

Pirate Press

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PRHS FALL FINAL EXAMS

January 13-16, 8:00 to 12:30

All courses have a final exam that counts at 25% of a student's final grade. All teacher made, EOC, & CTE Exams will be taken at school.

EOC Exams	CTE Exams
Math 1	Apparel & Textile Production
Math 3	Business Essentials
English 2	Child Development
Biology	Culinary Arts & Hospitality I
	Food & Nutrition I
	Foundations of Health Science
	Health Science I
	Interior Design Fundamentals
	Robotics I

Exam Dates

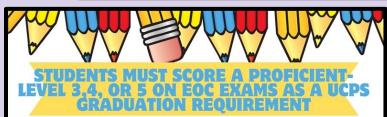
Monday, January 13: 2nd Period Tuesday, January 14: 3rd Period Wednesday, January 15: 4th Period Thursday, January 16: 1st Period

Exam Exemptions

High school students will not be required to take a **teacher made** final exam in a course in the following situations Students will have final notifications on 1/9:

The student has an average of 90 or above. Teacher made exams are defined as tests designed and graded by a UCPS teacher of record for the purpose of assigning an exam grade to a student.

All Students must bring their computer & charger to school each day. All exams with the exception of some teacher made exams will be administered online.



How students prepare and perform is important! Students must score at a Proficient level (Level 3,4, or 5) on End of Course (EOC) Exams as a UCPS graduation requirement.

Students grades during the semester, along with their EOC, determine their final grade. A final grade of passing will allow students to earn HS credit for the course, however, in UCPS students must not only earn credit for the course, but must also show proficiency on End of Course Exams in Math I, Math III, Biology, & English II.

Students show proficiency by earning a score of Level 3, 4, or 5 on the exam. Students who are not proficient will have the opportunity to remediate and retake the test on two days at the end of the school year after the last day of school. If students still do not show

proficiency on their second attempt of the exam, they will be prescribed additional course work to allow them to increase their understanding of the material and show mastery of the content in an alternative way the following school year.

As we continue to build a school culture of excellence - we ask all students to do their best on each assessment so that they meet the graduation requirements the first time they take the exam.

Math 1 & 3, English II, Biology!! We ARE PR and We ARE PRoud!!

PORTER RIDGE HIGH CLASS OF 2029 "SETTING SAIL"

RISING 9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION

- COMPLETED 11/12 Academic Pathways Presentation to 8th Graders at PRMS.
- Th 12/12 PRMS Transition Event at PRHS during school day.
- Th 1/9 6:30pm Welcome Voyage: Transitioning from Middle School to PRHS. Presentation and Walk-around AT PRHS for any Union County Parents & Families considering PRHS.
 - During the school day on **Th 1/9** PRHS staff will also present directly to PRMS 8th graders at PRMS.
 - Th 1/9 PRMS Students receive Registration Cards, Due Dates, & Instructions.
- Tu 1/14 PRMS 8th Grade Lunch and Learn: Students will attend extra/co-curricular fair & experience a PRHS lunch (their normal lunch numbers will be used).
- Tu 1/14 5:00 7:00pm PRMS Parent Drop-in Course Selection Assistance Night with PRHS Counselors AT PRHS.
- Th 1/16 PRMS Families complete Registration Cards and return to PRMS Teachers by 1/16.
- 1/27 2/7 PRHS Counselors meet individually with 8th grade PRMS students to enter course selections at PRMS.
- Non-PRMS families can enroll at the conclusion of their 8th grade year, but are welcome to join us on the evening of 1/9. We would love to meet you and help you learn about our school!



Schedule Corrections

<u>Schedule Change Form</u>- Click Here

Deadline to request a schedule correction is Monday, January 27th, 2025.

2nd semester requests should be made at this time. All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request will be allowed. Please know that classes are mostly full so very few changes will occur.

All schedules have been reviewed. We will not make changes for students who were placed in the 1st or alternative courses requested.

Requests will only be considered for the following: * senior is missing a required class for graduation or for college admissions * student has not met or is missing a prerequisite for a course for which they are enrolled * student is taking a course that he/she has passed * student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule * student has the same course listed twice on the schedule * student has Please See Your Counselor listed on their schedule

Please See Counselor is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected (including alternates).

A counselor will email you as we are able to process your request at your UCPS school email whether a correction can or cannot be made to your schedule.



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 serve Porter Ridge through Leadership!



THESE STUDENTS PASSED CERTIFICATIONS IN

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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 <u>amy dieffenbach@yahoo.com</u> or Alana White at <u>alanahwhite@gmail.com</u> 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

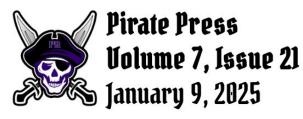


You can Now Venmo the PTO donations

<u>Please Click here</u> to donate.

Follow the PTO Instagram Page at 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. <u>Click here</u> or on the link above.





Senior Information

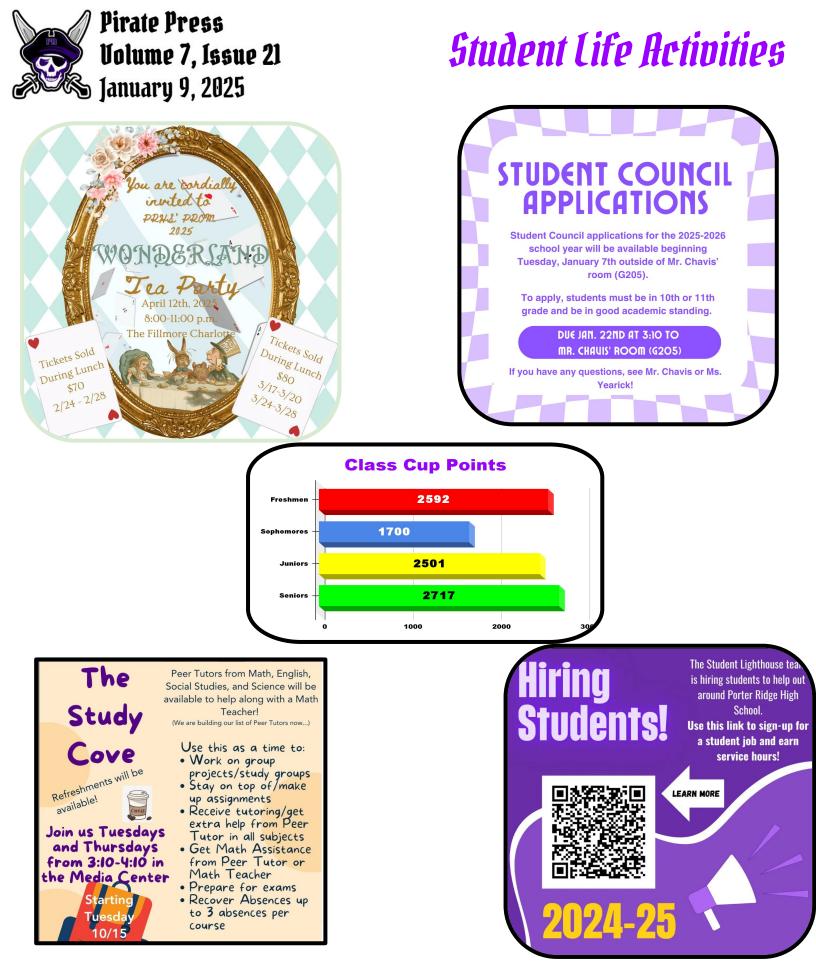
Seniors - over 266 Seniors ordered their Cap and Gown sets already, but we still have a lot of Seniors to go. Please see the flier below and order your cap and gown today. Once you get to the link there are many options. If you just want the cap, gown, and tassel set it costs \$39 but you must scroll almost all the way down the page to be able to click on it. Thanks!

CLICK HERE TO ORDER

Seniors Report your Scholarships

The class of 2025 has already received over 1 million dollars in scholarships! If you have received a scholarship offer, please email the offer to Ms. Jarrett in the counseling office!





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!**

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.

The PRHS Schedule Correction Google Form will go live on January 6th. You must use your UCPS email address for the form to work. Use the link below: https://forms.gle/osmfqyCvXJFk3JiS7

> THE SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST FORM WILL OPEN IN JANUARY! THIS IS HOW YOU WILL REQUEST A CHANGE FOR YOUR SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE.

Counselors will not be making any schedule changes until the form opens.

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...

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)



THE YLA IS A THREE-DAY PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DRAFT, DEBATE AND VOTE ON MOCK LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING, GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 7-9, 2025.

APPLY AT NCLEG.GOV/YLA



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Graduation

Tuesday, June 10 8:00pm PRHS Stadium







High School Seniors!

Apply today for a chance to receive a \$1,000 College Scholarship!



Two ways to apply :

- Visit union-power.com/collegescholarships
- Scan the QR code

APPLY BY MARCH 1



Planning to Pursue a degree in a field related to Horticulture?

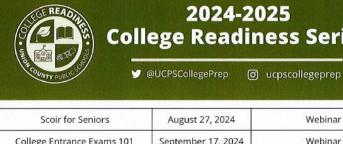
The Garden Club of Weddington is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a senior in UCPS who plans to pursue a degree in a horticulture-related studies program. You can find the application by scanning the QR Code below. The deadline for applying is February 1st, 2025.

See Your Ag Teachers or CDC for questions





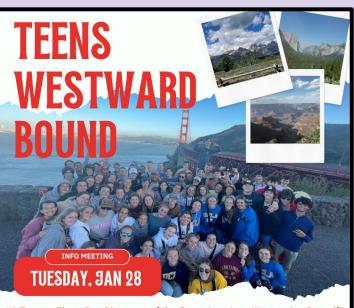
College Readiness Student Opportunities



2024-2025 **College Readiness Series**

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.

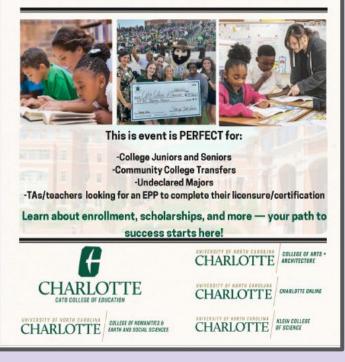


"A Twenty-Three Day Discovery of the Great American West and... Oneself" Visit teenswestwardbound.com or @twbrocks on Instagram for more info! Contact Coach Welch at heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us or Emma Daniels at 12426916@student.ucps.k12.nc.us to attend the info meeting

> Saturday, 25 January 2025

MAJORS, MINORS, & MORE: YOUR GUIDE TO BECOMING AN EDUCATOR

MEBANE HALL 8:30AM-12:00PM



PIRATE ATHLETICS



Sport

Basketball Men's Varsity Basketball Women's Varsity Cheer Cheer JV Indoor Track Swimming

Wrestling

CLICK HERE

PRABC VOLUNTEER INQUIRY FORM

If you want to make an impact for hundreds of student athletes, we need your help! We are volunteer friendly and can use your skill set, even if it's a couple hours a month, to accomplish our goals. Please complete this form and we will be in touch.

Coach	Email Address
Cody Frady	Cody.Frady@ucps.k12.nc.us
Morgan Brown	Morgan.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us
Ashley Lawson	Ashley.Lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Ashley Lawson	Ashley.Lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Meredith Forrest	Meredith.Forrest@ucps.k12.nc.us
Sarah Wiles	Sarah.Wiles@ucps.k12.nc.us
Randy Durbin	randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us

PIRATE ATHLETICS



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ATHLETIC RESULTS

Girls Basketball: Win Vs. Monroe

Ashanti Taylor hits her 1000th point at last night's game in her sophomore year at PRHS!

Boys Basketball: Lost to Monroe

<u>Wrestling :</u> Krizangle Flores got his 100th win: West Stanly Wrestling Duals Tournament 12/18: Porter Ridge 57 - North Stanly 23, Porter Ridge 66 - Lincoln Charter 11, Porter Ridge 54 - Montgomery Central 29, Porter Ridge 47 - Scotland 36, **5-0 Wrestlers,:** Maddox Cheek, Joziah Chandler, Kris Flores, Aslan Dermurchiyev, and London Olivas

Indoor Track : PR Men's and Women's track teams participated in the Christmas is Near Invitational and men took home 3rd overall and women 2nd. Teams were awarded 15 individual medals with first place finishes from the men's 4x4 and 4x2 relays, Cade Cresswell in the 1600, the women's 4x2 relay, Chloe Wiedbrauk in the 500 and Mylen Cadiang in the 55 and 300. Great job to all of the athletes for an outstanding meet!

Swimming: Boys and Girls took fourth place out of five against Marvin, Weddington, Sun Valley and Cuthbertson. Congratulations: Bryce Dadulla and Malachi McAllister for taking first and third place in the 100 fly, Bryce Dadulla took second in the 100 free, Sully Kothe for beating his own school record in the 500 Free with a 5:27.28, and Bryce Dadulla, Sully Kothe, Rocco Woods, and Malachi McAllister for beating the school record set by the 2023 regional team with a 4:31.00 in the 400 Free Relay, Rocco Woods swam his final swim meet, congratulations on graduating early! We are so proud of you and so proud of you for being a part of two school record setting relays!







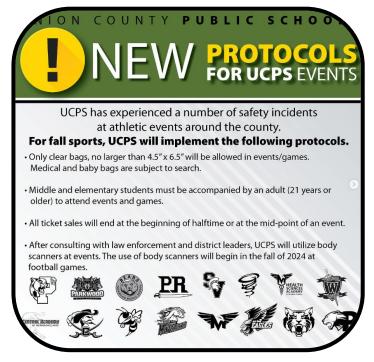


PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE-OUR OFFICIAL ATHLETIC WEBSITE- CLICK THE QR CODE OR -USE THE CODE. -

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











Family Information

Important Links

School Forms- CLICK HERE

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

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

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000 **Transportation information** can be found on the <u>UCPS Transportation</u> <u>pages</u>.

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: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

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

Transportation Information- CLICK <u>HERE</u>

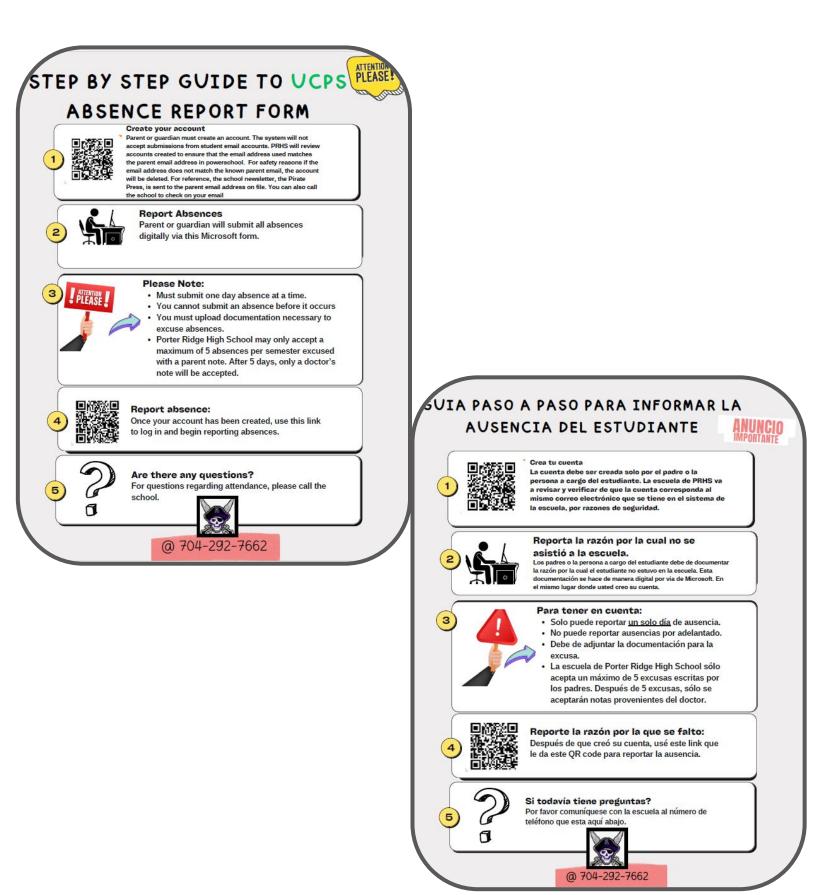
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 Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.

- → 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.

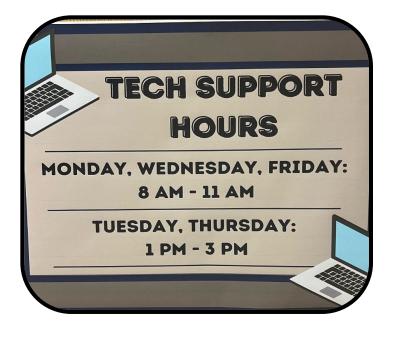


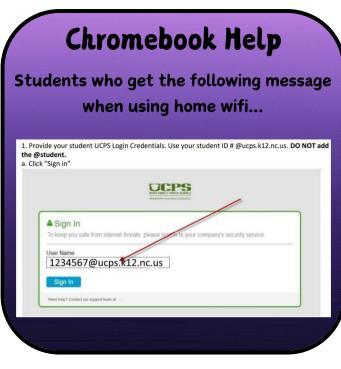
New Attendance Procedures





Attendance, Chromebooks & Info





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

<u>Click HERE</u> 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:

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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 @prhs_computer_science_club

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