

# Wolf Pack Press

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**Dear Wolf Pack families,**

- Early voting opens October 17, 2024. Please take time to vote! There is a proposed bond project on this ballot in Union County which will include the preparation phase for a new Parkwood High School.
- Homecoming Dance is Saturday, October 26 from 8:00 - 10:00 pm. Only students who purchased tickets will be able to attend. No tickets will be sold at the door. All tickets sales ended at 3:30 pm 10/24/2024.
- We're halfway through the first semester. Please continue to encourage your students to give their best at every opportunity in all of their classes in order to earn the results that they strive for.
- Note about 10/31/2024 (Halloween): PWHS dress code does not allow for any costumes or face painting along with other specific guidelines. 10/31/2024 will not be an exception. Please make sure that your students come to school in dress code that day and every day.

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



# PWHS Calendar

Monday 10/28	Tuesday 10/29	Wednesday 10/30	Thursday 10/31	Friday 11/01	Saturday 11/02
US Marines on campus during lunches  Women's Golf State Championship	US Army on campus during lunches  PSAT/ Pre-ACT  6:00 Men's Soccer vs West Stanly  6:00 Flag Football @ Sun Valley  Women's Golf State Championship	US Navy on campus during lunches	Catawba College on campus-sign up in SCOIR  6:30 JV Football @ Piedmont	7:00 Varsity Football vs Piedmont	Cross Country State Championship

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# UCPS 2024 Bond Vote



Union County Public Schools (UCPS) is committed to ensuring that all students receive a quality education in safe and efficient learning environments.

On Nov. 5, Union County residents will vote on **\$39,421,448** in school bonds. This bond package will address aging facilities at Parkwood High and East Union Middle. The schools were built in the 1950s and 1960s, and are inadequate for modern-day teaching and learning.

This bond will invest in pre-construction for a new Parkwood High School and a construction project that will relocate East Union Middle to the Forest Hills High campus. The 2024 bond will build on previous commitments and investments to provide modern schools for our students. For Parkwood High, the funding will address design work, assessments and land surveys. For the East Union Middle project, the funding will provide demolition, additions and building renovations to accommodate middle school academic and athletic programming.

With a successful bond, more projects will move up on the priority list for capital needs and future bonds. All communities benefit when we value public schools. District improvements increase safety, support evolving educational programs and practices, modernize aging facilities and directly impact the quality of life in Union County.

## BOND PROJECTS \$39,421,448



### EAST UNION MIDDLE REPLACEMENT SCHOOL PROJECT

Approximately \$27,567,447



- Original East Union Middle was built in the 1950s
- Construction to relocate East Union Middle to the Forest Hills High campus
- Repurpose the current Forest Hills High building for East Union Middle
- Demolition, additions and renovations to accommodate middle school academic and athletic programming
- Classroom and outdoor space to align with the AgTech program

### PARKWOOD HIGH PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Approximately \$10,705,804

- Original Parkwood High was built in the 1960s
- Pre-construction services will include:
  - Design services for a replacement school
  - Environmental studies, land surveys and traffic impact analysis
  - Geotechnical testing to identify soil and subsurface materials
  - Site development and construction permits

### PROGRAM CONTINGENCY/MANAGEMENT (\*This applies to both projects)

Approximately \$1,148,197

- Cost of over runs, unforeseen conditions, changes in scope on construction

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# UCPS 2024 Bono Voto



Las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Union (UCPS) se comprometen a garantizar que todos los estudiantes reciban una educación de calidad en entornos de aprendizaje seguros y eficientes.

El 5 de noviembre, los residentes del Condado Union votarán acerca de **\$39,421,448** en bonos escolares. Este paquete de bonos abordará las instalaciones antiguas de Parkwood High y de East Union Middle. Las escuelas fueron construidas en las décadas de 1950 y 1960 y son inadecuadas para la enseñanza y el aprendizaje de hoy en día.

Este bono se invertirá en la pre construcción de una nueva escuela secundaria Parkwood High y en un proyecto de construcción que trasladará East Union Middle al campus de Forest Hills High. El bono 2024 se basará en compromisos e inversiones anteriores para proporcionar escuelas modernas a nuestros estudiantes. Para Parkwood High, los fondos se destinarán al trabajo de diseño, evaluaciones y estudios topográficos. Para el proyecto East Union Middle, los fondos proporcionarán demolición, ampliaciones y renovaciones de edificios para dar cabida a los programas académicos y deportivos de la escuela intermedia.

Con un bono exitoso, más proyectos ascenderán en la lista de prioridades para necesidades de capital y bonos futuros. Todas las comunidades se benefician cuando valoramos las escuelas públicas. Las mejoras del distrito aumentan la seguridad, apoyan la evolución de los programas y prácticas educativas, modernizan las instalaciones antiguas e impactan directamente la calidad de vida en el condado Union.

## BOND PROJECTS \$39,421,448



### EAST UNION MIDDLE PROYECTO DE REEMPLAZO DE ESCUELA

Aproximadamente \$27,567,447

- East Union Middle fue construida originalmente en la década de 1950
- Construcción para reubicar East Union Middle en el campus de Forest Hills HS
- Reutilizar el edificio actual de Forest Hills High para East Union Middle School
- Demolición, ampliaciones y renovaciones para acomodar los programas académicos y deportivos de la escuela secundaria
- Aula y espacio exterior para alinearse con el programa de AgTech (Tecnología Agrícola)



### PARKWOOD HIGH PROYECTO DE PRE CONSTRUCCIÓN

Aproximadamente \$10,705,804

- Parkwood High fue construida originalmente en la década de 1960
- Los servicios previos a la construcción incluirán:
  - Servicios de diseño para una escuela de reemplazo.
  - Estudios ambientales, topografía y análisis de impacto del tráfico.
  - Pruebas geotécnicas para identificar el suelo y los materiales del subsuelo.
  - Permisos de desarrollo y construcción del sitio.

### PROGRAMA DE CONTINGENCIA/ADMINISTRACIÓN (\*Esto aplica para ambos proyectos)

Aproximadamente \$1,148,197

- Costo de sobre ejecuciones, condiciones imprevistas, cambios en el alcance de la construcción.

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## PreACT and PSAT/NMSQT Information

All 10th grade students will be taking the PreACT on Tuesday, October 29. Students will need to report to the 700 building and find their testing location by 8:30AM to begin testing. They may bring a calculator, but it is optional. It is recommended that students bring a snack and a water bottle to have during the testing break. Students must bring their charged Chromebook and charger. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Gordon at the school.

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to 11th grade students that previously signed up. Testing will be held on Tuesday, October 29 and they will report to the media center by 8:30. They have been directed to complete the digital readiness check-in prior to arrival and will need to bring their testing ticket, charged Chromebook, and charger.



## Local Scholarship Information

Seniors, it is time to be applying for scholarships. Where to look:

- Website of all the colleges you are applying to
- Where your parents work, bank and community groups they are involved with
- Free search engines that can be found on our scholarship webpage:  
<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4819>
- [Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities list](#) – This list in order by deadline date and is updated regularly with scholarships as we become aware of them.

If you are interested in being considered as a school nominee for the following please complete the interest forms below (student must be logged into school google account):

- **Voice of Democracy Scholarship** State Winner - \$1,000, National Winner - \$35,000, Awards (Deadline: **October 31, 2024**) 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>
- **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity International High School Essay Contest** (Deadline: **Oct 31, 2024**) Four College Scholarship Awards: 1st Place: \$5,000; 2nd Place: \$3,000; 3rd Place: \$2,000; 4th Place: \$1,000. This year's essay topic is: "What impact do you believe that Social Media is having On Mental Health and Why is it Important to Address this issue?" Application at <https://2024hsessaycontest.tiiny.site/>.
- **Goodnight Scholars at NC State**. **Apply early admission to NC State (November 1, 2024)** This is a scholarship to support STEM education. There are criteria that automatically put a student into consideration and if a student is not qualified he/she can self-nominate after November 1, 2024 until December 1, 2024. Details are <https://goodnight.ncsu.edu/first-year/>.
- **Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships** \$10,000 (Deadline: **November 5, 2024**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be enrolled in an accredited educational institution (kindergarten through graduate school) in the US. B) Have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the United States within the last 12 months. Application can be found by going to: <https://us.stop-hunger.org/home/grants.html>





## PTSO Information

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.**

### **GENERAL PTSO UPDATES:**

- Order your Spirit Wear [here](#)! All orders are delivered to the school for pick up by the student.
- Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, 11/6 at 6pm at the school; all are welcome!
- Mark your calendar for Thursday, 11/7 at 4pm-8pm, for Spirit Night at Jersey Mike's in Waxhaw AND Wesley Chapel!

### **SENIOR UPDATES:**

- **ATTENTION SENIORS and PARENTS OF SENIORS** - You must order a Senior Package to attend the monthly Senior Events sponsored by PTSO (minimum purchase of White Package \$30; order your Senior Package [here](#)); Senior Packages will be offered through 11/1 and then sold again at the start of 2nd semester. The next PTSO sponsored Senior Event will be Thursday, 10/31.

If you have any questions about the PTSO, please feel free to send us an email at [parkwoodptso@gmail.com](mailto:parkwoodptso@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO! It's going to be a great year!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board

Kerri Lowery PWHS PTSO President

Kim Starnes PWHS PTSO Vice President

Lauren Jenkins PWHS PTSO Treasurer

Adrienne Jaquith PWHS PTSO Secretary



# PWHS Yearbook Recognition Information

## Parkwood High School

**DEADLINE: 11/01/2024**

Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. To purchase your senior ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales.

Ad space is first come, first serve. If all the pages are filled, no more ads will be sold.

Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY NOVEMBER 1ST!**

### ORDER BY 11/01/2024

#### COLOR AD

Full Page	\$300.00
1/2 Page	\$200.00
1/4 Page	\$135.00
1/8 Page	\$90.00

Taxes, service fees, and shipping fees will be added, if applicable. Jostens payment plan available; minimum purchase requirements and eligibility restrictions apply.

## 3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!



### Step 1

Choose your ad size and layout  
(Options may vary by school.)



### Step 2

Add your photos



### Step 3

Enter your text

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the guidelines for recognition ad content?

Schools may review and edit ads per their guidelines. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.

#### School Ad Content Guidelines

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

### How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

### How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

### Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.





(800) 358-0800  
[jostensadservice.com/student](https://jostensadservice.com/student)








# Summer Programing



**Governor's School  
of North Carolina**

**Summer Program**

Click on the link below for more information:

[https://youtu.be/SoSEfz\\_nH6M](https://youtu.be/SoSEfz_nH6M)

**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**  
November 6, 2024 - see Mr. Atkinson in counseling.

**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



# HBCU Festival 2024

HOME | EVENTS | GIVE



**FRIDAY**  
**NOV 08**  
4:00PM - 8:00 PM  
VIRTUAL

**SATURDAY**  
**NOV 09**  
9:00AM - 4:00 PM  
VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

**THE ST. JAMES**  
6875 Industrial Rd | Springfield, VA 22151

REGISTER ONLINE AT [ALFREDSTREET.ORG](https://alfredstreet.org)

REV. DR. HOWARD-JOHN WESLEY, SENIOR PASTOR | [ALFREDSTREET.ORG](https://alfredstreet.org) | [f](#) [t](#) | #ASBCFEST | MT. S. ALFRED STREET | ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

**Alfred Street Baptist Church invites you to the country's most exciting and largest HBCU Festival!**

## **Top 5 Reasons Students Should Attend The ASBC HBCU Festival:**

1. Apply onsite and receive same-day admissions decisions!
2. Several opportunities to receive scholarships!
3. Fun & informative HBCU seminars!
4. Engage with HBCU reps and find out why you should attend an HBCU!
5. It's Free!

**Registration is NOW OPEN!**

**We look forward to having you join the 2024 HBCU festival!**

**REGISTER**





# NC College Connect

✓ NC College Connect

## THIS IS YOUR MOMENT!

With a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, you're one step closer to college.

Your moment has arrived, and this is your opportunity to meet it head on. This simplified application process helps you avoid stressful applications and subjective essays.

Seniors—If you had a 2.8 weighted GPA at the end of your junior year, you're ready!

NC College Connect is a program that offers qualified students the opportunity for a simplified application process at select UNC System universities and their local North Carolina community college—as long as they meet state graduation requirements and UNC System course requirements.

### Imagine what your college future could be like at...

- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- University of North Carolina Asheville
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Winston-Salem State University
- Your local North Carolina community college



Visit [NCCollegeConnect.org](https://NCCollegeConnect.org) or scan the QR code to learn more about how to claim your spot.

### Here's what you need to know.

1. If you have a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, you have the opportunity for a simplified application process to the participating NC colleges and universities.
2. To claim your spot, you should scan the QR code on your letter (or the one below!) to visit [NCCollegeConnect.org](https://NCCollegeConnect.org).
3. There you will find a "Claim Your Spot" button that will take you to the NC College Connect portal if you are already logged into your CFNC account. (Tip: If you are not logged in, you will be asked to log in using your CFNC credentials or create a new CFNC account.)
4. After logging in, you will see a list of colleges and universities where you can complete a simplified application for each institution.
5. Once you've submitted your simplified application(s), the college(s) will contact you with more information about next steps.
6. These simplified applications will have fees, possibly ranging from \$30 to \$75. Submit your simplified application during College Application Week (October 21–27, 2024) to avoid application fees for most participating institutions.

**What are you waiting for?**  
**Meet your momentum and explore your options at [NCCollegeConnect.org](https://NCCollegeConnect.org).**







# Attendance

**We are excited to introduce a new Student Absence Form designed to enhance our ability to accurately track and manage student attendance. This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to ensure every student receives the support they need to succeed academically.**

<https://ucpsapps.ucps.k12.nc.us/absence/index.php?val=high>

To use the form, you'll first have to create an account. You will be able to submit screenshots of doctor notes, parent notes, etc. when you submit. First semester, using the form will be a choice. Second semester, we will be exclusively using the form.



## Counseling Department Information

### Senior Night Information Links

Career Resources -

<https://bit.ly/PWCareerRes>



Senior Night College Presentation -

<https://bit.ly/PW12thColNtPres>



Senior Year College Planning Timeline -

<https://bit.ly/12thCollegeTimeline>



Steps to Applying to Four-Year Colleges -

<https://bit.ly/Apply4yr>



Applying to Community Colleges -

<https://bit.ly/Apply2yr>



Scholarships Google Doc -

<https://bit.ly/PWScholarshiplist>



College Application Workshops Sign up -

<https://bit.ly/PWColAppWorkshpsF24>



(student must be signed into school google account)

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) - will be given on Nov 8th to students sign up at the link:

<https://bit.ly/PWHSASVABFall24>

(students must be logged into school google account)





## Parkwood Pack Players Fundraiser

[https://give.livingtree.com/c/parkwood-players--help-every-child-at-parkwood-high-school-participate-in-the-art-of-drama\\_1](https://give.livingtree.com/c/parkwood-players--help-every-child-at-parkwood-high-school-participate-in-the-art-of-drama_1)

Funds are used for participation in NCTC (The North Carolina Theatre Conference) High School Play Festival and to purchase rights, scripts, costumes, set pieces, and props to perform a spring musical and participate in the Blumey Program for high school musical theatre awards.







## Career and College Promise Information

### Career & College Promise Program

The **Career and College Promise Program** allows high school students who qualify to enroll in community college courses while still attending their home school. These courses can be used for dual credit in order to meet high school graduation requirements as well as accumulating towards an associate's degree or as a plan to meet general education requirements in the college or university setting. Union County Public Schools coordinate through South Piedmont Community College for this dual enrollment experience.

- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must have at least a 2.8 unweighted GPA to qualify for the program. There are two types of pathways students can choose: Career and Technical and/or College Transfer.
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> may only take a few Career Technical Pathways that do not have transferable classes to 4 year colleges. Must meet certain eligibility requirements.
- Students are required to pay for \$60 per course for ebooks. UCPS will reimburse currently enrolled UCPS students up to \$50 per CCP course for approved ebooks. Students facing financial hardship can contact Mrs. Davison in counseling for additional options.
- Tuition is paid for by the state of NC. There is no tuition cost for students.

Students interested in taking classes for Spring 2024 need to complete the following interest form: <https://bit.ly/PWCPPSpring25> (student must be logged into school google account)





# Career Plans

Parents,

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, NC Senate Bill 193 requires that **all** students in grades 6-12 have a career plan. A student's initial career plan will be created by the end of their 6th grade year and then revised annually through 12th grade. UCPS will utilize Major Clarity as the platform for students to create their career plan. This can be accessed by students through Clever. Parents are encouraged to review their student's career plan with them each year.



# 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-N)
- \* Mr. Adrian Atkinson- 10th - 12th (O-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. Emily Harrell - Mental Health Therapist







# PWHS Counseling Department

## Students! Sign up in SCOIR to visit with colleges

- Check in SCOIR to who is scheduled to visit our campus during the week and sign up to attend by the deadline to participate.
- **In October:** College of Charleston, Hollins University, Kent State University, Queens University of Charlotte, and UNC Asheville
- 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.



## College Readiness Series



## 2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
Getting Ready for College	November 16, 2024	Wingate University
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Location TBD
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	Location TBD
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 8, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Location TBD
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Location TBD
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Location TBD
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

For more information and to register, visit  
<https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>.



# 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

[PWHS Student Handbook](#)

[UCPS BOE Student Handbook](#)

- [Attendance Policy](#)
- Student Dress Code
- [Parents' Bill of Rights](#)

[Edulog](#) for Bus Transportation Zone

[Parking Pass Info](#)

[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