

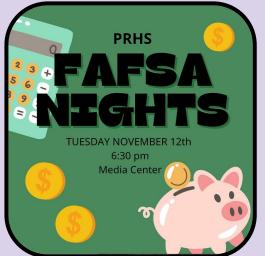
Pirate Press

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Congratulations Mr. Chavis-PRHS Teacher of the Year







The PRHS Castaways took two productions to the NCTC festival and brought home the following awards

Excellence in Acting
Aiden Funderburk

Excellence in Collaborative Props Design
Ryon Coe and Abby Atkins

Excellence in Theatre, Choral Speaking

Eurydice Cast

Excellence in Directing

Ms. Boryczewski







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!

The Band playing during competition season! The band has a student leadership team that makes things happen!

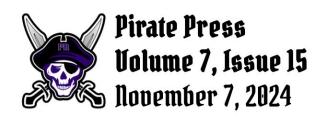




Our International Club collaborated with the Porter Ridge Athletic Boosters to host a 5K Day of the Dead themed fundraiser!







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.





Student Life Activities

- Come join the Knitting & Crocheting Club on November 8th to celebrate our success at Fallfest and enjoy time learning to unwind! Supplies are provided so just bring yourself (and a friend!) from 3:10-4:10.
 - ❖ The badminton club will meet Thursday 11/14 afterschool until 3:45 in A114
- There will be an Interact meeting, Thursday November 14th at 7:40 in the auditorium.
 Don't forget to enter through the band doors.

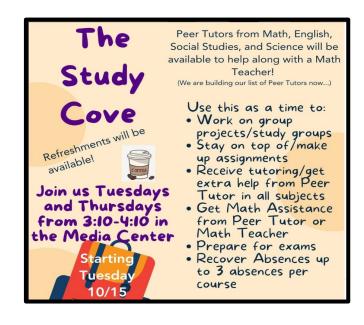






Congrats Cade Cresswell for competing at the 4A NCHSAA XC State Championship. Cade ran a 16:26 on a tough course and came in 48th out of 174 athletes. Great job Cade!

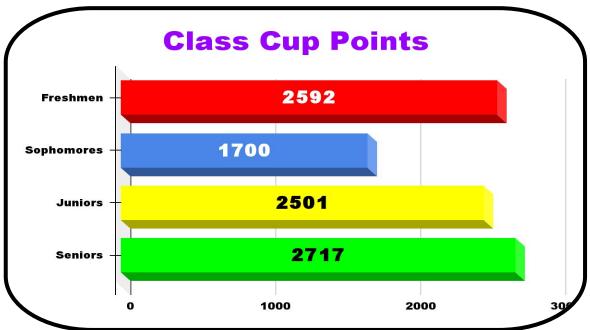






Student Activities & Programs





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!**



Class Rings and Graduation Orders

Click on the Ad to go to the class rings website





Click on the Ad to go to the graduation order website



Seniors: It's time to Order
Cap and Gowns,
Graduation Announcements
and Senior 2025 Gear!
Order Deadline
Friday, November 15









Questions? (800) 567-8367 or chris.gaither@jostens.com

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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.

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!

Click here for more info...

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

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/HGPFjyaab86SM2Mp8







LOOKING FOR A FUN & REWARDING SUMMER JOB?

We're Hiring!

Lifeguards Attendants Assistant Managers **Pool Managers**







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COMPETITIVE PAY

Starting pay rates from \$12.50 - \$15



FREE UNIFORMS

Everything you need to get started provided!



TRAINING REIMBURSMENT

Earn back up to \$150 of your certification cost!



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APPLY NOW!



PRHS COUNSELING NEWS







CERTIFICATIONS

Prerequisites

Must be 15 years old

lifeguard certifications from Red Cross, YMCA, StarGuard & Boy Scouts of America

- Swim 300 yards
- Tread water for 2
- minutes We accept valid Swim 20 yards, retrieve brick from surface & return to starting

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



PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



Thanksgiving Meals Provided Apply online at Common Heart/ Great Turkey Countdown! Common Heart- P.O. Box 2761 Indian Trail, NC 28079

Indian Trail Center- 116 Business Park Dr. Indian Trail, NC 28079

Union County Christmas Bureau

Now Accepting Application: Oct. 7-Nov. 22, 2024

It is time to start thinking about Christmas! The Union County Christmas Bureau is now accepting applications from individuals and families seeking assistance this upcoming holiday season.

The Union County Christmas Bureau is donor-funded and volunteer-driven. It provides holiday gifts and food to families who need a helping hand. Our dedicated community is what makes our endeavors possible.

The program is always in need of support through volunteering, donating gifts, or sponsoring a child or family.

Apply For Assistance

To be eligible for assistance, there must be children in the household, age 18 and younger, at the time of application, or a disabled or senior adult receiving income through Social Security or Medicaid.

The Applications process for the 2024 holiday season starts Monday, Oct, 7 and ends Friday, Nov. 22

Applications will be taken by phone

Call 704-296-4828- Monday-Friday, 9 am-3:30 pm

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59th Annual NCCDA



Creating my Career Path: Embracing Change in my Journey





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.noda.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)

Each entry should celebrate and inspire career development with a positive tone while emphasizing the national theme.

Requirements for Poems

- · Poetic Form: Acceptable poetic forms, e.g. cinquain, free verse, diamante, haiku, limerick,
- cinquain, iree verse, ciamante, naiku, timerick 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.
- Art 1 (A1): Standard use of ink, pencil, poster 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,



Contest Deadlines

- Building/School Contest Submitted to State Contest by December 20, 2024
- State Contest winners will be submitted to National 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**

- 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.

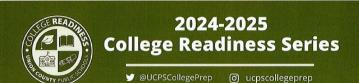
National Awards

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 special congratulations gift.

College Readiness Student Opportunities



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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.





-No Events

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Playoffs Football **TBD**

-1st Round NCHSAA -Maverick Classic **Cheer Competition** Marvin Ridge





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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

Coach

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PIRATE ATHLETICS





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 HERE!
Deadline to pay is Tuesday,





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!!



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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







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.





































- 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.

PIRATE ATHLETICS

PORTER RIDGE RUGBY

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

All experience levels welcome. Register Today!











WHY PLAY RUGBY?

LESS RISK OF INJURY

Rugby's continuous play and emphasis on tackling techniques can reduce the risk of concussions and other head injuries.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Rugby requires a wide range of skills, including passing, kicking, tackling, and running, which can enhance overall athleticism.

VARIETY OF STRATEGIES

Rugby's tactical complexity and multiple ways to score can make the game more interesting and challenging.

TEAMWORK & COMARDAERIE

Rugby's emphasis on teamwork and sportsmanship can foster strong bonds among players.

LESS SPECIALIZATION

Rugby doesn't typically require players to specialize in a single position, allowing for more balanced development and enjoyment.

GLOBAL SPORT

Rugby is a popular sport worldwide, offering players opportunities to travel and compete internationally.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Rugby is the fastest-growing college sport in America for both men and women. Since becoming an Olympic sport in 2016, rugby has gained even more recognition, with the first-ever Major League Rugby (MLR) Collegiate Draft taking place in June 2020. Increasingly, collegiate rugby programs are being designated as varsity sports, offering scholarships and receiving significant funding from their schools.

PLAY RUGBY!



For more information about Porter Ridge Rugby contact

Coach Jason Paquette

jason@cjrarugby.com or 704.277.7630







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.

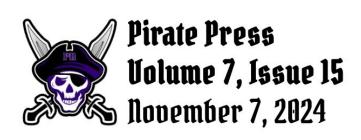
If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000 **Transportation information** can be found on the **UCPS Transportation pages**.

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.



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.



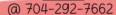
Report absence:

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



UIA PASO A PASO PARA INFORMAR LA ANUNCIO AUSENCIA DEL ESTUDIANTE



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 un solo día de ausencia. No puede reportar ausencias por adelantado.
- · Debe de adjuntar la documentación para la
- 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?

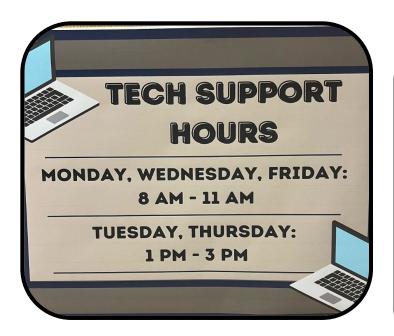
Por favor comuniquese con la escuela al número de teléfono que esta aquí abajo.

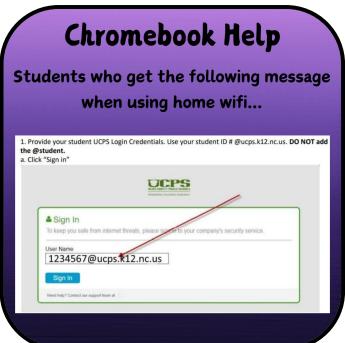


@ 704-292-7662



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:

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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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