

Wolf Pack Press

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Dear Wolf Pack families,

- On Thursday, December 19, we will have our **Winter Indoor Field Day** beginning at 2:20. Any student who is planning to leave before the event must submit a parent note to their 4th block teacher. **Please note that no phone calls or emails for early dismissal will be accepted on this day.** In order for students to be dismissed before the Winter Indoor Field Day, they must present a parent note to their 4th block teacher. Their 4th block teacher will take their note and give the student a pass on colored paper. At 2:20, students who have given their teachers a parent dismissal note and have their colored pass will be dismissed. They **MUST** have their colored pass visible upon dismissal. Student drivers will need their colored pass to leave the student parking lot. There will be staff in the student parking lot checking for their passes. **Please remember - no phone calls or emails for early dismissal will be accepted on this day.** Send a written note with your student to give to their 4th block teacher.
Winter Indoor Field Day will be a LOT of fun! We hope all of our students choose to stay for the fun!
- 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](#)



Attendance

Reminder:

We will be exclusively using the new Student Absence Form designed to enhance our ability to accurately track and manage student attendance at the beginning of the 2nd Semester.

To use the form, you'll first have to create an account.

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

This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to ensure every student receives the support they need to succeed academically.



PWHS Calendar

Monday 12/16	Tuesday 12/17	Wednesday 12/18	Thursday 12/19	Friday 12/20	Saturday 12/21
US Marines on campus during lunches Spirit Day- Hawaiian Holidays and Santa Hats	US Army on campus during lunches Spirit Day- Winter Character Day 6:30 Winter Symphonic Band Pops Concert in PWHS Auditorium 3:45 Indoor Track & Field @ Monroe	Spirit Day- Holiday Sweater Day	Spirit Day- Flannel Day/ Holiday PJ's (yes, students will be allowed to wear PJ pants on this day) 5:30/ 6:00 Men's & Women's Wrestling vs Ballantyne Ridge/ Lincoln Charter	No School 4:00/ 5:00/ 6:00/ 7:30 Men's & Women's Basketball vs Forest Hills Men's & Women's Wrestling @ Mallard Creek (Elizabeth Barry Memorial) Swimming (RRC) @ Stanly County YMCA	Indoor Track & Field @ Metrolina Christian Men's & Women's Wrestling @ Mallard Creek (Elizabeth Barry Memorial)
PWHS will be closed December 20, 2024 - January 3, 2025. We will be excited to see our students back at school on Monday, January 7, 2025. Have a wonderful break!					

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Senior Yearbook Ads

Parkwood High School

DEADLINE: 12/20/2024

Dear Parent or Student,

Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. 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 12/20/2024.

ORDER BY 12/20/2024

COLOR AD

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!



Please select your Ad size:



Full Page Color



1/2 Page Color



1/4 Page Color



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

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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:

- Students can purchase Candy Grams during lunches on Monday, 12/16 and Tuesday, 12/17 (Little Debbie cakes \$2; Holiday Lollipops \$1). Candy Grams will be delivered on Wednesday, 12/18
- To support the PWHS administration team as they recognize great attendance, 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.

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 always a great year at PWHS!

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



PTSO Event

Holiday Candy Grams



FOR SALE DURING LUNCHES
ON 12/16 & 12/17 AT THE
PTSO TABLE.

DISTRIBUTED ON 12/18.

CHARACTER SUCKERS \$1

LITTLE DEBBIE CAKES \$2



Lost and Found Table

**Have you lost something at Parkwood?
Do you know we have a Lost and Found?**



**On Tuesday, December 17th, please stop
by the Lost and Found Table in the
Student Center to see if your lost item
has been found so you can reclaim it
before the Winter Break.**

After Dec. 17, all items will be discarded or donated.



2025 Parkwood High Yearbook



THE BEST GIFTS
ARE WORTH
THE WAIT...LIKE

THE 2025
YEARBOOK



FAFSA information for Seniors

SENIORS – Financial Aid For College

The 2025-2026 FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now open

Create your account at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) - takes 1 to 3 days to process account registration. If you have an account log in.

- Once processes apply early using the 2025-2026 FAFSA to find out what financial aid you may be eligible for in college next year.
- Financial aid is available for trade schools, community colleges and universities.
- NC students filling out the FAFSA may qualify for the [Next NC Scholarship](#), which benefits most students from households making \$80,000 or less. The scholarship fully covers tuition and fees at any community college or more than half, if not all, of tuition and fees to attend any public university in the state for eligible students

Have these documents on hand. Here are the main things students need to complete the FAFSA. (For a full list of items needed, [here's an easy, printable checklist](#)).

- Recommend parent & student are together when completing FAFSA form.
- Photo or copy of Social Security Card or Green Card (if applicable)
- 2023 Federal Tax Forms
- Personal email address

<https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/> is a great resource to assist with FAFSA.

If you have questions please reach out to your student's counselor.



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.



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.

Lyceum Scholars at Clemson:

The program gives \$10,000 scholarships and teaches the recipient student the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society through a specific curriculum that is the equivalent of a minor in Political Science. Lyceum Scholars Program Application Deadline: **December 15, 2024** [Application information here.](#) Must also apply separately to Clemson University.

Science Ambassador Scholarship

- \$40,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: **December 16, 2024**)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be a high school senior or an undergraduate student.
- B) Be a woman attending a school in the United States.

Applications can be found by going to: <https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/>

Mindscape Big Picture Scholarship

\$10,000- 1 Award (Deadline: **December 31, 2024**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Have a deep curiosity in studying the universe for its own sake, whether that be pursuing studies in philosophy, biology, math literature, or any other field that seeks a better understanding of our existence. Applications can be found by going to: <https://bold.org/scholarships/mindscape/>

Overachievers Student Grant

- \$15,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: **December 30, 2024**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be in middle school or high school. B) Be a person who is making a difference in others' lives outside of the classroom. Applications can be found by going to: <https://powertotheopen.com/g2overachievers/>

Equitable Excellence Scholarship - \$5,000 - 200 Awards

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be United States citizens or legal residents living or claiming residency in one of the 50 United States, Washington, D.C. or Puerto Rico.
 - B) Be a current high school senior who plans to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college.
- Applications can be found by going to: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/equitableexcellence/>
(Deadline: **December 18, 2024**)

Power of Resilience Scholarship

- \$1,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: **December 31, 2024**)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be in either high school or college and must show good academic standing with a GPA of at least 3.0.
 - B) Submit an essay discussing a serious life challenge you encountered and how you overcame that challenge.
- Applications can be found by going to: <https://scottglovsky.com/power-resilience-scholarship/>



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:

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/mailed 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




Getting Ready for College- January 25th



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Getting Ready for College

January 25, 2025

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.



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Optimist International

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2024-2025

The Weddington Optimist Club has two scholarship opportunities for middle or high school students. Club level prizes are **\$250** for 1st place, **\$150** for 2nd place, **\$100** for 3rd place. District winners will win a **\$2500** college scholarship!

ESSAY CONTEST

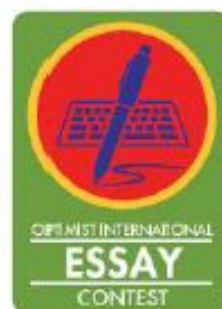
The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live.

The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

One District Scholarship of \$2,500



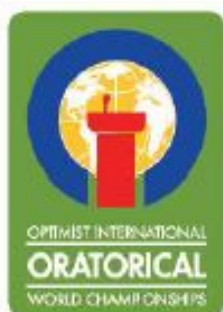
Topic:
**"How Optimism Has Paved
My Road to Success"**



To enter, write an essay on the topic:

"How Optimism Has Paved My Road To Success"

Your paper should be 700-800 words in length. Essays must be submitted no later than **Feb 10, 2025**. For more information and complete rules, contact: Steve Jarrell: steve@jarrellhomes.com or text: 704-774-7170



Topic:
**"How Optimism Has Guided
Me Through Trying Times"**

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

District Scholarships:

First Place: \$2,500 • Second Place: \$1,500 • Third Place: \$1,000
with a chance to win up to **\$22,500** at the
World Championships level

To enter, prepare a speech on the topic:

"How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times"

Your speech should be 4-5 minutes in length. The in-person contest will be in **late March-2025**.....details to follow. For more information and complete rules, contact: Greg Babineau: gregbabineau@gmail.com or text: 908-442-6587



Union Power Cooperative College Scholarship

High School Seniors!

Apply today for a chance to receive a \$1,000 College Scholarship!



Two ways to apply :

- Visit union-power.com/collegescholarships
- Scan the QR code

APPLY BY MARCH 1

To apply for the Union Power College Scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be a child of a Union Power Cooperative member or live in a home served by Union Power Cooperative.
2. Be a high school senior in the current graduating class.
3. Attend a North Carolina-accredited college or university.
4. Meet the criteria of 40% need, 30% academic achievement, and 30% extracurricular activities in school, civic, and community functions.



Thurgood Marshall College Fund- Closes 4/25



INVEST
in your
FUTURE.

Thurgood Marshall College Fund has awarded more than \$500 million in scholarships and career readiness programs. TMCF offers both merit-based and need-based awards to ease the financial strain for students at TMCF member schools and other eligible accredited institutions.

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE
Apply for open scholarships.



TMCF.ORG



NC College Connect

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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.





Career and College Promise Information



**MEET WITH
YOUR SPCC
CAREER COACH**

MS. STURDIVANT



SCAN ME

MONDAY & THURSDAY

MEDIA CENTER

CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU



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.

- 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](#)

(includes attendance and dress code information)

[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 park 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