

Pirate Press

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Back to School pages on the PRHS website are now updated. Please Click HERE 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.

Summer Office Hours Monday to Thursday 8 AM to 4 PM

NEW TO PRHS?

NEW STUDENT TOURS

LED BY STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS TOURS HELD FROM 4-6:30PM ON: 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION MEETINGS

8/12, 8/14, 8/16, 8/19



Porter Ridge High Class Schedules

Go LIVE on PowerSchool
Friday, August 16th at 8:00 am
Schedule Correction Google
Form will go LIVE
Monday, August 19th

www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7675





Beginning of School Year Information

Back to School Information

- Freshmen Orientation: Friday 8/16
 - Drop students off at 8:30 am for interactive Orientation Activities, PRHS Procedures, and Schedule Review Pirates!
 - This is a student only event.
 - More Info to follow! Watch social media and upcoming newsletters!

Chromebook Distribution:

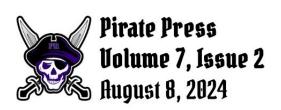
- Chromebooks will be distributed the first couple of days of school
- Students who have paid their Technology Fee for the 24-25 school year will receive a chromebook during the school day

Family Open House: Friday 8/23

- ➤ Grab your parents and come walk your class schedule from 12:00 3:00pm. Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet them. Club Fair displays will be up so that you can consider what extracurricular activities you may want to be involved in. Come join us!
- Are you a new student in 10th 12th grade? Stop by the main office for a tour guide who can show you where your classes are and answer your questions, along with the tricks of getting around the school!

Opportunities for Juniors and Seniors as Peer Tutors, Language Mentors, and Leadership Mentors

- We want to continue to support our community by expanding our programs
- ➤ Interested Juniors and Seniors are eligible to apply. Students interested should email their counselor to let them know. More information will be coming out of social media soon! Students do earn course credit for this.
- Interested Seniors can sign up to help co-advise a 9th or 10th grade Advisory as a Leadership Mentor
- Parking Passes: Information will come out in the next Pirate Press. Parking pass applications will be on on Friday, August 9
- School Starts Monday 8/26. Students should be in their 1st period class by 8:10 am. Students can arrive at 7:45 or later. We recommend that if you are dropping your child off you are on campus by 7:45 as there will be traffic.



FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

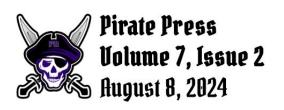
<u> Friday August 16: 8:30-10 AM</u>

Parents Drop-off/pick up students in the PRHS stadium parking lot. This is a student only event.

--Walk your Schedule---Interactive Student Activities---Learn about PRHS--



Freshmen Encouraged to attend





Get
Transportation
Information

Park in Student Lot

Family Open
House
Friday, Aug
23rd
ALL GRADES
WELCOME
12:00 - 3:00



Leadership Opportunities



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT PRIIS



Are you bilingual?

EXTEND YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS BY SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AT SARDIS ELEMENTARY, PORTER RIDGE ELEMENTARY, AND MIDDLE:

- TUTORING
- SMALL GROUP WORK THAT CAN REINFORCE SUBJECTS.
- ORGANIZING WITH THE LEAD TEACHER, INTERACTIVE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT ADDRESS DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLES.
- CREATE CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS THROUGH SHARING THEIR
 EXPERIENCES ABOUT ADAPTING TO THE SCHOOL AND ITS COMMUNITY.

YOU WILL RECEIVE HONORS CLASS CREDIT FOR BEING A PIRATE
AMBASSADOR



bryan, james@ucps.k12.nc.us

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS



LEADERSHIP MENTOR



INTERESTED IN WORKING AS A MENTOR DURING PIRATE ADVISORY FOR OUR YOUNGER HS STUDENTS? OPEN TO SENIORS ONLY.

A GREAT WAY TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON STUDENTS AT PRHS



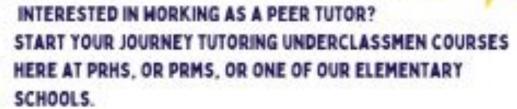
Heather. Welch@ucps.k12.nc.us

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Leadership Opportunities





SIGN UP AND YOU WILL RECEIVE HONORS CREDIT FOR BEING A PIRATE PEER TUTOR.

OPEN TO SENIORS AND JUNIORS ONLY.

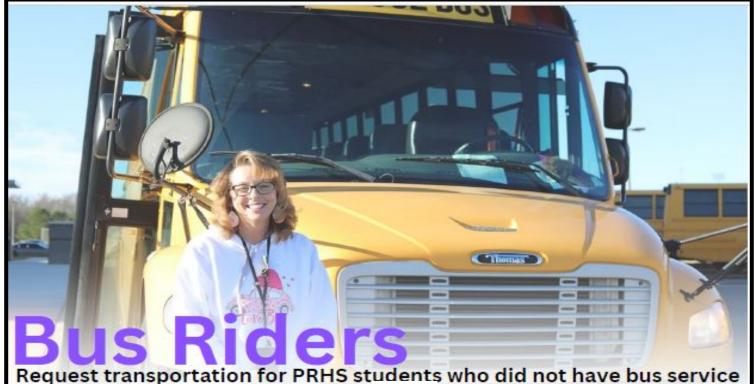
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Bus Transportation



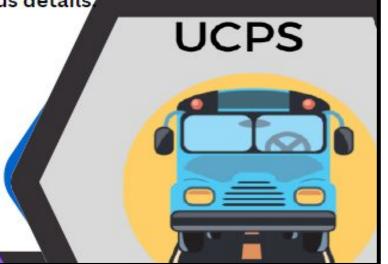
Request transportation for PRHS students who did not have bus service last year and need it this year, click <u>HERE</u>

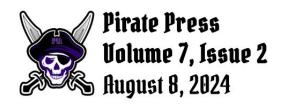
Download and set up the EduLog App for bus information. <u>Parents</u>
 and students are encouraged to download and set up the app for real
 time bus information. You will need to add your student to the app
 using their student ID number and date of birth.

In the Edulog app, be sure to turn on Notifications. When the UCPS pushes out bus routes and bus information, you will get a notification and be able to see your students' bus details.

UCPS Service

Transportation Department (Website CLICK HERE or call 704-296-3015





Free and Reduced Lunch

Apply for Free/Reduced Meals NOW

Breakfast + Lunch Cost for each student

= \$28 per week in HS

= \$27.50 per week in ES/MS

OR COME INTO YOUR SCHOOL

TO APPLY TODAYII

Apply now to get approved prior to the first day of school. Students without approved free/reduced lunch status will have to pay for meals starting on Day ONE.

Students qualifying for Free Meals will have their \$30 Technology Fee waived – please bring approval letter to school office for waiver.

CLICK THE AD TO APPLY

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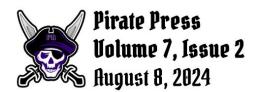
Aplique para comidas gratis/reducidas AHORA

Desayuno+Almuerzo Costo por estudiante
=\$28 por semana en HS
=27.50 por semana en ES/MS

O UEN A NUESTRA ESCUELA
PARA APLICAR

Aplique ahora para obtener la aprobacion antes del primer dia de clases. Los estudiantes sin el estatus de almuerzo gratis/reducido aprobado tendran que pagar las comidas a partir del PRIMER DIA DE CLASSES.

A los estudiantes que califiquen para comidas gratis se les eliminara la tarifa de tecnologia de \$ 30, traiga la carta de aprobacion a la oficina de la escuela



Parking and Attendance

CLICK HERE FOR PARKING PASS INFORMATION



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.



AP CAPSTONE INFORMATION

This unique program from the College Board allows students to take two additional AP Courses unique to the AP Capstone program. These courses are AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Program started with the Class of 2021 at Porter Ridge and our Capstone students have an excellent record of high performance in AP courses, with over 95% of our Class of 2023 earning a diploma or certificate. Students may take these courses along with other AP Courses and be eligible to work towards an AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board. According to College Board,





AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP® courses — AP Seminar and AP Research — and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses. More information can be found on the College Board website. If interested, please contact your counselor.

To learn more about the AP Capstone Diploma Program please <u>click here</u>.

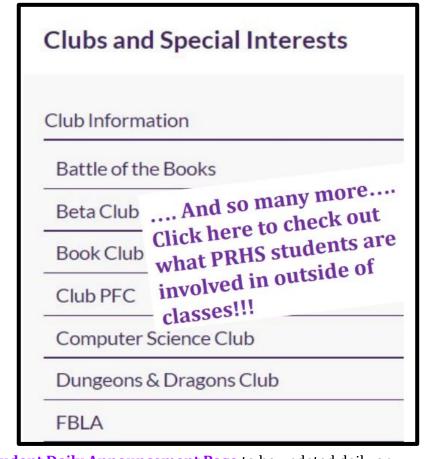


Student Activities & Programs

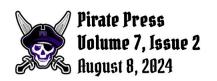








Students are reminded to continue to check the <u>Student Daily Announcement Page</u> to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our <u>PRHS Website</u>. The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**



Advisory

Students meet in advisory period twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and learn about leadership, goal setting, problem solving, and more.

PRHS IS A LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Leaderin Me.

CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDENTS DO IN ADVISORY!





The Seven Habits Course is all about developing life-readiness skills to prepare you to lead your own life and face difficult challenges. Everyone is a leader, including you. Effective leaders do things in ways that yield lasting positive results and live by timeless, universal principles. Principles provide constancy amidst change; each of the 7 Habits is based on principles of effectiveness that will guide you through life's greatest challenges.

10th
Find Your
VOICE
Career Readiness

The Find Your Voice Career Readiness course is designed to help you learn and master skills that will enable you to find and then express your voice at school, at home, online, in the workplace, on a team, and in a competitive world market. Everyone has something to say but learning how to say it makes all the difference.

11th **TAKE** Charge

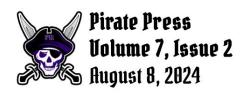
College Readiness

The Take Charge College Readiness course is designed to prepare you for the challenges and new responsibilities post-secondary education brings to students like you. The best thing you can do is apply what you learn in this course right away. If you do, you won't find yourself scrambling to develop important skills that make academic and general success possible. This course is for all students who will attend a 4-year university, 2 year, vocational school or enter into the workforce or military.

12th **Inspire** Others

The Inspire Others Leadership Readiness course is all about Inspiring your team and keeping organized. These skills require both interpersonal effectiveness and the time-tested tools of leadership. The intent of this course is to learn and apply the same processes used by organizational leaders across the world. While the content in this course is world-class, the project-based learning approach is what brings it to life.

Leadership Readiness



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 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.

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS





Sport	Coach	Email Address
Athletic Director	Justin Leath	JUSTIN.LEATH@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheer	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheer JV	Karen Gault	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cross Country	Lea Schullery	lea.schullery@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	Heather Welch	heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us

THE PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

The Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club (PRABC) is dedicated to providing athletic opportunities to Porter Ridge students by supporting and encouraging all middle and high school student athletes. Funding for school athletic facilities, equipment, uniforms, high school and middle school field maintenance and game officials are all made possible through your sponsorship support, athlete participation fees, fundraisers and spirit wear sales. The PRABC is a volunteer organization that does not receive financial support from the school system. We need your help to provide Indian Trail area student athletes a competitive and successful athletic program. We offer several opportunities for local businesses to partner with us to help support our programs.



BRONZE BANNER

SPONSORSHIP

\$250

1- 3x5 BANNER

SILVER BANNER

SPONSORSHIP

\$500

1- 3x8 BANNER

GOLD BANNER

SPONSORSHIP

\$750

1- 3×5 BANNER 1- 3×8 BANNER

PLATINUM BANNER

SPONSORSHIP

\$1000

1- 3x8 BANNER 1-SIGN AT PRABC SPONOSRED EVENTS



SEE OUR ATHLETIC SPONSORS
ON THE NEXT PAGE
THIS WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY

CLICK HERE FOR A FULL LIST OF SPONSORS FOR MORE INFORMATION











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Text me 704 995 4821

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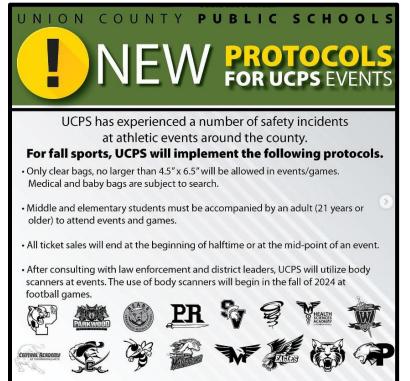




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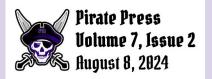






- **siguientes protocolos.** Solo se permitirán bolsas transparentes, que no midan más de 4.5" x 6.5"
- en eventos / juegos. Las bolsas médicas y de bebé están sujetas a revisión.
- Los estudiantes de primaria e intermedia deben estar acompañados por un adulto (21 años o mayor) para asistir a eventos y juegos.
- · La venta de entradas terminará al inicio del medio tiempo o en la mitad de un evento.
- Después de consultar con la policía y los líderes del distrito, UCPS utilizará escáneres corporales en los eventos. El uso de escáneres corporales comenzará en el otoño de 2024 en los partidos de futbol.





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 <u>alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

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...

Want to take SPCC classes in high school? Want to get a jumpstart on your career? Confused about next steps after graduation?

Let's Talk!

Scan below to schedule a meeting:



Shannon Minick

SPCC Career Coach sminick@spcc.edu





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Schedule Corrections: The Schedule Correction Google Form will open Monday, August 19th. Click HERE for the link!

Counselors will work on "Please See Counselor" holes first. "Please See Counselor" is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected, including alternates. Please make sure that you check your schedule in PowerSchool and fill out the Schedule Correction Google Form if needed.

- Schedules will not be completed and live for you to see until Friday 8/16.
- The Schedule Correction Google Form will close on Friday, August 30th at 5:00 pm.
- Requests for 1st & 2nd semester should be made at this time. All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request will be allowed.
- 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 make sure to fill out the form, so that your schedule is ready for the
 1st day of school, which is <u>Monday, August 26th</u>. 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.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS







2024-2025 **College Readiness Series**

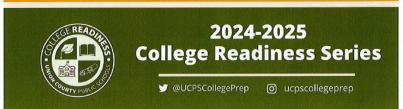
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Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library
Getting Ready for College	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 Entrance Exams 101

September 17, 2024 6:00 PM Webinar

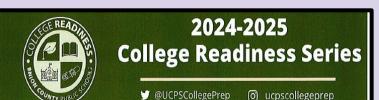
To register, visit https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions

Have you ever wondered what the major differences are between the ACT and the SAT? Are these tests even relevant anymore? What is considered a "good" score? These questions and more will be answered in this webinar!

Presented in partnership with Huntington Learning Center, Weddington.



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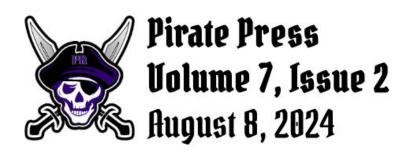


Scoir for Seniors

August 27, 2024 6:00 PM Webinar

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Seniors! Now is the time to apply to college. Learn how Scoir (pronounced score) can help you request transcripts and letters of recommendation, track your application status, and even start your application to some schools!



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