



Pirate Press

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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!

ATTENDANCE COMPETITION BETWEEN COHORTS



For the month of March, the Student Lighthouse Team will host a competition between cohorts with attendance percentages by block. The cohort that has the best attendance % for March will have a celebration on the last day before Spring Break.

**STAY TUNED FOR WEEKLY UPDATES ON
THE COMPETITION!**



UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CAREER FAIR

EXPLORE **TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING** POSITIONS

Saturday, March 16 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WEDDINGTON HIGH 4901 Monroe Weddington Road • Matthews, NC 28104

**TUESDAY
MARCH 12**



SOPHOMORE MOCK ACT

Tuesday, March 12 is a regular school day.

The Sophomores will have a unique opportunity to take a **FULL LENGTH** practice ACT. **Benefits include:**

1. **Full length** practice test.
2. More similar than the Pre-ACT
3. **Pre-ACT scores** will be distributed along side **MOCK ACT scores** in advisories!
4. Better prepared for the ACT as Juniors!



Student Activities

- At this time we are **branding the name of our student section**. We would like appropriate student input and recommendations for a week, then we will vote next week on the approved, top choices. **Please click here** to make suggestions.
- 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 ends in just a few days! Bring your clothes in by March 15th!
- Buy your **yearbooks** at yearbookforever.com
- "Arrr you ready to see a musical?" Come join us in Bikini Bottom as we present The **SpongeBob musical** on March 8th, 14 & 15th at 7 PM. Tickets are \$10 and available to porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz or by scanning the QR on any poster. Hope to see you there. It's going to be the best day ever.
- **Attention Seniors** - Please check your school email for an email from Mrs. McCullough regarding required WorkKeys testing. The email includes the day this week that you will need to report to the media center and test. This is an important and required test so please bring your computer and try your best.
- Come to Mrs. Wright's room F105C after school on Monday, March 11 for **NEHS / Creative Writing Club**.
- **GSA** will have a meeting this Friday in G106! We'll be discussing Women's History with a focus on LGBTQIA+ women and health. See you then!
- This is a reminder that the **Spanish club** will be meeting Monday March 11, at 7:45 until 8:05 in room f102. Early birds will get to enjoy some breakfast refreshments, so don't be late.
- Come join the **Outdoors Club's** next meeting on Monday, the 11th, after school in G211. We will be planting in the outdoor classroom. Anyone is welcome to join! See Ms. Lukasik if you have any questions.

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

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)

NICKELODEON™

THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

BASED ON THE SERIES BY STEPHEN HILLENBURG
BOOK BY KYLE JARROW
MUSICAL PRODUCTION
CONCEIVED BY TINA LANDAU

MARCH
8TH/14TH/15TH

SONGS BY
YOLANDA ADAMS, STEVEN TYLER AND JOE
PERRY OF AEROSMITH, SARA BAREILLES,
JONATHAN COULTON, ALEX EBERT OF EDWARD
SHARPE & THE MAGNETIC ZEROS,
THE FLAMING LIPS, LADY A, CYNDI LAUPER,
JOHN LEGEND, PANIC! AT THE DISCO, PLAIN
WHITE T'S, THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS, T.I. AND
SONGS BY DAVID BOWIE, TOM KENNY & ANDY
PALEY. ADDITIONAL LYRICS BY

TICKETS: \$10

GET TICKETS AT
PORTERRIDGHS.SEATYOURSELF.BIZ
ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY TOM KITT

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NICKELODEON, SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS AND ALL RELATED TITLES

GROWING GREEN CLOTHING DRIVE

February 5th to March 15th

**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**



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Prom Tickets

PROM 2024
Tickets
MARCH 18TH - 22ND
DURING LUNCHES
\$75
*ALL OUTSTANDING BALANCES MUST BE PAID
BROADWAY
52ND STREET

- 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 or Check
- See Ms. Lawson at lunch
- Guest Forms located in the Front Office



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

We need your IDEAS

If you want to see **improvements around the school** that you haven't seen yet, or if you have suggestions on ideas/ activities that we could add throughout the school; **the lighthouse team has a suggestion box for you in the guidance room, where you can submit your ideas anonymously.**

There are also fliers around the school with the QR code if you wish to submit your suggestions online. Use your voice to bring the change you want!



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Senior Announcements

ATTENTION SENIORS

submit pictures for the Senior Slideshow



submit photos via instagram

@prseniorssideshow24

or

email prseniorssideshow24@gmail.com



Due April 29th

What we're looking
for:

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



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



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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)



PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

11

MONDAY

-Tennis vs W Stanly
4:00
-Soccer vs Butler
6:00
-Softball @ CATA
6:00
-Baseball @ E meck
6:30
-PRABC Meeting
6:00

12

TUESDAY

-Softball v Providence
5:00
-WLAX vs Indy
5:00
-MLAX vs Myers Park
7:00
-Soccer @ Parkwood
6:00

13

WEDNESDAY

-Golf @ Stonebridge
2:30
-Tennis @ Hickory
Ridge 4:00
-Track @ Weddington
4:00
-Baseball @ Myers
Park JV 5/ V 7

14

THURSDAY

-Soccer @ Indian Land
5:30
-Softball @ Mt Pleasant
6:00
-MLAX vs Mt Island
7:00

15

FRIDAY

-WLAX vs Butler
5:00

16

SATURDAY

-Track @ Cuthbertson
-JV Baseball @ S
Meck

#SWORDSUP



ATHLETIC SCORES

2/29

G Soccer wins over CATA 9-0
JV Baseball beat Catholic 8-2
V Baseball loss to Catholic in extras 3-2
Tennis loses to CATA 4-5

3/1

W Basketball lost to Myers Park

3/04

MLAX lost to Community School of Davidson 18-1
WLAX beat Independence 12-7
M Tennis Lost to Piedmont 8-0
Baseball Beat Piedmont 14-3

3/05

Softball win vs South Stanley
Men's Volleyball win vs Providence

**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



Save the Date

Free high school sports physicals for student-athletes entering grades 9 through 12.

Students must be enrolled at an Atrium Health partner high school to participate.

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Time, schedule and registration details to be announced

Students will receive orthopedic and general wellness assessments from our team of expert providers. Students will also receive heart screenings for sudden cardiac death, not offered during routine physicals, to detect health risks before they become issues.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The exam is a screening for school sports — not a complete physical — and does not replace the need for an annual physical with your doctor.



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE SIGN UP BELOW

NO
EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED
MUST BE 16
AND OVER



NOW HIRING CONCESSIONS ASSISTANT MANAGER

Part Time \$15/HR
2 Positions Available

As a Concessions Assistant Manager, you will play a vital role in providing excellent customer service and ensuring the smooth operation of the concessions stand at Porter Ridge High School and Middle School events.

The role of the PRABC Assistant Concessions Manager includes but is not limited to the following:

- Provide Excellent Customer Service to include limited wait time.
- Food Preparations
- Cash Handling
- Restock and Maintain Concessions Area
- Maintain Compliance to Health Department Guidelines
- Collaborate with Concessions Manager and PRABC to consistently improve.
- Flexibility - Work hours based on sporting event schedules and VERY limited when sport seasons are not in session. This is a 1099 position.
- Guide and Train Parent Volunteers

If interested, please email Jessica at prabcevents@gmail.com

PRHS FOOTBALL CHEER INTEREST MEETING

MAR
26

MEDIA CENTER

6:30
PM



[CLICK HERE FOR](#)
[OUR DAILY](#)
[SPORTS](#)
[SCHEDULE](#)

PIRATE ATHLETICS

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.



2024 PORTER RIDGE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
3/5	Tuesday	Providence	HOME	4:30
3/12	Tuesday	Union Academy	AWAY	4:30
3/14	Thursday	Ardrey Kell	HOME	4:30
3/19	Tuesday	Sun Valley	AWAY	5:00
3/21	Thursday	Metrolina	HOME	4:30
3/26	Tuesday	Piedmont	HOME	4:30
4/9	Tuesday	Piedmont	AWAY	4:30
4/11	Thursday	Lee Park	HOME	4:30
4/16	Tuesday	Metrolina	AWAY	5 and 6pm
4/18	Thursday	Union Academy	HOME	4:30
4/24	Wednesday	Sun Valley (Senior Night)	HOME	4:30
4/29	Monday	Weddington	AWAY	5:30
4/30	Tuesday	Butler	AWAY	4:30
5/2	Thursday	Playoffs begin	TBD	TBD

CHARLOTTE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

4A SOUTHERN CAROLINA 2024 POINTS PER GAME

1



ASHANTI TAYLOR

PORTER RIDGE | PPG 18.6 | PTS 447 | FG% 54

2



SIDNEY BLACKWELL

PORTER RIDGE | PPG 15.6 | PTS 375 | FG% 44



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

PIRATE ATHLETICS

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Annual

BBQ FUNDRAISER

4/19/24

11AM-6PM

RAIN OR SHINE

**BBQ SANDWICH
PLATE**

\$12

Sandwich, Coleslaw, Chips, and Cookie

BBQ PLATE

\$12

Chopped BBQ, Coleslaw, Chips, and Cookie

1 LB BBQ

\$15

1 lb of Chopped BBQ with Sauce

RIB RACK

\$25

One Full Rack of Ribs

PORK BUTT

\$50

Whole Pork Butt

FAMILY PACK

\$65

2 lb Chopped BBQ, 1 Rack of Ribs, 4 Coleslaws, 4
Chips, 4 Cookies



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Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
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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

UNC Chapel Hill Visit



**Sign up through your
Student Scoir Account!**

**MARCH 14TH
GUIDANCE LOBBY**

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

Porter Ridge High School has a thriving **AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM** where students take the cornerstone courses of AP Seminar and AP Research, along with a combination of challenging courses aligned with their interests! Talk to your counselor about AP Capstone, or visit Mr. Boyles or Ms. Stegall to learn more about Seminar and Research! Talk to our other incredible AP Teachers to see what other AP classes are right for you!

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

Union West Rotary West Scholarship

This year, Union West Rotary Club will award no less than \$5,000 in scholarship fund to graduating seniors and scholarships will be a minimum of \$1,000 each.

This scholarship is only open to Sun Valley High School, Porter Ridge High School, Metrolina Christian Academy or homeschool students within Indian Trail.

Scholarships are due back no later than March 27, 2024 and can be completed online at:

<https://forms.gle/dcLFH6grFUg1k3VHA>

The 2024 Short Session **House Page Applications** will be available online beginning **Monday, March 4th, 2024.**

The Page website can be accessed by visiting the following: <https://www.ncleg.gov/House/PageProgram/>.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Pages may only serve one time in the House.
- **Sophomore, junior and senior high school students** will be eligible to apply.
- The application and Page information, including the process, participant eligibility requirements, and available dates to serve as a House Page can be found on the website listed above.
- Please note, House Pages are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- House Page applications are accepted until all weeks are full.

Applications are submitted electronically for review, approval, and sponsorship.



Alumni Scholarship

**NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS!**

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



Attention Seniors!

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED
ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?**

If so, please email **ALL** offers to
Ms. Lawson at
ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us.



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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.

Registration Meeting Schedule

March & April 2024

4	5 <i>Optional Workday</i>	6 (A) <i>Akerman Allran Baker P. Williams</i>	7 (B) <i>Batchelor Baucom Bridges Broadbent Newsome (2)</i>	8 (A) <i>Brown Collins Diaz Drake Ellis</i>
11 (B) <i>Chavis Cheron Croke Goldberg</i>	12 (A) <i>ACT (Juniors)</i>	13 (B) <i>Malone McCollough Ross</i>	14 (A) <i>Doll Fiallo Frazier</i>	15 (B) <i>Early Release Day</i>
18 (A) <i>Fontanez Ford Goodine Gordon</i>	19 (B) <i>Fulmer Greer Grello Hasty</i>	20 (A) <i>Hill Howes Joaquin Macera</i>	21 (B) <i>Helms Howard Kasler Koonce</i>	22 (A) <i>Ladimir Lytle Mackenzie</i>
25 (B) <i>McCollum Plata Ruggerio Ruhland</i>	26 (A) <i>Hertz Small Snelson Welch</i>	27 (B) <i>Saffles Schullery Washington</i>	28 (A)	29 <i>Holiday—Good Friday</i>
8 (B) <i>Yearick</i>	9 (A) <i>Byrum Stegall W. Williams</i>	10 (B) <i>Watson Wickham Wiles</i>	11 (A) <i>Wright Yelverton</i>	12 (B)



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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.

SPCC SPRING TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENTS ARE HERE!

FORMS ARE ONLINE AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 22ND



PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GET STARTED

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.



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



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST
Diversity and Inclusion



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN

NAIL CARE? BRAID EXTENSIONS? BRAIDS?
CUTTING? COLORING? STYLING?

COSMETOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

3:30 - 5:30PM

WALTER BICKETT EDUCATION CENTER

704 S. Washington Street
Monroe, NC 28112

See your Career Development Coordinator for more information about the event.



PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

Click on the text box for the application for Academy Pathways



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



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"Academy Pathway Applications 2024-2025" – Rising 11th & 12th Graders

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.

Nurse Aide & EMT Academy **Deadline – Friday, March 1st**

*The application for Nurse Aide & the *New* EMT academy **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Friday, March 1st. If the application is not turned in by Friday, March 1st, students will put on a waitlist.

Cosmetology Academy **Deadline**

*The application for Cosmetology **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Friday, May 17th. If the application is not turned in by Friday, May 17th, students will put on a waitlist.

"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

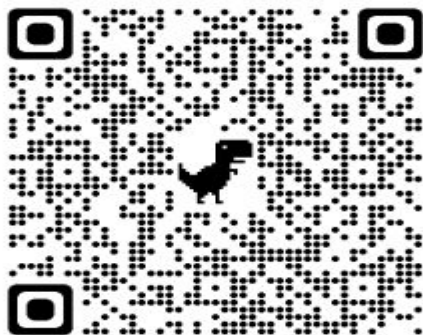
- Summer 2024 Internship – April 15th
- Fall 2024 Semester – May 1st
- Spring 2025 Semester – October 1st

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

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!

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Pre-College Programs Summer 2024

JUNE 16-21 / JUNE 23-28

Week-long immersion programs introduce high school students to college-level study, university life, and career options in a dynamic learning environment.

What makes pre-college programs *unique*?



Each program exemplifies the high-quality arts and sciences approach that is a hallmark of UNC Asheville and pairs participants with expert faculty and industry professionals in concentrations including **Ceramics; Pre-Med; Geology & Adventure; Film Scoring & Sound Design; Great Smokies Young Writers Workshops (Creative Writing); Meteorology; River Ecology & Adventure; Music Composition & Songwriting; Climate, Robotics, Rocketry & Aerospace Engineering; and Video Game Design.**

Pre-College Programs are open to rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Lodging, meals, excursions and all academic materials are included in the program cost starting at \$1,430 per week.

Registration Open Now
UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE

For more information, visit unca.edu/precollege or contact Office of Conferences & Camps at precollege@unca.edu



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If you are interested in learning more about **UNC Chapel Hill, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Roanoke Collège, or Winston-Salem State**, please sign up to speak to these college representatives through your student SCOIR accounts now!



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- CULINARY
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- FILM EDITING & PRODUCTION
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- 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
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Explore Your Passion with AP Capstone™

Porter Ridge High School participates in the AP Capstone Diploma Program. It's a two-year program based on two AP courses—AP Seminar and AP Research. Other AP courses teach you, in depth, about a specific subject, like biology or U.S. history. AP Seminar and AP Research are different. They focus on helping you develop academic skills you can use in any discipline. Students must take a combination of AP courses that include AP Seminar in the Junior Year and AP Research in the senior year.

Participating in AP Capstone can help students:

- Stand out to colleges in the application process.
- Develop key academic skills they'll use in college and beyond.
- Become self-confident, independent thinkers and problem solvers.
- Earn college credit: Many colleges offer credit for qualifying scores.

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How It Works

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of your choice, you'll receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

If you earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, you'll receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.



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Diploma™

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

Team Project & Presentation
Individual Research-Based
Essay & Presentation
End-of-Course Exam

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

Academic Paper
Presentation & Oral Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS

(Taken at any point throughout high school)



AP Seminar
and Research
Certificate™

THE AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA PROGRAM LETS YOU:

- Study topics of your own choosing, in depth.
- Master key skills you'll use in college and career.
- Stand out in your college applications and interviews.

AP Seminar:
Where Creativity
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Thinking

Learn more about AP Capstone at collegeboard.org/apcapstone.



SEMINAR FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Empowering our Next Generation of Leaders!

JULY 18-21, 2024 GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

- Explore the meaning of Leadership
- Discover yourself and how you relate to others
- Develop conflict resolution and communication skills
- Examine ethics and values in leadership
- Create a network of service-oriented friends



SFTL is open to rising
High School Juniors and Seniors

Sponsored by
the Rotary Clubs of District 7680
(No cost to attend)



◀ SFTL Student Application

Rotary
District 7680

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Creative
Leadership



What is SFTL?

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a Rotary International initiative, sponsored by Rotary Districts throughout the world. This is an opportunity to help our next generation of leaders define themselves and expand their skills.

In 2009 Rotary District 7680 partnered with CCL (Center for Creative Learning) to design a leadership course for high school students, using the same framework delivered to global executives, policy makers and military officers. Tools developed over 50 years of transforming lives—each principal is intentionally crafted in the classroom, then reinforced with activities.

What is the goal of SFTL?

Within a nurturing and challenging environment, students blossom as they move through principals that empower them to increase self-awareness and develop life-changing skills; giving and receiving feedback; effective group communication; applied leadership and ethics; vision and goal-setting; non-verbal communication; self-assessment; increasing emotional intelligence and reflection.



How is SFTL organized?

Small clusters of 8 Students, led by a Rotarian Mentor, gather to debrief, recap and clarify. Activities may be performed within the cluster. These groups foster discussions about goals, ambitions, careers, college plans and relationships.

Life-long friendships may develop...according to one Rotarian's daughter, who attended RYLA at Gardner-Webb University in 2005. Now at the age of 36, the daughter recently postponed seeing dear-old Dad so she could meet with her RYLA buddies!

When and where is SFTL?

Gardner-Webb University in Bowling Springs, NC will once again host Rotary District 7680 SFTL. Students arrive on Thursday, July 18, 2024 for Check-In to their Dorm and Opening Session with Parents and Guardians. After a quick good-bye, three days of work, play and campus cafeteria food ensues. Parents and Guardians return for the Closing Session on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Who can attend SFTL?

Rising high school juniors and seniors (plus a few select rising sophomores) apply first to a local Rotary Club and second to Rotary District 7680. Your local Rotary Club selects Student "Delegates". Once extra slots become available, the district can select applicants who haven't found a local Rotary Club.

How much does SFTL cost?

According to CCL, this Scholarship is valued at \$5,000! Fortunately CCL is our partner and local Rotary Clubs sponsor each Student...so there is no charge to Students.

Who is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in our local and world community. Approximately 1.4 million Rotarians belong to more than 35,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographies. Additionally, Rotaract Clubs are focused on college and young adults, while Interact Clubs are focused on high school students.

What do I need to do next?

Contact your local Rotary Club at <https://tinyurl.com/7680clubfinder>, then submit your Student Application found at <https://tinyurl.com/2024-sftl-studentapplication>.



NEXTSTOP TEACH UCPS

Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

- Three pathways are offered
- Earn an Associate's Degree from SPCC at no cost
- Attend Wingate University to earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Earn a Gateway to Wingate Scholarship - Students pay no more than \$2,500 per year
- Participate in apprenticeship and internship programs, professional development and student teaching opportunities
- Become a certified teacher within four years after high school

When I enrolled in the Teaching as a Profession class, I expected to learn the basics of how to be a teacher. In other words, I anticipated purely learning how to share information with others, the process of grading tests, finding worksheets, and other responsibilities of a teacher. I learned so much more in this class than I ever had in mind. I gained new insight on how different ages of children act, how to curate a classroom that is inclusive, how each student has a unique learning style, and that a classroom is made up of several different parts, not just the academic instruction.

Mia Anderson

Senior, Weddington High



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Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

Union County Public Schools recently launched Next Stop: TeachUCPS, a teacher pipeline program for high school students. Through an innovative partnership with South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) and Wingate University, UCPS is growing its own teachers and providing a roadmap that removes financial barriers for pursuing a teaching license.

ASSOCIATE'S PATHWAY

- Available to all UCPS high school students
- High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation

COST:

Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition

Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

TRADITIONAL PATHWAY

PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice
- Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant
- Gateway to Wingate Scholarship
- Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation

COST:

Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition

Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

- CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024
- Complete the 3 Teaching as a Profession courses
- High school diploma
- May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university
- Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation

COST:

Student incurs cost

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, do they have to transfer to Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School?

A. No, students will stay at their home school and travel to take the Teaching as a Profession courses at either Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School. Please see your Career Development Coordinator for information about transportation.

Q. Is there a fee for this program?

A. Under Next Stop: TeachUCPS, tuition fees are covered. The program does not fully cover additional fees.

Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, can they still participate in the Career and College Promise program?

A. Yes, students have the opportunity to take community college courses through Career and College Promise while in the program.

Q. Will the CTE Teaching as a Profession Pathway be expanded to other high schools?

A. This will be reviewed annually and program expansion will be based on student interest and available funding.

Q. How can I learn more about TeachUCPS and apply?

A. Talk to the Career Development Coordinator at your school or visit ucps.k12.nc.us and click on: Academics - High School Education - NextStop: TeachUCPS



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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