



# Pirate Press

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**INFORMATION STARTING ON  
PAGE 3 ABOUT EXAMS,  
ATTENDANCE RECOVERY AND  
CHROMEBOOK TURN IN**

**EOC TUTORING  
SCHEDULES ARE ON THE  
NEXT PAGE**

The PTO would like to provide the teachers and staff with a treat for each day after exams in **June**. We have already had donations for 2 of the 4 days. We are raising funds for a fruit day and a bagel day. We are asking for gift cards or a venmo donation in place of the gift card. Please turn in gift cards or Venmo by May 30th! Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you! [Click HERE TO DONATE](#)



## PIRATE FLAG FOOTBALL INTEREST MEETING

MAY  
28

ANY GIRL  
INTERESTED



FALL OF 2024  
[#PRPIRATEFLAG](#)

3:15  
A114

SEE COACH  
LEATH FOR  
MORE  
DETAILS

## PRHS EOC Tutoring Schedule

See the next slides for dates and times

TIME FOR  
REVIEW

**Math 1**

TIME FOR  
PRACTICE

**English 2**

**Biology**

In order to Graduate in UCPS students must not only earn credit for courses, but must also show proficiency on End of Course Tests –Math I, Math III, Biology, & English II. Students must show proficiency with a proficiency score of Level 3, 4, or 5. Our Math 3 Tutoring Schedule will come out later this week and will start after May 13. See the tutoring schedules on the next slide

Students: Please consider tutoring sessions to help reach this goal  
We will have **SNACKS**

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## Biology

Monday, May 6	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Tuesday, May 7	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 9	3:10 to 4:10	G114
Monday, May 13	3:10 to 4:10	F109
Tuesday, May 14	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 16	3:10 to 4:10	G114
Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	F109
Tuesday, May 21	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 23	3:10 to 4:10	G114
Tuesday, May 28	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Wednesday, May 29	3:10 to 4:10	Study Cove (MC)
Thursday, May 30	3:10 to 4:10	G114

## English 2

Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	G110
Tuesday, May 21	3:10 to 4:10	G112
Thursday, May 23	3:10 to 4:10	G107
Saturday, May 25	9:00- 11:00	E203
Tuesday, May 28	3:10 to 4:10	G112
Thursday, May 30	3:10 to 4:10	G107
Friday, May 31	3:10 to 4:10	G110

## Math 1

Tuesday,  
Wednesday  
and  
Thursday  
starting on  
May 14<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:10 –  
4:10 in  
room E104

Date	Time	Subject	Teacher	Location
Monday, May 13	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Howard	Media Center
Wednesday, May 15	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 17	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E103
Saturday, May 18	9:00- 11:00	Math 3 EOC	Saffles	E108
Monday, May 20	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Howard	Media Center
Wednesday, May 22	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 24	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E103
Saturday, May 25	9:00- 11:00	Math 3 EOC	Saffles	E108
Wednesday, May 29	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Cooper	E204
Friday, May 31	3:10 to 4:10	Math 3 EOC	Plata	E204





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# *Pirates In Action*

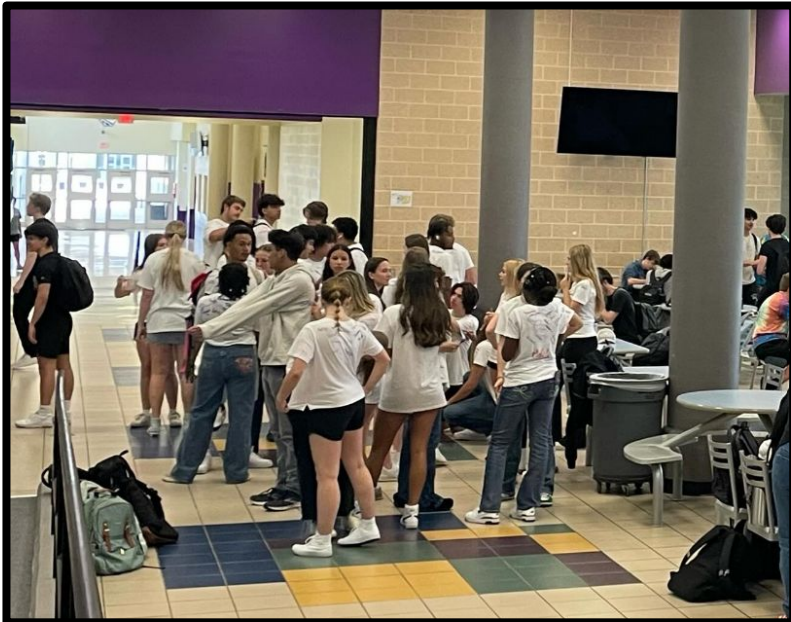






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## *Pirates In Action*





## **CHROMEBOOKS**

**This year ALL Chromebooks and chargers will need to be turned in on the date of each student's last exam** (for any student who has exempted all of their exam we will be collecting their Chromebook and Charger on May 30<sup>th</sup> & May 31<sup>st</sup> if they have EXEMPTED ALL EXAMS). We ask that any student who has any extra chargers or Chromebooks at home, that they turn those in as well, as it is either a loaner or belongs to another student either way it needs to be returned to the school. Technology that is not turned in will be assessed for the full cost of replacement. Technology that has damage that is not accidental or normal wear and tear will be assessed for the damage.

We are asking that students assess their Chromebooks and Chargers prior to exam week and See Mr. Rodgers in the Media Center if they have any issues as they will need their Chromebooks and Chargers to complete their exams. Please check your Chromebooks for the following issues

- Your Chromebook charges properly and you have a working charger. (Please make sure you bring your charger to school on the days of your exam)
- Your Chromebook is not missing any keys and all keys type the correct letters/characters.
- Your Chromebook display is working properly and you are able to see all content on your screen correctly.
- Your Chromebook reliably connects to the school internet.

## **ATTENDANCE RECOVERY**

**You are REQUIRED to do attendance recovery** if you have more than 8 absences. If you have accumulated more than 8 unexcused absences you have received emails from Dr. Christie Felder about recovery. You should be checking your email. The Principal, Dr. Fisenne, typically waives your excused absences as long as they are not excessive – so it is usually your unexcused absences (this includes suspensions) that you need to recover so that you end up with less than 8 unexcused absences. You have had this opportunity all semester at The Study Cove, or by attending your teacher's tutoring – you have very limited opportunities remaining. You should go see your counselor if this applies to you. If you are still confused at this point, please see Dr. Fisenne or any administrator during lunches so that she can explain to you directly.





## Spring Semester Exam Dates 2023-2024

**Friday, 5/31**

Review for All Exams

**Monday, 6/3**

8:00 – 12:30 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes

**Tuesday, 6/4**

8:00 – 12:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes

**Wednesday, 6/5**

8:00 – 12:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams in all classes

**Thursday, 6/6**

8:00 – 12:30 4<sup>th</sup> period exams in all classes

**Friday, 6/7** is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:00 to start. Students missing an exam day will come in on Day Five for the makeup day: Friday 6/7 (Buses depart at 3:05 on 6/7).

**Exam Reviews 6/3 – 6/5: Exam Reviews:**

Review for all final exams on Friday 5/31 in class. Optional review times will be available online from 1:00 – 2:00 after each exam period.

**Quick Lunch** will be available for students after exams.

Students will be dismissed after the exam period ends (approximately 12:10). Bus transportation will leave @12:30.

**Exam Study Tips:** Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 8:00 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

- Create a study calendar and stick to it
- Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT
- Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course
- Attend all review sessions offered and go to tutoring for extra support
- Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic
- Have your parents ask you questions
- Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review
- Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words
- Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help
- Stay after school to study – you may study in the café until 5:00 each day
- Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information
- Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information
- Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts
- Practice math problems

**MORE ON THE NEXT  
PAGE ABOUT EXAM  
PROCEDURES**





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## Exam Info

**Type of Exams:** three types of exams at the end of each semester: EOC, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take. All exams must be completed between 6/3 – 6/7.

**Exam Exemptions for Teacher-Made Exams ONLY:** High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 2 unexcused absences in the class; or
- The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 1 unexcused absence in the class.
- Teachers will inform students of their TENTATIVE exemption on Wednesday 5/29 and then final status on 5/31. If you are unsure, then ask your teacher. *The information that teachers (or Admin) will share with you is accurate for the day that they give you the information - HOWEVER if you get additional unexcused absences, OR if your grade average changes because of work submitted or tests taken - your exemption status and/or your need for attendance recovery will change.*
- Reminder – Absence notes must be submitted within **FIVE days** of the absence in order to excuse the absence. Notes sent in after five days will NOT be accepted.

**Attendance:** Attendance during exam days is required for all students taking exams, (those students who exempt an exam are excused from the exam). Your attendance is REQUIRED all the way up through final exams. If you have completed all of your required exams you are not required to come to school on the makeup exam day – it will be coded as an excused absence- it will not affect your exam exemption or whether you pass/fail a course due to attendance.

Friday, June 7 is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

**Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.

**Early Dismissals during Testing Week:** NO student may be dismissed during the four-hour testing window. NO notes will be accepted for this. In order to best support the success of all of our students





The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...

## Senior Week!

All grades are able to sign up for Goose Chase, Kickball, & Volleyball Tournaments!

**5/20**

### Met Gala Monday

Dress in fancy, "Met Gala" attire.  
 Ex: Suits, Dresses



**5/21**

### To the Future Tuesday

Dress in your future school attire, or career.



**5/22**

### Wayback Wednesday

Dress as your younger self.



**5/23**

### H.A.G.S. Thursday

Wear a white shirt to school for your friends to sign during advisory.



**5/24**

### Fun in the Sun Friday

Dress for the summer!  
 -Hats  
 -Sunglasses  
 -Floaties/goggles  
 -In dress-code summer attire



- Goose Chase begins!
- Senior Switch
- Volleyball Tournament @CC- 4:30 p.m.

- Senior Academic Awards & Signing
- Senior's get their yearbooks
- Kickball @PR practice fields- 4:45 p.m.

- Elementary School Walks (10-11am)

- Band's Big Show @7pm

- Goose Chase ends!
- Senior Breakfast
- Senior Slideshow
- Razzies
- Senior Beach Bash

**2024**

# Senior Beach Bash

PROVIDED:  
**FOOD ★ DRINKS**

**FRIDAY | MAY 24**  
**10:50 AM - 12:30 PM**

LOCATION: STADIUM

**\*SIGNED PERMISSION FORM REQUIRED\***

**FREE ENTRY**

**2024**

# Senior Beach Bash Checklist

- ☒ Towel/Blanket
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Hats/Sunglasses
- ☒ Reusable Water Bottle
- ☒ Signed Permission Form (Leave in Car)

**10:50 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Location: Stadium**





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# PRHS Student Announcements

PRHS Presents  
2nd annual

# MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

5:00-7:30  
near the stadium

Friday, 31 May 2024

Games

Make memories

Activities

Food



Games



Fun-Filled  
Activites



Live  
Entertainment



Food Truck



@prhs\_humanities





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# ***PRHS Student Announcements***




**5/28 6:30PM**  
**CHORUS**  
**CONCERT**  
**PRHS AUDITORIUM**  
**FREE**


*Porter Ridge FFA*  
**PEACH FUNDRAISER**

**\$25 for 1/2 bushel cling-free peaches**  
**(about 25 pounds)**

 Pre-sales: 4/29/24 - 6/14/24   
Pick-up: 7/22/24 at PRHS

To purchase peaches, see an  
FFA member or Mrs. Helms &  
Mrs. Simpson.

 SEND QUESTIONS TO:  
[cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
[jenna.simpson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jenna.simpson@ucps.k12.nc.us)



- ❖ **Yearbook sales will continue this week until we sell out.** Buy your **yearbooks** at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
- ❖ Are you looking to be inspired? Stop by the **2nd Semester Art show** on Wednesday, May 29 from 4-6:30. We have an awesome group of students this semester and would love to show off their hard work. In Upper and Lower G halls, we will have displays from the Visual Art 1, 2, 3, and 4 students, as well as AP art students and Ceramics 1 and 2. All are welcome!!
- ❖ There will be a **Field Hockey** interest clinic on May 30th after school from 3:15 to 4:30. Meet in the media center. We will be going over basic skills, season info, and what equipment is needed. All materials for the meeting will be provided. No experience necessary!
- ❖ Any **girl interested in playing flag football** in the Fall of 2024, there will be an interest meeting on May 28 in A114 after school at 3:15. If you cannot make it, please reach out to Coach Leath.
- ❖ **All books were due back to the Media Center** by Friday, May 17th. Students should drop off all books as soon as possible. Any student who checked out a **calculator** and is finished using it should return it to Mrs. Snelson asap. Thank you!
- ❖ Interested in running **cross country this fall**? Come to the cross country interest meeting on Tuesday, May 28th @ 6:00 pm in the Porter Ridge Media Center. Get information on summer workouts and the fall practice schedule.
- ❖ **Yearbook distribution** is this week! Seniors will receive their books Tuesday, May 21st after the academic award ceremony. Underclassmen, pick up your books Tuesday - Friday this week at lunches. Be sure to bring your red or green slips! Yearbook sales will continue throughout the week until we sell out. Buy yours now at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
- ❖ The **Spanish club** will be meeting next Tuesday May 28, after school in room f102. Bring a snack to share, we would be going over the multicultural festival activities for the club.

## We need your IDEAS

If you want to see **improvements around the school** that 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!**



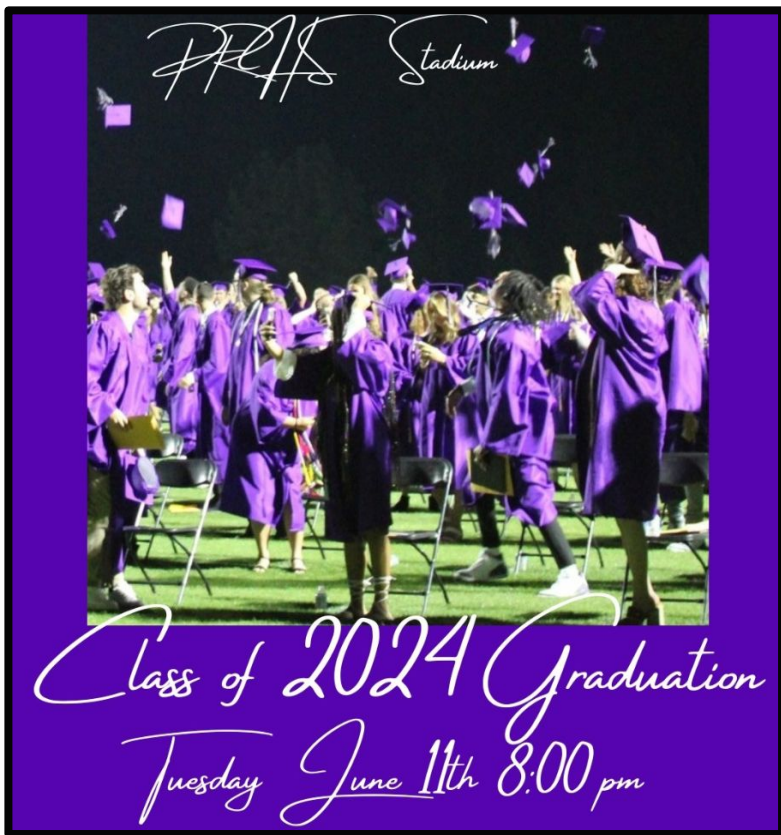


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# Senior Announcements

**UPDATED:** Class of 2024: Click on the Senior Letter below! Students and Parents there is information about graduation, senior week, and more [SENIOR LETTER](#)



## Class of 2024 Slideshow Submissions

We are so thankful for your submissions but as a reminder not all photos are going to be used in the final post!



This is due to time constraints and quantity of seniors!

The Senior Slideshow will be shown to the Senior class this Friday (05/24) and will be posted to Youtube soon after.

**PRHS**  
**Scholarship Total**  
**\$15,363,610**

**93 Students**  
**233 Awards**  
**WAY TO GO SENIORS**



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# *Senior Grad Pics*

## Lifetouch.

[View in Browser](#)

Hello, Porter Ridge High School!

It's almost time for your Spring graduation ceremony with Lifetouch, powered by PhotoDay! Thanks for choosing us to send your students off with the pomp and circumstance they deserve.

We'  
you

**PLEASE CLICK ON THE AD TO ORDER**

# COMMEMORATE *this moment!*

Lifetouch

Powered by PhotoDay

### It's almost time for our graduation ceremony!

Purchase an optional AdvancePay credit before the ceremony.  
This gives you free shipping on your order of \$35+ after the event.

**PRE-ORDER NOW**

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Once your event images are ready, please allow 2-3 business days for processing, you'll receive a text when they are ready to view and order.

If purchased, your AdvancePay credit will be applied to your order! Just sign in with your phone number at check-out.

Text PGHW92894 to 90738\* or visit <https://my.photoday.com/g> and enter your phone number followed by your access code to get started.





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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 Grams.... from Math**

Hailey Yee... Exemplary work & dedication  
Holden Drake... Outstanding leadership  
Jason Maleck... Helpful & outstanding citizenship  
Ethan Davison... Always eager to learn  
Randy Brown... Always wants to improve  
Greyce Assis... On task and on time  
Melissa Obi... Puts in 100%  
Taylor Laney... Great perseverance and resilience  
Kevin Cornejo... Goes above and beyond coarse goals  
Miranda Rodriguez... A joy to have in class  
Emily Caetano... Always on task and attentive  
Natalia Cruz-Estrada... Always on time with assignments  
William Blanton... Hark worker and polite  
Ryon Coe... Fantastic student and super helpful  
Valentino Bongiorno... Stellar math student  
Igor Andronic... Joy to have in class and great group worker

## **Pirate Grams....from the Arts**

Alexander Sykes... Always gives 100%  
Alena Sursiakova... Always does their best  
Alexia Aguilar Cobian... Amazing student

## **Pirate Grams....from Social Studies**

Lana Nguyen... Always willing to share experiences  
Glen Moody... Great student  
MarQuise Murray... Always makes the class smile  
Jillian Ashman... Great at debate  
Abigale Seeburger... Always participates  
Kareliz Cotto Rodriguez... Had the greatest project teacher ever received  
Owen Guevara-Perez... Polite and hardworking student  
Tristan Sullivan... Effective communicator  
Brenna Mikulsky... Skilled collaborator and PR committed!  
Tyler Bryant... Hard worker  
Huy Nguyen... Aways on top of it  
Pedro Haddad Sanchez... Very hard worker  
James Morgan... Helping others  
Thomas Blume... Great student  
McKenzie Payne... Hard worker  
Jessica Perez... Always goes above and beyond  
Nia Tchikaberidze... Amazing work on your cold war project  
Norah Machold... You always go above and beyond



# PIRATE ATHLETICS

## LITTLE PIRATE CHEER CAMP

Tuesday, June 25  
Wednesday, June 26  
Thursday, June 27

9:00am -  
12:00pm

Age 5 - 13



Click [HERE](#) to sign up for Little Pirate Cheer Camp. Deadline is June 14th. Contact Coach Lawson with any questions.

## PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE



Admission  
**\$100**  
/camper

## BASEBALL CAMP

**About This Camp**  
Campers will learn a variety of baseball specific drills from current coaches and players. Campers will also enjoy fun games and competitions. Hats will be available for purchase.

**THE SHIP**  
PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD

**DATES:** 17-19 JUNE

**Register here**

**TIME:** 8:00 - 12:00

There will be a **Field Hockey** interest clinic on May 30th after school from 3:15 to 4:30. Meet in the media center. We will be going over basic skills, season info, and what equipment is needed. All materials for the meeting will be provided. No experience necessary!

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# PIRATE ATHLETICS

COME JOIN

## PRHS FIELD HOCKEY

Be involved in a fun,  
rewarding sport  
with  
meaningful, lasting  
connections!

No experience  
needed!

if interested, fill out the  
form on our instagram  
page!  
link in bio!



@PRHSFIELDHOCKEY

To learn more, go to: <https://charlotteambush.com/local-leagues/fallprograms/>

Or contact Lori Telesco: [telesco.lori@gmail.com](mailto:telesco.lori@gmail.com)



## 2024 PIRATES BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP

### INFORMATION

- July 8th-11th
- 8am-12pm
- Porter Ridge HS  
Gymnasium
- Age: Rising 4th-8th  
graders
- Register today!!
- \$100 per camper



### TO REGISTER VISIT

<https://ucps.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/2002/466/False/True>



There will be a **Field Hockey** interest clinic on May 30th after school from 3:15 to 4:30. Meet in the media center. We will be going over basic skills, season info, and what equipment is needed. All materials for the meeting will be provided. No experience necessary!



## SOFTBALL *Kids Camp*

**JUNE 17-19, 2024**

3-day camp from 9am-12pm  
Rising 5th-8th graders  
Instructors will be coaches and  
players from the Porter Ridge High  
School softball team!

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Cost: \$100  
Sign Up Here: [bit.ly/PRsoftball](https://bit.ly/PRsoftball)

Email [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions



# 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  
[ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**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)

**Cassidy Jarrett**– last names Me-Sao  
[cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**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.

**FAFSA**  
form

REMINDER

**DID YOU COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA FORM?**

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

**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.

[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 Seminar (Year 1)
Team Project & Presentation
Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation
End-of-Course Exam

**AP Capstone Diploma™**

AP Research (Year 2)
Academic Paper
Presentation & Oral Defense

**AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**

**4 AP COURSES & EXAMS**  
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

**AP Seminar: Where Creativity Meets Critical Thinking**

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

## **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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# PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

## WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LAUNCH

COLLEGELAUNCH.WFU.EDU

### INSPIRING STUDENTS TO PURSUE GREATNESS

College LAUNCH for Leadership is a FREE nine-month college prep program focusing on social justice and leadership development. Our program serves high performing, under-resourced high school juniors in the Charlotte, NC and Winston-Salem, NC areas.



#### DISCOVER

connections between your career aspirations and passion for social change through mentorship and networking opportunities.



#### PREPARE

for the college application process with campus tours, resume and essay writing workshops, financial aid sessions, and interview coaching.



#### IMPACT

social change in your schools and communities by completing a Youth Participatory Action Research project.

LEARN. ACHIEVE. UNDERSTAND. NETWORK. COMMIT. HELP.



#### 1 PROGRAM

#### 2 COHORTS

CHARLOTTE

WINSTON-SALEM



## WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LAUNCH

INSPIRING STUDENTS TO PURSUE GREATNESS



### What is Wake Forest College LAUNCH for Leadership?

College LAUNCH is a FREE, nine-month program for high school juniors that uplifts students by preparing them for college, empowering their social consciousness, and developing skills for courageous leadership. By cultivating academic curiosity, LAUNCH Scholars discover their potential and impact their community as catalysts for change.

#### Application Eligibility

- Be a rising college bound high school junior (Class of 2026)
- Have a clean high school disciplinary record
- Have a strong academic background and a passion for leadership and social justice
- Be located in Winston-Salem, Charlotte or the surrounding communities, as Scholars are required to attend monthly in-person events at their regional Wake Forest University Campus

Students who are from under-resourced communities or who are first generation are encouraged to apply

#### Application Requirements:

- Two well-crafted essays that respond to the application prompts
- A recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or administrator who knows the student well
- A self-reported GPA and unofficial copy of high school transcript

#### College LAUNCH Fast Facts

- 9 - month program (September - May)
- 1 Saturday a month in Winston-Salem or Charlotte (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)
- Scholars complete a Community Research and Action Project that looks great on college resumes
- Scholars prepare for the college application process through Saturday Summits and college essay practice
- Scholars receive mentorship opportunities and guided career exploration
- 100% of Scholars graduate college ready
- In 2023, Scholars collectively earned over \$13 million dollars in college scholarships
- Scholars benefit from a network of support and community

The LAUNCH Application is open from January 8th until August 1st, 2024.  
College LAUNCH is open to all. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.  
Application decisions are not made on the basis of gender or race.

[COLLEGELAUNCH.WFU.EDU](http://COLLEGELAUNCH.WFU.EDU)

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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WINGATE GATEWAY SCHOLARSHIP

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South Piedmont Community College  
 Central Piedmont Community College  
 Stanly Community College  
 Richmond Community College  
 Rowan-Cabarrus Community College  
 Blue Ridge Community College

**A four-year degree for \$2,500 per year or less?**

## Make your dreams a reality with the Wingate University Gateway Scholarship

Wingate University is working with area community colleges to break down financial barriers and provide students with a seamless transfer pathway. Our community college partners include South Piedmont, Central Piedmont, Stanly, Richmond, Rowan-Cabarrus and Blue Ridge.

Build on your success in community college and earn a scholarship to complete your bachelor's degree for no more than \$2,500 per year in tuition!

### Requirements

- Meet our admission standards
- Earn your associate's degree from a participating community college with at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Complete the FAFSA or financial responsibility form.

### Gateway Scholarship NEXT STEPS

1. Submit an online application to Wingate.
2. Provide your high school and community college transcripts.
3. Complete the FAFSA or financial responsibility form.
4. Once accepted, commit to Wingate by submitting your enrollment deposit.



### Gateway Scholarship FAQs

- Our admission application is FREE. There is no separate application for the scholarship. High school students should submit our first-year undergraduate application. High school graduates (those who completed community college courses after graduating from high school) should use the transfer-student application.
- The scholarship is for up to 4 years (8 semesters) at Wingate as long as students maintain a GPA consistent with our academic standards.
- The scholarship is applied to a student's financial aid after all other institutional, federal and state aid have been applied toward tuition.
- The scholarship can be used for any undergraduate program (not just certain majors.)
- Scholarship recipients are responsible for the costs of room, board and a meal plan if they live on campus (average additional cost of \$10K per year).
- The scholarship is not limited to a certain number of recipients each year. Any student who meets the qualifications is eligible.
- Although it is not an income-based scholarship, families are required to complete the FAFSA or a financial responsibility form, to be eligible.
- The scholarship includes any associate degree pathway.
- Students must be enrolled full-time at Wingate (12 or more credit hours) to receive the scholarship.

### Gateway to Wingate Tips

- Plan your courses. Work with your community college advisor and Wingate to ensure that your courses will transfer toward your major.
- Visit Wingate University's campus.
- To receive a schedule that best fits your academic goals, submit your enrollment deposit early.

### Areas of Study

#### Undergraduate Majors

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|---|-------------------------------|
| Accounting                                | – Fitness Professional Track  |
| Biochemistry                              | – Pre-Professional Track      |
| Biology                                   | Finance                       |
| – Agricultural and Food Systems           | Health and Physical Education |
| – Biology and Education                   | History                       |
| – Environmental Biology                   | – History Education           |
| Environmental Biology/Public Health Track | Human Services                |
| Chemistry                                 | International Business        |
| – Chemistry and Business                  | Management                    |
| Communication                             | Marketing                     |
| – Health Communication                    | Mathematics                   |
| – Journalism                              | – Mathematics & Business      |
| – Speech & Theater                        | – Mathematics & Education     |
| – Sports Medicine                         | Music                         |
| – Strategic Communication                 | – Music Education             |
| Criminal Justice                          | – Music Performance           |
| Education                                 | Nursing                       |
| – Educational studies                     | Political Science             |
| – Elementary Education                    | Psychology                    |
| – Middle Grades Education                 | Public Health                 |
| – Reading & Elementary Education          | Religious studies             |
| English                                   | Sociology                     |
| – English & Education                     | Sport & Recreation Management |
| Exercise Science                          |                               |

#### Pre-Professional Programs

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pre-Professional Programs | Pre-Pharmacy            |
| Pre-Dentistry             | Pre-Physical Therapy    |
| Pre-Law                   | Pre-Physician Assistant |
| Pre-Medicine              | Pre-Veterinary Medicine |
| Pre-Nursing               | Pre-Ministerial         |
| Pre-Occupational Therapy  |                         |

#### Graduate Programs

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Accounting             | Medical Science                 |
| Business               | Occupational Therapy            |
| Education              | Pharmacy                        |
| Elementary Education   | Physical Therapy                |
| Educational Leadership | Physician Assistant             |
| Higher Education       | Public Health                   |
| Executive Leadership   | Social Work (under development) |
| School Superintendency | Sport Management                |

If you have questions about Wingate's admissions application, please contact Valerie Graham, Valerie@wingate.edu, 704-233-8103.



# 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

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





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## Pre-College Programs Summer 2024

JUNE 16-21 / JUNE 23-28

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

### What makes pre-college programs *unique*?



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

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

**Registration Open Now**  
**UNCA.EDU/PRECOLLEGE**

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





**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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