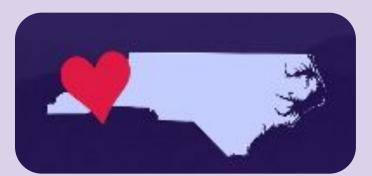


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# Relief for Western North Carolina

October 1st-October 9th

PRHS and the Union County Sheriff's Office have partnered to support those affected by Hurricane Helene.

- Drop-Off Location:
  - Boxes throughout schoolHomecoming Football
- Game

  Earn Spirit Points for

vour donations!



**Toiletries** 

**Water bottles** 











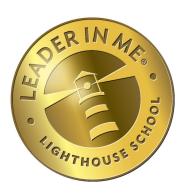






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# SEEKING PARENTS FOR THE SITE-BASED MANAGEMENT

# TEAM

SUPPORT SCHOOL INITIATIVES
COLLABORATE WITH STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF
SUPPORT TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

MEETS ONCE A MONTH FROM 3:10 TO 4:00

Contact Dr. Wall at Josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us







# Student Life Activities

- ❖ SPCC Textbook Reimbursement forms are open! If you are currently taking an SPCC class please complete the reimbursement form no later than Monday, October 28th. The instructions on how to complete this along with the link for the form are available on your CCP Canvas page. Reach out to Ms. Green with any questions!
- Three colleges will be visiting our campus next week! If you are interested in learning more about Appalachian State University, Belmont Abbey College, or East Carolina University, sign up for these events through your Scoir account now!
- ❖ Hi Pirates! Reminder October 5th for **A Night in The Enchanted Garden** from 8-11pm.
- Congrats 2024-2025 National Art Honor Society Members! The list of new members is posted outside of both art rooms and on the NAHS bulletin board in Upper G. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 8 in Crowley's Art Room from 3:05-4:05. All members must attend! See Mrs. Crowley or Mrs. Baucom with questions.

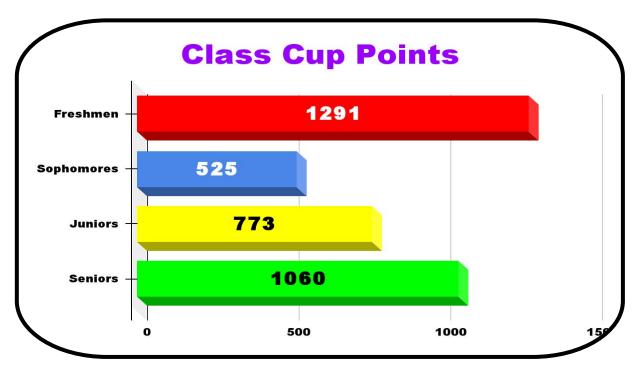




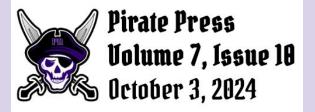


# Student Activities & Programs





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



# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

### Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Bryan James - last names Hel-Mc bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cassidy Jarrett- last names Me-Sao cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us

Alexandra Green- last names Sap-Z alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

### GET READY FOR THE UNION COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR

Sunday, October 13th from 2 PM-4 PM CATA, 600 Brewer Dr., Monroe, NC 28112

STRIVE

SCAN

Strive Scan helps you share your information with colleges with just a barcode. Visit https://strivefair.com to register!

### **REGISTER FOR YOUR BARCODE**

1. ON YOUR PHONE, GO TO:

www.StriveFair.com







2. FILL OUT A SHORT REGISTRATION FORM TO GET YOUR BARCODE

3. SCAN YOUR BARCODE WITH COLLEGES TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION

### Why should I get a StriveScan account?

- Allows you to share information with colleges at the fair without filling out
- Takes 90 seconds to sign up
- Use your phone to share your information with colleges!
- Get information from all the colleges you want directly to vour inbox after the event

Registration with and use of StriveScan is optional.

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN GUIDANCE?

**OVER THE LAST 3 WEEKS, COUNSELORS HAVE BEEN MEETING 1 ON 1 WITH SENIORS ABOUT POST** HIGH SCHOOL PLANS.

HAS YOUR STUDENT HAD THEIR **SENIOR MEETING? PARENTS BE SURE TO ASK YOUR STUDENT ABOUT THIS!** 

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, **COUNSELORS WILL BE** PRESENTING A SENIOR SEMINAR IN ADVISORY FOR ALL SENIORS.



FORMS ARE ONLINE AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY





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Are you planning to apply to Davidson College? Are you interested in being nominated for the John M. Belk Scholarship? If so, email Ms. Jarrett at cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us. by October 15th.





# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

### **Attention Seniors!**

Are you interested in being our school nominee for the Union County Parade Princess?

If so, stop by the guidance office and see Ms. Jarrett to pick up an application! Applications are due by Friday, October 11th.





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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Need Career advice or direction?
Talk to your Counselor or Career
Development Coordinator, Ms. Sarah
Webb today to see all of the pathways
and academies PR has to offer!

**Click here for more info...** 



### About the Program

The Governor's School is a 4 week residential program to build a learning community where students are encouraged to explore and ask questions, with the purpose of learning for its own sake and discovering new possibilities.

**GS Webpage** on NC DPI

**GS Family Overview** 

### **Application Deadline**

4 November, 2024 - see Ms. Anderson for more details.



### **Summer** Program

Click the link below to watch the informationa webinar

### RECORDING

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=k\_8U8tJTboQ

### PRESENTATION

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/lbhouLcuUvCPvWAp6Fe1j6y\_IS21RtvedH8xyRPcENYo/pub?

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### 11th Graders

**Academic Disciplines** 

- English
- Spanish
- Mathematics
- Natural Science
- Social Science

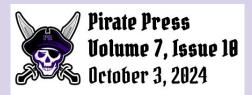
### **Art Disciplines**

- Art
- Choral Music
- Instrumental Music
- Dance
- Theater

### **10th Graders**

- Choral Music
- Dance
- Instrumental Music





Adults and students enrolled in public, private, and parochial schools in states with participating NCDA state divisions are eligible. A list of participating state divisions is available on the NCDA website at www.ncda.org.

- Contest division areas include:
- Primary Grades K 2
- Intermediate Grades 3 5
- Middle Grades 6 8 • Senior Grades 9 - 12
- Adult Student 18 and older enrolled in school
- Open Adult 18 & older
- (Teachers, parents, professionals, etc)

Each entry should celebrate and inspire career development with a positive tone while emphasizing the national theme.

### Requirements for Poems

- · Poetic Form: Acceptable poetic forms, e.g. cinquain, free verse, diamante, haiku, limerick, metered, rhyming, blank verse
- · Size: Submit each poem on a single sheet of paper 8.5" x 11", 12 point font.

### Requirements for Art

- Lettering: Simple bold lettering is preferred.
   Captions are to be used to convey the theme, attract attention, and to achieve goals of clarity, vigor, and originality. All lettering will be considered part of the design.
- Art 1 (A1): Standard use of ink, pencil, poster · Art 2 (A2): Use of photos, clipart, graphic art
- collage, cut and pasted paper, and mixed media.
- Size: Each poster must be created in 8.5" x 11" format, including



### **Contest Deadlines**

- Building/School Contest Submitted to State Contest by December 20, 2024
- . Submission Link (for all submissions) https://forms.gle/UcLi2iXnPApcus2SA





Elizabeth Bartell - elizabeth.bartell@ucps.k12.nc.us Allison Gibson - allison.gibson@sccnc.edu

### **Judging Process**

### Criteria

- Judging will be based on originality, creativity, and development of the national theme
- Poems will be evaluated on appropriate form, execution, spelling, and grammar
- · Art evaluation will focus on the appropriate use

of media, lettering, and basic principles of art. Please adhere to the size requirements for each entry as many entries are received

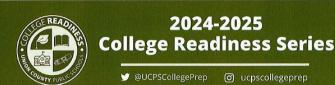
### National Awards

National awards will be given to the first, second, and third place winners in the six divisions in both the Poetry and Art Contests. National winners will be recognized on the NCDA website, www.ncda.org, in May of 2025.

The winning entries will also be on display at the Annual Global Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 18–20 2025.

National winners will receive from the National Career Development Association, a certificate, and a special congratulations gift.

NATIONAL RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NCDA WEBSITE IN MAY 2025



Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
Getting Ready for College	November 16, 2024	Wingate University
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Location TBD
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	Location TBD
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar
Practice ACT Series	February 8, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Location TBD
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Location TBD
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Location TBD
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar

For more information and to register, visit https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions.

# College Readiness Student Opportunities



**Creating my Career Path: Embracing Change in my Journey** 





Applications are open for the U.S. Senate Youth Program for high school juniors and seniors!

Two student delegates and two alternates will be selected to represent North Carolina during Washington Week, March 1-8, 2025. Each delegate will also receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship. Learn more and apply for the United States Senate Youth Program.

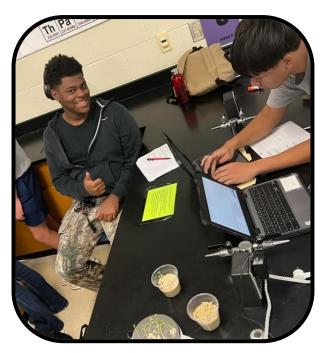
https://ncdpi.instructure.com/courses/6560/ pages/united-states-senate-youth-program



# Advisory & Portrait of a Graduate

Students meet in advisory period twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and learn about leadership, goal setting, problem solving, and more.

UCPS Graduates are Effective Communicators, Resilient Problem Solvers, Key Contributors, Innovative Leaders, and Skilled Collaborators



Students in AP Environmental Science investigate how density impacts growth and interspecies competition in radish and alfalfa seeds!!! Great work! Shout out to Ms. Wiles for making labs a priority!!







# Parent Information

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

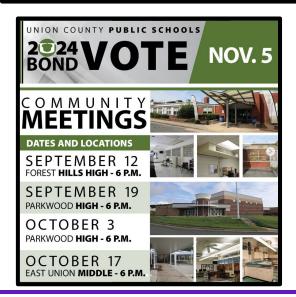
Please email Amy Dieffenbach at <a href="mailto:amy\_dieffenbach@yahoo.com">amy\_dieffenbach@yahoo.com</a> or Alana White at <a href="mailto:alanahwhite@gmail.com">alanahwhite@gmail.com</a> if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

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



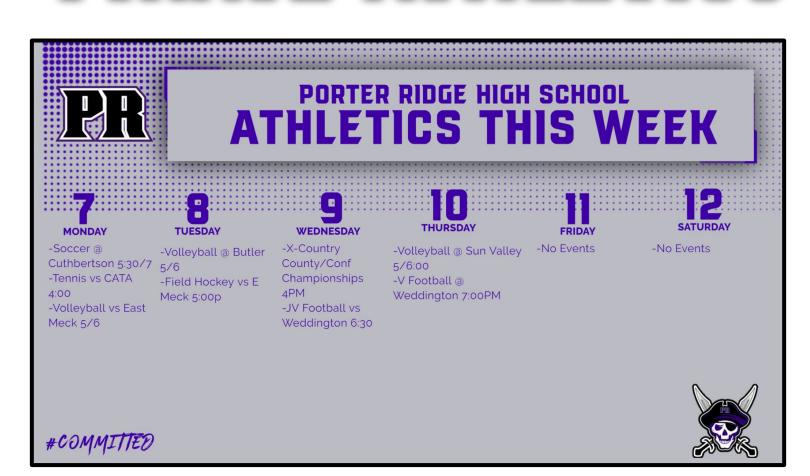
Follow the PTO Instagram Page at <a href="prhs">prhs</a> pto







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.



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Athletic Director	Justin Leath	JUSTIN.LEATH@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheer	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheer JV	Karen Gault	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cross Country	Lea Schullery	lea.schullery@ucps.k12.nc.us
Football	Michael Hertz	michael.hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer JV	Angelo Joaquin	angelo.joaquin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer Varsity	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net
Volleyball	Heather Welch	heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us











PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE-**OUR OFFICIAL** ATHLETIC **WEBSITE- CLICK** THE OR CODE OR USE THE CODE.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE **TICKETS** CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS WEBSITE









- **FUNDRAISING** CHAIRPERSON
- **EVENT**
- COORDINATOR COMMUNICATIONS **CHAIRPERSON**
- WEBSITE COORDINATOR
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- COORDINATOR PHOTOGRAPHER

If you're looking for a great way to support our schools and have a few extra hours we could really use your help.



Contact prabcpres@gmail.com for more information.



UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

### For fall 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 or at the mid-point of an event.
- · After consulting with law enforcement and district leaders, UCPS will utilize body scanners at events. The use of body scanners will begin in the fall of 2024 at football games.











# BASKETBALL CHEER TRYOUTS Wednesday October 23 3:30-5:30 Cafe Thursday October 24 3:30-5:30 Cafe Friday October 25 4:30-7:00 Gym



Boys Soccer Loses to Weddington 2-1, Marvin ridge 3-1, and defeats Forest HIIIs 4-0

Must have updated Family ID to participate

Volleyball loses to Myers Park, Weddington, and Cuthbertson

Field Hockey defeats East Meck 2-1

Girls Tennis loses to Cuthbertson



# PORTER RIDGE RUGBY

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All experience levels welcome. Register Today!











### WHY PLAY RUGBY?

### LESS RISK OF INJURY

Rugby's continuous play and emphasis on tackling techniques can reduce the risk of concussions and other head injuries.

### SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Rugby requires a wide range of skills, including passing, kicking, tackling, and running, which can enhance overall athleticism.

### **VARIETY OF STRATEGIES**

Rugby's tactical complexity and multiple ways to score can make the game more interesting and challenging.

### **TEAMWORK & COMARDAERIE**

Rugby's emphasis on teamwork and sportsmanship can foster strong bonds among players.

### LESS SPECIALIZATION

Rugby doesn't typically require players to specialize in a single position, allowing for more balanced development and enjoyment.

### **GLOBAL SPORT**

Rugby is a popular sport worldwide, offering players opportunities to travel and compete internationally.

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Rugby is the fastest-growing college sport in America for both men and women. Since becoming an Olympic sport in 2016, rugby has gained even more recognition, with the first-ever Major League Rugby (MLR) Collegiate Draft taking place in June 2020. Increasingly, collegiate rugby programs are being designated as varsity sports, offering scholarships and receiving significant funding from their schools.

**PLAY RUGBY!** 



For more information about Porter Ridge Rugby contact

Coach Jason Paquette

jason@cjrarugby.com or 704.277.7630







### **Important Links**

**School Forms- CLICK HERE** 

<u>Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK</u> HERE

### Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

### 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.

### **School Nutrition Prices**

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

Click <a href="here">here</a> to set up an account to **make**<a href="mailto:payments">payments</a> 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

# Family Information

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

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

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

# Transportation Information- CLICK HERE

- → 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.



# Volume 7, Issue 10 New Attendance Procedures

# STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO UCPS PLEASE

### ABSENCE REPORT FORM



Create your account accept submissions from student email accounts. PRHS will review unts created to ensure that the email address used matches the parent email address in powerschool. For safety reasons if the email address does not match the known parent email, the account will be deleted. For reference, the school newsletter, the Pirate Press, is sent to the parent email address on file. You can also call the school to check on your email



### Report Absences

Parent or guardian will submit all absences digitally via this Microsoft form.



### Please Note:

- · Must submit one day absence at a time.
- · You cannot submit an absence before it occurs
- You must upload documentation necessary to excuse absences.
- Porter Ridge High School may only accept a maximum of 5 absences per semester excused with a parent note. After 5 days, only a doctor's note will be accepted.



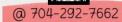
### Report absence:

Once your account has been created, use this link to log in and begin reporting absences.



### Are there any questions?

For questions regarding attendance, please call the



### SUIA PASO A PASO PARA INFORMAR LA ANUNCIO AUSENCIA DEL ESTUDIANTE



La cuenta debe ser creada solo por el padre o la persona a cargo del estudiante. La escuela de PRHS va a revisar y verificar de que la cuenta corresponda al mismo correo electrónico que se tiene en el sistema de la escuela, por razones de seguridad.



### Reporta la razón por la cual no se asistió a la escuela.

Los padres o la persona a cargo del estudiante debe de documentar la razón por la cual el estudiante no estuvo en la escuela. Esta documentación se hace de manera digital por via de Microsoft. En el mismo lugar donde usted creo su cuenta.



### Para tener en cuenta:

- Solo puede reportar un solo día de ausencia.
- No puede reportar ausencias por adelantado. · Debe de adjuntar la documentación para la
- La escuela de Porter Ridge High School sólo acepta un máximo de 5 excusas escritas por los padres. Después de 5 excusas, sólo se aceptarán notas provenientes del doctor.



### Reporte la razón por la que se falto:

Después de que creó su cuenta, usé este link que le da este QR code para reportar la ausencia.

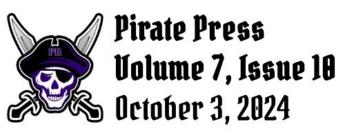


### Si todavía tiene preguntas?

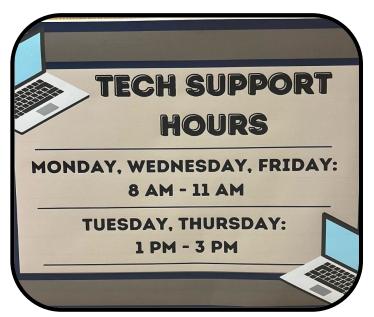
Por favor comuniquese con la escuela al número de teléfono que esta aquí abajo.

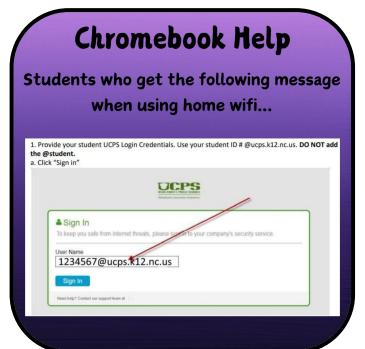


@ 704-292-7662



# Attendance, Chromebooks & Info





Please <u>Click HERE</u> to obtain, sign, and review school forms.

Click HERE for all school payments including past due fees and current technology fees.

### Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

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

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



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

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR @prhsffa @porterridgefootball @prhs pirates @porterridgecheer @prbandofpirates @prhs\_volleyball @prhscounseling @pr\_athletic\_booster\_club @prhs.running @prhsbaseball @prhs.beta.club @prhscs @prhs.piratenation @prhs\_frenchclub\_ @prhs\_hosa @pr.nahs @prhs.wrestling @prhs interactclub @prhs.nhs @prhs.knittingandcrocheting @prhs\_discgolf @prhsfieldhockey @prhswomenslax @porterridgesoftball @ucpsnc @pmhs\_afjrotc @prhs castaways @prhs.draft.robotix @prhsbookclub @prhsmualphatheta @aghoulihan @prhs.jcl.club @porterridgeswimming @prhspiratecheer @prhs\_gsa\_ @prhswtennis @prhs.dnd.club @pr\_nehs @PRHS\_Vocal\_Treasures @prhsspeechanddebate @prhs\_mha\_saves @prhsfilmclub @prphilosophyclub @prhspirates4christ @prhs\_humanities @growinggreen\_prhs @Prhs\_pto @prhs\_spanish.club @prhs.outdoors.club @prguards @prhsmenslacrosse @lawandjusticeskillsusa @prhs.culinaryarts @prb.o.b @porter.ridgewbb @ucpsncathletics @prhs\_menssoccer @the.hook.student.media @prhs4mun @prhs\_sewing\_and\_upcycling @prhs.rise @prhs\_fieldclub @porterridgepe\_department @prhstaap @rhokappaprhs @skillsusa\_piedmont\_porterridge @prhs\_esports

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