

# Wolf Pack Press

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## Dear Wolf Pack families,

- We need to share some GREAT information about Parkwood High School's School Performance Grade. Each high school in North Carolina receives an overall grade for the school's performance each year. This year, I'm very proud to announce that our students and teachers are **AMAZING** (no surprise there). Overall, our School Performance Grade increased from 74 to 75! Our grade of B keeps getting stronger!
- **Parents of 12th grade students:** Please pay close attention to the slide in this WPP regarding Senior Night. This Tuesday, 9/17/2024, our counseling department is sponsoring an event that will provide a lot of great information about next steps on the college, career and military route.
- **Parents of student drivers:** Please note that, according to the Student Parking Application, students are held accountable for their unexcused tardies which also impacts their parking privileges. Since your students drive themselves to school, they are in control of when they arrive. When students reach 3 tardies, they receive a lunch detention. In addition to this, assistant principals will be calling parents to notify them of their students' habitual tardiness. Upon their 6th tardy, students will **lose** their driving privileges for 5 days. Every increment of 3 tardies beyond 6, students will also lose their driving privileges for 5 days. Please ensure that your students are getting to school and to class on time every day. It is also **imperative** that they leave home on time in order to be able to drive safely to school every day.

**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 9/16	Tuesday 9/17	Wednesday 9/18	Thursday 9/19	Friday 9/20	Saturday 9/21
Start With Hello Week	Start With Hello Week	Start With Hello Week	Start With Hello Week	Start With Hello Week	Cross Country Hare & Hounds XC Inv. @ McAlpine Park
US Marines on campus during lunches	6:30-8 Wolf Pack Senior Information Night	Photo Day	University of South Carolina on campus- sign up in SCOIR	New York University on campus- sign up in SCOIR	
6:00 Men's Soccer vs Anson	4:00 Women's Tennis vs CATA	US Navy on campus during lunches	4:00 Women's Tennis vs Piedmont	Kickball Game Students vs Staff @ 5:30	Marching Band Concert @ Wingate University
6:30 JV Football @ Sun Valley	5:00/ 6:00 Volleyball @ Monroe	5:30/ 7:00 Men's Soccer vs Sun Valley	5:00/ 6:00 Volleyball @ Piedmont		

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# 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 screen shots 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.



## Start With Hello Week

A vibrant bingo poster with a yellow background and a red starburst in the center. The starburst contains the text "BINGO TIME" in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Surrounding the starburst are several bingo balls with numbers and letters. In the top left, there are three bingo cards: a blue one with numbers 15, 20, 1, 10, 19, 25, 44, 40, 18, 63, 37, 60, 13, 30, 33, 5, 27, 48, 53, 21, 70, 57, 68, 56; a green one with numbers 19, 63, 0, 13, 30, 18, 53, 8, 56; and a red one with numbers 10, 19, 18, 63, 13, 30, 18, 53, 8, 56. Below the starburst, there is a blue speech bubble that says "DURING LUNCH" and a yellow speech bubble that says "PRIZE FOR WINNERS". At the bottom, there is a white banner with the text "LET'S CELEBRATE START WITH HELLO WEEK BY MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND PLAYING BINGO".

**BINGO TIME**

**DURING LUNCH**

**PRIZE FOR WINNERS**

**SEPTEMBER 16-20**

**LET'S CELEBRATE START WITH HELLO WEEK BY MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND PLAYING BINGO**

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**N 44**

**B 14**

**I 19**

**N 37**

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## **Wolf Pack Senior Night**



# **Wolf Pack Senior Night**

**Post Secondary Options  
for parents & students**

**September 17, 6:30-8:00pm  
New Gym**

### **CHOOSE 2 BREAK-OUT SESSIONS TO ATTEND**

- College, Scholarships & Financial Aid - college options, applying, transcripts, types of aid & how to apply
- Career Information - how to search for job opportunities, resume & soft skills
- Military - branches, ASVAB & career opportunities



## Senior Information

# SENIORS

Book your senior portrait session today!



## SENIOR PORTRAIT DATE: SEPT. 18TH

PICTURE MAKEUP DAY: OCT. 16TH

- Get a FREE student ID card
- Get your picture in the yearbook

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





Photo Information

# **PHOTO DAY** *is easy as 1,2,3*

**1** Visit ***Shop.LegacyStudios.com***

Online  
Code:

**9041F25**

**2** *Save the Date*

**9/18**

**3** *Smile!*



Questions? Ask us at  
**LegacyStudios.com**



## Portrait of a Graduate



### PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



### What is it?

Do you embody the 5 attributes of the UCPS Portrait of a Graduate?  
Apply today to be on the **UCPS Portrait of a Graduate (PoG) Student Leadership Team!**

This team of student leaders will help integrate the five PoG attributes - effective communicator, resilient problem solver, key contributor, innovative leader, and skilled collaborator - into UCPS high schools and the district.

Selected students will serve at the school or district levels, participating in monthly meetings and leading county-wide initiatives.

**Apply Today!**

<https://bit.ly/PoGstudentleader>

Deadline to apply is  
September 30, 2024!







## PTSO Information

### **Adopt A Paw 2024-2025**



**\$20 per Family**



For the 2024-2025 school year, PWHS PTSO will be selling Paw Prints. Paw prints will be painted on the sidewalk to mark the path from the fence entrance of the stadium leading to the visitor side. Not only will you be leaving your mark on Parkwood, but you'll be helping to guide the path for visitors to our school. Let's see if we can push even further down the path this year.

Paw prints can be ordered online for \$20 per paw or in person at any PTSO event throughout the school year.

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/YH7CDBT7ICCTI37BIKVFLVZH>

If you donate by 9/30, your name will be included on a banner to be hung when the walkway is complete.

For questions, email us at [parkwoodptso@gmail.com](mailto:parkwoodptso@gmail.com)

## **Be a Part Of the Pack**





## 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.**

### **What can you do to help support PWHS students and staff?**

- \*Join the PTSO by clicking [here](#) to purchase a \$10 family membership
- \*Donate to our 1 Pack 1 Family Fundraiser by clicking [here](#); if every family donates just \$5 we will meet our \$5,000 goal. **To date, we have raised \$805 with 2 weeks to go until the fundraiser**
- \*Adopt a Paw by clicking [here](#); leave your mark at Parkwood and purchase a paw print for \$20 to be painted on the sidewalk around the track leading toward the Visitor side. Purchase by 9/30 and your name will be included on a banner to be hung on the fencing around the track.
- \*Attend a PTSO meeting or volunteer at an event and get involved! We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm at school. The PTSO is nothing without YOU!

### **GENERAL PTSO UPDATES:**

- **Friday, 9/20 – come watch the first annual Parkwood PTSO Kickball Game, Students vs Staff!** Gates open at 5pm with bracket game play starting at 5:30pm.
  - \$3 admission, 5 and under are FREE. \$1 off admission with a Common Heart food donation!
  - Concessions available for purchase

### **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). The next PTSO sponsored Senior Event will be Boo Bags on Thursday, 10/31**
  - Purchase your Senior Package [here](#)

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



## PTSO Senior Information

### CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR PACKAGES

#### BLACK LEVEL PACKAGE



**\$100**

- Senior Wolf Pack Yard Sign
- Senior Class T-Shirt
- Senior Class Hoodie
- Senior water bottle
- Senior Class Lanyard
- Family PTSO Membership (required to be eligible for PTSO Scholarships)
- Includes participation for all special senior events



#### BLUE LEVEL PACKAGE

**\$60**

- Senior Wolf Pack Yard Sign
- Senior Class T-Shirt
- Senior Class Lanyard
- Family PTSO Membership (required to be eligible for PTSO Scholarships)
- Includes participation for all special senior events

#### WHITE LEVEL PACKAGE

**\$30**

- Senior Class T-Shirt
- Family PTSO Membership (required to be eligible for PTSO Scholarships)
- Includes participation for all special senior events



**CHOOSE  
YOUR  
DESIGN**



**A Senior package purchase is required to participate in PTSO sponsored events!**

**(Minimum white package)**





# 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](http://ALFREDSTREET.ORG)

REV. DR. HOWARD-JOHN WESLEY, SENIOR PASTOR | [ALFREDSTREET.ORG](http://ALFREDSTREET.ORG) | [f](#) [t](#) | [HASHTAG: #ASBC](#) | 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**



# 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)





# 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





# 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 September:** University of South Carolina and New York University.

- Interested in playing sports in college?



- a. 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

🐦 @UCPSCollegePrep

📷 ucpscollegeprep

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