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## Early Release Day this Friday....

Early Release Bell Schedule 2023-2024

1st Block - 8:10-8:55

2nd Block - 9:00-9:45

3rd Block - 9:50-10:35

4th Block - 10:40-11:25

Lunch/Dismissal - 11:30-12:05

Buses will leave campus at 12:05 pm



Prom will be this **Saturday, April 27th at The Fillmore Charlotte**. Please click [here](#) to see the Prom Presentation given to all those that will be in attendance. Prom Tickets were picked up on Thursday, April 25th during lunches. ALL students attending Prom must have their ticket and Photo ID to enter - NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Our school nurse is low on snacks/water/juice for the health room.** We are In need of:

Individually wrapped goldfish crackers.

Juicy juice apple juice box

Waters (any size, prefer small bottles)

Star mint candies.

Please feel free to bring these items by the front office this coming week.

## 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:





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## AP Exams

Below is the listing of ALL AP Exams. Please review and make sure you know the day, time, and location of your exams.

AP Exam	Date	Time	Room
AP US Government	Monday, May 6th	8:00 am	PRHS E212
AP Human Geography	Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Seminar (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook) <i>*if you are enrolled in Stats you will take on the makeup date, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon*</i>	Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP Stats	Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PRHS E212
AP English Literature (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Computer Science A	Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP Environmental Science	Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Psychology	Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP US History (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Art & Design Portfolio	Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Portfolio must be submitted by 8:00 pm	
AP Calculus AB & BC	Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Pre-Calculus	Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP English Language (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Tuesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP World History (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PRHS Media Center
AP Computer Science Principles (Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PRHS Media Center
AP Music Theory (2 <sup>nd</sup> part Digital – make sure to bring charged Chromebook)	Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	E212 & Counseling Suite
AP Biology	Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	E212
AP Physics I	Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Counseling Suite



## **PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING 2024**

You should bring the following items to the exam room:

- Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for completing multiple-choice answer sheets
- Pens with black or dark blue ink for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams
- Up to two calculators with the necessary capabilities if you are taking an AP Biology, Calculus, Environmental Science, Physics, or Stats Exam
- Charged Chromebook if you are taking Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Seminar, US History, or World History

You should not bring the following to the exam room:

- Electronic devices, such as: cell phones, digital cameras, personal digital assistants (PDAs), BlackBerry, smart phones, laptops, Bluetooth-enabled devices, MP3 players, iPods, e-mail/messaging devices, camera/photographic equipment, devices that can access the internet, or any other electronic or communication devices
- Books, compasses, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, protractors, or notes
- Rulers and straightedges (unless you are taking an AP Physics exam)
- Scratch paper (notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets)
- Computers or calculators (except as noted above)
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions
- Watches that beep or have an alarm, or smartwatches
- Portable listening or recording devices (even with headphones)
- Scissors, pocket knife, or other sharp implements
- Clothing with subject-related information
- Food or drink (*Unless this has been preapproved as an accommodation by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office prior to the test date*)

### **Reminders:**

You are required to arrive no later than 10 minutes prior to your exam: 7:50 for the morning administration and 11:50 for the afternoon administration. Students may not be dismissed until an exam has officially ended; do not ask to leave early if you finish before the end of the exam. If you play a sport or have a job, it is your responsibility to inform your coach or employer of your AP Exam obligation, and arrangements should be made accordingly. Please note that if you ride the bus, you may need to make alternate travel arrangements as morning exams begin at 8:00 am and afternoon exams end at approximately 4:00 pm.

Get a good night's rest before your exam, and eat a nutritious breakfast/brunch. You are allowed to bring a snack and beverage for your 10-minute break. However, food and drink are prohibited in the exam room. It is advisable to bring a sweater or jacket, in case the room temperature is below your comfort level.

You are required to abide by the policies of both the College Board and PRHS during the exam period. Any misconduct will be reported and could jeopardize your AP Exam score.

AP Scores will be available online in July. You will access your scores via your College Board account. Check the score release schedule, available on the student AP scores website in May.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, feel free to contact Ms. Lawson at [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us) or (704)292.7662. Thank You and Good Luck!!!





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## *Pirates In Action*



**Congratulations to Grace Laney...** Grace was selected to receive the Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) Scholarship to attend Gardner-Webb University over the Summer. 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, policymakers and military officers. Tools developed over 50 years of transforming lives-each principal is intentionally crafted in the classroom, then reinforced with activities.



The following students will have their films in the UCPS Impact30 event!!!! **Ethan Mangum and Edward Franz**

Date: Friday, May 3, 2024

Location: Weddington High School Auditorium

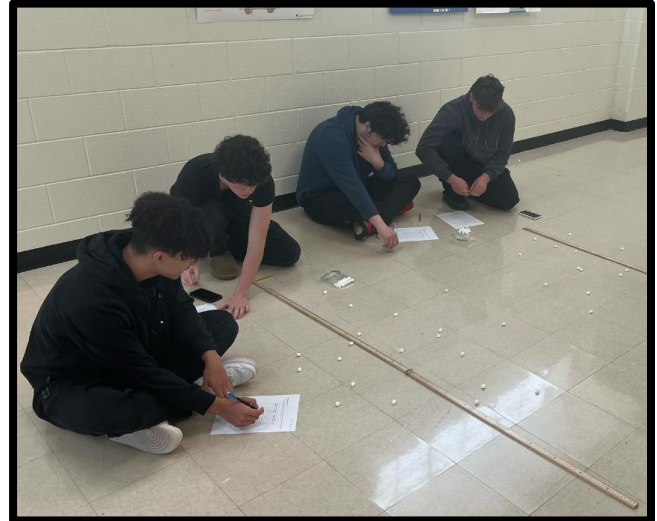
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

• FREE Admission • Open to the Public • Student Showcase of our 30 Years of Impact

We are excited to promote the UCPS Impact 30 Film Screening and Awards Show Event. UCPS high school students were provided with the opportunity to create and submit a commercial/social media promo or short film that celebrates 30 years of educator IMPACT in UCPS, promotes our school system, and showcases the Portrait of a Graduate attributes. Please join us on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Weddington High School for the UCPS Impact 30 Film Screening and Awards Show. Admission is FREE and the event is open to the public. There will even be a "People's Choice" voting opportunity at the event! Click [HERE](#) for the flyer with the event details. We look forward to seeing you there!



Our **Interact students** volunteered for the Hemby Bridge Elementary School field day today along with some members of the student council and NHS.



**Math IV students** have designed an experiment, learned about controls, and are catapulting marshmallows to gather data to put in statistical software for analysis in Ms. Ruggiero's class!



Students are learning **Earth Day vocabulary in Spanish**, classifying what they can use, reduce or recycle and writing sentences about how they can help the Earth in Spanish by using of the stem changing verbs we have learned. This is Ms. Fiallo's class.



We could not be more proud of **Zulema Callejas-Soriano** who earned **recognition for being the President in the Union County Junior EMS Program!** Zulema has taken courses in the Public Safety Academy at PRHS as well and has enjoyed her many classes with Mr. Raynor! We can't wait to see the amazing things that she does when she graduates this year!





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## Student Activities

- The last day to **pre order your yearbook** is May 5th! Order yours today @ [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) to secure the lowest 2024 price.
- **Women's Basketball** workouts will be every Tuesday and Thursday. If you have any questions please see Coach Brown.
- The Spanish and French clubs are extending the **dog food drive** to April 26th. Put your name on your donation to enter the drawing for an International treat, then put it in one of the boxes located on lower F hall, in the cafeteria or by student entrances.
- Students in organizations that earn **graduation cords** please check with your advisers about how, when and where to purchase the cords. Advisers have the cord online purchase links. You must purchase by April 27!
- **Juniors, get started with the college application process by attending our Setting Sail for Senior Year presentations.** These presentations will be held during Tuesday Advisories in Guidance starting on April 30th. Juniors can register using the QR code found on the Counseling Instagram and in the Pirate Press!
- Join us for our combined **Sewing and Upcycling and FCCLA meeting** on Tuesday 5/7 after school until 4:15 p.m. in Room F205B. Please bring a snack to share and don't miss out on this fun activity.
- There will be a meeting for all Boys interested in playing soccer next year on Thursday, May 2, after school in room E104. If you have any questions please see Coach Ladimir for all the information.

## 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!

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*

STUDENT COUNCIL  
PRESENTS...



**PR**

## **SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

**MAY 20TH  
4:30 PM**

**TEAMS OF 6 WITH AN  
OPTIONAL SUB**

**FOOD, DRINKS, AND YARD  
GAMES WILL BE PROVIDED**

**EACH TEAM WEARS A  
THEME**

**SIGN-UPS: APRIL 22ND - MAY 3RD**



**Chesnut Square Park**

[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.

**NOUS AVONS  
FAIM**



**TENEMOS  
HAMBRE**



**SPANISH AND FRENCH CLUBS  
ARE COLLECTING  
DONATIONS OF DOG FOOD  
APRIL 15-26**

**TO HELP FEED THE PUPS AT SOUTH CHARLOTTE DOG RESCUE  
DELIVERED AT THE PIRATES FOR PUPS EVENT  
SATURDAY APRIL 20TH**

**MERCI**



**GRACIAS**



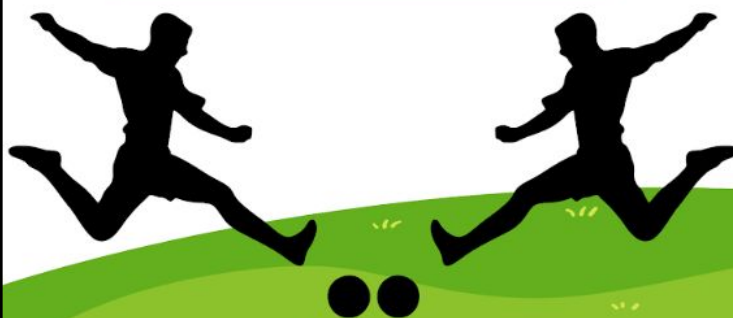
**PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR DONATION TO ENTER THE DRAWING  
FOR  
A FRENCH OR SPANISH TREAT!**



**PRHS StuCo is excited to present our annual...**

# **KICKBALL**

**MAY 21 @5PM**



**Sign up your team of 6-7 people at all  
lunches from April 29 to May 3! Limited  
spots available. FREE of charges for all  
players and spectators.**





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PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
**PROM 2024**

**WELCOME TO**  
*New York*

04.27.24 | 8PM-12PM  
THE FILMORE  
CHARLOTTE

ROADWAY  
52ND STREET

Prom will be this  
**Saturday, April 27th at**  
**The Fillmore Charlotte.**

Please click [here](#) to see  
the Prom Presentation  
given to all those that will  
be in attendance. Prom  
Tickets were picked up  
on Thursday, April 25th  
during lunches. ALL  
students attending Prom  
must have their ticket  
and Photo ID to enter -  
**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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THE HOOK STUDENT MEDIA

**Two Weeks Left!!**

the hook 2024

**LAST DAY TO PREORDER YOUR  
YEARBOOK IS MAY 5TH!!  
ORDER NOW FOR THE LOWEST  
2024 PRICE  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR HEAD TO  
YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM**



## **Pirate Grams.... from English**

Kindra Kallenbach... Always goes above and beyond  
Brooke Revels... Excellent research!  
Luke McLean... Impressive work  
Emma Lyons... Great job on your quiz  
Andres Perez... Hard worker and great communicator  
Gavin Goss... Enthusiastic, positive and always volunteers  
Nathaniel Marte... Always on task and respectful  
Liliana Georgoulakos... Excellent work  
Gabrielle Howard... Authentic and realistic  
Jesna Sitaula... Great work ethic and focus  
Adrian Rodriguez Jaquez... Hard worker and great focus  
Aydan Huseynova... Read so many books!  
Ethan Snyder... Effective communicator

## **Pirate Grams....from Science**

Asher Briscoe... Awesome student  
McKenzie Payne... Insightful and funny  
Shay Steadman... Really great student  
Carlisle Eugenio... Very creative and helpful  
Cailie Eugenio... Most engaged  
Jo'ziah Chandler... A great role model  
Addison Hayes... A resilient problem solver  
Ava Klein... A skilled collaborator  
Karla Arroyo... Always willing to help  
Joelle Highshaw... Hard worker, great attitude  
Joel Osei-Ankomah... Full of energy and life  
Anh Tu... Always creates beautiful projects  
Kimberly Islas-Tetelcingo... Hardest working student  
Amelia Konigsberg... Super intelligent

## **Pirate Grams....from PE**

Abigail Forrest... Works hard in the weight room  
Rosangela D'Oliveira Marquez... Always does the right thing  
Luke Foster... Constantly working hard  
Anisia Petrushchenkova... Great attitude and work ethic  
Maddox Lally... Always tries his best  
Alise Lamont... Always has a smile on their face  
Samantha Westley... Steps up in times of need  
Riley Lane... Goes above and beyond



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*Leader In Me and Portrait of a Graduate*

# CONGRATULATIONS

ADOBE CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

**VISUAL DESIGN USING ADOBE PHOTOSHOP**

YASSIN ALI JEREMY ANDERSON ZASHA CASTILLO GIOVANNI HAMILTON RYAN CHEW

MADDOX LALLY ELIJAH LAVERGNE ARI PEARSON RYAN ROGERS CONNOR SLANEY

ERICA BATTEN HUNTER CUTSAHW MYA MCCORD AUSTIN KEYLLY THLA NEI

NICHOLAS PITERA THOMAS SEROVICH LEVI SMITH DAVID TASAYEV EYOSYAS TEFERA

BARRETT APPLEYARD COLBY BROWN JULIA COFFEY MCKENNA HUDSON RYAN MOORE

CHARLES NICHOLS JHALIL SAUNDERS KAITLIN STUCKY GERALD TAYLOR

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WILLIAM WERNSDORFER

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ASHISH KUTWAL

NICHOLAS JOHNSON

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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**



## Sprinkle us your Scholarships!

*Seniors, join us for an ice cream scholarship  
celebration in 4th on May 17th*

*All scholarships must be turned into Ms.  
Lawson by May 15th to attend!*



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



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# *Senior* *Announcements*

2024

**ACADEMIC SIGNING  
&  
*Awards Day***

**TUESDAY, MAY 21ST  
8:30AM IN THE PRHS MAIN GYM**

Students may bring up to 2 guests.  
Parents are encouraged to attend! Event  
will be followed by a Senior Breakfast for  
our students.

**★ SENIOR MEETING ★**

★ TO REVIEW SENIOR WEEK ★  
★ ACTIVITIES AND GRADUATION! ★

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST 11AM TO 11:25AM IN THE AUDITORIUM**

**CLASS OF 2024  
GRADUATION SPEECH  
AUDITION!**

- SIGN UP TO AUDITION TO BE THE KEYNOTE STUDENT SPEAKER AT GRADUATION BY FRIDAY, MAY 3RD
- YOU WILL AUDITION IN FRONT OF PANEL WITH YOUR FULL SPEECH ON THURSDAY, MAY 16TH
- IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, START PREPARING YOUR SPEECH NOW
- EMAIL [TANISHA.ANDERSON@UCPS.K12.NC.US](mailto:TANISHA.ANDERSON@UCPS.K12.NC.US)





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# *Parent Information*

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](mailto:amy.dieffenbach@yahoo.com) or Alana White at [alanahwhite@gmail.com](mailto:alanahwhite@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

**JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE**     **INFORMATION TO LINK VIC CARD**

## **Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Floats- PTO Needs your help- Click here to donate a gift card**

The PTO would like to serve the teachers ice cream floats for teacher appreciation week on May 7. We are asking for Walmart gift cards or a donation. If donating please send to the school office labeled PTO by May 2.



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



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



## PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

**29**

**MONDAY**

-Baseball  
Conference Tourney  
@ Cutty  
TBD  
-Softball  
Conference Tourney  
@ Wedd  
TBD

**30**

**TUESDAY**

-Baseball Conference  
Tourney @ Cutty  
TBD  
-Softball Conference  
Tourney @ Wedd  
TBD  
-Soccer @ Marvin  
Ridge 5:30/7  
-Track & Field Home  
Senior Night 4:00

**1**

**WEDNESDAY**

-NO EVENTS

**2**

**THURSDAY**

-Baseball Conference  
Tourney @ Cutty  
TBD  
-Softball Conference  
Tourney @ Wedd  
TBD  
-Track Conference Meet  
@ Marvin Ridge

**3**

**FRIDAY**

-Soccer vs  
Weddington 5:30/7

**4**

**SATURDAY**

**#COMMITTED**



**4/19**

Softball at Cuthbertson- Win 11-0

Soccer at Cuthbertson- Loss 2-0

**4/20**

Baseball at Hopewell- Win 5-4

**4/22**

Golf- 4th Place SCC Tourney

LAX Boys loss at SVHS

LAX Girls win at SVHS

**4/23**

Baseball loss at SVHS

Softball Win vs Independence 3-2

LAX Boys loss at SVHS

LAX Girls loss at SVHS

**4/24:**

Softball- vs Weddington- Loss

Baseball vs SVHS- Loss

**PR track and field** had a big weekend, competing in 3 invitational meets. Boys placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 15 teams at Friday Night Lights held at Providence High. Wyatt Pugh had a big first place win in the discus with a throw of 161'2", breaking our school record. On Saturday, our distance team ran in the Carolina Distance Carnival and everyone who competed ran a personal best time with Chloe Wiedbrauk qualifying for regionals in the women's 800M. Also on Saturday, PR competed in the AK Need 4 Speed meet and the boys placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams, 1<sup>st</sup> place in shot put and discus for Wyatt Pugh and Asaph Munezero placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in high jump. Great job PR track and field!



# PIRATE ATHLETICS

Tuesday, May 7th  
PRHS WOMEN'S SOCCER  
SPIRIT DAY



## PURPLE OUT

PORTER RIDGE VS. CUTHBERTSON

Wear all purple to school to support the PRHS Women's Soccer Team. Tag @prhs\_classcup to get points for attending the game!

1 point for basic, 3 points for all out

[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 HS 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



# PIRATE ATHLETICS

Registration is underway for the 2024 PRABC Golf Tournament, Monday, June 17, 2024. Sign up as an individual or team. We are accepting sponsorships, raffle prizes, gift baskets, goodie bag items and more. Please visit [prathleticboosterclub.org](http://prathleticboosterclub.org) or email [prabcevents@gmail.com](mailto:prabcevents@gmail.com) for more information.



## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024



**ROLLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
2722 W. ROOSEVELT BLVD  
MONROE, NC 28110



### PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS — LEVELS —

#### ALBATROSS SPONSOR - \$2500

- LOGO ON WEBSITE, PIRATE PRESS, FLYERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.
- LOGO GOLF TOWEL PROVIDED TO EACH PARTICIPANT
- BANNER AT ENTRANCE TO GOLF TOURNAMENT AS PRESENTER
- TABLE PROVIDED FOR SPONSOR DISPLAY USE
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY FOURSOME INCLUDED

#### BIRDIE SPONSOR - \$1000

- LARGE BANNER HOLE (18 AVAILABLE)
- OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP A TABLE AT HOLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

#### EAGLE SPONSOR - \$500

- YOUR CHOICE OF
  - CONTEST SPONSOR
    - CLOSEST TO THE PIN
    - LONG DRIVE
    - MULLIGAN
    - RAFFLE
- FOURSOME INCLUDED

#### PAR SPONSOR - \$100

- ORGANIZATION NAME AND LOGO ON SIGN AT ONE OF THE COURSE HOLES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**VISIT**

<https://www.prathleticboosterclub.org/2024golftournament>  
or email [PRABcevents@gmail.com](mailto:PRABcevents@gmail.com)







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## PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

### Who is your counselor?

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

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

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

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

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



**FAFSA**  
form

REMINDER

**DID YOU COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA FORM?**

Check your application status at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

## Sprinkle us your Scholarships!

*Seniors, join us for an ice cream scholarship celebration in 4th on May 17th*

*All scholarships must be turned into Ms. Lawson by May 15th to attend!*



INSTITUTE OF  
AESTHETICS VISIT

Interested in becoming an Esthetician?

A representative from IA will be on campus Friday, May 3rd during all 4 lunches!



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## **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:



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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:sminick@spcc.edu)



**Need Career advice or direction?**

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

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## UNION COUNTY

# JOB FAIR

**Tuesday, April 30**

**9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m**

Union County Agricultural & Conference Center  
3230-D Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112

- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS
- DISCOVER STAFFING AGENCIES
- TRANSLATORS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-SITE
- BUSINESS ATTIRE RECOMMENDED

Need a resume or help to prepare for the job fair? South Piedmont Community College offers tuition-waived classes for individuals that are unemployed or underemployed.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



### CONTACT:

Kristi Phifer  
704-290-5216  
kphifer@spcc.edu

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COLLEGE  
READINESS

## 2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

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

### Live Events

Scior 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.

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



@UCPSCollegePrep



ucpscollegeready

## UNIVERSITY of 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; 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](http://UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE)

For more information, visit [unca.edu/precollege](http://unca.edu/precollege) or contact Office of Conferences & Camps at [precollege@unca.edu](mailto:precollege@unca.edu)



## 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.

[www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/prhs)

### 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™

### 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  
Meets Critical  
Thinking

Learn more about AP Capstone at [collegeboard.org/apcapstone](http://collegeboard.org/apcapstone).



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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](#)

### 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](#)





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UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Summer**  
**CAREER ACCELERATOR CAMPS**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**CTE**  
 Career & Technical Education

Registration deadline is May 1

**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.

*Mica Anderson*  
 Senior, Weddington High

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE ACADEMY

DRIVEN BY PARTNERSHIPS WINGATE SOUTH PIEDMONT STAY CONNECTED www.ucps.k12.nc.us

**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	TRADITIONAL PATHWAY	UNIVERSITY PATHWAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Available to all UCPS high school students</li> <li>➤ High school diploma and Associate's Degree from SPCC upon exiting high school</li> <li>➤ Gateway to Wingate Scholarship</li> <li>➤ Classroom teacher in 2 years after high graduation</li> </ul> <p><b>COST:</b>            Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition            Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<p>PRE-APPRENTICE PATHWAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024</li> <li>➤ Register as UCPS Teacher Preparation Pre-Apprentice</li> <li>➤ Earn a high school diploma then to SPCC up to 2 years as a UCPS Apprentice while working as a UCPS Teacher Assistant</li> <li>➤ Gateway to Wingate Scholarship</li> <li>➤ Classroom teacher 2-4 years after high school graduation</li> </ul> <p><b>COST:</b>            Associate's Degree = Zero Tuition            Gateway to Wingate Scholarship = No more than \$2,500 per year</p>	<p>UNIVERSITY PATHWAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CTE Academy currently at Weddington High School with plans to expand to Porter Ridge High School in 2023-2024</li> <li>➤ Complete the 3 Teaching as a Profession courses</li> <li>➤ High school diploma</li> <li>➤ May transfer up to 7 credits directly to a 4-year university</li> <li>➤ Classroom teacher 4 years after high school graduation</li> </ul> <p><b>COST:</b>            Student incurs cost</p>

**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](http://ucps.k12.nc.us) and click on: Academics - High School Education - NextStop: TeachUCPS





**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.

## **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.

## 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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