

Pirate Press

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JUNIORS:

Blocks 1-3

Take the ACT

SOPHOMORES:

Blocks 1-3

Take the

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FRESHMEN:

Blocks 1-3
Advisory - Career Plan,
Goals, Major Clarity
Career and Learning
Assessments

MONDAY

3/17

ACT Testing Day ATTENDANCE TAKEN EACH PERIOD

> Attendance Taken: 1st: 8:10 - 9:40 2nd: 9:45 - 11:15

3rd: 11:20 - about 12:10 4th: Regular Class 12:15 -3:05

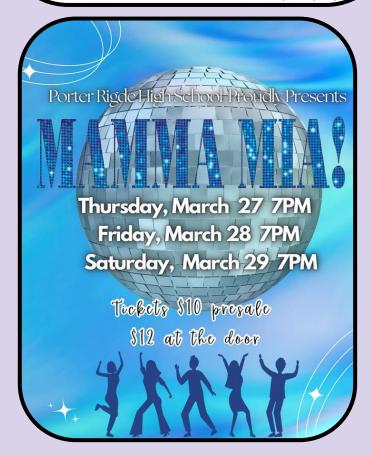
Lunches during 4th block!

SENIORS:

Blocks 1-3
Pirate Leadership
Portfolio, CPR requirement,

Networking, post-high school plan prep





Mamma Mia it's almost time for the spring musical! Be sure to pre-purchase your tickets for Mamma Mia March 27th through 29th at 7pm.

Tickets can be purchased at our.show/prhs

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

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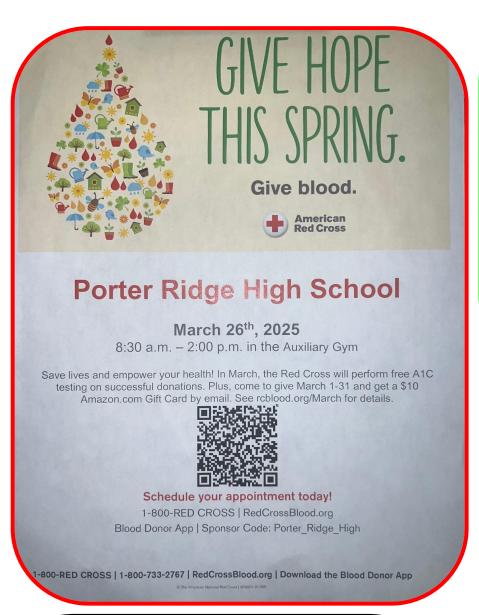
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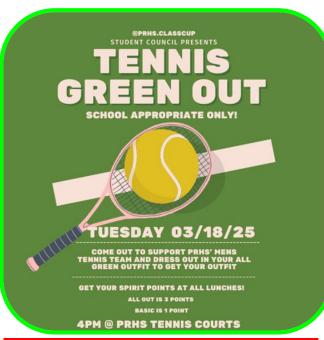
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11AM-6PM

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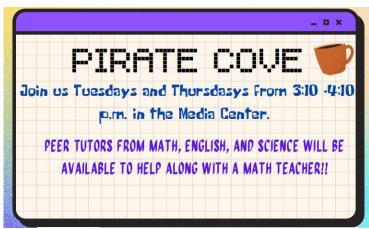
Student Life Activities





The **Spring HOSA Blood Drive** will be held on March 26th at Porter Ridge HS and we will start recruiting donors next week during lunch. Signs are posted in the hallways with the QR code to sign up to give blood. No Spring athletes are allowed to give blood unless approved by your head coach. Remember that you must have parental permission to give if you are 16 or 17. If you have questions see Coach Allran in Room E212.





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!**

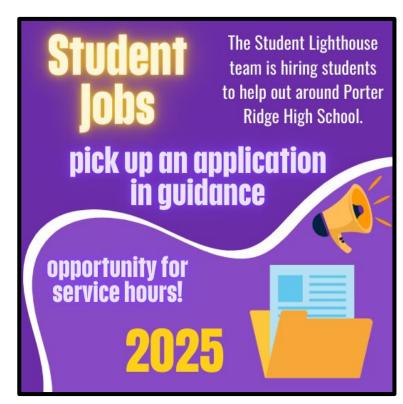
Student Life Activities



OPEN TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS DURING ALL LUNCHES

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SALE

MECHANICAL PENCIL	\$0.50
FOLDER	\$0.75
NOTEBOOK PAPER (20)	\$0.75
FELT TIP PEN	\$1.00
LEAD REFILLS	\$0.25
PEN	\$0.50
ERASER X2	\$0.25
DRY ERASE MARKER	\$0.25
POSTER BOARD	\$1.00
BUNDLE PACKS	
2 MECHANICAL PENCILS	\$1.25
& PACK OF LEAD	
FOLDER, PENCIL, PAPER	\$2.00





PROM

Prom tickets are on sale for \$80 starting Tuesday, March 18th to
Thursday, March 20th and Monday,
March 24th to Friday, March 28th
during all four lunches. Cash or check
only. All fees must be paid to
purchase tickets. Please see Ms.
Lawson with any questions.





Senior Information

Seniors - Many 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!



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!

Here's a look into health science 2 today in Ms. Craig's class, the students are learning about the respiratory system and today's assignment was an edible lung lab where they created their own lung models out of candy.



Our chorus classes had a Pre MPA concert tonight to showcase their talent before adjudication next week!



Congratulations to Emma
Daniels for being recognized
as a Monroe-Union Rotary
Scholarship Finalist!!





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Pirate Gram Recognition from Teachers

PRHS Pirate Grams

Caylen Rodriguez- Consistently put in hard work & demonstrated willingness to help her peers. -Ms. McCollum

Andrea Tirado Cano- Her writing reflects her mastery of course concepts & dedication. -Ms. McCollum

Jaila Mayfield- She is dedicated to producing quality work! -Ms. McCollum

Hensley Acatitlan- Hernandez- Exceeded her academic goal for term 4. -Ms. Glenn

Ailani Martinez- Always focused, organized, all around great student! -Ms. Glenn

Marshall Taylor- Beyond proud of you! Keep up the good work! -Ms. Glenn

Maileigh Olivares- Great work in class! -Ms. Hill

Nana Ghansah- Great work! -Ms. Hill

Michaela Ottaway-Being a hard worker! -Ms. Hill

Caylen Rodriguez- Your dedication to school really shows! -Ms. Goldberg

Amy Cortez-Your enthusiasm for learning is inspiring! -Ms. Goldberg

Braelynn Saunders- Keep up the great work! -Ms. Goldberg



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Hello! My name is Gabriel Hamilton, and I'm currently a junior. This semester, I have the opportunity to participate in Peer Tutoring at Porter Ridge Middle School, and it has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

I never expected to take this path in my high school journey, but I'm so glad I did.

Helping others has always been a passion of mine, both in and outside of academics. The peer tutoring program at our school creates a unique opportunity to connect with younger students and share the knowledge and skills I've gained over the years.

This experience has been truly meaningful for me, and I look forward to continuing it for the rest of the semester!





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

JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE



You can Now Venmo the PTO donations

Please Click here 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. Click here or on the link above.



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

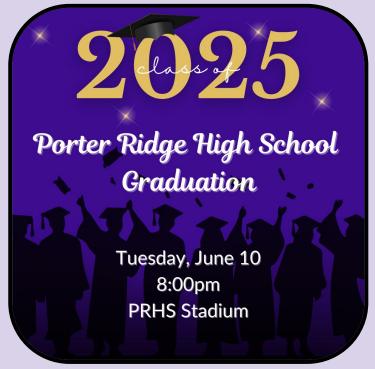
Alexandra Green– last names Sap-Z alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

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.

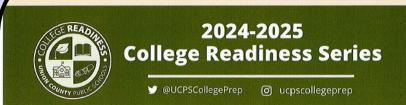


Need Career advice or direction?
Talk to your Counselor or Career
Development Coordinator, Ms. Sarah
Webb today to see all of the pathways
and academies PR has to offer!

Click here for more info...







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.



PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



Opportunity to Participate in AP Research for one of our Students

Hello, my name is Claire Kramb. I am conducting an evaluation survey for a Senior year Advanced Placement, AP, Research class. I am looking to hear from parents and guardians of Porter Ridge High School Students. I am researching the effectiveness of the two programs: "Say Something" and "Start With Hello," along with the two subprograms "the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System" and "Start With Hello Week" from Sandy Hook's promise. I want to find out what works and what doesn't work for these programs to create a plan for future youth mental health initiatives in Union County.

I greatly appreciate your non-biased results. You do NOT have to be entirely familiar with these programs to take this survey! Your answers will still be valuable for my research!

Click HERE to take the Survey

Thank you, Claire Kramb "



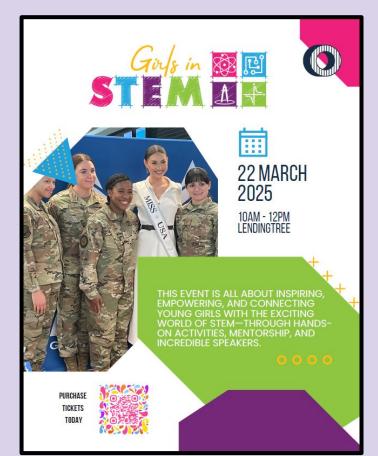


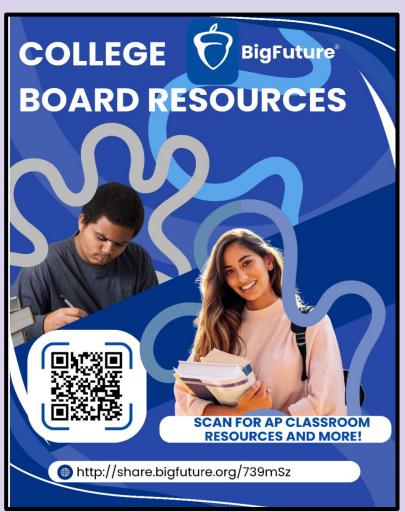


College Readiness Student Opportunities



If you are interested in taking SPCC courses,
Summer registration and Fall pre-registration is
open now. Please speak with your counselor and
schedule a meeting with Ms. Sturdivant, our SPCC
Career Coach to learn more. Ms. Sturdivant's
email can be found in the Guidance Lobby.





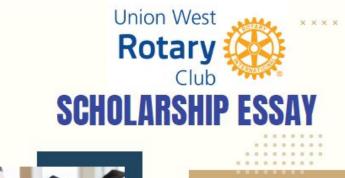
College Readiness Student Opportunities

Taking an AP class this year?
Scan the QR code to gain
access to various
CollegeBoard resources now!

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Scanning this link and following the steps on your AP Classroom Dashboard can qualify you to potentially win a \$500 or \$40,000 scholarship!







SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

Students must attend Porter Ridge, Sun Valley, Metrolina, or be a homeschool student from Indian Trail

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Complete online application and submit an essay by April 9.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:

A total of \$10,000 will be awarded to graduating seniors pursuing further education at a college, university or trade school.

CONTACT US:





College Readiness Student Opportunities

"Academy Pathway Applications 2025-2026" - Rising 11th & 12th Graders

Academy applications for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the UCPS Career
Readiness (https://ucpscte.org/) page on the UCPS website or see your Career
Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

Cosmetology Academy - Deadline - Monday, May 5th

*The application for Cosmetology MUST be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Monday, May 5th. If the application is not turned in by Monday, May 5th, students will be put on a waitlist.

Nurse Aide (CNA) & EMT Academy - Application Deadline has Passed

*Any student interested in Nurse Aide (CAN) or EMT Academy and fill out the application now, student will be put on a waitlist.

"2025-2026 CTE Internship"

UCPS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Internship program provides students the opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career interest prior to college or post-secondary training. The 2025-2026 CTE Internship application is now open. Students can find the Internship application by going into their Major Clarity account and clicking on Work-Based Learning on the left-hand side.

Application Deadlines

- Summer 2025 Internship March 1st
- Fall 2025 Semester May 1st
- Spring 2026 Semester October 1st

"2025-2026 Pre-Apprenticeship"

Pre-apprenticeship is a program or set of strategies designed to prepare individuals for entry into Register Apprenticeship Programs (RAP) or other job opportunities. Pre-apprenticeships may last from a few weeks to a few months and may or may not include wages or stipend. Pre-apprenticeship programs have varied program elements; however, at the core, places an individual on a pathway to employability through a RAP.

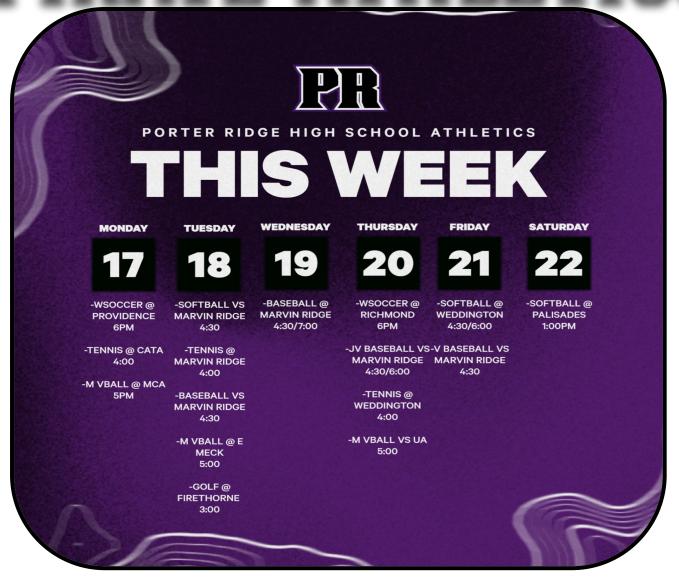
Students interested in a Pre-Apprenticeship in Health Care, HVAC, Manufacturing or Teaching as a Profession, please visit the UCPS CTE website (<u>ucpscte.org/pre-apprenticeships/</u>) for more information and the application.

If you have any questions, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us. The CTE
Academy
applications are
now open. If you
are interested in
any CTE academy
please visit the
UCPS CTE web
page or see Ms.
Webb in guidance.
Cosmetology
deadline is
Monday, May 5th.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

PIRATE ATHLETICS



Sport	Coach	Email Address

Baseball Varsity	Tommy Small	Thomas.Small@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com
Men's Lacrosse	Jack Callahan	callahanjack561@gmail.com
Men's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net
Softball	Kevin Allran	kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's/ Women's Track and Field	Meredith Forrest	Meredith.Forrest@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Lacrosse	Deevo Tindall	deevo@thebrandstoryteller.com

Jade Cheron

Jade.Cheron@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Soccer Varsity

PIRATE ATHLETICS

Athletic Results

Girls Soccer lost to East Meck 1-0
Girls Soccer lost to Hickory Ridge 1-0
Girls Soccer beat Charlotte Christian 6-0
Boys Tennis Beat Forest Hills 7-2
Boys Tennis beat Parkwood 9-0
Boys LAX lost to Butler 12-3
Softball won vs. South Stanley 9-8
Softball won vs. Mallard Creek





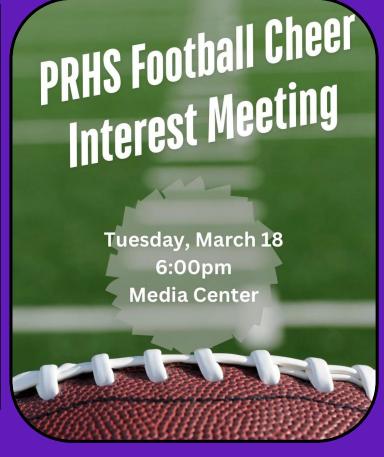




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CLICK ON THE AD TO PURCHASE

PIRATE ATHLETIC

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





PUBLIC

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.





















- PRABC MEMBERSHIP
- **EXCLUSIVE** T-SHIRT





PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



- **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.

Family Information

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 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 **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.

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.

New Attendance Procedures

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO UCPS PLEASE! ABSENCE REPORT FORM



Create your account

Parent or guardian must create an account. The system will not accept submissions from student email accounts. PRHS will review accounts 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.



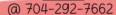
Report absence:

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 school.



SUIA PASO A PASO PARA INFORMAR LA AUSENCIA DEL ESTUDIANTE





Crea tu cuenta

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 <u>un solo día</u> de ausencia.
 No puede reportar ausencias por adelantado.
- · Debe de adjuntar la documentación para la
- excusa.

 La escuela de Porter Ridge High School sólo
- La escuela de Porter Ridge High School solo acesta 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?

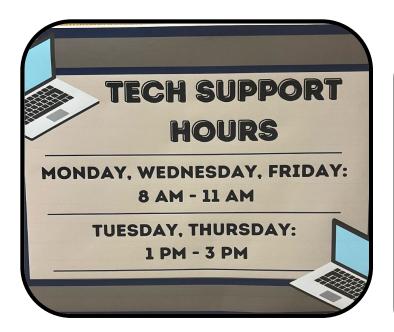
Por favor comuníquese con la escuela al número de teléfono que esta aquí abajo.

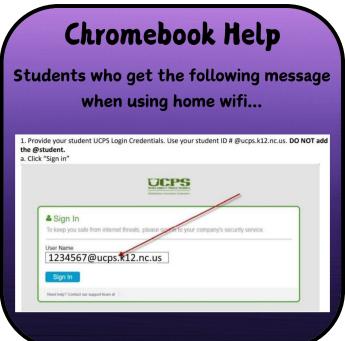


@ 704-292-7662



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 @prhs_computer_science_club

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