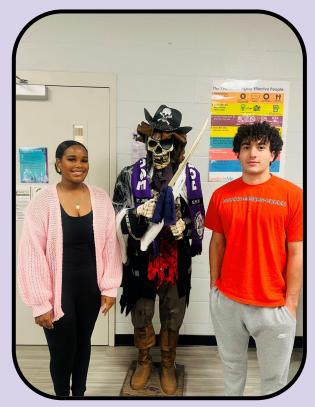


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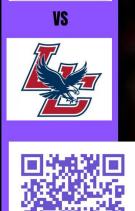


Congratulations to our Portrait of a Graduate Representatives- Emily McNair and Clayton Loredo!



Peer Tutors from Math, English, Social Studies, and Science will be available to help along with a Math Teacher! (We are building our list of Peer Tutors now...)

- Use this as a time to: • Work on group
- projects/study groups • Stay on top of/make up assignments
- Receive tutoring/get extra help from Peer Tutor in all subjects
- Get Math Assistance from Peer Tutor or Math Teacher
- Prepare for exams
  Recover Absences up to 3 absences per course





NOVEMBER 22, 2024 VARSITY GIRLS 6 --VARSITY BOYS 7:30 PORTER RIDGE HIGH GYM

Use the QR Code for Tickets

Dress out in your best **Blue gear** to show your support for the **Porter Ridge Swim Team**!

Friday, November 22nd

Dress up **at** school for spirit points. Basic: 1 All Out: 3 MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE. NO SWIMSUITS.

# **ADVISORY & PORTRAIT OF A**

Students meet in advisory per **ERVA Dwedkon Fle**sdays 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!



We had a breakfast to honor our **UCPS Influencer, CTE teacher Mr. Webb Richard Webb**, November 2024 UCPS Influencer "Mr. Webb is such an inspirational person. My son was lost when he first started high school. He was getting into trouble and really did not know what he wanted to do. That is, until he took his first automotive class with Mr. Webb. My son connected so well with Mr. Webb. He suddenly had a vision for his future and started to take high school a little more seriously. Through Mr. Webb's patience, understanding and willingness to go above and beyond, he helped my son overcome his shyness and inability to speak up and talk to others. My son gained immeasurable experience through Mr. Webb, whether it was through his CTE classes, SkillsUSA club and competitions, or just being there for him and helping him through tough lessons. My son graduated last year and is now attending Universal Technical Institute, studying auto mechanics. Mr. Webb even helped my son get a job at Advanced Auto. My son still keeps in touch with him, and Mr. Webb is STILL teaching him. Mr. Webb is a passionate teacher, and I hope more students find the value of being a student in his class."

The **PRHS Superintendent's Advisory Council Team** made a presentation about PR to their district peers and hosted the countywide meeting with all other high schools this week. We thank them for their hard work making our schools a better place!



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



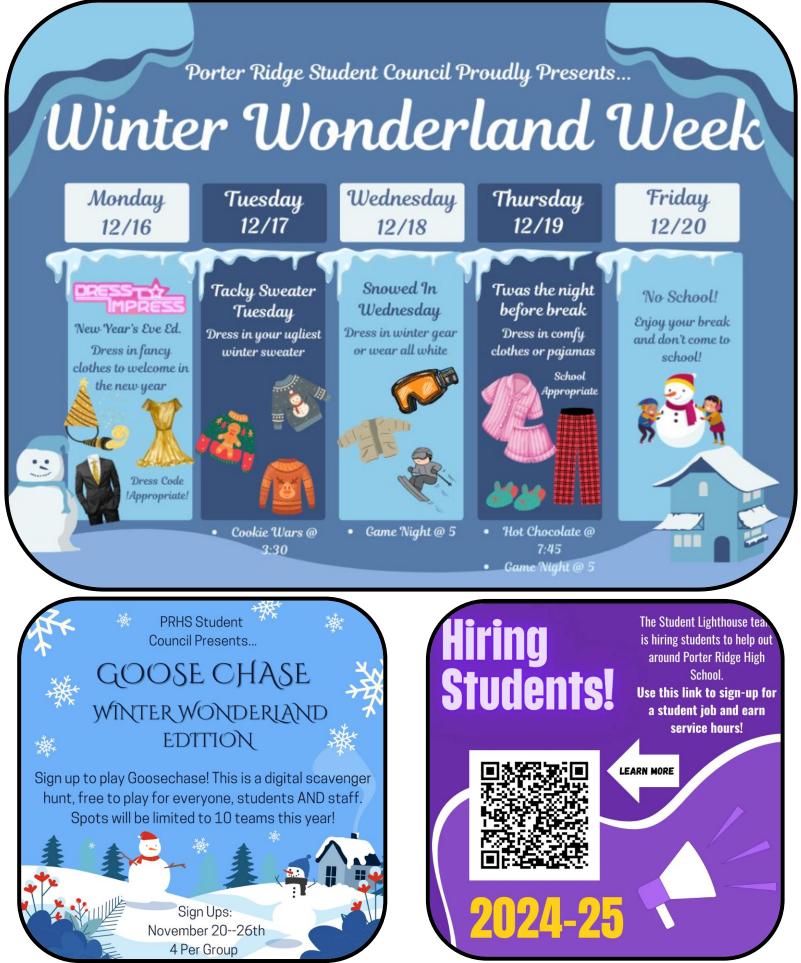
You can Now Venmo the PTO donations

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

Follow the PTO Instagram Page at <u>prhs\_pto</u> 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.



# Student Life Activities







#### SIGN-UPS: DECEMBER 2 -DECEMBER 13

Sign up during lunches the week of December 2nd through December 13th to get a chance to participate in one of the four Game Night tournaments for the 2024 Game Night.



# Student Life Activities

BONEYARD BONFIRE Nesie Contest December 12 5:30-7:45 WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE EVENT PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNER WINNERS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNER





# Student Life Activities

★ FBLA will conduct a Non-Perishable Food Drive from this Monday, November 18th until Monday, November 25th. All items collected will be delivered to the Union County Department of Social Service Christmas Bureau. Please bring your donated food items to F100.



This week's **Badminton** tournament is canceled. Our next meeting is December 13th for our Holiday Party.



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 <u>bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

**Cassidy Jarrett**– last names Me-Sao <u>cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

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.

#### **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



# 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! <u>Click here for more info</u>...

> 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.



#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A BRANCH IN THE MILITARY?

Sign up to take the ASVAB test on December 4th at PRHS from 12:30 – 3:00 PM. This test helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. https://forms.gle/HGPFiyaab865M2Mp8





# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## **MONROE-UNION BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

**EMAIL OR SEE MS. JARRETT IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE TO PICK UP THE APPLICATION!** 

> Application and short essay are due to Ms. Jarrett December 17th.



#### OOKING FOR A FUN & REWARDING SUMMER JOB?

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APPLY

NOW!



Lifeguards Attendants Assistant Managers **Pool Managers** 



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TRAIMING REIMBURSMENT Earn back up to \$150 of your certification





#### CERTIFICATIONS

Must be 15 years old We accept valid lifeguard certifications from Red Cross, YMCA,

StarGuard & Boy Scouts of America



#### DO I NEED EXPERIENCE?

No! Everyone starts somewhere.

#### PLACEMENT

Placement is based on convenient facilities near you!

Requests are more likely to be fulfilled for those who complete the hiring process as early as possible.

#### **JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION TO LEARN MORE!**



**CONTACT US!** KAYLA (704)900-9225

#### Prerequisites Swim 300 yards Tread water for 2

minutes

area

Swim 20 yards,

from surface &

return to starting

retrieve brick



## *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.





COLLEGE TRANSFER

Wednesday, December 4 | 12:00pm - 1:45pm OCH Campus, Main Building Lobby & Student Center

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Meet with admissions officials from

universities across the state. Get information about maiors, financial

aid, residence life, scholarships, transfer requirements, and more!

Institutions attending include:

Appalachian

CAMPBELL

**BECU** 

Andrews

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## *College Readiness Student Opportunities*





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#### Seniors...

If you have or are in the process of completing two Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, students will be taking the **ACT WorkKeys** assessment on Monday, November 25th or Tuesday, November 26th. Students that need to take the **ACT WorkKeys** assessment will be notified this week by receiving an email from Ms. McCullough. Students please be sure to check your school email to see if you need to take the ACT WorkKeys assessment.



#### Benefits of taking the ACT WorkKeys Exam

ACT<sup>®</sup> WorkKeys<sup>®</sup> assessments are the cornerstone of the ACT workforce solutions. The assessments help you measure the workplace skills that can affect your job performance. WorkKeys assessments are:

- Unique—Unlike other assessments, they don't simply give an indication of reading and writing competency. Instead, they measure a range of hard and soft skills relevant to any occupation, at any level, and across industries.
- Recognized—Successful completion of WorkKeys assessments can lead to earning an National Career Readiness Certificate<sup>®</sup> (NCRC<sup>®</sup>)—a credential that verifies foundational workplace skills. Tens of thousands of employers recognize the value of the NCRC, and many recommend the credential to candidates.

#### National Career Readiness Certificate

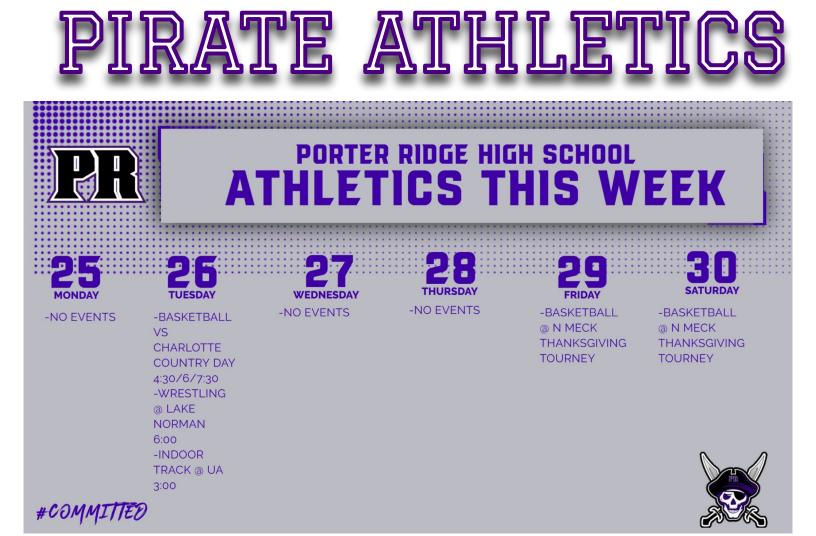
The ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT WorkKeys NCRC<sup>®</sup>) is an assessmentbased credential issued at four levels; Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The NCRC measures and certifies the essential work skills needed for success in jobs across industries and occupations. With an NCRC, you can:

- Build confidence that your skills meet the needs of employers
- Show prospective employers concrete proof of the skills you have
- Apply real-world use to coursework from the classroom
- Determine skill improvement and training needs
- Improve the opportunities for career changes and advancement
- Earn college credit at many institutions and reach academic goals more quickly

#### **Requirements to earn National Career Readiness Certificate**

A National Career Readiness Certificate is earned by achieving a Level Score of 3 or better on all three WorkKeys assessments:

- Applied Math
- Workplace Documents
- Graphic Literacy



Sport	Coach	Email Address
Athletic Director	Justin Leath	JUSTIN.LEATH@ucps.k12.nc.us
Basketball Cheer	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Basketball Cheer JV	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Indoor Track	Meredith Forrest	meredith.forrest@ucps.k12.nc.us
Wrestling	Randy Durbin	randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Basketball JV	Matthew Byrum	matthew.byrum@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Basketball Varsity	Cody Frady	cody.frady@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Basketball	Morgan Brown	morgan.brown@gmail.com







ATTENTION K to 5th Graders - sign up for PRHS Little Pirate Basketball Cheer Camp. The Cost is \$40 (includes T-Shirt and snacks). To pay for camp please click <u>HERE</u>! Deadline to pay is Tuesday,



#### Wrestling:

Porter Ridge 66 West Davidson 12 Porter Ridge 47 Parkwood 29 Losses to Piedmont and Mallard Creek

Team Dual Record 2-2

On Saturday we competed at the Roughedge Rumble at Parkwood High School. 25 team individual tournament. Kris Flores Place 1st at 165 lbs Aslan Demurchiyev 3rd at 144 lbs Corey Sanchez 4th at 106 lbs Gabby Alegria 4th at 132 lbs in the women's division.

# PIRATE ATHLETICS

# ATHLETIC DEPT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Money collected from this fundraiser will help support our program with operational costs and equipment. The QR Code will take you to the Raffle page. Every \$10 equals 1 chance to win!!



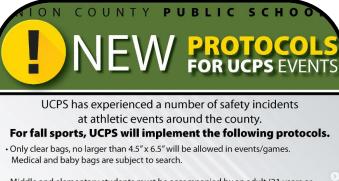


PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE-OUR OFFICIAL ATHLETIC WEBSITE- CLICK THE QR CODE OR -USE THE CODE. -





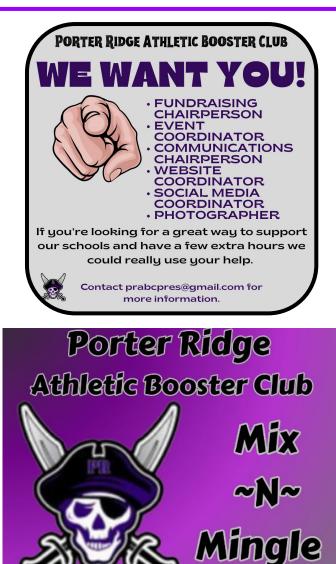
PRIORITY SEATING PRABC MEMBERSHIP EXCLUSIVE T-SHIRT



- 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.



CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE <u>TICKETS</u> CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS WEBSITE



When: Monday 12/2 @ 7:00pm Where: Mia Famiglia Pizzeria Come Find Out What the PRABC Is All About

# PIRATE ATHLETICS



Pirates did a GREAT job at the Mav Classic Cheer Competition! 1st Place at the Maverick Classic in our division! And we earned the BEST CROWD LEADING AWARD!!! CONGRATULATIONS to these 16 girls for working HARD!!! WE ARE PROUD of you

There will be a **Boys tennis** informational meeting on Thursday December 5th in room E104 after school. Please see Coach Ladimir if you have any questions.





# 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> 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: <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>

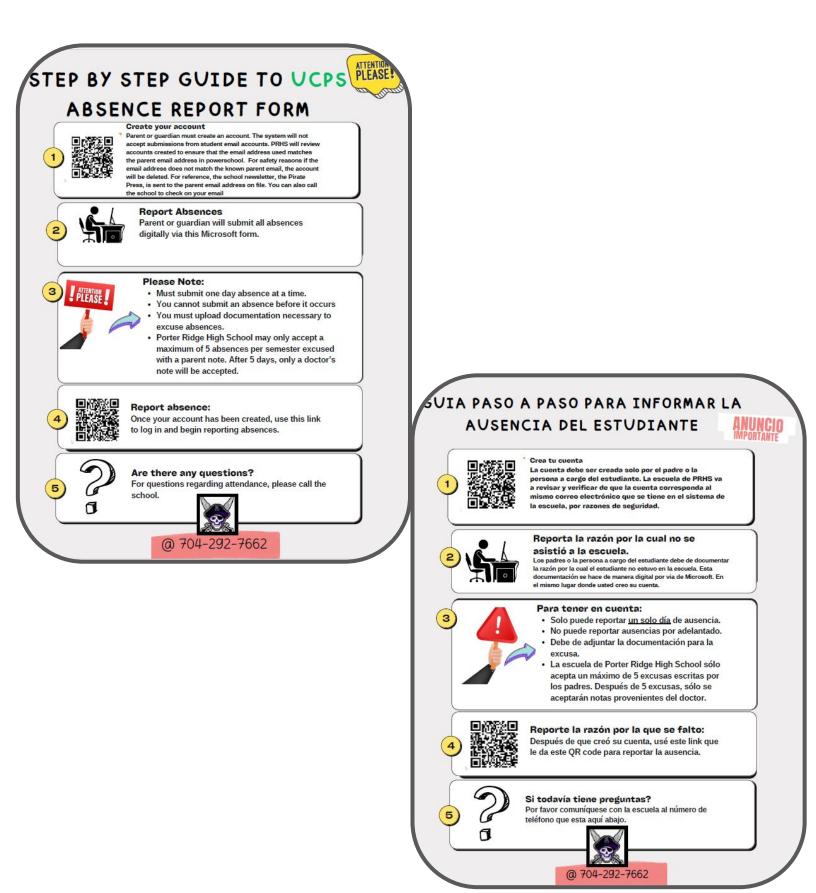
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 Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.

- → 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.

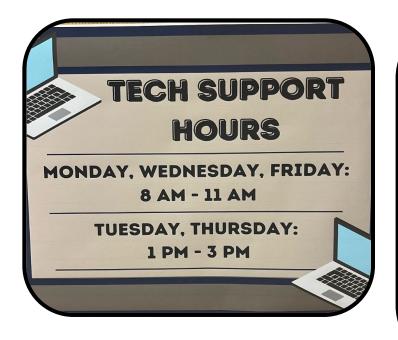


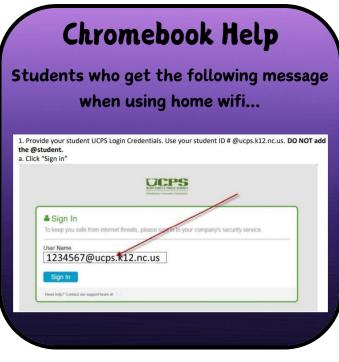
# *New Attendance Procedures*





# 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:**

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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