

# Pirate Press

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The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...

Homecoming Week!

The HOMECOMING DANCE will be on Saturday 8-11 PM Tickets will be for sale 9/8-9/19 for 30\$ 

9/22 Midnight Monday



9/23

NO SCHOOL!



9/24

Athletes vs. **Mathletes** 



9/26

Jersey Out



Night: Tailgate @5:00 pm and Game @7:00 at the Gym during 4<sup>t</sup>

9/25

**Class Wars** 

Thursday

Football Tailgate Charlotte Catholic

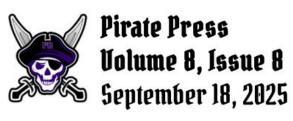
Powderpuff @5:30 in the Stadium

NO SCHOOL





# Homecoming Week









# PORTRAITS OF PIRATES







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Take advantage of our flexible payment options for the 2026 yearbook!



# Student Life

Click the Ad to buy a yearbook





YOU WILL RECEIVE HONORS CLASS CREDIT FOR BEING A PIRATE AMBASSADOR

bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

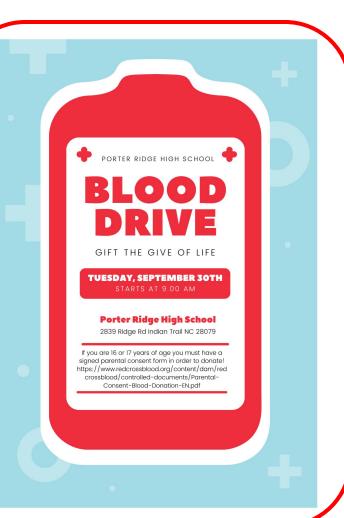
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



# YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN PRHS Club Calendar The club calendar allows students to view all club meeting dates MUST USE SCHOOL ACCOUNT TO VIEW CALENDAR

# Student Life









# Student Life

Applications to join the Science National Honor Society are now open for Juniors and Seniors. Click the link in the Student Daily Announcements or scan the QR Code outside Mrs. Broadbent's room (E207D) to apply. Applications are due September 19th.













Any student wishing to join PR's Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta) is invited to attend our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, October 7 @ 7:45 AM in E-210 (Mr. Howard's room)!





## 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.

### **SAT Dates and Deadlines**

Fall 2025

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 23	August 8	August 12
September 13	August 29	September 2
October 4	September 19	September 23
November 8	October 24	October 28
December 6	November 21	November 25

# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

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 29th



# UCPS CollegeReadinessWebsiteClick herefor UCPSinitiatives

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# UNITED STATES SENATOR TED BUDD SERVICE ACADEMY DAY











### ABOUT THE EVENT

United States Senator Ted Budd will hold a U.S. Service Academy Day on Saturday, September 20, 2025. The event will offer North Carolina high school students the chance to learn about the opportunities for prospective nominees and eligibility requirements for the United States' military service academies.

Representatives from the U.S. Service Academies will be on hand to answer questions and distribute information. High school students of all ages and parents are encouraged to attend.

WHAT: U.S. Service Academy Day

WHEN: 09.20.2025

TIME: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WHERE: Davidson Davie Community College

Rittling Conference Center, 2nd Floor,

297 DCC Road

Thomasville, NC 27360

**DUESTIONS:** Call 336.941.4470

To RSVP please email ServiceAcademyNominations@budd.senate.gov





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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

### For Students

### Using Scoir with Common App™

Your school is integrating Common App with Scoir. This means you must connect your Common App account to Scoir to sync your college lists and request recommendations in Scoir.

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- Troubleshooting
- · Need help?

### **How It Works**

You'll still use Common App to complete and submit your applications, but you'll connect your Common App account to Scoir to sync your college lists. This lets your counselor see where you're applying and helps make sure the right documents get sent. If permitted by your school, you'll also use Scoir to request and assign teacher recommendations.

### Some steps happen in Common App, and others in Scoir:

In Common App, you'll:	In Scoir, you'll:	
Create your account and fill out your application	Connect your Common App account (only seniors with an assigned counselor)	
Add your high school and colleges	See you synced Common App colleges in your My Colleges list	
Complete the FERPA Release Authorization	Request and assign teacher recommendations (If permitted)	
Request a Fee Waiver or complete Early Decision Agreements (if applicable)	<ul> <li>Add any other colleges you're applying to using different methods</li> </ul>	
Submit your applications	Mark outcomes once you hear back	

Once your accounts are connected and you've added colleges in Common App, your counselor takes it from there in Scoir. They'll prepare and send your school documents—like transcripts and school reports—to Common App. These documents are only released to colleges after you submit your application.

If you request a Fee Waiver or submit an Early Decision Agreement, your counselor will also complete their part in Scoir after you finish yours in Common App

### Not sure if your school is using the Common App integration?

If you're a senior, you'll see a Connect to Common App button on your Scoir profile—this is a quick way to tell if your school is using the integration.





# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

# Click on the Getting Started Page for a lInk to a live page with Clickable LInks or click here

### **For Students**

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### Getting Started with Scoir + Common App™

Your school is using the Common App integration in Scoir! F Once the integration is turned on, you'll see in your Profile where you can connect your Scoir and Common App accounts.

### **How It Works**

We're not building the full Common App application experience into Scoir, and you'll still need to set up a Common App account to complete and submit your applications. Throughout the experience, there are certain actions you'll need to take in Common App, and others you'll complete in Scoir.

What To Do	
<ul> <li>Create an account and begin completing your My Common Application. Add your high in the Education section (which is how Common App will recognize you as a Scoir stu</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Add at least one college to your list and sign your FERPA Release Authorization to ens counselors can supply supporting application materials to all colleges you apply via Common App.</li> </ul>	sure Common App
Connect your Scoir and Common App accounts beginning in Scoir by going to Me > V Profile. In the Personal Details section, click Connect Common App. From there, login Common App, and once successful, you'll be redirected back to Scoir. You'll see your connection status updated and your Common App My Colleges activity will sync with list in Scoir.	ı to
<ul> <li>For colleges you're applying via Common App, be sure to indicate a Preferred Start Te and Application Plan so that counselors can see required documents and status.</li> </ul>	erm Common App
<ul> <li>On top of your FERPA, you'll also make Fee Waiver requests, and complete your portion         Early Decision Agreements in Common App for those colleges you're applying via         Common App.</li> </ul>	on of Common App
<ul> <li>If allowed, request teacher recommendations. You can only assign one recommendations per teacher across all of your Common App colleges. This limitation only applies to Common App schools.</li> </ul>	Scoir Scoir
<b>NEW!</b> One change you'll notice is once recommendations are complete, you'll need to <u>assign them to colleges</u> completed by a teacher. To keep things easy, we recommend asking for general recommendations for Commo colleges when possible since they can be assigned to multiple colleges.	200 PCO
Continue building your My Colleges lists in Scoir, indicate colleges you're applying to other application methods, and keep it as up to date as possible! We'll also support marking colleges as Applying when Common App is the application method, but we'll the information provided and prompt when it's necessary to take actions in Common.	limit

Take a deeper dive by checking out the <u>Complete Guide to Common App</u> for students. If you have any questions, please contact your counselor.



# Major, Clarity

# **Career Plans**

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, NC Senate Bill 193 requires that all students in grades 6-12 have a career plan. A student's initial career plan will be created by the end of their 6th grade year and then revised annually through 12th grade. UCPS will utilize Major Clarity as the platform for students to create their career plan. This can be accessed by students through Clever. Parents are encouraged to review their student's career plan with them each year.

Required components of a Career Development Plan (CDP):

Update to date Career Assessment

Update to date Learning Assessment

Pathway Selection

Academic Course Planning

Other items that may be included:

Resume, FAFSA Completion,

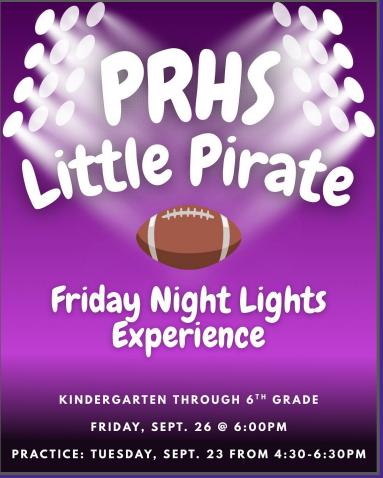
Post Secondary Plans,

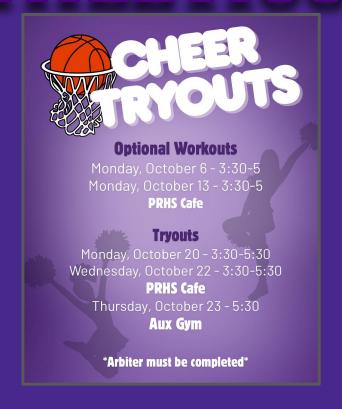
Add activities, awards, credentials and test scores

Through assessments, academic planning, and exploration of careers and postsecondary options, students will develop a deeper understanding of their interests, skills, and strengths.

Porter Ridge High School is committed to guiding students through this process and will collaborate with them during Advisory and other meetings to ensure every student achieves full completion.







GET FIRED UP, Pirates

And GET SIGNED UP
for the PRHS Friday Night
Lights Experience by Friday,
September 19th!!!!

The cost is \$50. You will get a T-shirt We will have practice on Tuesday, September 23rd 4:30 to 6:30 in the AUX gym. The Little Pirates will cheer at the PRHS Homecoming Game on Friday, September 26th vs Charlotte Catholic for pregame activities and the 1st quarter Click Liere to sign up!

Please reach out to Coach Lawson with any questions ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SEPT 21ST-SEPT 27TH



SLINDAY

NO EVENTS

**TENNIS @ Monroe** 4:00pm

SOCCER @ Catholic 5:30pm / 7:00pm

THESDAY NO SCHOOL

TENNIS vs Catholic @ Ballantyne Ridge 4:00pm

VOLLEYBALL @ 5:00pm / 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

FLAG FOOTBALL @ Marvin Ridge 5:00pm

SOCCER vs Piedmont (SENIOR NIGHT) 5:30pm / 7:00pm

TENNIS vs Piedmont (SENIOR NIGHT) 4:00pm

> VOLLEYBALL vs Piedmont (SENIOR NIGHT) 5:00pm / 6:00pm

JV FOOTBALL @ Catholic 6:30pm

26

FRIDAY

V FOOTBALL vs Catholic (HOMECOMING) 7:00pm

NO EVENTS

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** PLEASE SIGN UP

NO **EXPERIENCE** REQUIRED **MUST BE 16** AND OVER





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.



















If you have any questions or would like to sponsor please email

1-3X5 BANNER LOCATION OF CHOICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

prabcsponsorships@gmail.com



Don't forget Pirate Gear is on sale at some of our athletic events. Contact the Booster Club for Details

# BUY TICKETS ON LINE

USE THE QR CODE BELOW, OR VISIT GOFAN.CO & SEARCH PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL PIRATE
PASS
AUGUST 12, 2025 | 02:30 PM



## Click here for an all sports season pass

### **When Coming to Athletic Events**

- -Only clear bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" are allowed in events/games.
- -Students and children 8th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult when attending events/games.
  - -All ticket sales will end at the mid-point of an event or at the beginning of halftime at games.

# PIRATE ATHLETICS SCORES

JV Football 9/11 loss to South Iredell (20-21)

V Football 9/12 WIN vs South Iredell (31-6)

Flag Football 9/15 WIN vs Weddington

JV Soccer 9/15 WIN vs Sun Valley (3-0)

9/17

V Soccer 9/11 TIE vs Carmel Christian (2-2)

9/15 WIN vs Sun Valley (5-1)

9/17 loss to Cuthbertson (2-5)

W Tennis 9/17 WIN vs CATA (5-4)

JV Volleyball 9/16 loss to Sun Valley (1-2)

9/17 WIN vs East Meck (2-0)

V Volleyball 9/16 loss to Sun Valley (0-3)

9/17 loss to East Meck (0-3)





### **FALL SPORTS**

### **COACHES**

Athletic Director Sarah Webb sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us

**Assistant AD** Sarah Wiles sarah.wiles@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cheer Varsity and JV Ashley Lawson ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country Desi Hoagland Desi.hoagland@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 Sarah Webb sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us

Click here for Athletics Registration

Click here

for the PRHS Pirate

Athletics Website



Watch sports in our main stadium and in our gym on these websites- Subscriber Sites- CLICK THE ICONS





For athletic event tickets <u>click here</u> or on the GO FAN Icon ↓



<u>Click here</u> for the Porter Ridge Athletic Boosters Website



**<u>Click here</u>** for a list of all PR sports teams and a link to their schedules





# 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

Follow the PTO on social Media



PRHS\_PTO

@PRHS\_PTO



@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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# Attendance Procedures

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO UCPS



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 powersohool. 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

CLICK HERE OR
ON THE AD FOR
THE PARENT
SYSTEM TO
SUBMIT NOTES.

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



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 lucar donde usted creo su cuenta.



### Para tener en cuenta:

- Solo puede reportar un solo día de ausencia.
- No puede reportar ausencias por adelantado.
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- 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



### **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 A TECHNOLOGY FEE of \$30 all students must pay. Click here to access Infinite Campus to pay. This fee will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Mario Mood 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.

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

- Cell Phones, head phones, and any communication device (For example a Smart Watch) must be off and put away during class.
   These items are prohibited during instructional time.
- Cell phones and headphones may be used during class transition and during the time students eat lunch
- An announcement will be made weekly warning about cell and electronic device use. Teachers will call the office and devices will be taken that are in use during instructional time.
- The first offense student can pick up their phones at 3:05 PM at the main office from administration.
- The second offense a parent will have to come pick up the device.





# **Ports of Information for Pirates:**

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