

## Pirate Press

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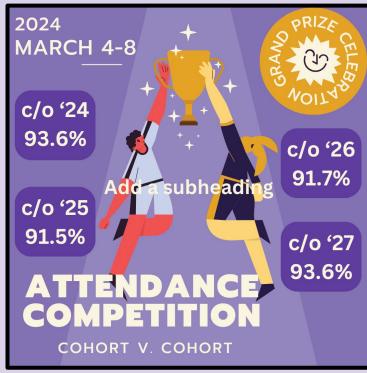
#### ACT WorkKeys Breakfast for Students Gift Card Donations Needed-<u>click here</u>

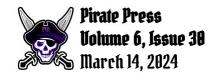
The PTO would like the opportunity to provide a breakfast for the students who have met their goals on their ACT WorkKeys testing. This breakfast will be provided towards the end of March. We will offer biscuits, doughnuts, juice and water. We are asking for gift cards to purchase these items. Please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











## Student Activities

- → 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!
- → 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 <u>yearbookforever.com</u>
- → "Arrr you ready to see a musical?" Come join us in Bikini Bottom as we present The **SpongeBob musical** on March 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.
- → The last day to **pre order your yearbook** is May 5th! Order yours today @ yearbookforever.com to secure the lowest 2024 price.
- → Ok Pirates it's that time of year again for: "Book Madness: Leave a Legacy of Literacy!"Over the past several years, you have helped FBLA collect over 5,000 K-5 elementary school books that we have been able to donate to local Union County Title-1 elementary schools. This year we have partnered with East Elementary, and our goal is to collect 500 new and gently used K-5 elementary books. Book collection is now until Friday, March 22nd. How can you help? Look in your closet, under your bed, and yes even the garage for those beloved school books that you no longer read. Donations will be accepted during all lunches or you can bring all new and gently used K-5 books to room F100. For every book you donate, your name will be entered in a drawing to receive a gift certificate to Sun Valley Movie Theater, and a movie basket filled with goodies for a fun movie night. And just remember, "Today a reader.....Tomorrow a leader"
- → If you are interested in learning more about the Marines or the Army, we will be hosting a special presentation next Wednesday, March 20th at 12pm in the Guidance Lobby. You can register for this event using the link found in your student announcements, the Pirate Press, and the Counseling Instagram page. Students must be registered to attend!

Students are reminded to continue to check the <u>Student Daily Announcement Page</u> to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our <u>PRHS Website</u>. The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!** 

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## PIRATES IN ACTION

NC Governor's School bound this summer!!!
Huge congratulations to Maria Sanchez Timaure
who was selected for study in Social Studies
AND Grace Fiedler who was selected for study in
Music!! So proud of these two Pirates!

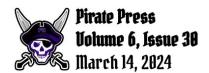






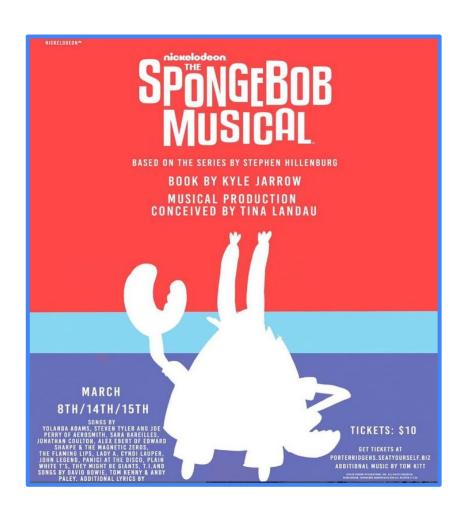






## PRHS Student Announcements





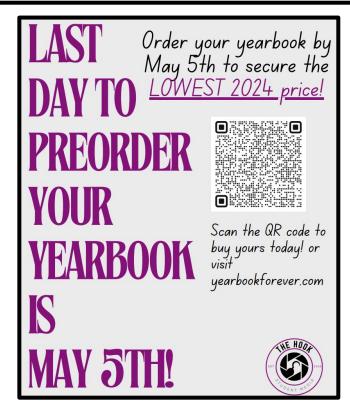




## Prom Tickets & Yearbook



- 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



## Leader In Me and Portrait of a Graduate



#### AN INNOVATIVE LEADER

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



#### A RESILIENT PROBLEM-SOLVER

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



#### A KEY CONTRIBUTOR

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



#### AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

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



#### A SKILLED 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

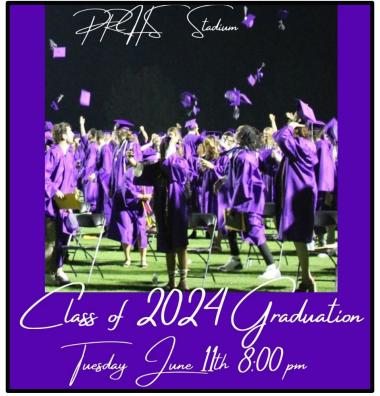
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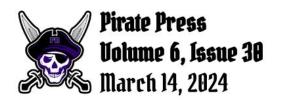
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## Senior Announcements







## 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 <a href="mailto:amy\_dieffenbach@yahoo.com">amy\_dieffenbach@yahoo.com</a> or Alana White at <a href="mailto:alanahwhite@gmail.com">alanahwhite@gmail.com</a> 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





## PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

W 5:30/ M 6:30

-Softball @ W

Cabarrus 6:00

-LAX @ Weddington\_Baseball @ Marvin Ridge 4:30/7 -Tennis vs Palisades<sub>-</sub>Soccer vs C Latin

Ridge 4:00

-Softball @ Marvin Ridge 6:00 -Tennis @ Marvin

-Golf @ Firethorne -Baseball vs Marvin Ridge 4:30 -Soccer vs Parkwood W 5:30/ M 7:00

-Tennis vs Weddington -LAX @ Cuthbertson

-Baseball @ Marvin Ridge 4:30/7:00 -Softball @ Weddington 5:00 -Soccer vs Providence 5:30/700 -Track @ Weddington

-Track @ Weddington -Baseball @ Hopewell 12:00/2:30 -Comp Cheer Competition

### #SWORDSUP



### **ATHLETIC SCORES**

#### 3/08

Baseball lost to Hickory Grove Softball Beat Ardrey Kell 6-0 Men's LAX vs CTK - LOST Track Vs SVHS

On March 8th, Porter Ridge competed in the Spartan Relays meet at Sun Valley and saw a lot of success in our relays with boys taking first overall and girls taking second against 15 teams. In addition, there were many individual and relay medals awarded.

#### 3/11

Men's Tennis loses to West Stanley 6-2 Women's Soccer Ties Butler 1-1 Baseball vs. East Meck WON Softball vs. CATA WON

#### 3/13

Baseball PR 4 - Myers Park 0 Men's Lacrosse PR loses to MP Women's Lacrosse PR 13 - Independence 3 Softball PR 11 - 1 Providence Men's Volleyball PR 1 - UA 3 Women's Soccer PR 10-1 Parkwood

Cade Cresswell -1st in the men's 1600M Jermaine Johnson – 1st men's 110M hurdles Jarrod Davis - 3rd men's 110M hurdles Jacelyn Davis – 2nd women's 100M hurdles Men's 4x100M relay - 2nd place Women's 4x100M relay - 1st place Men's 4x200M relay – 3rd place Women's 4x200M relay – 1st place Women's SMR (speed medley relay) – 1st place Wyatt Pugh – shot put – 2nd place Kayden Purdy – high jump – 2nd place Allie Albrecht – high jump – 3rd place Asaph Munezero – Triple Jump – 3rd place Mixed 4x4 relay – 1st place



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

CLICK HERE FOR

OUR DAILY

SPORTS

SCHEDULE

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE



 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.







at athletic events around the county.

inter sports. UCPS will implement the following protocols

- $\label{eq:continuous} \textbf{For winter sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.}$
- 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 stridents must be accompanied by an adult.
- 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.



Men's basketball workouts start
March 19th @ 3:30, check the
auxiliary gym bulletin board for the
complete the workout schedule.
You must be registered in FamilyID
and have an up-to-date physical to
attend. For any question see Coach
Malone or Coach Byrum.





#### 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







PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

## 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024



**ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB** 

2722 W. ROOSEVELT BLVD MONROE NC 28110



### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rolling Hills Country Club ... June 17, 2024

#### PRABC Champion Sponsor-\$7,500

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

Includes two foursomes at June golf tournament

#### Presenting Sponsor-\$5,000

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

#### Albatross Sponsor-\$2,500

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

> Golf Cart Sponsor Logo inclusion on golf carts Includes foursome

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

> Lunch Sponsor Logo inclusion on funch containers Includes foursome

#### Eagle Sponsor-\$1,500

Contest Sponsor

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

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

Putting Green

Signage at putting green and on practice balls Includes foursome

Driving Range

Signage at putting green and on practice tees Includes foursome

#### Birdie Sponsor-\$1,000

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

#### Par Sponsor—\$500

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

#### Individual Golfer-\$200

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

BBQ FUNDRAISER
4/19/24

11AM-6PM

RAIN OR SHINE



Sandwish, Calesiaw, Chips, and Cookle



Chapped 55Q, Calesian; Chips, and Cookie



1 lb of Chapped 55Q with Souce

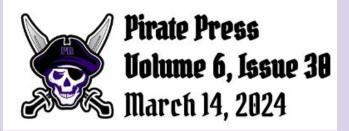


\$50

Whole Pork Butt



1 in Chapped 55Q, 1 Rock of Ribs, 4 Colesiovs, Chips, 4 Cookles



### Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou ashlev.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.

## MARINES/ARMY **PRESENTATION**

Recruiters will be presenting on the various career pathways, different benefits, and how to get started!

Wednesday, March 20th @ 12pm **Guidance Lobby** 

**SIGN UP HERE:** 



## PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

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



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

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

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

WE ARE GOING (F) LIVE



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

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS**

Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.

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

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

#### SUICIDE AWARENESS

March 20 at 6 p.m.

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

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

#### VAPING

April 10 at 6 p.m.

April 10 at 6 p.m.

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

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

STAY CONNECTED O O O 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!

#### **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



TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH 12PM IN CAFETERIA



SIGN UP THROUGH SCOIR

## 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

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

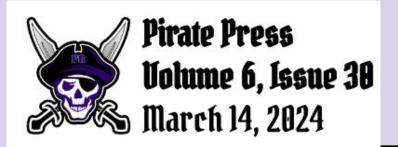
The Page website can be accessed by visiting the following: https://www.ncleg.gov/House/PageProgram/.

#### 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.





## PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## "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/) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

#### "2024-2025 CTE Internship"

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#### **Application Deadlines**

- $\emptyset$  Summer 2024 Internship April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Ø Fall 2024 Semester May 1st
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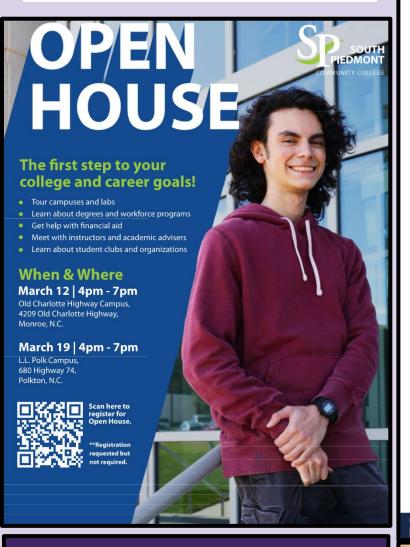
If you have any questions, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.

### Registration Meeting Schedule March & April 2024

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

FORMS ARE ONLINE AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 22ND



PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GET STARTED

## PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

### ExperienceCAROLINA

#### 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.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

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



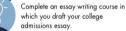
#### **UPLIFT PLUS**

#### 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.





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

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

#### DEADLINE

We encourage you to start your application early!

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

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#### LEARN MORE AT GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFT

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Diversity and Inclusion







## UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS READINESS

#### 2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

For more info and to register visit <a href="https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions">https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions</a>

#### **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 Fssay - 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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# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

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#### Nurse Aide & EMT Academy Deadline - Friday, March 1st

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#### Cosmetology Academy Deadline

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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





#### University & North Carolina ASHEVILLE

### 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; Ceology & 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 <u>unca.edu/precollege</u> or contact <u>Office of Conferences & Camps at precollege@unca.edu</u>



## PRHS PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

#### **ACADEMIES & PROGRAMS**

PRHS IS THE ONLY LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL IN UCPS





#### 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
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# PRHS COUNSELING A CAREER NEWS



Congratulations to Grace Fielder (10th) and Maria Sanchez (11th) for getting accepted into NC Governor's School! Grace was accepted for Instrumental Music and Maria was accepted for Social Studies.



Explore Your Passion with **AP** Capstone







Porter Ridge High School participates in the AP Capstone Diploma Program. It's a twoyear 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.

#### 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™.



AP Capstone 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:

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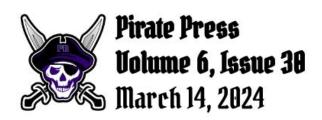
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www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs

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



## PRHS COUNSELING A CAREER NEWS

Another amazing opportunity via Rotary is our District's <u>Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders</u> at Gardner Webb University in Shelby, NC, this summer will be here before we know it. The time for student candidates to submit their application online to attend is NOW. Below are event details to be shared ASAP with students that would benefit from this program (and their parents/guardians). This opportunity is designed specifically for up and coming leaders.

When: July 18-21, 2024

Where: Gardner Webb University in Shelby, NC

What: A leadership development program for our Next Generation of Leaders. Within a nurturing and challenging environment, students blossom as they learn principles 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

Who: rising high school juniors and seniors

**Cost: \$0 (sponsorships provided by area Rotary Clubs)** 

Deadline to submit application: March 31, 2024

<u>Things to know</u>: the event involves a three-night stay in the dorms on the campus of Gardner Webb University (a small taste of college life away from home); the valuable lessons learned and experience gained through this program will not only enrich a student's character but can also be a great resume-builder to help set one apart when applying for college or a job

#### Process to apply:

1) Make it known to a member of Union West Rotary Club you wish to attend

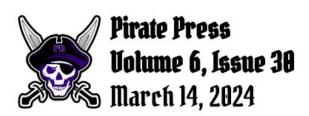
2) Complete the application found here: <a href="DACdb (ismyrotaryclub.org">DACdb (ismyrotaryclub.org</a>) (headcount is limited so please apply ASAP)

Also, check out the event's website and a short YouTube video that paints a good picture of the event:

Seminars for Tomorrow's leaders (SFTL) (rotary7680.org)

Rotary District 7680 presents SFTL- Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders - YouTube

If students are interested, please have them complete the application and select they were referred by a Rotarian, Hayden Kramer, from Union West Rotary. If any parents or students have any questions, please have them contact me. Application deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>!



## PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

#### **Truist Financial Foundations Scholarship**

The Truist Financial Foundations Scholarship Contest is open to any high school student who has completed at least three of the EVERFI - Financial Literacy digital lessons. **Application Deadline:** Fall semester entries must be submitted by January 7, 2024; spring semester entries must be received by May 6, 2024. Prize: \$2,000 - \$3,000 in educational funding **Student Application** 

#### DataSetGo Distinguished Scholar Award

The Distinguished Scholar Award is open to any Principal Foundation student in grades 9-12 who has completed at least one of the Data Science Foundations or Data Science Exploration: Financial Wellness digital lessons. The contest will be open throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. **Application Deadline:** Entries must be submitted by April 30, 2024.

**Prize:** \$5,000 in Educational Funding Student Application

#### Vaping: Know the truth Art Challenge

The Vaping: Know the truth Art Challenge is open to any U.S. student between 13-19 years old. To enter, students submit a piece of original artwork that either illustrates healthy coping mechanisms that might help someone quit vaping or how they would encourage a friend who vapes to find a new positive coping mechanism that is not vaping. **Application Deadline:** April 17, 2024 **Prize:** \$1,125 - \$5,500 for educational purposes <u>Student Applications</u>

#### **Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities Scholarship Contest**

Accounting + will be awarding eleven students nationally \$5,000 in educational funding. The Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities Scholarship is open to U.S. high school students between 13-19 years old who have completed at least one Accounting Careers: Limitless Opportunities course module. Students must submit a 300-500 essay for a chance to win. **Application Deadline:** April 30, 2024 **Prize**: \$5,000 check for educational purposes. <u>Student</u>

#### **Applications**

#### **OneMain Financial Credit Worthy Scholarship**

The Credit Worthy Scholarship Contest presented by OneMain Financial is open to any U.S. high school student (grades 9-12) who has completed Build - Credit Fundamentals, or a minimum of three modules of the Keys to Your Future, EVERFI: Financial Literacy and/or Venture courses within OneMain Financial's footprint. **Application Deadline:** Fall semester entries must be submitted by January 15, 2024; spring semester entries must be received by May 6, 2024.

**Prize:** \$1,000 check for educational purposes. Student Application



#### **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 frie





SFTL is open to rising High School Juniors and Seniors

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











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 leader define themselves and expand

define themselves and separate their skills. In 2009 Rotary District 7660 partnered with CCL (Center for Creative Learning) to design a leadership course for high school students, using the same framework deliverant to nichal executives,



work delivered to global executives, policy makers and military officers. Tools developed over 5D years of transforming lives-each principal is intentionally crafted in the classroom, then reinforced with lactivities.

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 feetback; 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

Smail clusters of 8 Students, led by a Rotarian Meentor, galher to debrief, recap and clarify. Activities may be performed within the cluster. These groups foster discussions about goals, ambitions, carest, 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 buddles!

vvnen and where is SFTL?

Garder-Webb University in Boiling Springs,
NC will once again host Rotary District 7690 SFTL. Students arrive on Thursday, July 18, 2024 for Check-In to their Dorm and Opening Session with Parents and Guardians.
After a guick 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 (pius a few select ris-ing sophomores) apply first to a local Rotary Club and second to Ro-tary District 7560. Your local Rotary Club selects Student "Delegates". Once extra slots become available, the district can se-lect applicants who haven't found a local Rotary Club.

How much does SFTL cost? According to CCL, this Scholarship is valued at \$5,000! For-tunately CCL, is our parties and local Rotary Clubs sponsor each Students, 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.

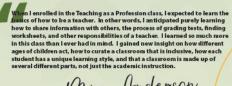
What do I need to do next?

Contact your local Rotary Club at https://tinvurl.com/7680club/finder, then submit your Student Application



### 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

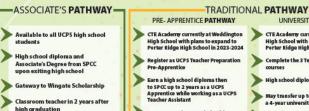






## Want to become a teacher? Start your journey right now in high school!

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.



Gateway to Wingate Scholarship Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation

Associate's Degree = **Zero Tuition** 

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

### 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

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

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?
- School or Porter Ridge High School. Please see your Career Development Coordinator for information about transportation.
- Q. Is there a fee for this program?

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- 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.
- 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







FOR MORE INFORMATION OR

TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY







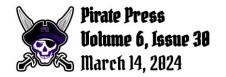
## TARDY POLICY

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

## Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

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

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



## Family Information

#### **Important Links**

**School Forms-CLICK HERE** 

School Health and Safety Information- CLICK HERE

**School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE** 

**Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE** 

**Transportation Information- CLICK HERE** 

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

The school system is using the Edulog App this year to track your bus. Please see the flyer below: Video on how to install the app: <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>

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

### Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

#### **School Nutrition Prices**

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

Click here for more information on meal prices.

Click <u>here</u> to set up an account to **make payments** and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

### TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

- Cell phones (headphones)
  may be used in a respectful
  manner during class
  transitions in between class
  periods and during lunches.

  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.
- → 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.





#### HELPDESK HOURS

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

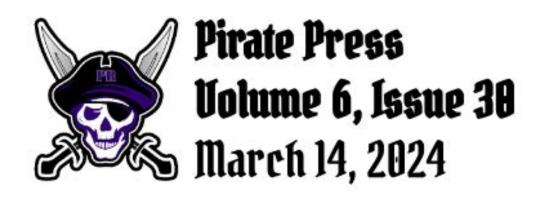
Start: 7:45am

End: 11:30am

Tuesday - Thursday

**Start:** 12:45pm

End: 3:00pm



## **Ports of Information for Pirates:**

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR

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