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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**

This Friday 2/16 is an early release day
EARLY RELEASE BELL SCHEDULE 2022-2023

1st Block - 8:10-8:55

2nd Block - 9:00-9:45

3rd Block - 9:50-10:35

4th Block - 10:40-11:25

Lunch/Dismissal - 11:30-12:05

Buses will leave campus at 12:05 pm

ACT WorkKeys Breakfast for Students Gift Card Donations Needed- [click here](#)

The PTO would like the opportunity to provide a breakfast for the students who have met their goals on their ACT WorkKeys testing. This breakfast will be provided towards the end of March. We will offer biscuits, doughnuts, juice and water. We are asking for gift cards to purchase these items. Please turn them into the office by March 15th. Thank you!

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



ACT & WorkKey Student Breakfast
signupgenius.com

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TEACHER WORK DAY

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
ON THE TRADITIONAL CALENDAR

Feb.
19



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NEW SRO- Officer Dodd



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





- ❖ Prom Tickets on sale in counseling suite at early dismissal time on Friday 2/16.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ 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:
 - 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.
- ❖ The **Spanish club** will be changing their meeting days and hours to every other Monday from 7:45 to 8:05 beginning this month. The first meeting will take place Monday February 26, in room f102. All active members are expected to attend the meeting, plans for community service and school activities volunteer work will be discuss. For more information contact Sra.Koonce
- ❖

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!**



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



RIDGE MADNESS

SIGN-UPS

STUDENT

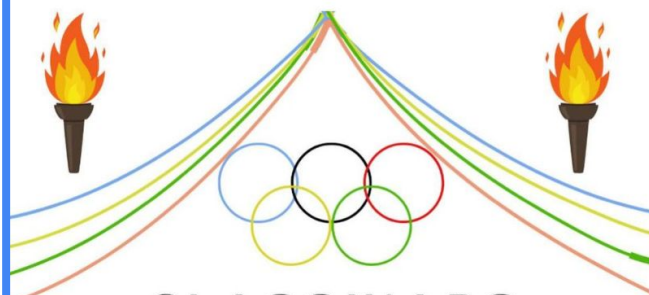


STAFF

02/12 - 02/16

6 PLAYERS PER TEAM!

A LIMIT TO 3 JV AND VARSITY
SCHOOL TEAM PLAYERS PER TEAM.



**CLASSWARS
2024**
PRHS

FEBRUARY 26TH
DURING 4TH BLOCK

PLAYER AND SPECTATOR
SIGN-UPS: FEBRUARY
12TH-19TH

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

**FREE
TO
WATCH
& PLAY**



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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.

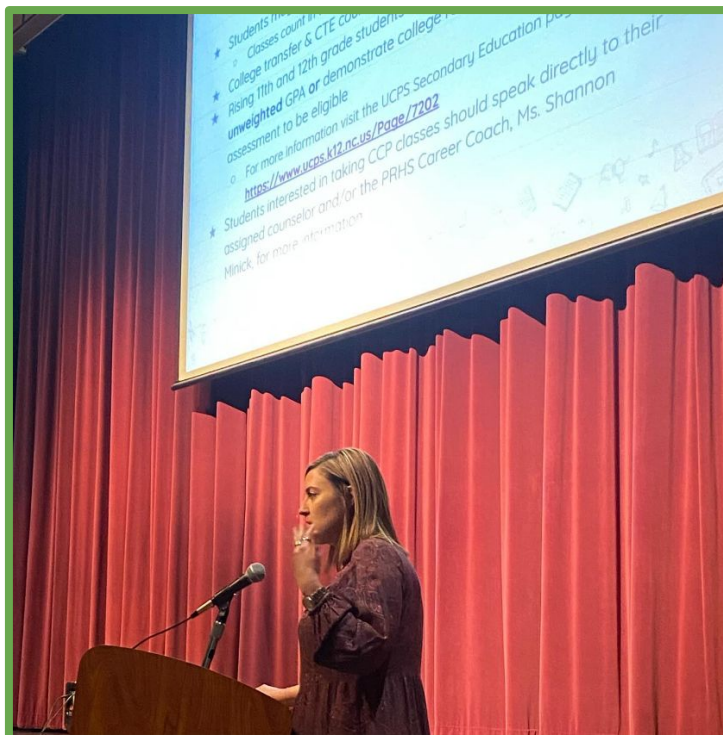


A SKILLED COLLABORATOR

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

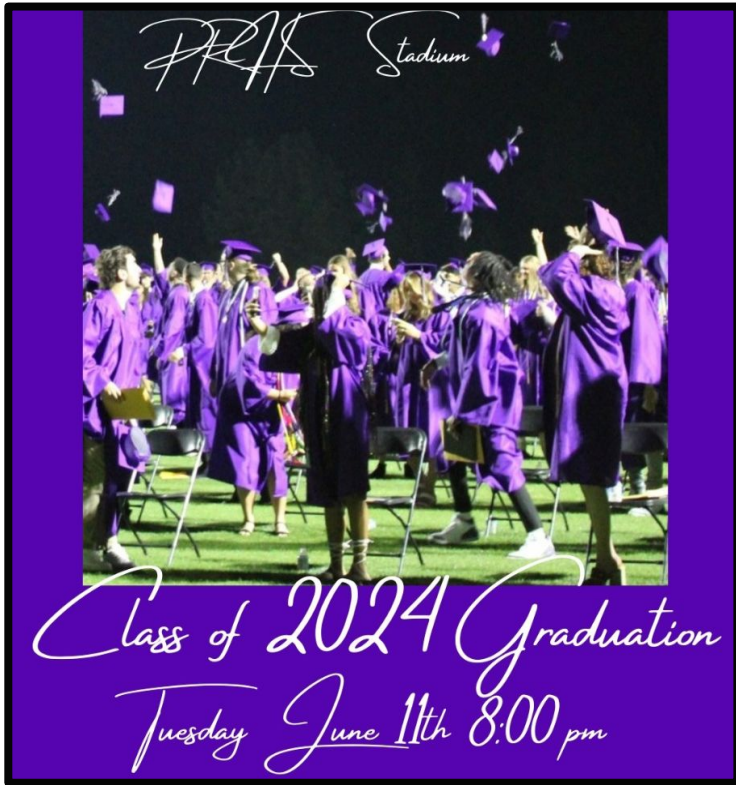


Thank you to the high school and middle school parents/students that came out this week to our course registration help session and/or our presentation! It was great meeting you. The presentation will be available in the afternoon on 2/14 on our website.



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Senior Announcements



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



- 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 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



INFORMATION TO LINK VIC CARD

Please help the PRHS PTO raise money to support teachers, staff, and students by allowing us to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to our organization! Your card can be linked to more than one organization and you'll multiply the rewards that go toward education. By providing your last name and phone number below, you give us permission to link your VIC card for you. [Click here](#) or on the link above.



Follow the PTO Instagram
Page at [prhs_pto](https://www.instagram.com/prhs_pto)



PRHS PTO
2023-2024
PIRATES

PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETICS

F e b 1 9 - F e b 2 4

19
MONDAY

SCC Conference
BBall Tourney 1st Rd
6/7:30

20
TUESDAY

SCC Conference BBall
Tourney 2nd Rd
6/7:30

Soccer @ C Christian
(Scrim)

21
WEDNESDAY

SCC Conference BBall
Tourney 2nd Rd
6/7:30

Baseball @ C Latin
(Scrim)

22
THURSDAY

No Events

23
FRIDAY

SCC Conference
BBall Tourney
Championship
6/8

Softball @
Mooresville (Scrim)

24
SATURDAY

SOCCER @ AL BROWN
(SCRIM)

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

- **Men's Lacrosse** tryouts will begin Monday February 19th on the Practice Field. Must be approved on FamilyID to Participate.
- **Men's Golf** tryouts will be on 2/14 at the Divide starting at 3:30. You must have an approved FamilyID to Participate.
- Tryouts for **Women's Lacrosse** will be Feb 15 & 16 at PRHS Practice Field from 5:30-7:30. Must have an approved FamilyID in order to participate.

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



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

Huge Congratulations to our 4A NC 500m State Champion - Margaret Garner!! Congrats to all Winter Track athletes who qualified for and competed at this past weekend's State Championship. Way to go Pirates!

Shout out to Edison Morales on his regional wrestling win and to our Wrestling Team. 4 State Qualifiers coming out of regionals and heading to Greensboro later this week! Way to Go Pirates!!



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

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
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



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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.

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



Alumni Scholarship

**NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS!**

application deadline - April 8th
apply @ www.girlsontherununion.org

PRHS
FAFSA NIGHTS

Tuesday February 13th 4:00 to 5:00
Thursday February 15th 4:00 to 5:00
Monday February 26th 7:00 to 8:00

**2024 GIRLS ON THE RUN OF UNION CO.
ALUMNI COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**
Now Accepting Applications

ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Graduating seniors who participated in any GOTR or Heart & Sole Program in Union Co. is eligible to apply for our \$1,000 scholarship!

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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PRHS COUNSELING *news*

"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/) (<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.

UNC-Greensboro Visit

Feb. 23rd 12-1pm

in the Cafeteria



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



APPALACHIAN STATE VISIT

**SIGN UP
THROUGH
SCOIR NOW!**

**FEBRUARY
29TH @ 12PM
CAFETERIA**





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PRHS COUNSELING news

OPEN HOUSE



The first step to your college and career goals!

- Tour campuses and labs
- Learn about degrees and workforce programs
- Get help with financial aid
- Meet with instructors and academic advisers
- Learn about student clubs and organizations

When & Where

March 12 | 4pm - 7pm

Old Charlotte Highway Campus,
4209 Old Charlotte Highway,
Monroe, N.C.

March 19 | 4pm - 7pm

L.L. Polk Campus,
680 Highway 74,
Polkton, N.C.



Scan here to register for Open House.

**Registration requested but not required.



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.



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. 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)



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Diversity and Inclusion



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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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

PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

UNION COUNTY STUDENT SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

I AM. WE ARE.
 DOCUMENTARY OR NARRATIVE
 SHORT FILMS EXPLORING
 TOPICS OF INDIVIDUALITY,
 COMMUNITY, AUTHENTICITY,
 CONNECTIONS.

FREE SUBMISSIONS
 FOR UNION COUNTY HIGH
 SCHOOL STUDENTS (9-12)

**7 MINUTE MAXIMUM
 LENGTH
 MP4 SMART PHONE
 FORMAT ONLY**

**AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO
 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE
 1ST PLACE = \$300
 2ND PLACE = \$200
 3RD PLACE = \$100**



**ENTRY DUE
 3/10**

**NOTIFICATION
 3/31**

**FESTIVAL
 4/13**

**FOR SUBMISSION INFORMATION VISIT
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/YUYQ2T3M](http://tinyurl.com/yuyq2t3m)**



This project was supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

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

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!
[Click here for more info...](#)

Follow us on:



[@PRHSCounseling](#)

Follow us on:



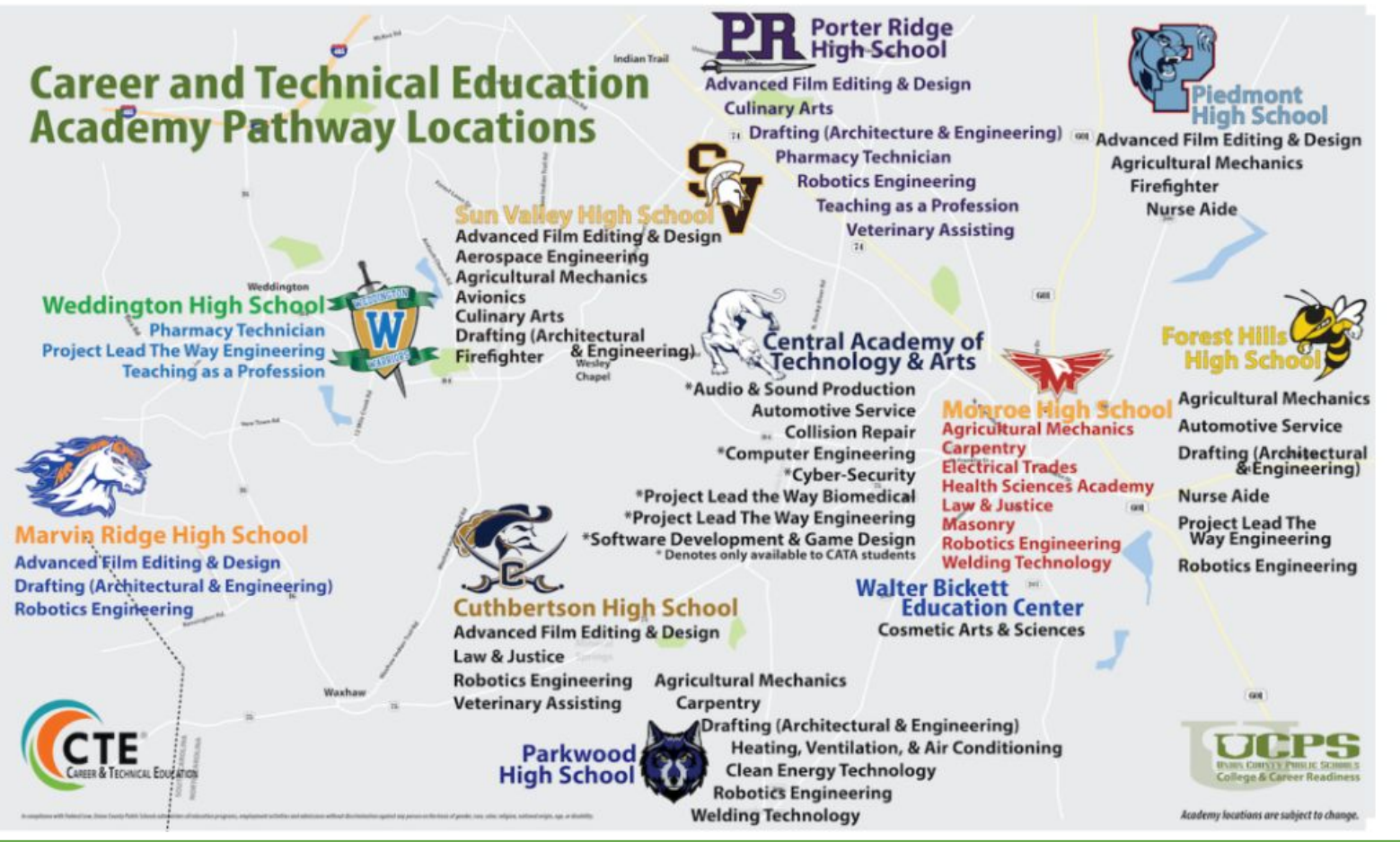
[prhs counseling](#)



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PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

Career and Technical Education Academy Pathway Locations





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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