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PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB







Student Life Activities

- The **student lighthouse team** would like to announce student jobs for the 2024-2025 school year. Use the QR code to apply.
- Hi Pirates! Join us October 5th for A Night in The Enchanted Garden from 8-11pm. Tickets are \$25 cash or check, and they can be purchased from September 13th-27th during all lunches. We hope to see you there!
- Science National Honor Society membership applications are now available. Scan the QR Code outside of Mrs. Broadbent's or Mrs. Wiles' door to apply. Applications must be submitted by September 20th.
 - All are welcome to attend the **GSA** meeting on Friday Sept. 20th in G106 from 3:15-4:15. We'll have snacks and discussion. See you there!
 - ❖ Pirate HS Rugby Interest Meeting Tuesday 9/24 3:10 in media center
- ❖ If you are interested in learning more about the Savannah College of Art and Design, UNC- Charlotte, or UNC-Wilmington, sign up for these college visits through Scoir now! The first visit will be on September 24th in the Guidance Lobby.
- ❖ Interested in gardening? Want to learn more about nature? Join the **Outdoors Club** for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 24th after school in G211. All are welcome to attend!
 - The **Mental Health Awareness Saves Club** will be hosting our first meeting Wednesday, Sept 25th in G114 at 3:10pm. Come and wind down from the start of school with a relaxing activity. All those interested are encouraged to swing by and learn about the club!
- All are welcome to attend our Interest meeting for **Humanities Club** on Thursday, September 26th. Our focus is Takis and Talk where we will share food, make a craft, and discuss current issues facing the Hispanic community in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month. Come to G106 from 3:15-4:00 ready to learn and share!

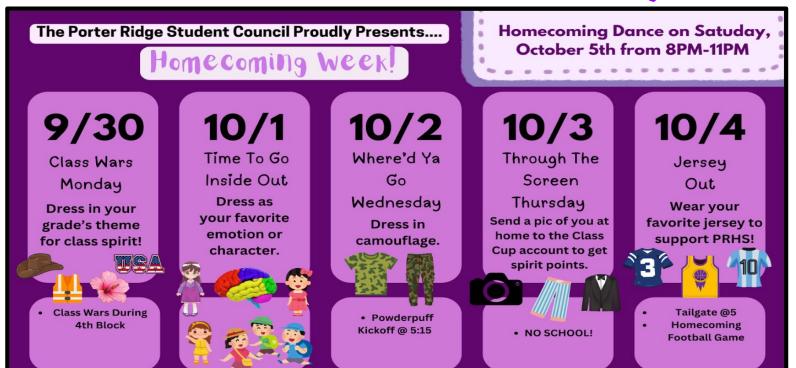








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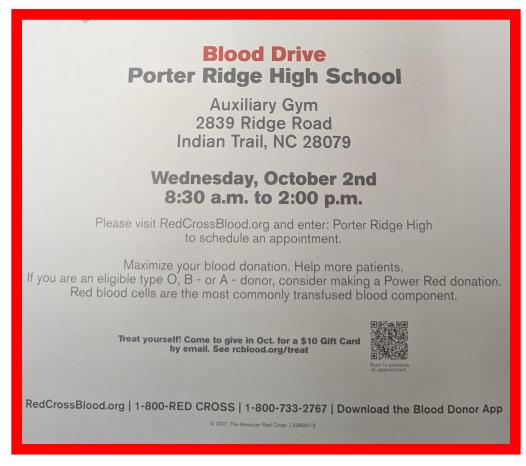


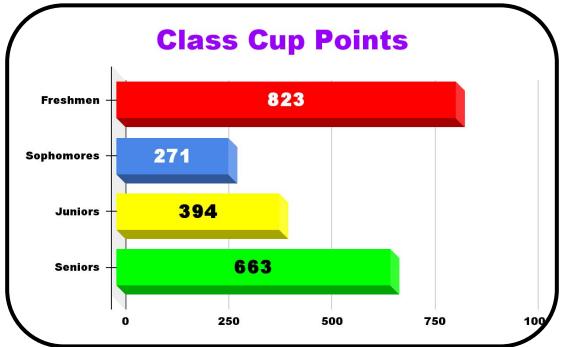






Student Activities & Programs





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!**



Who is your counselor?

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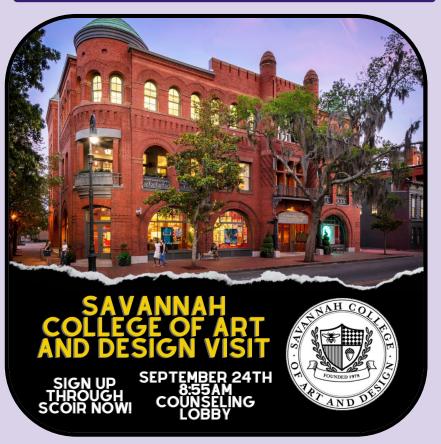
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The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an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



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 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.

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

If you are interested in learning more about the **Savannah College of Art and Design, UNC- Charlotte, or UNC-Wilmington,**sign up for these college visits through Scoir now! The first visit will be on September 24th in the Guidance Lobby.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

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.



ARE YOU APPLYING TO UNC
CHARLOTTE? ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN BEING
NOMINATIED FOR THE LEVINE
SCHOLARSHIP?

Email Ms. Jarrett at cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us by September 27th





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)

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.

- paints, magic marker, acrylics, and oils · Art 2 (A2): Use of photos, clipart, graphic art
- software, collage, cut and pasted paper, and mixed media.
- · Size: Each poster must be created in 8.5" x 11" format, including matte, to be eligible.



Contest Deadlines

- Building/School Contest Submitted to State
- Contest by December 20, 2024
- State Contest winners will be submi
 Contest by February 20, 2025
- Submission Link (for all submissions) https://forms.gle/UcLi2iXnPApcus2SA





• North Carolina State Contacts 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.

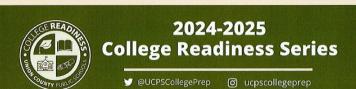
National Awards

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





STUDENT

LEADERSHIP TEAM



PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



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PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE





What is it?

Do you embody the 5 attributes of the UCPS Portrait of a Graduate? Apply today to be on the UCPS
Portrait of a Graduate (PoG) Student Leadership Team!

This team of student leaders will help integrate the five PoG attributes effective communicator, resilient problem solver, key contributor, innovative leader, and skilled collaborator - into UCPS high schools and the district.

Selected students will serve at the school or district levels, participating in monthly meetings and leading county-wide initiatives.

Apply Today!

https://bit.ly/PoGstudentleader

Deadline to apply is September 30, 2024!





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 Mr. Hoaglands Biology class conduct an experiment to determine the difference in photosynthesis in light vs dark.

Culinary students are baking Snickerdoodle Cookies today! Chef Diaz is giving instructions!

Our Wayfind Scholars began mentoring programs the past two weeks!











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 OR CODE INFO

INFORMATION TO LINK VIC CARD





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.

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PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

-No Events

-Volleyball vs Marvin Ridge 5:00/6:00 -Tennis vs Marvin Ridge 4:00

-Soccer vs Marvin Ridge 5:30/7:00 -Volleyball @ Myers -Volleyball vs Park 5:00/6:00

-Tennis vs Weddington 4:00 Weddington 5:00/6:00

-Soccer vs Concord 5:30/7:00 -Field Hockey @ Providence Day

-No Events

-No Events

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Athletic Director

Cheer

Cheer JV

Cross Country

Football

Men's Soccer JV

Men's Soccer Varsity

Women's Golf

Women's Tennis

Volleyball

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PIRATE ATHLETICS

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



- GAMES FOR ALL SPORTS Ø 50 YD LINE PRIORITY SEATING
- 7) PRABC
- MEMBERSHIP
- **EXCLUSIVE**T-SHIRT





Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or

Medical and baby bags are subject to search.

- 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







PIRATE ATHLETICS









RESULTS

Great job to **PRXC** who ran at the Queen City Invite! Special congrats to **Cade Cresswell who finished 2nd place** with a time of 16:48! Great job everyone!

Girls Tennis lost vs Cuthbertson

Boys Soccer wins vs CATA

Volleyball wins vs Ballantyne Ridge





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.

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. PR4S 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.

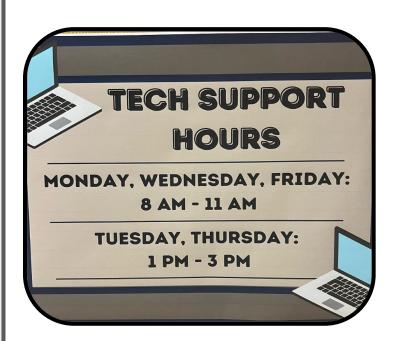


Are there any questions?

For questions regarding attendance, please call the school.

@ 704-292-7662

New Attendance Procedures & Tech Help



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



@ 704-292-7662



Attendance, Chromebooks & Info

Chromebook Help Students who get the following message when using home wifi... 1. Provide your student UCPS Login Credentials. Use your student ID # @ucps.k12.nc.us. DO NOT add the @student. a. Click "Sign in" Sign in To keep you safe from internet threats, please store to your company's security service User Name 1234567@ucps.k12.nc.us Sign in Itaed belp? Contact our support fearm at 1.

Please <u>Click HERE</u> for all PRHS back to school information in English and Spanish.

Please <u>Click HERE</u> to obtain, sign, and review beginning of school year 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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