

Wolf Pack Press



Good evening, Parkwood Wolf Pack families,

Our first term report cards came out this past Friday. Please take the time to look over your student's report card. Praise them for the awesome academic strides they are achieving. Encourage them in areas that they need to improve. We are ready and willing to help students who need additional academic support. Please let us know how we can help your students achieve academic success!

Gooooo 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 10/16	Tuesday 10/17	Wednesday 10/18	Thursday 10/19	Friday 10/20	Saturday 10/21
No School- Teacher Workday Women's Golf RRC Tournament @ Charlotte National 12:00 Men's Soccer @ Monroe 6:00 Volleyball @ Forest Hills Conference Tournament 7:30	College App Week- Counselor Help during all lunches in the student center US Army @ PWHS during all lunches Cross Country RRC Championship 4:30	Blood Drive in the Gym 8:00-2:00 College App Week- Counselor Help during all lunches in the student center US Marines @ PWHS during all lunches Men's Soccer vs Piedmont 6:00	College App Week- Counselor Help during all lunches in the student center JV Football vs Forest Hills 6:30	College App Week- Counselor Help during all lunches in the student center Varsity Football @ Forest Hills 7:00	No Events

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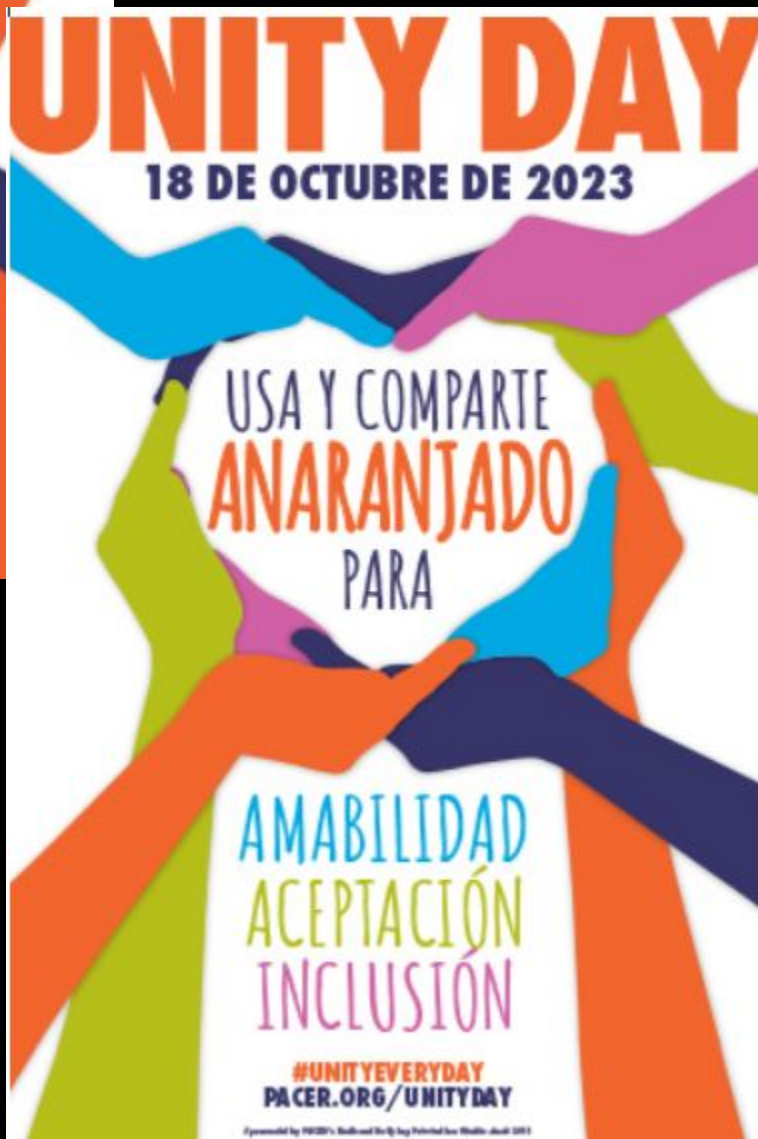


Congratulations!!

***Congratulations to
Shelley Gordon
on being named
Parkwood High
School's
Teacher of the
Year!***



Wednesday is Unity Day!





College Application Month

During the month of October, your counselors will hold mini-sessions every **Tuesday & Thursday** in the media center for students graduating June 2024.



OCTOBER is COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

SESSION TIMES:

Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:00-8:30 am
11:53-12:19 1st lunch
12:23-12:49 2nd lunch
12:53-1:19 3rd lunch
1:23-1:49 4th lunch

This is an opportunity to receive valuable information and get help from your counselor so take advantage of this opportunity!

Topics to include:

- A step-by-step guide to applying to college
- Choosing colleges that are a best fit for you
- In-state, out-of-state, public and private school options
- Importance of knowing application deadlines
- Applying for NC residency and why it's important
- How to write an effective application essay
- How to use SCOIR for transcripts, teacher recommendations etc.
- Registering for the NCAA if you plan to play college sports
- Using an application portal to apply to colleges
- CFNC Free Application Week October 16-20
- Applying for financial aid through FAFSA
- College portals and receiving communication from schools

NC Countdown to College - Month of October

CNFC.org Events

NC College Application deadlines and open house links:

<https://www.cfnc.org/media/fadgkuqj/nc-college-admissions-deadlines-and-visit-information.pdf>

Online events to help with college applications:

<https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/>

College Admission Checklist:

<https://www.cfnc.org/media/spdnrtmk/cfnc-college-admission-checklist-2023.pdf>



Free College Application Week



UPDATED FALL 2023

College Application Week Participating Schools

Many North Carolina schools are waiving their application fees from Oct. 16-20—IF you apply through CFNC.org! Start on CFNC.org's Application Hub. Other schools may be accepting special fee waivers, too, through ACT, SAT or NACAC.

Visit CFNC.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/ for more information.

Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Brevard College
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences*
Campbell University
Catawba College
Chowan University
Davidson College*
East Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University*
Fayetteville State University
Gardner-Webb University
Greensboro College
Guilford College
Johnson and Wales University - Charlotte
Johnson C. Smith University
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Livingstone College
Louisburg College
Mars Hill University

Meredith College
Methodist University
Montreat College
North Carolina A&T State University*
North Carolina Central University*
North Carolina Wesleyan University
Pfeiffer University
Queens University of Charlotte
Saint Augustine's University
Salem College
Shaw University*
St. Andrews University
UNC Asheville
UNC Pembroke
UNC School of the Arts*
University of Mount Olive
Warren Wilson College
Western Carolina University
William Peace University
Wingate University
Winston-Salem State University
And all 58 community colleges

*Application fees are only waived for certain applicants (e.g. NC residents). Check with the institution for more information.

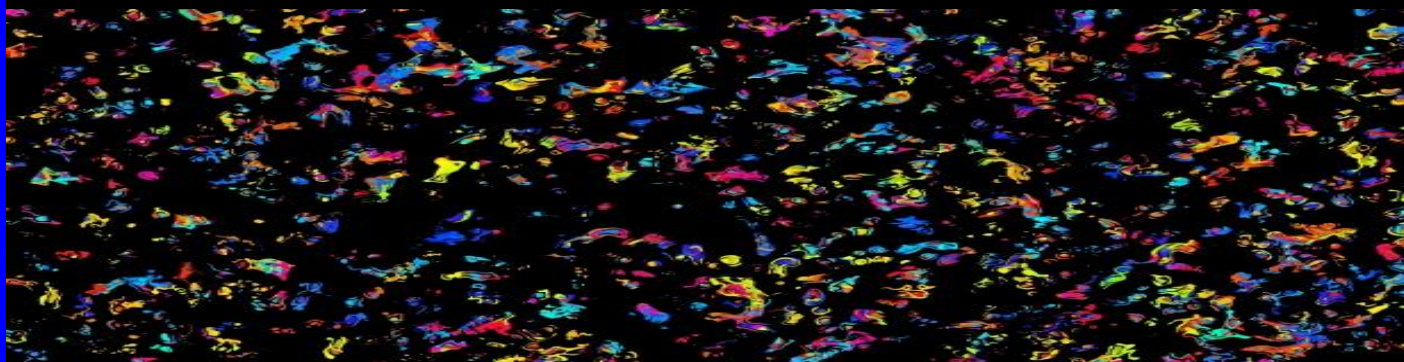


Junior/Senior Prom

Our Junior/Senior prom will be hosted on May 11th, 2024. If you would like to assist in decisions for this event, please fill out the Google Form attached to the QR code. We will have meetings monthly and decide on the Prom Theme and party favors. We will also meet in person with our decorator during the second semester to communicate our "wishlist" as far as decorations.

Meetings will be held in Room 502 with Mrs. Gill and/or Mrs. Chaffin. Meeting dates/times are still TBD, but we will host our first interest meeting Tuesday, October 17th after school till about 4:10pm.

This committee allows any members from the Junior and Senior class. Scan the QR code to sign up!





Blood Drive



Blood Drive **Parkwood High School**

Gym
3220 Parkwood School Road
Monroe, NC 28112

Wednesday, October 18th
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Parkwood High
to schedule an appointment.

DON'T FORGET:
Eat breakfast the day of the blood drive!
Drink lots of water that week!
Bring your driver's license/permit!



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to schedule
an appointment

Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS



SPCC Open House

OPEN HOUSE



The first step to your college and career goals!

- Tour campus, including our Health Sciences, Manufacturing, and Technology Labs
- Learn about our wide variety of programs, degrees, and workforce training options
- Get help with financial aid
- Meet your future instructors and academic advisers
- Learn about student clubs and organizations
- Connect with various campus support services to help you succeed

When & Where

Oct. 18 | 4pm - 7pm

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



Scan here to
register for
Open House.

**Registration
requested but
not required.





Senior Portrait Information

Senior portrait appointments are open for October 19th. Students should register ASAP as slots fill up quickly. The sitting at school is FREE, and the pictures will be used in the yearbook. Use the link to sign up for your slot!

<https://seniors.legacystudios.com/parkwood-high-school-monroe-nc/>





UTI National Tech Trade Expo



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS...

Join us on Saturday, October 21 at a campus near you to explore your training options and see how you can get trained on some of the world's most recognizable brands.

- Uncover the reasons why top brands hire our graduates¹
- Explore training paths in innovative fields
- Tour our campus & meet instructors & staff committed to student success
- See how we're helping to make training affordable (scholarships and grants available)²

UTI is an educational institution and cannot guarantee employment or salary. Financial aid, scholarships and grants are available to those who qualify. Awards vary due to specific conditions, criteria and state. For program-specific information and other disclosures, visit www.uti.edu/disclosures.



RSVP AT S.UTI.EDU/EXPO

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Getting Ready For College



2023-2024 College Readiness Series

@UCPSCollegePrep

ucpscollegeready

Getting Ready for College

October 28, 2023

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Held at Wingate University

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

Presented in partnership with Wingate University, attendees will learn:

- How to create a strong academic plan in HS
- Choosing a Best Fit College
- UCPS Supports to Prep for College

All attendees receive free admission to the Wingate vs. Lenoir-Rhyne football game at 6PM!

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS





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.

Juniors- please see the information below regarding the Youth Tour.



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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.



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

PWHS PTSO At a Glance

- Purchase Parkwood High Spirit Wear day or night! Check out our new [Spirit Wear website](#) and place an order today!
- Join the PTSO for our October meeting on Tuesday, 10/17, at 7pm in the student center
- Have you purchased your Class of 2024 Senior Package? If not, what are you waiting for?! Purchase a [Senior Package](#) and start celebrating your Senior today!
- 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. Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board

Kerri Lowery PWHS PTSO President

Kim Starnes PWHS PTSO Vice President

Brianne Tolani PWHS PTSO Treasurer

Adrienne Jaquith PWHS PTSO Secretary





Take a Break

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- Take a deep breath in and then slowly out.
 - Clear your mind.
- Take another deep breath in and then slowly out.
 - Feel your body relax.
- Take another deep breath in and slowly out.
 - Feel yourself letting go and becoming more relaxed.
- Take one more deep breath and slowly breathe out.



Quick Notes from the Counselors

ASVAB

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023 from 8:30-11:30am.

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) measures aptitude and acquired skills which can be used to help predict future academic and occupational success. ASVAB scores give students insight into their options and aid them in planning their next step after high school. The ASVAB is also used by the military for enlistment and classification.

Must be in 10th, 11th or 12th grade to take the test. The test will be on computer and takes about 2 1/2 hours.

Must sign up at <https://forms.gle/6Hq9zHaW4dFDuGdo7b>

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>

College Application Week

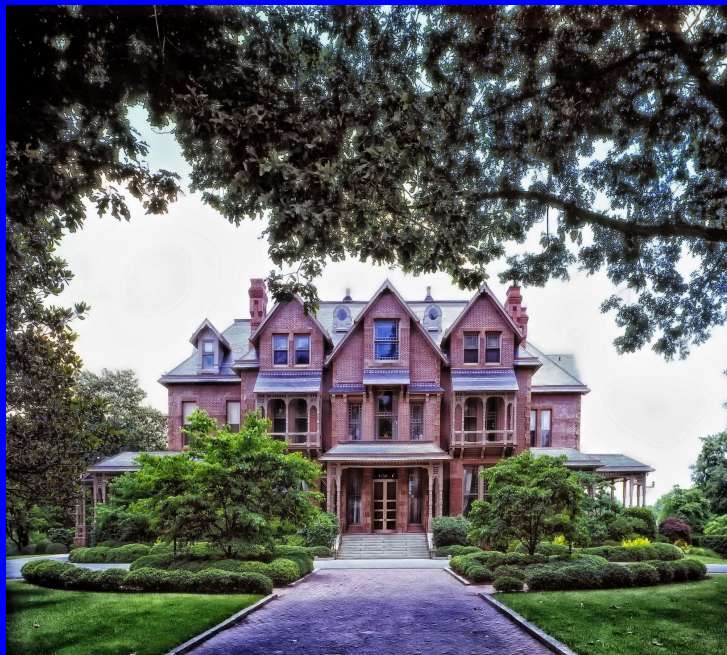
Plan to join our counselors during all lunches in the month of October in the Media Center for the following topics related to applying to college:

10/25- Financial Aid

10/26- What to expect after submitting your applications.



NC Governor's School



GS Governor's School
of North Carolina

Summer Program

Join us for an informational
webinar! Register by visiting
<https://bit.ly/24govschoolinfosession>



About the Program

The Governor's School is a 4 week residential program to build a learning community where students are encouraged to explore and ask questions, with the purpose of learning for its own sake and discovering new possibilities.

[GS Webpage](#) on NC DPI

[GS Family Overview](#)

Application Deadline

Early November, 2023 - see school
for specific date.

11th Graders

Academic Disciplines

- English
- Spanish
- Mathematics
- Natural Science
- Social Science

Art Disciplines

- Art
- Choral Music
- Instrumental Music
- Dance
- Theater

10th Graders

- Choral Music
- Dance
- Instrumental Music

[Click here for School Contacts](#)

North Carolina Governor's School

A Summer Program for Gifted and Talented High School Students



Have the experience of a lifetime.
Spend your* next summer at the NC
Governor's School! In this four-week
residential program, you can:

- Learn new concepts in engaging classes—all without the pressure of grades or tests
- Meet amazing new friends from across the state
- Participate in performances and presentations
- Focus on the subject area of your interest and discuss new ideas
- Attend exciting elective seminars, workshops, and campus-wide activities
- Gain experience to help you prepare for college



Because of Governor's School...

"I feel like I am a whole new person and feel as though nothing can top this experience." - GS Student, 2023

"I have become a better human and a more critical thinker. I have learned how to communicate more, be more confident, and truly understand what learning means." - GS Student, 2023

* Open to current 11th graders. Current 10th graders may apply in some arts areas.

For more information and to apply:

Contact

Ms. Sebastian

Guidance office

www.ncgovschool.org

North Carolina



SPCC Career and College Promise Program



Career & College Promise Program (CCP)-Dual Enrollment

CCP is a North Carolina dual enrollment program that allows students to take college courses **tuition-free** while enrolled in high school. Students are responsible for additional costs, like ebooks, supplies and online access codes. UCPS school districts provides a \$50 reimbursement per course (see link below). The program's design provides structured opportunities for high school students to earn college credits tuition-free that "lead to a certificate, diploma, or degree as well as provide entry-level jobs skills. Career and College Promise is designed to connect students to college and career goals, whether they intend to transfer or go directly into the workforce after high school graduation.

Eligible students can choose between different pathways under CCP:

- **College Transfer Pathways (CTP):** **tuition-free** courses toward a number of transfer degrees, including the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science.
- **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathways:** **tuition-free** courses toward a certificate or diploma in Welding, Construction, IT, Health Sciences, Automotive. These include Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) courses that can lead to a state or industry-recognized credential.

Eligibility requirements vary between pathways but typically consider a student's grade level, unweighted GPA, or college readiness through an assessment.

Ms. Davis, is our SPCC Career Coach assigned to Parkwood students. She is on-site available to students on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of each week during the school day. She is located in the Media Center (700 bldg.) and available during the lunch blocks for student access and can be reached @ wdavis@spcc.edu or 704-290-5876.

Mrs. Davison is our Counselor at Parkwood who works with students interested in taking college classes. Students can reach out to her through email shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us or the [counselor meeting request form](#) on how the program works with their high school classes.

Resources to Learn More about CCP:

<https://spcc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022-2023-Career-and-College-Promise-Program-Guide-Update.pdf>

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/3715#:~:text=The%20Career%20and%20College%20Promise.of%20the%20tr,additional%20school%20day.>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JfVv9WTfsJtxAtvVJ4xSnFse7ZclwG7R/view?pli=1>

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/enhanced-opportunities/advanced-learning-and-gifted-education/career-and-college-promise>

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.

Nov. 14, 2023, Dec. 12, 2023, Jan. 9, 2024, Feb. 13, 2024, March 12, 2024 and April 9, 2024



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

Students! Sign up in SCOIR to visit with colleges

- Check in SCOIR to see who is scheduled to visit our campus during the week and sign up to attend by the deadline to participate.
- **In October:** Ohio University, University of South Carolina and Guilford College.

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.

***Wendy's High School Heisman:**

Wendy's wants applications from both male and female student athletes who exhibit excellence in the classroom, on the playing field, and within their communities. Must be a senior.

Apply at www.wendysheisman.com: Deadline: **October 17, 2023 at 6:00pm ET**

***Voice of Democracy Scholarship**

-\$35,000- 50 Awards (Deadline: **October 31, 2023**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Currently be in high school between the grades 9-12. B) Be enrolled in a public, private, or parochial high school or home study program in the United States. Applications can be found by going to:

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

***Park Scholarships at NC State University:**

The Park Scholarship is a four-year scholarship awarded on the basis of outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This scholarship is valued at about \$116,000 for North Carolina residents, including: tuition and fees; room and board; books and personal expenses; educational trips, retreats, and seminars; enrichment grants to fund study abroad, research projects, service activities, conferences, early course registration, and more. Students are selected based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. A complete description of each quality is available [here](#). For more information, please visit: <http://park.ncsu.edu/> Deadline to submit Park application: **November 1, 2023**



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.](#)

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



@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