

Pirate Press

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National School Counselor Week was this past week-So grateful for the hard work and passion of our school counselors!!! Mr. James, Ms. Green, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Lawson, CDC Ms. Webb, Secretary Ms. Martinez, and Ms. Jarrett. Simply the Best! It is national school counselor week!

CHOCOLATE FOR TEACHERS

Please help us show our appreciation for our teachers with a special Valentines treat! Please click here to donate candy. Please have your treat dropped off to the front office by February 12! Thank you!



2024.2025 PRHS REGISTRATION TIMELINE

2/13 AT 6:30 - RISING 10TH TO 12TH REGISTRATION PARENT NIGHT

2/22 - REGISTRATION PRESENTATION SHOWN IN ADVISORY

2/23 TO 3/1 - POWERSCHOOL OPENS TO SELECT COURSES

3/6 TO 3/28 - STUDENTS MEET WITH COUNSELORS
DURING 2ND BLOCK TO REVIEW CHOSEN COURSES

PRHS PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMIES & PROGRAMS

PRHS IS THE ONLY LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL IN UCPS



- · CULINARY
- DRAFTING
- FILM EDITING &
 PRODUCTION
- PHARMACY TECH
- ROBOTICS
- TEACHING AS A PROFESSION
- VET ASSISTING

AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM







14 PATHWAYS

- AIR FORCE JROTC
- ANIMAL SCIENCE
- ARCHITECT
- ARTS
- BUSINESS
- MANAGEMENT
- CULINARY DIGITAL MEDIA
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- FINANCE
- HEALTH SCIENCE
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
- LIBERAL ARTS



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NEW SRO- Officer Dodd



Welcome to our new SRO- Deputy Shawn Dodd. Please welcome him to Porter Ridge





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Student Activities

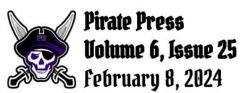
- Are you needing more room in your closet? **Growing Green is throwing a clothing drive** to help the community. Let's do some spring cleaning and donate your old clothes. There will be boxes in each wing, at the entrance of the school, or bring clothes to Ms. Goodine's room, E111. Label the clothing to enter your name in a raffle to win a \$20 amazon gift card. We ask that you do not donate undergarments, swimsuits, socks, or shoes. The clothing drive goes until March 15th. Bring your clothes in today!
- **♦** Buy your **yearbooks** at <u>yearbookforever.com</u>
- Seniors, check your email to vote for **senior superlative nominations**. The last day to nominate is Friday, February 9th!
- Umoja would like to announce there will be a Black History Spirit Week, taking place from February 10th to February 16th. This week is dedicated to celebrating and embracing the rich history, culture, and achievements of the Black community. Join us in showing support by participating in the themed days:
 - Monday: BLACK OUT -Wear all black to kick off the week in solidarity
 - > Tuesday: REP YOUR CULTURE -Embrace your heritage by wearing colors that represent your culture
 - ➤ Wednesday: SUNDAY'S BEST -Dress in your finest Sunday attire to showcase elegance and style
 - ➤ Thursday: THROWBACK THURSDAY -Travel back in time by wearing 90's or 2000's attire
 - > Friday: HBCU/College Day -Represent your favorite college with pride by wearing their attire

Let's come together as a community to celebrate diversity, unity, and the incredible contributions of Black history. We encourage you to participate and make this week a memorable and meaningful experience.

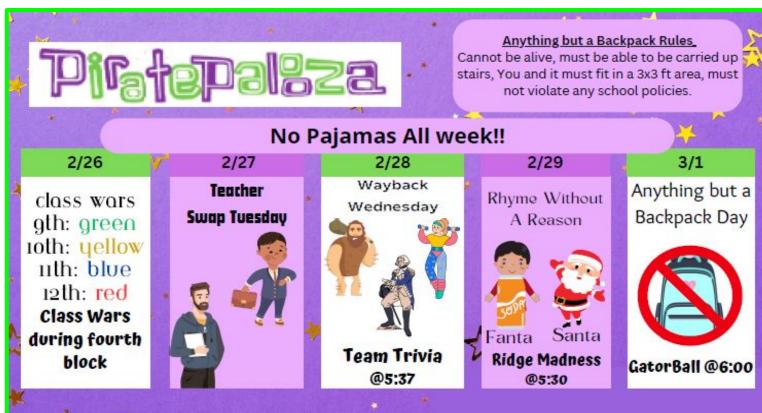
- NEHS /Creative Writing Club will meet after school this coming Monday, February 12th in Ms. Wright's room, F105C.
- Need service hours? Come join the **Outdoors Club** on Tuesday, February 13th in G211 to learn about the Great Backyard Bird Count. You can earn hours by observing birds over a 4 day period. Contact Ms. Lukasik or scan the QR code on flyers around the school for more details!
- Students be sure you are **parking** in your assigned parking spaces. Parking spaces will be checked starting this week and every week and tickets will be issued to those not parked in the correct assigned spot and to those not displaying a parking tag. Be sure if you are just getting your license to see Ms. Lawrence in the main office and she will show you how to apply and pay for a parking pass.



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









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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

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Leader In Me and Portrait of a Graduate



AN INNOVATIVE LEADE

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 CONTRIBUTO

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

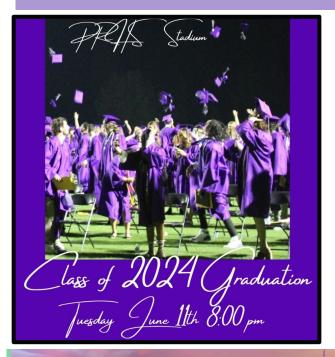
- Be Proactive
- Begin With the End in Mind
- Put First Things First
- Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Synergize
- Sharpen the Saw



Over 500 students were rewarded with an ice cream treat for having perfect attendance in the December 4 to January 17 time frame.



ATTENTION SENIORS submit pictures for the Senior Slideshow submit photos via instagram @prseniorslideshow24 What we're looking for: email prseniorslideshow24@gmail.com baby pictures throwbacks school events high school events • individual senior pics sports Due April 29th extracurriculars





Senior Announcements

Senior Superlatives CHECK YOUR EMAIL

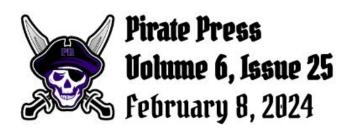
Today-Friday 2/9

VOTE 2/8 DURING ADVISORY

> Voting Thursday

@the.hook.student.media

- 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 and Check only for Early Bird Ticket Sales.
- 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



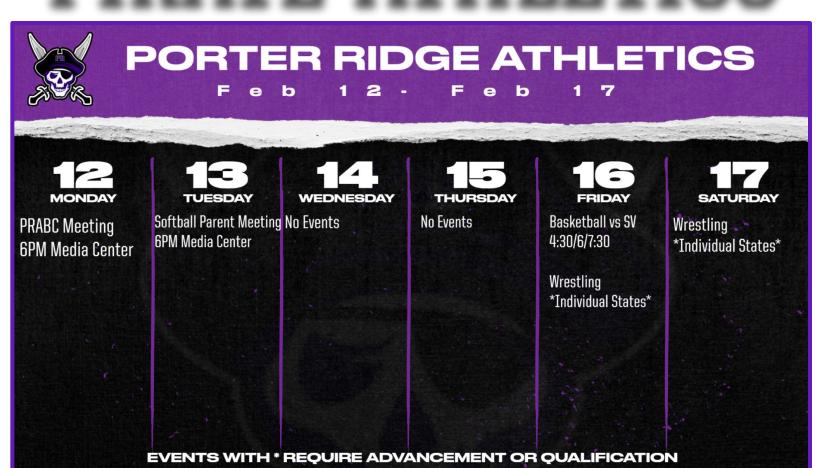


<u>CHOCOLATE FOR</u> <u>TEACHERS</u>

Please help us show our appreciation for our teachers with a special Valentines treat! Please click here to donate candy.

Please have your treat dropped off to the front office by February 12!

Thank you!



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.



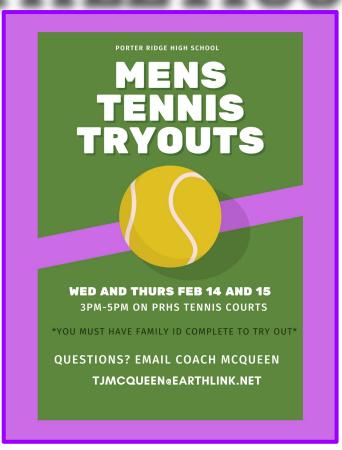




Tryouts for **Baseball** will be held Monday February 12th through Wednesday February 14th from 3:15 -5:15.

Tryouts for the 2024 **Porter Ridge Softball Team** are February 14 and 15.
Make sure all of your paperwork is up to date in Family ID

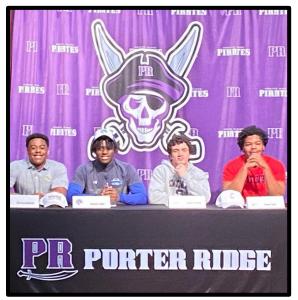






PIRATE ATHLETIC RESULTS

- Congratulations to Claire Kramb, Sammie DeGroot, Sammy Farley, Ava Marquadt, Rocco Woods, Daniel Mitchell, Spencer Chew, and Malachi McAllister who all swam in the 4A Regional meet this weekend. They made up a total of four relays who all finished higher than their seeding rank! WAY TO GO PIRATES!
- > Our **men's and women's basketball teams** split this past Friday at Weddington. The girls won and the boys lost. Both won vs Cuthbertson on Tuesday of this week. .



Congratulations to Harrison Johnson (William & Mary), Jatavien Taylor (Fayetteville State), Danny Kennedy (Catawba College), and Davion Clark (Catawba College) for signing to play football in college!!! So proud of each of you and grateful for the legacy you helped create at PRHS!!











PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024



ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

2722 W. ROOSEVELT BLVD MONROE NC 28110



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rolling Hills Country Club ... June 17, 2024

PRABC Champion Sponsor-\$7,500

This is an exclusive opportunity for ONE sponsor to support the Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club at the highest level of recognition for the school year. Sponsorship includes standalone signage at and logo inclusion on all printed and electronic materials at two PRABC events to include the April BBQ and June golf tournament. Sponsor has the opportunity to provide swag item for each golf tournament participant.

Includes two foursomes at June golf tournament

Presenting Sponsor-\$5,000

(two available) Sponsorship includes logo recognition on all printed and electronic materials including but not limited to swag bags, score cards, etc. A logoed golf towel will be included for each player, opportunity to provide additional swag item.
Includes foursome

Albatross Sponsor-\$2,500

Swag Bag Sponsor (two available) Logoed balls included for each player, opportunity to provide additional swag item includes foursome

> Golf Cart Sponsor Logo inclusion on golf carts Includes foursome

Beverage Cart Sponsor (two available) Logoed koodle included for each player, opportunity to provide additional swag item includes foursome

> Lunch Sponsor Logo inclusion on funch containers Includes foursome

Eagle Sponsor-\$1,500

Contest Sponsor

Logo inclusion on long drive and closest to pin materials includes foursome

Multigan/Raffle
Logo inclusion on long drive and closest to pin materials
includes foursome

Putting Green

Signage at putting green and on practice balls Includes foursome

Driving Range

Signage at putting green and on practice tees Includes foursome

Birdie Sponsor-\$1,000

Hole Sponsor (18 available)
Signage at hole, opportunity to set up table at hole
Includes foursome

Par Sponsor—\$500

Hole Sponsor (18 available) Signage at hole DOES NOT includes foursome

Individual Golfer-\$200



Who is your counselor?

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

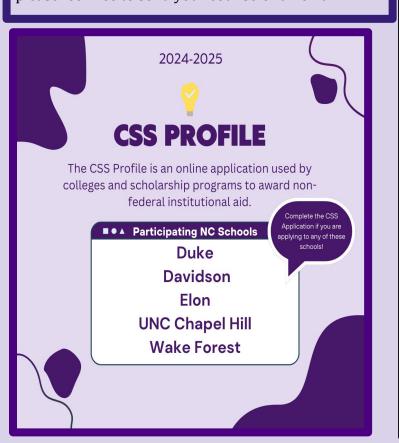
Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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/ quardian
- 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

WE ARE GOING (F) LIVE



UCPS is offering three virtual sessions this spring to help parents with resources and tools to navigate tough situations. Join us on Facebook @UCPSNC on February 8, March 20 and April 10 at 6 p.m.

SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS

Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.

This presentation is for parents and guardians of children ages 5-17. Parents will learn facts about online risks, statistics, vide and other resources. Mr. Traceski will also share tips for keeping children safer online

PRESENTER: Eric Traceski, Senior Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service

SUICIDE AWARENESS

March 20 at 6 p.m.

out terminology related to suicidal activity, prevalence, risk factors, characteristics and warning signs. They

PRESENTERS: Belle Walker and Susan Slattery-Rogers, UCPS Student Support Staff

VAPING

April 10 at 6 p.m.

April 10 at 6 p.m.

Parents will learn about e-cigarettes (e-cigs, vapes) and how to identify the different shapes and sizes. The presenters will also discuss the epidemic use of e-cigs in teens and the harmful effects. In addition, parents will receive resources to prevent the us of e-cigs and where to get help for teens who are using e-cigs.

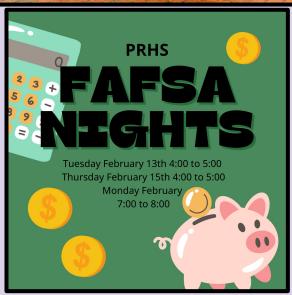
PRESENTERS: Carolyn Ford and Erica High, Community Engagement Specialist, Community Support and Outreach, Union Cou











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







"Academy Pathway Applications for 2024-2025"

Academy applications for the 2024-2025 school year will open on February 9th. To learn more about the academies UCPS 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.

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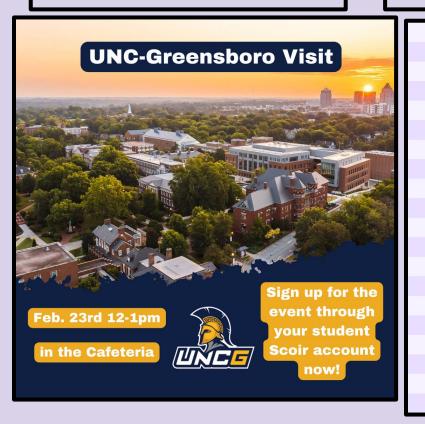
"2024-2025 CTE Internship"

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.



ANNOUNCEMENT



SPRING SPCC TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MARCH

- New forms will be online
- Keep up with SPCC Canvas announcements for more info



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

Experience 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.



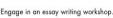
PROJECT UPLIFT

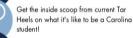
2024 Dates : June 1, 8, and 22

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.





Learn about admissions, scholarships and student aid.

HOW DO I APPLY?

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



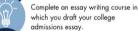
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2024 Dates : July 7 - July 20

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.



DEADLINES

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

PL PROJECT



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Diversity and Inclusion



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.
HS Programs Expo - Dec.
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



ucpscollegeready

Want to take SPCC classes in high school? Want to get a jumpstart 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

to complete it!
Parents must ask
their student to
register themselves.

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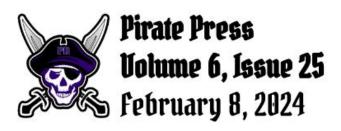
Register by January 24th:

https://bit.ly/24ACTpracticerequest









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)

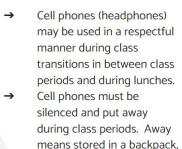
Click here for more information on meal prices.

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

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.



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.





HELPDESK HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

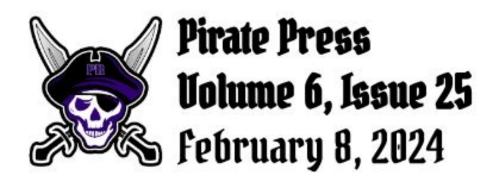
Start: 7:45am

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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Follow UCPS on Twitter: @AGHoulihan @UCPSNC @UCPSNCATHLETICS @UCPSInnovate @UCPSCareerready @UMatterinUCPS

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