Parkwood Wolf Pack Family,

The end of first semester is right around the corner. We have 5 school days before break and, after break, we have 12 days before exams begin. That's 17 great days for students to capitalize on the learning opportunities made available to them in their classes.

Our exams will take place Friday, January 20 through Thursday, January 26.

If your student is in need of attendance recovery, please refer to that information later in this communication.

It's another great week at Parkwood High!

Remember to follow us on social media:

Follow us on Facebook: ParkwoodHSNC
Follow us on Twitter: @ParkwoodHSNC

Follow us on Instagram: @ParkwoodHSNC



PWHS Calendar

Week of December 11 – December 17 School Events

Monday 12/12	Tuesday 12/13	Wednesday 12/14	Thursday 12/15	Friday 12/16	Saturday 12/17
Spirit Week- Snow Day (wear blue and white)	Spirit Week-Holiday Character Day (Santa, elves, Grinch, snowman, reindeer, etc.) Basketball vs Sun Valley W. JV- 4:00 M. JV- 5:15 W. Var- 6:30 M. Var- 8:00 Swimming @ MCAC 11 AM Indoor Track @ Monroe 3:45 PM	Spirit Week- Ugly Sweater Day Basketball @ Mt. Pleasant W. JV- 4:00 M. JV- 5:15 W. Var- 6:30 M. Var- 8:00	Spirit Week-Family Flannel Shirt Photo Day (dress with your friends for stereotypical holiday photos) Fall Semester Parkwood Area Music Department Showcase 6:30 PM Men's Wrestling @ CATA 6 PM	Spirit Week- Red vs Green Day (9/10th wear red, 11/12th wear green) Student/Faculty Basketball Game (during school hours) Event cost is \$3 Basketball vs Marvin Ridge W. JV- 4:00 M. JV- 5:15 W. Var- 6:30 M. Var- 8:00 Men's Wrestling vs Marvin/ Union Academy/ Butler 5:30 PM Swimming @ Fort Mill YMCA 5 PM	No Events



Important Information

Please see the information below regarding our Attendance Recovery for 1st Semester.

PARKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECOVERY

2022-2023

Fall Semester

Attendance recovery will start on Tuesday January 3, 2023. It will take place in the Parkwood High School cafeteria. The specific dates and times for attendance recovery are as follows:

January 3et through January 19th from 3:45pm-5:15pm Monday through Friday

On Saturday January 7 & January 14 there will be attendance recovery from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the media center.

Attendance recovery is for students who have accumulated more than 7 unexcused absences in any class. For any absences beyond the 7^e unexcused absence, the student is responsible for attendance recovery.

No Recovery on January 16th

Your child should reach out to their administrator to set up a plan for attendance recovery.

Absences and attendance notes for T3 should be turned in as soon as possible but no later than Friday December 9°. Any absences that occur after December 9°, please hand in notes as soon as possible.

There is only a total of 30 recovery hours available. Please see your administrator if you have questions.

Mr. Mayes A - F Mr. Moore G - M Mrs. Adams N - Z

Note: If you fail a class for attendance, you will not have the opportunity to make that class up in summer school.



Important Information

Bell Schedule 2022-2023

Breakfast 8:00-8:25

Block 1 8:30-10:05

Block 2 10:10-11:45

Block 3 11:50-1:49

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11:50-11:53

1st Lunch 11:53-12:19

2nd Lunch 12:23-12:49

3rd Lunch 12:53-1:19

4th Lunch 1:23-1:49

Block 4 1:54-3:30

UCPS students will no longer receive free breakfast and/or lunch for the 2022-23 school year.

Lunch and breakfast prices will be as follows:

Breakfast \$1.75 per day

Lunch \$3.85 per day

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the meal application before the start of the school year.

Breakfast and lunch account charges will begin on the first day of school, which is August 29. If your application is approved, families may be eligible for the following benefits:

- Free or reduced-priced breakfast and lunch meals

Click <u>here</u> for more information on meal prices.

Click here to set up an account to make payments and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000



Important Information

Advisory Bell Schedule (On Wednesdays) 2022-2023

Breakfast 8:00-8:25

Block 1 8:30-9:55

Advisory 10:00-10:25

Block 2 10:30-11:55

Block 3 12:00-1:59

ANNOUNCEMENTS 12:00-12:04

1st Lunch 12:04-12:30

2nd Lunch 12:34-1:00

3rd Lunch 1:04-1:30

4th Lunch 1:34-2:00

Block 4 2:05-3:30





Mark your calendars:

Holiday Break- No School December 19-January 2, 2023

Mini Cheer Clinic January 18 and 19 and cheer at the Varsity game January 20

Cheer Alumni Night January 27

State Cheer Competition January 28

Senior Cheer Night February 10

College/Career/Military Fair February 15

ACT Blitz 10-12 PM PWHS Auditorium March 4

Prom May 6

Graduation June 13 at 8 AM in Wolf Pack Stadium



Athletics

PWHS Athletic Website

Rocky Richar **Athletic Director** rocky.richar@ucps.k12.nc.us

All Sports Passes on sale for students! Can be purchased on ticket site. \$50 to enter all in season home games for the year! The passcode is your student ID #. It is good for the purchase of 1icket.

Purchase Tickets Here: https://parkwoodathleticzone.com/event-tickets

Winter Sports	Head Coach	Email
Men's Varsity Basketball Head Coach	Mike Helms	michael.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Varsity Basketball Head Coacl	n Jesse Boyce	jesse.boyce@ucps.k12.nc.us
Wrestling Head Coach	Chris Linthicum	chris.linthicum@ucps.k12.nc.us
Swimming/Diving Head Coach	Susan Rhoads	susan.rhoads@ucps.k12.nc.us
Indoor Track Head Coach	Astrid Weddle	astrid.weddle@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheerleading Varsity Head Coach	Heather McWhorter	heather.mcwhorter@ucps.k12.nc.us
Spring Sports	Head Coach	Email
Baseball Varsity Head Coach	Rocky Richar	rocky.richar@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Golf Head Coach	Don Mather	donald.mather@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Lacrosse Head Coach **Jacob Penner** jacob.pennerlax@gmail.com

Men's Tennis Head Coach Kristy Erdelyi kristy.erdelyi@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Track and Field Head Coach **Grover Moore** grover.moore@ucps.k12.nc.us

Softball Varsity Head Coach Mary Hughes mary.hughes@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Lacrosse Head Coach **Nicole Gress** nicole.gress@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Track and Field Head Coach **TBD TBD**

Erika Morelock Women's Varsity Soccer Head Coach erika.morelock@ucps.k12.nc.us



Athletics

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Wrestling season has begun! Coach Linthicum and his team started competing close to three weeks ago. They are doing well and their spirits are high! I had the amazing opportunity to sit down with Coach L and discuss his team.

"We've had a really good start to the season, we started off with a really close loss to a really good Porter Ridge team. We then had our tournament where we had a really good show of girls and guys. It was good to see our kids battle tough competition right out the gate. We got a little sick during thanksgiving week and had to take a week off. We're back healthy now and we're feeling good. We had a really good week last week where we beat some South Carolina schools. The girls went up to Mt. Pleasant and won their tournament and our guys places 8th place in their tournament." The Pack's wrestling team is competing against tough competitors and pulling through the best they can.

The kids have been working hard all summer long, even starting in the spring to compete at a high level and hoping to dominate the competition. Linthicum gave me an insight as to what they have been doing to prepare. "We did a lot of stuff in the weight room as well as a lot of mat stuff. We went to a lot of camps as well as clinics over the summer. We went up to a few different college campuses to make sure we were getting high level coaching."

Although the Pack is successful so far, they have lost huge names in the program over the years. Coach L said this has not affected them at all. They are continuing to dominate and have a few athletes who have signed their talents over to colleges. Savannah Bramhall, who is a 3 time state champ, is overpowering everyone on the mat. "We just keep on moving. One big name comes out and another big name emerges. We're trying to continue building a program that's gonna keep reloading every year. There are many kids who are gonna come out and have big impacts this year. There's Savannah Bramhall and Kyle Simpson who will have a big year. There's other kids like some of the Tala's, Takota, Chayton, and Sage. As well as other kids that we may not even know."

Overall, the outlook on this season is looking bright for Linthicum and his team. "We're gonna work hard, have fun, and compete. For these first three weeks these kids have had a lot of fun. We're not winning everything but we're enjoying what we're doing, we're enjoying being a part of this team, and we're enjoying going out and competing." Keep a look out for these names and this successful program Coach L has built this season.

-Shaylee Martin





Have a teacher you'd like to recognize? This is the place! Please give a shout-out to a teacher who makes a difference in your student's life!

https://bit.ly/PWHSTeacherThankYou





Entering Parkwood High School now that the Roundabout is open

- Parents dropping off their students will need to use the main Parkwood School Road entrance to the high school.
- All student drivers will need to enter campus from Crow Road and will need to display their 2022-2023 PWHS parking pass to be admitted at that entrance. All other drivers will need to use the entrance at Parkwood School Road.
- Students will need to be in their classes by 8:30 to begin their day.



 Remind your student(s) when they have parent permission to leave campus, they need to sign out with Ms. Reeder at the front of the school.



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

Keep in Mind- You will need to show your ID when coming to the school so please remember to bring it with you.



Parents & Guardians

Parents and Guardians: Please use this link to view a video regarding Vaping that was presented at the UCPS Parent Education Series event at Monroe High School on October 27, 2023. If you have any questions regarding this valuable information, please feel free to reach out to the school or your student's counselor. Thank you.



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.

Counseling Department Staff

Troy Harris - 9th Grade and 10th Grade last names A-F troy.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us

Shari Davison - 10-12th Last names G-M & 12th A-F shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us

Terri Onley - 10-12th Last names N-Z & 11th A-F terri.onley@ucps.k12.nc.us

Lisa Cauthen - Student Support Counselor lisa.cauthen@ucps.k12.nc.us

Shawn Johnston - Counseling Center Administrative Assistant shawn.johnston@ucps.k12.nc.us

Valerie Simmeth - Career Development Coordinator valerie.simmeth@ucps.k12.nc.us

Upcoming University Visits

We are bringing colleges, universities and trade schools to Parkwood to visit with you. You are allowed to sign up for 3 visits per semester and you must be passing the class that you will be missing to attend the information session. Please use Scoir to sign up for the visits you are interested in attending. This <u>Google Form</u> is updated when we have new opportunities for you so make sure you check it often. On the day of the visit, we will bring a hallway pass to your teacher for you to use to attend the session.



Scholarship Information

Visit our <u>Wolf Pack Scholarship</u> page to see scholarship opportunities. We update this document frequently so visit this page to make sure you don't miss something that interests you.

This Week's Highlighted Scholarships

The new site

ApplyToTradeSchool.com is launching now for high school students interested in attending a Trade/Vocational School. The site is backed by College Fairs Online who have been connecting students to colleges for over 10 years. The new site is just starting out and adding new trade schools every day. There is also a \$1000 scholarship opportunity at ApplyToTradeSchool.com for high school seniors.

To have students check out the site and/or apply for the scholarship drawing please feel free to place a link to www.ApplyToTradeSchool.com on your High School's website, the Counselors page, AVID page, College resources page or any other page you feel necessary. Please feel free to also include the link in emails that go out to students regarding preparing for college. You can also share the site on social media using the links below. Remember the site will be adding more and more trade schools every month.

Power of Resilience Scholarship

- \$1,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: December 31, 2022) 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://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14792/
power-of-resilience-scholarship

Overachievers Student Grant

- \$15,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: December 15, 2022) 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://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/14651/overachievers_student_grant_scholarship.php



Counseling Meeting Request form:

https://forms.gle/KD2NpkKz8g31xQxZ8

(must be logged into your school google account)

Students fill out the form to request a meeting with their school counselor

SPCC CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE INFORMATION SESSION

Join us for an information session about Career and College Promise (CCP) program at SPCC.

Topics covered:

- Pathways
- · Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- · Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- · Course Load
- · Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- · Benefits of CCP
- · and more

DATES August 23, 2022 September 13, 2022 October 11, 2022 November 8, 2022 January 17, 2023 February 14, 2023 March 14, 2023 April 11, 2023

All info sessions begin at 6 PM. (Virtual Microsoft Teams Sessions

HOW TO ATTEND?

Simply click the link below to join: Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app CLICK HERE

CONTACT INFO

For more information, please contact Secondary Education Partnerships at sep@spcc.edu or 704.290.5090



School Counseling Support - Support is available for students for mental health concerns. Parents/guardians reach out to your students' school counselor who can assist with a referral to the school social worker or mental health therapist. Robyn Mobley - School Social Worker Thais Yeon - Mental Health Therapist



Atrium Health School-Based Virtual Therapy

2022-2023 UCPS College Readiness Parent & Student Sessions

Scoir for Seniors	August, 2022
College Entrance Exams 101	September, 2022
Paying for College	O ctober, 2022
Finish the FAFSA On Demand	O ctober, 202 2
ACT/SAT Blitz	October, 2022
Union County College Fair	October, 2022
Scoir for Underclassmen Parents	November, 2022
Choosing the Right Path in HS	December, 2022
Getting Ready for College	January, 2023
College Recruiting for Athletes	February, 2023
ACT Blitz	March, 2023
SAT Blitz	April, 2023
Paying for College	April, 2023
What Makes a Good College Essay	May, 2023
Scoir for Juniors & Parents	May, 2023

For info and registration, visit https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions.









LAWA PRESENTS 2022-2023

HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

FREE bilingual information session for students and caregivers on how to prepare, plan, and pay for econdary education. Learn about c applications, financial aid, career paths, bachelor & associate degrees, trade and vocational program options, & campus tours

PATHWAY EXPLORATION SESSIONS AND MORE!

Free transportation from select sites Register at: lawa.news/HighSchool



Careers in Education

Saturday, January 28, 2023 8:30 am - 1:00 pm University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Careers in Health Sciences Saturday, February 11, 2023 9 am - 1:00 pm Wingate University

Careers in Economics and Pre-Business

Saturday, February 25, 2023 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Davidson College

Trade and Vocational Careers

8:30 am - 1:00 pm South Piedmont Community Colleg

The JCSU Experience

Saturday, March 25, 2023 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Johnson C. Smith University

SPONSORS:











LAWA PRESENTA

2022-2023

REGISTRESE PARA..

Sesiones informativas GRATUITAS BILINGÜES para estudiantes y familiares sobre cómo prepara planear y pagar estudios post-secundarios. Conozca cómo solicitar ayuda financiera, trayectorias profesionales, licenciaturas, carreras técnicas, oficios y visitas del campus

SESIONES SOBRE CARRERAS Y MAS!

Transportación gratuita de sitios seleccionados Registrese en: https://lawa.news/HighSchool



Sábado 28 de enero 2023 8:30 am - 1:00 pm University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Carreras en ciencias de la salud

9 am - 1:00 pm Wingate University

Carreras en economía y pre-negocios Sábado 25 de febrero 2022

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Carreras técnicas y oficios

South Piedmont Community College

La experiencia JCSU

Sábado 25 de marzo 2023 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Johnson C. Smith University

PATROCINADORES:













SCHOLARSHIPS

2023-2024 APPLICATION WINDOW

January 2 - April 2







APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

2.5+ GPA: 3.0 GPA for Renewals

Letters of Recommendation

Personal Essay

Live in the Charlotte Area

Proof of Income

Transcript

College or Trade School Acceptance Letter

Community Involvement

We Accept all Legal Statuses

Contact scholarships@lawanc.org for more



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BECAS 2023 - 2024

PRESENTACION DE SOLICITUDES

Enero 2 - Abril 2







REQUISITOS GENERALES

Promedio mayor a 2.5+; 3.0 para Renovaciones

3 cartas de Recomendación

Ensayo Personal

Recidir en a Área de Charlotte

Comprobante de Ingreso

Calificaciones

Carta de Aceptación al Colegio o Escuela de Comercio

Servicios Prestados a la Comunidad

Aceptamos a Todos los Estatutos Migratorios

Para más información contacte: scholarships@lawanc.org

LA MISIÓN DE LAWA ES AVANZAR LA EDUCACIÓN Y CALIDAD DE VIDA DE LOS LATINOS EN LA REGIÓN I IMPAIL SES + IMPAINACIONS + 784-512, 1865 + 8 O. But 781-98, Chadiara, NC





COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

For 9th Grade & 10th Grade

- · Take courses that challenge you.
- · Use Major Clarity to explore course options such as honors, AP, and Career Pathways.
- · Pursue extracurricular interests such as clubs, sports or community service.
- · Take the PreACT in fall, required school test.
- · Start using free ACT and SAT test prep resources.
- · Review your goals for the future with your counselor.
- · Use Major Clarity and SCOIR (on high school start up page) to begin exploring careers and colleges.
- · Check admission requirements for colleges that interest you.

For 11th Grade

- · Take the PSAT in October. Must sign up through school, as test is optional.
- · Prep for the ACT & SAT tests using ALBERT in high school start up page.
- · Attend college fairs and financial aid workshops.
- · Visit colleges.
- · Use SCOIR & CFNC.org to start researching scholarships, grants and loans.
- Talk with coaches about college sports and scholarship eligibility.
- · Take required school day test for ACT in spring.
- · To take an additional ACT or SAT register online to take on a Saturday.
- Narrow down list of colleges.
- Plan your senior year courses carefully.



Helpful Hints from the Counseling Department



Quick Anxiety Reducing Strategies

- 1. Take slow deep breaths and count to 10 before reacting or responding.
- 2. Find a quiet spot to relax/escape the stressful chaos for 10 minutes.
- 3. Tense up your whole body (clench your fists, etc.), hold, and slowly release the tension while exhaling. Repeat 10 times.
 - 4. Close your eyes and take a quick mental vacation to your favorite spot. Example: Beach- feel the sun, imagine the sand between your toes, hear the crashing waves.
- 5. Positive self talk- Talk yourself down by saying positive things to yourself. Boost your confidence.



Quick Links

Office Phone: 704-296-0154

PWHS & UCPS Information

- Counseling Department
- PWHS CTE
- UCPS Calendar
- Media Center
- School Calendar
- Transportation Bus App (New!)
- Volunteer Information

Instructional Support

- Student Technology Help Desk
- <u>Technology Tutorials for Parents and Students</u>
- EmpowerEd Parent Portal
 - Mobile Apps, Attendance and Grades, Canvas Access and Tutorials
 - <u>Tutorial Video</u>

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