

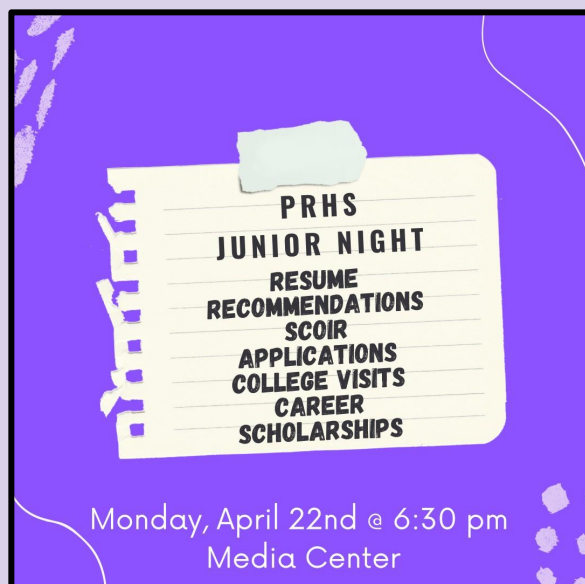


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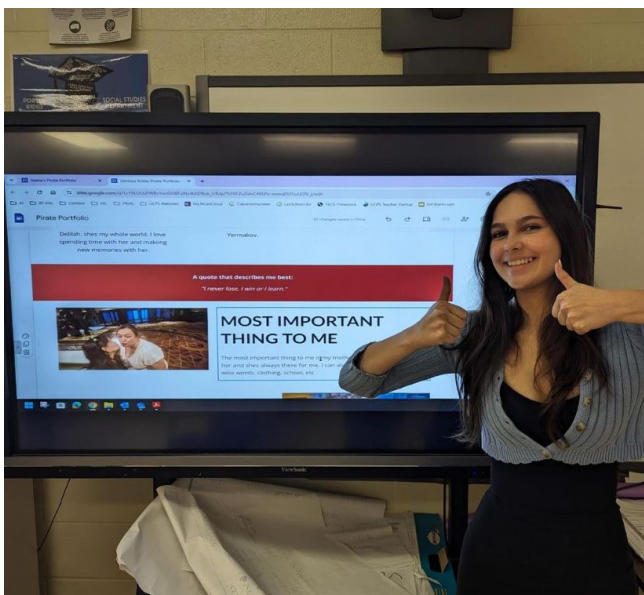
April 11, 2024

Austin Carnes, Charlotte Holland, & Reese Joaquin thanked the Indian Trail town council for goods provided by ARPA for our school classroom and collaborative spaces. Moveable desks and chairs for classrooms, collaborative student work areas in our atriums, and amenities for our outdoor classroom! The students are a part of our student Leader In Me Team and worked to make recommendations on the needs for our school. The students are advised by Ms. Greer!



We have made a change on how we are accepting absence notes. Our attendance counselor has transitioned to a different job and UCPS is no longer filling these jobs. If you have questions about your child's attendance please call the main office at PRHS and our staff will assist you. Moving forward we will be accepting parent notes only using an [electronic Absence Reporting Form linked here](#). Please bookmark the form. It will also be linked on our website and in our newsletter. There is information below about using the form, and more information on the form itself:

- This form is to be used by a PARENT/GUARDIAN to report a **STUDENT'S PREVIOUS DAY OR CURRENT DAY'S absence** from school due to illness.
- A maximum number of **FIVE (5) days can be excused FOR ILLNESS with a parent note** (uploads to this form) each semester, for an approved 'excused absence reason. A request for an exception to this guideline should be directed to your child's administrator or counselor for Principal approval. (This includes paper/email notes that were sent in prior to this form being available.)
- Official Medical/Court/Legal Absence notes should still be turned in to the main office on paper. Please do not complete this form when you are providing documentation from a doctor (or court, DMV, etc...).
- Only the parent or guardian may complete this form, no students. Parent email completing form will be verified with email(s) we have on file, only forms submitted by a matching email will be accepted. IF you need to verify your email that we have on file - it is the email address that we send the weekly Pirate Press newsletter to. You can verify other addresses by calling the school.
- *Email and paper Parent Notes for illness will no longer be accepted*
- Students arriving to school late, or returning to school from a medical/court/legal appointment should continue to sign in to school and turn in their doctor/court/official note to the front desk.



The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply.

— Stephen R. Covey

- 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!
- Buy your **yearbooks** at yearbookforever.com
- The last day to **pre order your yearbook** is May 5th! Order yours today @ yearbookforever.com to secure the lowest 2024 price.
- Come and celebrate Earth Day early this week as the Media Center, **Growing Green** and Ms. Goodine's Earth & Environmental classes sponsor the **Earth Day Fair!** All lunches Thursday, April 18th-free plants, photo booth and pledge wall with prizes. Hope to see you there!
- Bonjour Pirates! **The French club** will meet Thursday, April 18th to plan for upcoming events, play some French games, and enjoy some French snacks. Members check our Canvas page for more details.
- The **Spanish and French clubs** will be **collecting dog food donations** to benefit the South Charlotte Dog Rescue. Collection boxes will be in central locations starting Tuesday, April 16th. Put your name on your donation and you could win the drawing for a French or Spanish treat!
- **Women's Basketball** workouts will be every Tuesday and Thursday. If you have any questions please see Coach Brown.
- The **Spanish club** will be meeting Monday April 15, after school in room F102. All club members are encouraged to attend the meeting.
- Join us as **Porter Ridge High School's Castaways** present five student written and directed short scenes in this year's Beginning Theatre Showcase on April 19th. Tickets are \$5 and available at porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz
- **GSA** is having a meeting after school on Friday, April 12 in G106 to celebrate GLSEN's Day of No Silence! See you there!
- **The FFA is hosting the third annual Pirates for Pups** dog adoption event on April 20th from 11 am - 2 pm. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a day of games, meeting adoptable dogs, food trucks, snow cones, and more!
- **NEHS / Creative Writing Club** will meet in Ms. Wright's room F105c after school on Monday, April 22

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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2024 SERVICE ACADEMY DAY



If you are interested in applying for a Nomination
To a U.S. Military Service Academy in the Fall of 2024

Please Join Us!

Saturday, April 20, 2024
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Porter Ridge High School
2839 Ridge Road
Indian Trail, NC 28079

RSVP to Melissa.Merrell@mail.House.gov

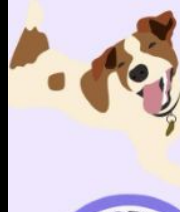
Call (704) 218-5300 for more information



THE PORTER RIDGE FFA PROUDLY HOSTS:

3rd Annual PORTER RIDGE

PIRATES FOR PUPS



BENEFITING

South Charlotte Dog Rescue

April 20, 2024 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Food Truck 🐾 Snow Cones 🐾 Vendors 🐾 Adoptable
Dogs 🐾 Raffle Baskets 🐾 Games & More!



**LOCATION: PORTER RIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL BY THE STADIUM**



SEND QUESTIONS TO: CASSIDY.HELMs@UCPS.K12.NC.US

**RED CROSS BLOOD
DRIVE-INTERACT
HOSTED! THANK YOU
STUDENTS! WE WERE
ABLE TO COLLECT 79
UNITS! THAT HAS THE
POTENTIAL TO SAVE 237
LIVES**



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PRHS FFA ANNUAL PLANT SALE

APRIL 18TH-20TH
OPEN 8AM - 4PM

LOCATION: PORTER RIDGE HIGH
SCHOOL GREENHOUSE
2839 RIDGE RD, INDIAN TRAIL, NC 28079

Contact Information:
Jenna Simpson 704-776-5660
Cassidy Helms 704-698-7771
FFA SPONSORED

PRICES

HANGING BASKETS \$12
FLATS \$15
6PK \$4 4PK \$4 INDIVIDUAL \$2



FRUITS & VEGETABLES

SQUASH
CUCUMBER
TOMATO
STRAWBERRIES



HERBS

OREGANO
BASIL NEWTON
BASIL PURPLE
CILANTRO
CHIVES



FLOWERS

SNAPDRAGON
GERANIUM
VINCA
PETUNIA
IMPATIENS
ALYSSUM
CELOSIA
MARIGOLD



PEPPERS

SWEET BELL
SWEET BANANA
JALAPENO
CAYENNETTA
HABANERO



Band of Pirates Fundraiser! 4.15-4.19

The Band of Pirates are selling Double Good popcorn! Prices for Signature Bags (5 cups each) start at \$11 and Curated Collections at \$31. The popcorn is ultra-premium, delicious, and award-winning! It ships directly to your home and is 100% virtual.

Please visit the link, scan the QR code, or see a band or guard member to purchase!

<https://s.dgpopup.com/3anr87x0>



Raising Joy
**Double
Good**





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PRHS Student Announcements

[CLICK HERE FOR GOOGLE FORM](#)



Hiring Students!

PORTER RIDGE HIGH



PORTER RIDGE WANTS TO INTRODUCE THE IDEA OF HIRING STUDENTS FOR OUR SCHOOL! HOURS MAY BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR: SERVICE HOURS (CHECK WITH ADVISOR), RESUME, AND AS A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY. SOME JOBS REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM YOUR TEACHER TO BE OUT OF CLASS FOR A SHORT TIME EACH DAY/WEEK.

**LAST
DAY TO
PREORDER
YOUR
YEARBOOK
IS
MAY 5TH!**

Order your yearbook by
May 5th to secure the
LOWEST 2024 price!



Scan the QR code to
buy yours today! or
visit
yearbookforever.com



PROM 2024 TICKETS

APRIL 16TH-17TH
DURING LUNCHES

**LAST!
CHANCE!**

\$80

*ALL
OUTSTANDING
BALANCES
MUST BE PAID

- Prom Tickets can be purchased by Juniors (Cohort 2025) or Seniors (Cohort 2024)
- You must have all outstanding balances paid (this will be checked before purchase)
- Cash or Check
- See Ms. Lawson at lunch
- Guest Forms located in the Front Office and are DUE APRIL 19th



Pirate Grams....from EC

Liam Quinn... Always ready to participate
Ekaterina Diadchenko... isn't afraid of a challenge
Melissa Obi... Does a great job of helping in the cafe
Angel Aguilera-Lopez... Tries his best and uses strategies
Edwin Alvarez Cortez... Authentic and thoughtful
Ryan Chew... Great work ethic, consistent and respectful
Janesa Vargas... Creative and a leader
Joshua Mangum... Leader in the classroom
Hannah Fry... Independent, takes initiative
Jordan Smith... Very helpful
Yassin Ali... Great job with senior portfolios
Mauricio Gonzalez-Ramirez... Great ideas in the classroom
Edwin Alvarez Cortez... Great participator
Jamarious Hailey... Great communicator

Pirate Grams....from World Language

Victoria Hollingsworth... Leadership, presenter
Lizbette Aguilar-Saavedra... Being her true self
Maria Sanchez Timaure... Super all-around
Ashley Duran-Almanza... Perfect attendance; hardworking
Jaden Thurmond... Great effort, performance and participation
William Brantly... Always polite and helpful
Anvi Ramrakhiyani... Super participater
Amir Daniels... Diligent student. Asks great questions
Makiah Jordan... Helpful and a leader in class



Pirate Grams....from CTE

Calla Walkush... Positive attitude, helpful
Kathryn Arce... Spreads joys and happiness
Caylen Rodriguez... Committed to studies
Annabelle Elward-Stamper... Always on task; mature
Ulyana Bakhurevich... Great self advocate
Braelyn Bevington... A helpful and skilled collaborator
Syed Ali... Over 100% average
Sofia Mineeva... Highest overall average
Chirag Yadav... Highest average without absences
Roman Molina... Best work and contributor
Justin Johannes... Great ideas!
Ava Fushey... Very thoughtful
Khaliq Butler... A mentor and role model
Mason Wooten... Always willing to help
Justin Andrews... Always focused and driven
Lilyanne Nichols... Hard worker; great questions
Janice Justice... Outstanding overall performance
Sharlyn Garcia Rodriguez... Academic excellence
Henley Naifeh... Great work in OSHA credentials
Mehki Hosin... Awesome Pirate Portfolio
Samuel Fernandez Almeida... A model student
Joseph Borsuk-Hoffman... A joy to have in class
Heather Hansen... An overall great student
Li Ming Yeong... A model student
Makiah Jordan... A great student
Dawson James... Hard working student
Abigail McKinley... Has really come out of her shell
Anna Scaldara... Great student and athlete
Taylor Laney... Always smiling
Gabe Little... Hardworker
Morgan Arce... A joy to have in the greenhouse



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Senior Announcements

ATTENTION SENIORS

submit pictures for the Senior Slideshow

submit photos via instagram
@prseniorslideshow24
or
email prseniorslideshow24@gmail.com

What we're looking
for:

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



Due April 29th



prhscounseling



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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Parent Information

UPDATED 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 in April. 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 April 8. Thank you!

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We're looking for PTO Board Vice President and Secretary. We are seeking parents willing to pay to support the PTO's work, willing to donate items for teacher appreciation and school events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events or as needed.

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



**Follow the PTO Instagram
Page at [prhs_pto](#)**



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.

PIRATE ATHLETICS

4/15

LAX @ Cuthbertson 5:30/7
Softball @ South Meck 4:00 PM
Baseball @ Ardrey Kell 7:00

4/16

Golf @ Sun Valley 3PM
Soccer @ Weddington 7 PM
Track @ Sun Valley 4 PM
Tennis @ Weddington 4 PM
Softball @ Weddington 5:30 PM
Men's Volleyball @ Metrolina 5 PM

4/17

Baseball @ Parkwood 7 PM
Track @ Marvin Ridge 4 PM
Tennis @ CATA 4 PM

4/18

Tennis @ Cuthbertson 4 PM
LAX vs Parkwood 5:30 PM/7 PM
Men's Volleyball vs Union Academy 5 PM

4/19

Track at Friday Night Lights 4 PM (Providence High)
Softball @ Cuthbertson 5 PM
Soccer @ Cuthbertson 7 PM

Athletic Results

4/8

Softball vs Sun Valley- win 12-0
Boys Lacrosse vs Marvin Ridge- loss 20-4
Girls Lacrosse vs Marvin Ridge- loss 21-1

4/9

Baseball vs Cuthbertson- loss 6-1
Girls Soccer vs Sun Valley- loss 6-1
Men's Volleyball vs Piedmont- Win 3-0

4/10

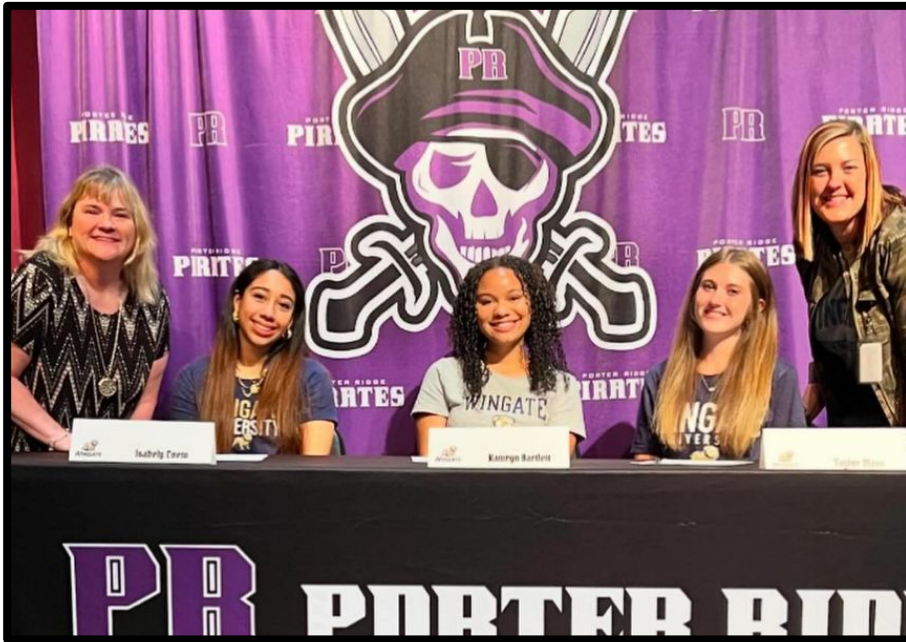
Softball vs Cuthbertson- win 4-3
Baseball vs. Cuthbertson- loss 11-12

Track Union County Meet Results- Men's and Women's track competed at Monroe High School in the UCPS Championship meet. Both teams took 5th place overall. Allie Albrecht 2nd place women's high jump, Landon Adams 1st place 110M hurdles, boys 4x100 relay 3rd place, Chloe Wiedbrauk 3rd place in women's 400M, Raeghan Melchor 1st place women's triple jump.

4/11

Girls Lacrosse vs Weddington- Loss
Boys Lacrosse vs Weddington- Loss
Men's Volleyball vs Lee Park- Win

PIRATE ATHLETICS



We could not be more PROUD of these three Cheerleaders!!
CONGRATULATIONS to Isabely, Kam, and Taylor for
committing to cheer at WINGATE University

[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



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.



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

PORTER RIDGE SPRING GIVEAWAY

- \$10 DONATION PER ENTRY
- 3 WINNERS SELECTED
- PICK YOUR PRIZE

A

36" BLACKSTONE GRIDDLE
EST - \$500

B

LOWE'S PATIO PACKAGE
\$500 GIFT CARD

C

CAR DETAIL PACKAGE
EST - \$500

Follow the link to support PRHS Athletics!

Goes toward uniforms and practice/game equipment for our H Sports.

Support High School Athletics by contributing to the PR Athletic Booster Club fundraiser this spring. Share this post with friends and family and let's support our amazing students and school

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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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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

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.

While Mrs. Jarrett is on maternity leave her students are assigned to another counselor. Please let them know if you have any questions. Thank you so much.

Me - Neu - Lawson

New - Peo - Anderson

Per - Rho - James

Ri - San - Green

PRHS
JUNIOR NIGHT
RESUME
RECOMMENDATIONS
SCOIR
APPLICATIONS
COLLEGE VISITS
CAREER
SCHOLARSHIPS

Monday, April 22nd @ 6:30 pm
Media Center



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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

SETTING SAIL TO SENIOR YEAR JUNIOR PRESENTATION

- ✠ DURING TUESDAY ADVISORIES
- ✠ LEARN ABOUT THE COLLEGE PROCESS
- ✠ GET STARTED ON COLLEGE APP ACCOUNTS

Scan to Register Now:



Rotary 

Monroe Rotary
Monroe, NC

MONROE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP 2024


APPLY ONLINE



2024 HS GRADUATES

- Deadline is April 18
- Submit applicant and service info, transcript, and resume in the online application

FOR MORE INFO

 monroerotarync@gmail.com



Dear Colleague,

The 2024 AP[®] Exam administration is about a month away, and preparations are in full swing. Make sure your students know about all the [free resources](#) in AP Classroom they can use to review material, check their understanding, and get quick feedback on their areas of strength and where they need more practice.

On April 22, we'll be releasing a brand-new batch of [AP Daily: Practice Sessions](#). These videos are focused on practicing free-response and multiple-choice questions for the AP courses that offer them. Last year's videos are still available too.



AP DAILY: PRACTICE SESSIONS NEW 2024 Videos

AP Daily: Practice Sessions



Sessions are 15 minutes each.



New video recordings for each course will be released on April 22. All videos will be posted on [YouTube](#) and in [AP Classroom](#) and can be watched on demand at any time.



The 2024 practice sessions aren't available for AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Art and Design, and AP world languages. However, videos on the Review page under Course Resources in AP Classroom are excellent preparation resources for these courses.

[Learn More](#)

Click on the Ad to Learn More



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PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

UCPS | COLLEGE READINESS
 UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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
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CollegeBoard AP

Explore Your Passion with AP Capstone™

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.

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™**.

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 and Research Certificate™

AP Seminar:
Where Creativity Meets Critical Thinking

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

PRHS PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES & PROGRAMS

PRHS IS THE **ONLY** LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL IN UCPS

FULLY IMPLEMENTED **AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM**



7 CAREER ACADEMIES

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



14 PATHWAYS



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



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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 [Student Applications](#)

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. [Student 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](#)



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

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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 Boiling 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>.



NEXT STOP 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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