPACT**

**30**

**FILM  
COMPETITION**

**BE CREATIVE!!  
WIN PRIZES!**

COMPETITION AND  
ENTRY DETAILS:



SHOWCASE OUR **30** YEARS OF IMPACT

Deadline:  
Friday,  
March 22



# Scholarship Opportunities



ATTENTION SENIORS

YOU MAY QUALIFY  
FOR THE  
BOB R. MCGUIRE  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
OR THE  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHILD SUPPORT COUNCIL  
SCHOLARSHIP**

PLEASE CONTACT  
YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

**DEADLINE: April 5, 2024**

[www.nccscouncil.org](http://www.nccscouncil.org)

North Carolina Child Support Council Scholarship

**Amount \$1,500**



# Parkwood Golf Tournament



**SUPPORT THE  
WOLFPACK**



## **PARKWOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20  
MONROE COUNTRY CLUB  
9:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START**

- \$360 per Foursome
- Sign up at: [www.parkwoodathleticzone.com](http://www.parkwoodathleticzone.com)  
(click "PW Golf Tournament" at the top of the page)



*Thank you to our  
event sponsor!*



Contact AD Mike Helms for more information: [Michael.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Michael.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us)



# 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)



# 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)





# 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.

**Parkwood PTSO Scholarship** (Deadline April 30, 2024) To be eligible, seniors must be in good standing with the school and have plans to attend a trade school, 2-year or 4-year college/university after graduation. [Click here to access the PWHS PTSO Scholarship Application.](#)

### **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.

### **2024 Weddington Optimist Club Essay Contest** - Deadline: February 12, 2024

**Prizes:** At the club level, we'll be presenting cash awards of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Additionally, the District winner stands a chance to secure a substantial \$2,500 scholarship.

**Sponsorship:** Optimist International sponsors this contest, aiming to provide students with the freedom to shape their perspectives around a central idea. Alongside the opportunity for written expression, participants also have the chance to secure a college scholarship.

**Eligibility:** The contest is open to students under the age of 19 (as of Oct 1, 2024), offering them a unique platform to showcase their talents.

**Topic for 2024:** "Optimism: How it connects us." The minimum length is 700 – 800 words (or about two typed pages).

**Submission Deadline:** Essays must be submitted to the club no later than **Feb. 12, 2024** email to [steve@jarrellhomes.com](mailto:steve@jarrellhomes.com).



# 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