

Wolf Pack Press

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Dear Wolf Pack families,

- We're more than 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.
- **The last day of the second term is Friday, November 15.**

The last day to turn in absence excuses (in-person or through the online link) is Friday, November 15 by 3:30 pm.

No late parent notes will be accepted past this date.

- Student drivers: Students whose cars are on campus after the school day need to be mindful that they may need to move their cars - particularly if they part around the baseball field. This is to avoid damage caused by fly balls.

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 11/11 | Tuesday 11/12 | Wednesday 11/13 | Thursday 11/14 | Friday 11/15 | Saturday 11/16 |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| Veterans Day Holiday- No School | US Army on campus during lunches 12:00 Swimming @ MAC vs Weddington/ Porter Ridge/ CATA 3:45 Indoor Track & Field @ Piedmont | University of North Carolina @ Greensboro on campus- sign up in SCOIR US Navy on campus during lunches | 5:30/6:00 Men's & Women's Wrestling vs Porter Ridge/ West Davison | Last day of Term 2 Sophomore class ring orders due 5:00 Men's & Women's Wrestling in Roughedge Rumble 4:30/ 6:00/ 7:30 Men's & Women's Basketball @ Sun Valley 7:00 Parkwood Pack Players present Clue in the PWHS Auditorium | 9:00 Men's & Women's Wrestling in Roughedge Rumble 7:00 Parkwood Pack Players present Clue in the PWHS Auditorium |

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Parkwood Pack Players Presents Clue

PARKWOOD PACK PLAYERS PRESENTS

Clue

HIGH SCHOOL
EDITION

November 15 & 16
@ 7PM



Tickets
Students: \$5
Adults: \$10

Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.
All UCPS Employees are FREE. Just show your badge!





UCPS Holiday Card Competition



One of our PWHS students is competing in the UCPS Holiday Card Competition! Please use the link below to vote for one of our own!

[**Vote Here**](#)



PTSO Information

The PWHS PTSO uses social media as our primary source 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:

PTSO is partnering with the Parkwood Administration team to help celebrate students with great attendance! The Administration team is hosting a monthly drawing for those students who have 1 absence or less/month to win a gift card as a reward for prioritizing regular school attendance. To support this effort, PTSO is asking for gift card donations to be used as prizes for the monthly attendance drawings. Click here to sign up to donate gift cards: [PTSO Gift Card Donation](#)

- Order your Spirit Wear [here](#)! All orders are delivered to the school for pick up by the student.

SENIOR UPDATES:

- **ATTENTION SENIORS and PARENTS OF SENIORS** – the next PTSO sponsored Senior Event will be in December...stay tuned for details!

If you have any questions about the PTSO, please feel free to send us an email at 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



Sophomores!



PARKWOOD SOPHOMORE CLASS RING ORDERS!

Order by Friday, November 15th to receive a discount!

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1051536/PARKWOOD-HIGH-SCHOOL/Class-Rings/2002080214030844323/CATALOG_JRD



Parkwood Pack Players Fundraiser

SPRING MUSICAL FUNDRAISER



THE PARKWOOD PACK PLAYERS ARE RAISING FUNDS TO PURCHASE RIGHTS TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM A MUSICAL AGAIN THIS SPRING.



Royalties: \$390

Rental fee for scripts: \$1,175

Music Rental Fee: \$1,450

Total Fee \$3,015

We hope to produce Little Women, The Musical

The numbers above are for this specific musical.



Getting Ready for College



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Getting Ready for College

November 16, 2024

10 AM - 12 PM - In Person
at Wingate University

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

Come learn about the college admissions process, how to get on a path to success, finding a best-fit college, creating a strong academic plan, amongst other topics.

Target audience is students & parents in grades 8 - 12.



ACT/ SAT Blitz



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ACT/SAT Blitz

Saturday, November 23, 2024

10 AM - 12 PM

Monroe High School

To register visit: bit.ly/ACT-SAT-Blitz

**Learn differences between the two tests
and strategies for success on both!**

**UCPS will be joined by our partners from
Huntington Learning Center Weddington.**

This event is for students only.



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10 AM - 12 PM

Monroe High School

Para inscribirse ingrese: bit.ly/ACT-SAT-Blitz

**¡Aprenda las diferencias entre las dos pruebas
y las estrategias para tener éxito en ambas!**

**UCPS contará con la colaboración de nuestros
socios de Huntington Learning Center
Weddington.**

Este evento es solamente para estudiantes.





Women in Transportation Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIPS

Removing barriers to transform the industry.

The Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is committed to encouraging and investing in young women who will someday become our future leaders in transportation.

We carry out this mission through an annual scholarship program available to high school and college students.

Application Deadline:
November 29, 2024



Advancing women
Advancing transportation
> Charlotte Metro



General Requirements:

- Open to women with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Enrolled (or intend to enroll) in a transportation-related degree program
- Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record and transportation-related activities or job skills. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

For More Information and to Download an Application Visit:
<https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/charlotte-metro/scholarships>



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.

Concerto High School Musicians Scholarship

- \$2,500 – 3 Awards (Deadline: **November 15, 2024**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be a high school musician (grades 9-12) enrolled during the 2024-2025 academic year. String, piano and harp players are eligible to apply. Applications can be found by going to:

<https://www.marineband.marines.mil/educational/concerto-competition/>

Thomas Wolf Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill

The Creative Writing Program and the Department of English of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are pleased to announce the Thomas Wolfe Scholarship, which offers full four-year financial support to one incoming freshman per year. Thomas Wolfe Scholarship applicants must apply simultaneously to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by the **October 15, 2024 EARLY** admission deadline and must meet all academic requirements for EARLY admission. Scholarship applications are due by **November 15, 2024**. These are two distinct application processes and require different forms and separate mailings. See website for application and additional information:

<http://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative/scholarship/tws>

NC A&T - University Honors Program

- application will grant consideration for each program and depending upon the criteria met, applicants will be placed into a review for one or all scholarships. Deadline for the Honors Program is **TBA**.

- Cheatham-White Scholars Program
- Dowdy Scholars Enrichment Program
- February One Scholars Program

Apply here: <https://applyhonors.ncat.edu/>

Jefferson Scholarship from the University of Virginia

\$333,000 for a non-Virginia resident (Deadline: **November 15, 2024**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must A) Attend the University of Virginia B) Be an exceptional leader, scholar and citizen with accomplishments both inside and outside the classroom. More information can be found [here](#). If you are interested in being nominated, please see Mrs. Davison or your counselor in the Counseling Center.

Dr. Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship

- \$1,000 – 20 Awards (Deadline: **November 30, 2024**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be enrolled or accepted for early enrollment as full-time student, in an accredited institution in the U.S. B) Have at least one parent of Hispanic ancestry and demonstrate financial need. Applications can be found by going to:

<https://www.uskli.org/dr-juan-andrade-scholarship-for-young-hispanic-leaders/>



NCDOT Aviation Art Contest- Due 01/17/2025

This year's theme is "Women with Wings." Read more about the theme at the NCDOT Division of Aviation's [art contest website](#). We invite all students who live in or attend school in North Carolina to focus their creativity on the incredible Women with Wings, who unite in a world where the skies are a canvas of peace and friendship. Using colored pencils, crayons, pens, or paint, artists can be inspired by Women with Wings to show how women from all walks of life find liberty and inspire others through their love for flight.

All students who participate will receive Certificates of Participation. Additionally, the **top three** entries in each age group, determined by date of birth, will be forwarded to Washington, D.C., to be judged in the national competition. The artwork of the national winners will be sent to Switzerland to compete in the international competition.

| Student Winners by Age Group | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place | 4th Place |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Junior | \$100 | \$75 | \$50 | \$25 |
| Intermediate | \$125 | \$100 | \$75 | \$50 |
| Senior | \$300 | \$225 | \$150 | \$100 |

For the winning students' schools:

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|--------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Junior | \$125 | \$100 | \$75 | \$50 |
| Intermediate | \$125 | \$100 | \$75 | \$50 |
| Senior | \$125 | \$100 | \$75 | \$50 |

Student artwork will be returned after the competition if:

- The student or school submits return packaging/mailer and postage **at the time the artwork is submitted.**
- The student does **not** place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the national or international level. The national and international contests may retain winning artwork. **Contest tips and rules, entry forms, and the required Certificate of Authenticity may be found** on the NCDOT Division of Aviation's [art contest website](#).

Mail artwork submissions to:

North Carolina Aviation Art Contest
NCDOT Division of Aviation
Attn: Corbi Bulluck
1560 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27699-1560



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 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.
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.





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.**



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.

- 11th & 12th 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.
- 9th & 10th 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 should reach out to their counselor.



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 November: University of North Carolina at Greensboro

- 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 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](#)

- Student drivers: Students whose cars are on campus after the school day need to be mindful that they may need to move their cars - particularly if they part around the baseball field. This is to avoid damage caused by fly balls.

[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