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LEADER IN ME SYMPOSIUM VISIT









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Student Activities

- Buy your yearbooks at <u>vearbookforever.com</u>
- Attention juniors and seniors, don't miss out on the **HBCU College Fair** happening on Thursday, February 29th. This event is for 11th graders who are starting to explore their college options, as well as 12th graders who haven't made their decision on a college yet. If you want to secure your spot to attend the college fair please sign up now. The sign-up deadline is February 12th and you can find the sign-up link in the pirate press.
- We have several **colleges visiting our campus** over the next few weeks. If you are interested in learning more about the Savannah College of Art and Design, NC State, Western Carolina, or UNC-Greensboro, please sign up for these events through your Scoir account now!
- Science National Honor Society will have our next monthly meeting Monday, February 5th at 3:15 in E207D.
- **Gaming Club** will meet on Wednesday, February 7 at 3:15 in Room F201. Come play some video games with us. All are welcome.
- Next **Sewing and Upcycling Club** meeting will be 2/8/24 until 4:15 p.m.
- Come and make a cool **Valentine candy jar** for yourself or to give as a gift Thurs. Feb. 8th from 3:05-4 p.m. in the Media Center! Scan the QR code on the poster outside the Media Center to sign up. All supplies and refreshments will be provided.
- Tryouts for **Baseball** will be held Monday February 12th through Wednesday February 14th from 3:15 -5:15.
- ❖ Interested in **Women's Field Hockey**? There will be an interest meeting on Monday, February 12 from 4:15 to 5:15 in the media center. Come learn more about season info, pricing, and how to play. No experience needed.
- **PRHS Disc Golf** will be playing this Saturday at 1pm at Blair Mill. Bring gloves.
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Students are reminded to continue to check the <u>Student Daily Announcement Page</u> to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our <u>PRHS Website</u>. The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**



PRHS Student Announcements

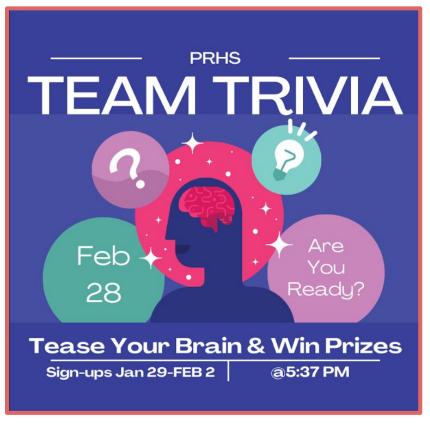




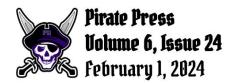
PORTER RIDGE HIGH



PORTER RIDGE WANTS TO INTRODUCE THE IDEA OF HIRING STUDENTS FOR OUR SCHOOL! HOURS MAY BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR: SERVICE HOURS (CHECK WITH ADVISOR), RESUME, AND AS A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY. SOME JOBS REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM YOUR TEACHER TO BE OUT OF CLASS FOR A SHORT TIME EACH DAY/WEEK.







PRHS Student Announcements

GROWING GREEN CLOTHING DRIVE

February 5th to March 15h



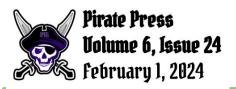
Locate a box in each wing and front entrance!

GROWING GREEN CLOTHING DRIVE

PLEASE LABEL THE CLOTHES YOU ARE DONATING WITH YOU NAME TO BE ENTERED INTO THE RAFFLE TO WIN \$20!

WE ASK THAT YOU <u>DO NOT</u> DONATE UNDERGARMENTS, SWIMSUITS, CROP TOPS, OR CUT UP CLOTHING!

HAVE QUESTIONS? DM US ON INSTAGRAM OR SEE MS. GOODINE IN ROOM E111



Leader In Me and Portrait of a Graduate



AN INNOVATIVE LEADER

Rallies others toward a common goal through creativity, integrity and determination. Works to connect with other people through empathy and partnership.



A RESILIENT PROBLEM-SOLVER

Capitalizes on productive struggle, inquiry, discourse and social earning to think critically and solve relevant and meaningful problems. Lifelong learning is driven by the desire for continuous improvement.



A KEY CONTRIBUTOR

Actively participates in the community and is civic-minded, independent, and financially literate. Meets the demands of future opportunities with resilience and generosity.



AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

Accomplished in the skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and the use of technology. Possesses confidence and works in an organized manner.



A SKILLED COLLABORATO

Works respectfully as a productive member of a team. Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability for success in a rapidly-changing world.

THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS

- Be Proactive
- Begin With the End in Mind
- Put First Things First
- Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Synergize
- Sharpen the Saw

Our school had students, teachers, and administrators from all over the southeast attending the Leader in Me Symposium in Charlotte come visit PRHS to observe our student leaders in action.

Visitors observed our advisory period, our student portfolios, and our student life organizations in action.

Kudo's to our adult and student Lighthouse Leadership Teams!

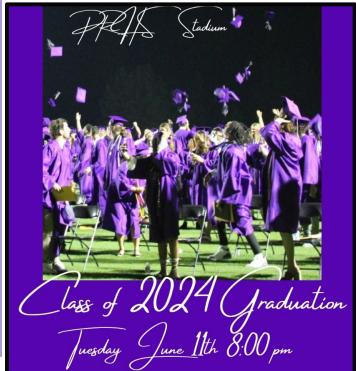






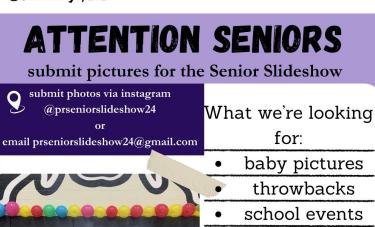
Senior





Prom Tickets can be purchased by Juniors (Cohort 2025) or Seniors (Cohort 2024).

- You must have all outstanding balances paid (this will be checked before purchase).
- Cash, Check, or Credit Card accepted.
- See Ms. Lawson at lunch to purchase.
- Guest forms will be located in the Front Office.











Parent Information

JOIN PTO

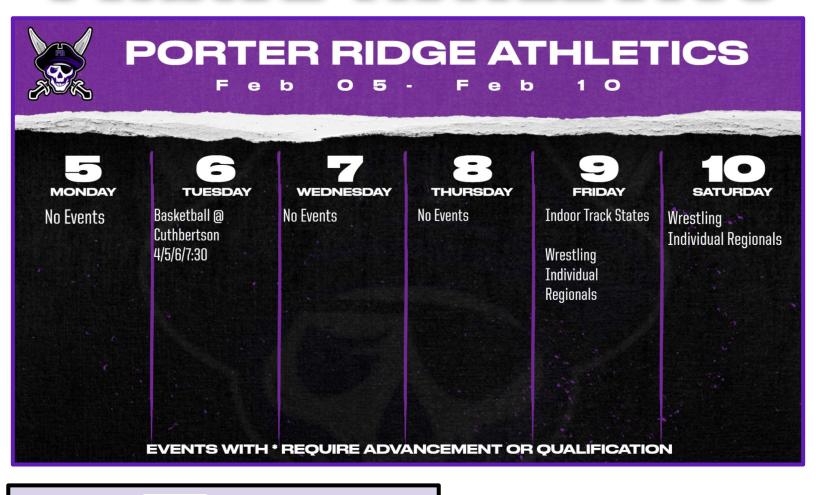
Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We'd love to have your help kicking off the PRHS PTO! We're looking for PTO Board members and chairs, parents willing to pay the \$10 membership fee to support the PTO's work, parents willing to donate items for teacher appreciation events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events.

Please email Amy Dieffenbach at amy_dieffenbach@yahoo.com or Alana White at alanahwhite@gmail.com if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE



PIRATE ATHLETICS



CLICK HERE FOR ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL
GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL
GIRLS JV BASKETBALL
BOYS JV BASKETBALL
WRESTLING
INDOOR TRACK
SWIMMING

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE

CLICK HERE FOR HOME EVENT TICKETS All tickets are sold on this website or at the GATE by credit/debit card.

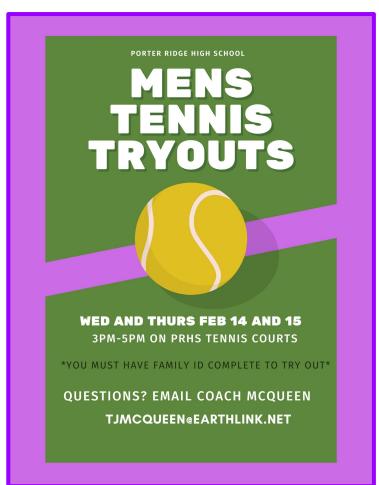




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Pirate athletic RESULTS

Porter Ridge had a double **basketball** victory as both the girls and boys teams won vs. Marvin Ridge. The teams really need your support this Friday AT Weddington! Girls at 6 and Boys at 7! Go Pirates. Congratulations to **Sidney Blackwell** for scoring her 1000 Career point vs Marvin. Congratulations Sidney!

Wrestling- Defeated Weddington 39 - 33

4A Southern Carolina Conference Wrestling Dual Champs

Lost first round state dual playoffs

26 - 3 overall Record

4-0 in Conference

SCC All Conference Wrestlers

Khaliq Butler

Andy Morales

Khaleal Henson

Maddox Cheek

Joseph Courtney

Krizangel Flores

Eddison Morales

Jackson Suggs

Joziah Chandler

Aslan Demurchiyev

SCC Coach of the Year - Randy Durbin

Natalya Salo won the 2024 Hot Stove Utility Player of the Year for Softball











Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cassidy Jarrett – last names Me-Sao cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us

Alexandra Green – last names Sap-Z alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.



PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

The SECU Foundation
Scholarship Information as
sent to SENIORS via email.
Make sure to check it.



SECU Foundation takes an active role in assisting communities across North Carolina because we believe in "People Helping People®." To support this commitment, the People Helping People schoalrship was established to help North Carolina public high school students attend college.

Eligibility requirements:

- Current senior at a North Carolina public high school
- SECU member or eligible for membership through a parent/ guardian
- North Carolina resident and eligible for in-state tuition
- Accepted to attend one of the 16 UNC system universities as a fulltime undergraduate
- Demonstrated scholastic achievement with a 2.5 or higher unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Exhibited leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement
- Filed FAFSA as part of the application





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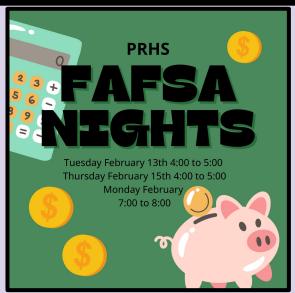
Scholarship Value: \$2,000 Application Window: January 15 - March 15, 2024 Eligibility Requirements:

- Possess minimum G.P.A 2.5 or higher [nonweighted] or minimum G.P.A 3.5 or higher [weighted]
- Attending an accredited 4 year university/college in Fall 2023
- Graduating High School Senior residing and attending school in Anson or Union County, NC

Have a question? Email us at aka@alphaalphachiomega.org







PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Mrs. Jarrett will start her maternity leave effective this week. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you so much.

Me - Neu - Lawson

New - Peo - Anderson

Per - Rho - James

Ri - San - Green



SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Seniors please check your email!!

Ms. Lawson has sent info
regarding the applications for
Annie B. Cherry Scholarship,
Collins Aerospace Scholarship,
Garden Club of Weddington
Scholarship, and SECU Foundation
People Helping People
Scholarship.
See Ms. Lawson with any questions!



PRHS COUNSELING *news*

"Academy Pathway Applications for 2024-2025"

Academy applications for the 2024-2025 school year will more about the academies UCPS

open on February 9th. To learn has to offer and for the application, please visit the **UCPS Career Readiness** (https://ucpscte.org/) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in

guidance.

"2024-2025 CTE Internship"

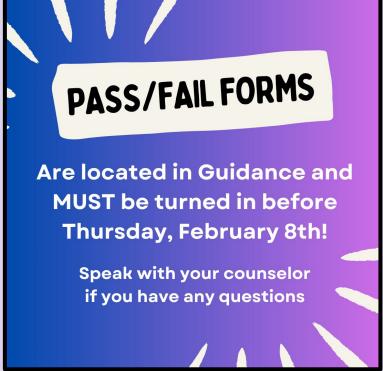
UCPS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Internship program provides students the opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career interest prior to college or post-secondary training. The 2024-2025 CTE Internship application will open on February 1st. Students can find the Internship application by going into their Major Clarity account and clicking on Work-Based Learning on the left-hand side.

Application Deadlines

- Ø Summer 2024 Internship April 15th
- Ø Fall 2024 Semester May 1st
- Ø Spring 2025 Semester October 1st

If you have any questions, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.







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Are you a Junior or a Senior who has not committed to a college yet? If so, this HBCU College Fair could be for you! PRHS will be providing bus transportation to the event. Please complete the google form below no later than February 12th to secure your spot!

CLICK HERE





PRHS COUNSELING *news*

xpelience CAROLINA

with the University Office for Diversity and Inclusion at UNC-Chapel Hill

Have you ever wondered what a typical day on campus is like? Project Uplift and Uplift PLUS offer an opportunity to experience campus life at UNC-Chapel Hill. Led by current UNC students, we provide a warm and inviting space for you to experience Carolina.



PROJECT UPLIFT

2024 Dates : June 1, 8, and 22

Project Uplift is an one-day summer enrichment and college access program that provides students with exposure to life at Carolina



Enjoy a one-day immersive Carolina experience.



Engage in an essay writing workshop.



Get the inside scoop from current Tar Heels on what it's like to be a Carolina



- Apply online at go.unc.edu/ProjectUplift. Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for Uplift PLUS.
- 2. Upload a PDF copy of your unofficial high school transcript.

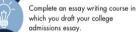


2024 Dates : July 7 - July 20

Uplift PLUS is an intensive, 2-week on-campus program, providing an immersive and engaging experience to prepare the next generation of leaders.



Participate in academic, social, cultural and experiential learning activities.





Receive one-on-one mentoring from current Carolina students.

Gain exposure to campus resources and various schools and units at UNC-Chapel Hill.

We encourage you to start your application early!

Application Opens: January 15, 2024 Application Deadline: March 15, 2024 Decision Notification: April 2024

LEARN MORE AT GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFT

PROJECT





If you are currently enrolled in a Spring SPCC course,

Textbook Reimbursement information will become available mid-February. Keep checking your email and listen to the announcements for information on this soon!



PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS



2023-2024 UCPS College **Readiness Series**

For more info and to register visit https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions

Live Events

Scoir for Seniors - Aug. Practice SAT - Sept./Oct. ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept. College Entrance Exams 101 - Oct. Union County College Fair - Oct. Paying for College - Dec. Practice ACT - Jan./Feb. ACT Blitz - Feb. Getting Ready for College - Mar. SAT Blitz - Apr.

On-Demand Library

Always available at the link above.

Scoir for Underclassmen College Recruiting for Athletes Choosing the Right Path in HS



Writing a College Essay - May



Want to take SPCC classes in high school? Want to get a jump start on your career? Confused about next steps after graduation?

Let's Talk!

Scan below to schedule a meeting:



Shannon Minick SPCC Career Coach sminick@spcc.edu

Free ACT Practice Tests and Prep Open to all UCPS high school students

Pretest and Posttest in person Online content in between

PRETEST:

January 27th, 8 AM-12 PM POSTTEST:

February 10th, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at: Porter Ridge High School 2839 Ridge Road

Indian Trail, NC 28079

Register by January 24th: https://bit.ly/24ACTpracticerequest

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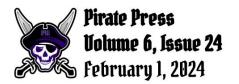
TARDY POLICY

Parents, it is important that students are on time for classes throughout the day. In order to ensure that you are aware if your child is tardy to class we will begin to send home notifications via our ConnectEd communication tool when your child has an unexcused tardy. We do have consequences for excessive tardies at school and these can be found in our PRHS Student Handbook. Staff at PRHS remind students that the expectation is to go directly from one class to their next class, by taking the most efficient route possible. While we allow 5 minutes for each transition, students should report to their next class as quickly as possible and do not need the full five minutes. We find that students who take the most direct path to get to class and do not go into different parts of the building are always on time to class. If tardiness is due to a late bus they will be given a pass to class and will have an excused tardy which does not count against them. Thank you for your support as we teach our children the importance of being on time.

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.

- Parents can provide notes for up to five days that a student is absent. After those days PRHS will require a doctor/medical note to excuse the absence.
- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes should be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student can fail the course due to attendance.



Family Information

Important Links

School Forms- CLICK HERE

School Health and Safety Information- CLICK HERE

School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE

Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE

Transportation Information- CLICK HERE

Transportation information can be found on the **UCPS Transportation pages**.

The school system is using the Edulog App this year to track your bus. Please see the flyer below: Video on how to install the app: CLICK HERE

For directions on **how to install** this Real-time bus app on your phone **please follow this link**. There is a great video for your reference here.

Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

School Nutrition Prices

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the <u>meal application</u> (click here)

Click here for more information on meal prices.

Click <u>here</u> 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

TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

- Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.
- → Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class periods. Away means stored in a backpack, or in a teacher-designated location.
- → Teachers do have discretion to allow students to use their cell phone for an instructional purpose during class time.
- → If you violate this you will lose the privilege to have your phone (and headphones) during class.

UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE of \$30 this year that all students must pay. Click here for the online payment system. Info on this fee was emailed home earlier this summer, but it will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Jason Toudt is our Technology Systems Engineer.





HELPDESK HOURS

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

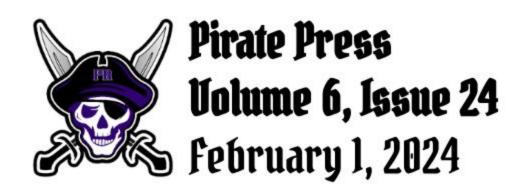
Start: 7:45am

End: 11:30am

Tuesday - Thursday

Start: 12:45pm

End: 3:00pm



Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR

@prhsffa @porterridgefootball @prhs_pirates @porterridgecheer @prbandofpirates @prhs_volleyball @prhscounseling @pr_athletic_booster_club @prhs.running @prhsbaseball @prhs.beta.club @prhscs @prhs.piratenation @prhs_frenchclub_ @prhs_hosa @pr.nahs @prhs.wrestling @prhs_interactclub @prhs.nhs @prhs.knittingandcrocheting @prhs_discgolf @prhsfieldhockey @prhswomenslax @porterridgesoftball @ucpsnc @pmhs_afjrotc @prhs_castaways @prhs.draft.robotix @prhsbookclub @prhsmualphatheta @aghoulihan @prhs.jcl.club @porterridgeswimming @prhspiratecheer @prhs_gsa_ @prhswtennis @prhs.dnd.club @pr_nehs @PRHS_Vocal_Treasures @prhsspeechanddebate @prhs_mha_saves @prhsfilmclub @prphilosophyclub @prhspirates4christ @prhs_humanities @growinggreen_prhs @porter_ridge_hs_pto @prhs_spanish.club @prhs.outdoors.club @prguards @prhsmenslacrosse @lawandjusticeskillsusa @prhs.culinaryarts @prb.o.b @porter.ridgewbb @ucpsncathletics @prhs_menssoccer @the.hook.student.media @prhs4mun @prhs_sewing_and_upcycling @prhs.rise @prhs_fieldclub @porterridgepe_department

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