



# 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

FULLY IMPLEMENTED  
**AP CAPSTONE**  
PROGRAM



### 7 CAREER ACADEMIES

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



### 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



- ❖ 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 [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
- ❖ 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 attireLet'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.

## *Beta Club Induction*



Students are reminded to continue to check the [Student Daily Announcement Page](#) 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 [PRHS Website](#). The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**



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# PRHS Student Announcements

## Piratepalooza

Anything but a Backpack Rules.  
Cannot be alive, must be able to be carried up stairs, You and it must fit in a 3x3 ft area, must not violate any school policies.

### No Pajamas All week!!

2/26

class wars  
9th: green  
10th: yellow  
11th: blue  
12th: red  
**Class Wars**  
**during fourth**  
**block**

2/27

**Teacher**  
**Swap Tuesday**



2/28

Wayback  
Wednesday



**Team Trivia**  
**@5:37**

2/29

Rhyme Without  
A Reason



**Fanta Santa**  
**Ridge Madness**  
**@5:30**

3/1

Anything but a  
Backpack Day



**GatorBall @6:00**



## UMOJA BHM Spirit Week

FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

Monday

BLACK OUT  
(WEAR ALL BLACK)

Tuesday

REP YOUR CULTURE  
(WEAR CULTURE COLORS)

Wednesday

SUNDAYS BEST  
(DRESS IN YOUR BEST  
SUNDAY ATTIRE)

Thursday

THROWBACK THURSDAY  
(90's or 2000's)

Friday

HBCU/COLLEGE DAY  
(WEAR FAVORITE COLLEGE  
ATTIRE)

## Valentine's Day Carnations

BUY A CARNATION FOR YOUR SPECIAL  
SOMEONE DURING LUNCHES  
JAN. 30 - FEB. 9TH

\$2 FOR ONE

FFA WILL BE PASSING  
THEM OUT 4TH BLOCK  
ON FEBRUARY 14TH

**FFA Sponsored**



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# ***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 DO NOT  
DONATE UNDERGARMENTS,  
SWIMSUITS, CROP TOPS, OR  
CUT UP CLOTHING!**

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



#### **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 learning 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 COLLABORATOR**

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.



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## ATTENTION SENIORS

submit pictures for the Senior Slideshow

submit photos via instagram  
@prseniorssideshow24  
or  
email prseniorssideshow24@gmail.com

What we're looking  
for:

- baby pictures
- throwbacks
- school events
- high school events
- individual senior pics
- sports
- extracurriculars



**Due April 29th**

## Senior Announcements

**Senior Superlatives**

**CHECK  
YOUR  
EMAIL**

**Today- Friday 2/9**

**VOTE 2/8 DURING  
ADVISORY**

**Voting  
Thursday**

@the.hook.student.media



*Class of 2024 Graduation*  
*Tuesday June 11th 8:00 pm*

**PROM 2024**

**Early Bird Tickets**

**FEBRUARY 12TH -16TH  
DURING LUNCHES**

**\$65**

\*ALL  
OUTSTANDING  
BALANCES  
MUST BE PAID

- 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.



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# *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](mailto:amy_dieffenbach@yahoo.com) or Alana White at [alanahwhite@gmail.com](mailto: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



### 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!**

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETICS

F e b 1 2 - F e b 1 7

**12**

MONDAY

PRABC Meeting  
6PM Media Center

**13**

TUESDAY

Softball Parent Meeting  
6PM Media Center

**14**

WEDNESDAY

No Events

**15**

THURSDAY

No Events

**16**

FRIDAY

Basketball vs SV  
4:30/6/7:30

Wrestling  
\*Individual States\*

**17**

SATURDAY

Wrestling  
\*Individual States\*

EVENTS WITH \* REQUIRE ADVANCEMENT OR QUALIFICATION

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ATHLETIC  
SCHEDULES

[BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL](#)

[GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL](#)

[GIRLS JV BASKETBALL](#)

[BOYS JV BASKETBALL](#)

[WRESTLING](#)

[INDOOR TRACK](#)

[SWIMMING](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR  
HOME EVENT  
TICKETS](#)

All tickets are sold on this  
website or at the GATE by  
credit/debit card.

PORTER  
RIDGE  
ATHLETIC  
ZONE



# PIRATE ATHLETICS

## PRHS FIELD HOCKEY INTEREST MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

🕒 04:15- 05:15 PM

MEDIA CENTER

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
2839 RIDGE RD, INDIAN TRAIL, NC  
28079



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## MENS TENNIS TRYOUTS



WED AND THURS FEB 14 AND 15  
3PM-5PM ON PRHS TENNIS COURTS

\*YOU MUST HAVE FAMILY ID COMPLETE TO TRY OUT\*

QUESTIONS? EMAIL COACH MCQUEEN  
TJMCQUEEN@EARTHLINK.NET

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

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## ! NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

**For winter sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.**

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime of the final event.



prhs\_volleyball

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## TRYOUTS MENS VOLLEYBALL

TUES & WED FEB 27 & 28

3-5pm in PRHS Main Gym

\*Must have Family ID completed to tryout. Email Coach Welch heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us with any questions

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

## 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!!



# PIRATE ATHLETICS



## 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*

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

**Golf Cart Sponsor**  
Logo inclusion on golf carts  
*Includes foursome*

**Lunch Sponsor**  
Logo inclusion on lunch containers  
*Includes foursome*

### Eagle Sponsor—\$1,500

**Contest Sponsor**  
Logo inclusion on long drive and closest to pin materials  
*Includes foursome*

**Putting Green**  
Signage at putting green and on practice balls  
*Includes foursome*

**Mulligan/Raffle**  
Logo inclusion on long drive and closest to pin materials  
*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 include foursome*

### Individual Golfer—\$200



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## Who is your counselor?

**Ashley Lawson**- last names A-Cou  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Tanisha Anderson**- last names Cov-Hek  
[tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc  
[bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Cassidy Jarrett**– last names Me-Sao  
[cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Alexandra Green**– last names Sap-Z  
[alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto: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**  
 PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE™

**\$10,000  
 Scholarship**

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 scholarship 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 full-time 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

2024-2025



## **CSS PROFILE**

The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid.

### ■●▲ Participating NC Schools

**Duke  
 Davidson  
 Elon  
 UNC Chapel Hill  
 Wake Forest**

Complete the CSS Application if you are applying to any of these schools!

## **WE ARE GOING LIVE**



UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**PARENT  
 EDUCATION SERIES**

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, videos, 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.**

Parents will learn about terminology related to suicidal activity, prevalence, risk factors, characteristics and warning signs. They will also receive information about community resources.

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

### **VAPING**

**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 use 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 County Government

**STAY CONNECTED**  [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us)



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**Attention Seniors!**

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED  
ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?**

If so, please email ALL offers to  
Ms. Lawson at  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us).

**NC STATE  
VISIT**

**FEBRUARY  
12TH  
CAFETERIA**

Sign up through your Student Scoir Account!

# 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



## Western Carolina Visit

February 14th @ 12pm  
in the Guidance Lobby!

Sign up through your  
Scoir account now



## PRHS FAFSA NIGHTS

Tuesday February 13th 4:00 to 5:00  
Thursday February 15th 4:00 to 5:00  
Monday February 19th 7:00 to 8:00



## PRHS Registration Help Sessions

**Tuesday, February 13th**  
**5:00 to 7:00**  
**PRHS Cafe**

**Thursday, February 15th**  
**5:00 to 7:00**  
**PRHS Cafe**

**Monday, February 26th**  
**5:00 to 7:00**  
**PRHS Cafe**



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### "Academy Pathway Applications for 2024-2025"

Academy applications for the 2024-2025 school year will open on February 9<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the [UCPS Career Readiness](https://ucpscte.org/) (<https://ucpscte.org/>) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

### "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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>

Ø Fall 2024 Semester – May 1<sup>st</sup>

Ø Spring 2025 Semester – October 1<sup>st</sup>

If you have any questions, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

### UNC-Greensboro Visit



Feb. 23rd 12-1pm

in the Cafeteria



Sign up for the event through your student Scoir account now!

### ANNOUNCEMENT



### SPRING SPCC TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MARCH



New forms will be online



Keep up with SPCC Canvas announcements for more info



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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

## 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 a 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 student!



Learn about admissions, scholarships and student aid.



### UPLIFT PLUS

**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.



Complete an essay writing course in which you draft your college admissions essay.



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



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

### HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Apply online at [go.unc.edu/ProjectUplift](https://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.

### 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](https://go.unc.edu/PROJECTUPLIFT)

**PU** PROJECT UPLIFT

**UNC**

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST  
Diversity and Inclusion

**U** UPLIFT PLUS

93RD SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONVENTION PRESENTS

# FOCUS HBCU Fair

ON-SITE ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER  
501 S COLLEGE STREET, CHARLOTTE, NC 28202  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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!

REGISTER HERE:



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FOCUSHBCUFAIR2024](https://tinyurl.com/FOCUSHBCUFAIR2024)



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# 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.  
 Writing a College Essay - May

### On-Demand Library

*Always available at the link above.*

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



@UCPSCollegePrep



ucpscollegeready

## 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

The registration form is set for only UCPS students to be able to complete it! Parents must ask their student to register themselves.

**Register by January 24th:**

<https://bit.ly/24ACTpracticerequest>



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](mailto:sminick@spcc.edu)

**Need Career advice or direction?**  
**Talk to your Counselor or Career Development Coordinator today to see all of the pathways and academies PR has to offer!**

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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.

## 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 [meal application](#) (click here)

Click [here](#) 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

## 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.



### HELPDESK HOURS

**Monday – Wednesday – Friday**

**Start: 7:45am**

**End: 11:30am**

**Tuesday – Thursday**

**Start: 12:45pm**

**End: 3:00pm**

- 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.



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