

Wolf Pack Press

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Good evening, Parkwood Wolf Pack families!

It's time to talk about the 2025-2026 school year! There is a lot of great information included in Wolf Pack Press every week. Please take the time weekly to review the information provided. We try to pull the new info to the front of the publication and push the repeats to the end. This is so that you see first what is new.

Very important in this issue:

Freshman Orientation/Open House

Student Schedules

Student Parking

Weekly Calendar

Technology Distribution

Yearly Required Forms

Honors Expectations

Student Safety Videos

Infinite Campus School Nutrition

and more

Freshman Orientation will be held Friday, August 22, from 12:30 - 2:00. We will begin with a meeting in the new gym. Open House (for 10th - 12th grade students) will be Friday, August 22, from 2:00 - 3:30.

Our school days are 8:30 - 3:30 every day. Please go ahead and make plans to have your students at school in time to get to class before 8:30 every day. **Our first day of school this year is Monday, August 25, 2025.** Also, keep in mind that the first couple of weeks of school always includes added traffic. It'll take longer to drop students off at the beginning of the day and to pick them up in the afternoon. If your student rides a bus, those rides are slower at the beginning of the year as each bus is taking new students on their routes and dealing with the traffic associated with the beginning of the school year.

We're really looking forward to having our Wolf Pack students back to school for the 2025-2026 school year. We hope that students are as excited as we are!

Gooooo Wolf Pack!

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**PARKWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

FRIDAY

August 22, 2025

Freshman Orientation

12:30-2:00

Families will start in the Gym

Rising 10th -12th Graders:

2:00-3:30

**Come meet your teachers and get
ready for a GREAT year!**



2025-2026 Student Schedules

Infinite Campus will open for students on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. Students will be able to see their schedules at this time.

Please use [this link](#) to access the form for schedule corrections. The form will open on August 20th and close on August 29th at 3:30 pm. Students must be logged into their Google account to access the form.

Deadline to request a schedule correction is Friday, August 29th at 3:30 pm.

Requests for both 1st and 2nd semester corrections should be made at this time. All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request (form entry) will be allowed per student.

All schedules have been reviewed. Changes will not be made for students who were placed in their 1st or alternate choice courses requested.

Requests will only be considered for the following reasons:

- 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 already passed
- Student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule
- Student has the same course listed twice on their schedule
- Level change in core class (ie. Honors to CP - only if there is space available in the new level course)
- Student has "Please See Your Counselor" listed on their schedule

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. Counselors will not be responding to schedule requests made by email or by phone.



Student Parking

Parking on the Parkwood High School Campus is considered a privilege for students. Each student who drives to school must purchase his/her own parking tag and may not share a tag with another student or sibling. PWHS and UCPS will assume no responsibility for damage to private vehicles driven and parked on campus. Student drivers must have appropriate and current **automobile registration and have a valid drivers license.**

Parking Passes are restricted to students who, in PowerSchool, are identified as being in grades 11 and 12 at the beginning of the school year. 10th graders may be able to purchase a parking space later in the year **if space is available**. Students must have a valid driver's license, not a learner's permit. Students cannot purchase a pass for future needs.

Eligibility for PWHS Student Parking

- Valid Driver's License.** Driver's Permits are not allowed.
- Completed and Digitally Signed 2025-2026 Parking Pass Application, digitally signed by the student and one parent or guardian.
- You must pay your 25-26 technology fee PRIOR to purchasing a student parking pass.**
- Prior to receiving a parking permit, applicants **MUST** pay any outstanding student financial obligations. Your parking pass will not be issued if you have an outstanding balance. This includes all cafeteria fees and all school-based fees. Before purchasing a parking pass, students who have an outstanding financial obligation will receive an email from our bookkeeper listing any owed fees. **The bookkeeper will reach out to those students who owe additional fees.**
- Please fill out the Student Parking Application Form: **Click [HERE](#).**
- Payment of \$50 for the parking pass will be paid to the PWHS Online Payment System at this link: **Click [HERE](#) to pay.**

Students will get to select their parking spot on a first-come, first-served basis on their assigned days at Parkwood High School:

- Seniors: August 12, 2025 9:00am - 11:30am
- Seniors: August 13, 2025 9:00am - 11:30am
- Juniors: August 13, 2025 11:30am - 2:00 pm
- Juniors: August 14, 2025 9:00am - 11:30am

****Parking Passes can be picked up during Open House on Friday, August 22 if you can not come on the assigned days above.****



PWHS Calendar

Monday 8/18	Tuesday 8/19	Wednesday 8/20	Thursday 8/21	Friday 8/22	Saturday 8/23
5:00 Volleyball vs. South Stanly 5:30 Soccer vs. Butler 4:00 Tennis @ Porter Ridge	5:00 Volleyball vs. Monroe 6:00 Soccer vs. Charlotte Christian		4:00 Tennis vs. Metrolina 5:30 Soccer vs. Porter Ridge 5:30 Volleyball @ Mt. Pleasant 6:00 JV Football @ Piedmont	7:00 V Football vs Piedmont	

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Technology Distribution

Students will be able to pick up their Chromebooks during Freshman Orientations & Open House. In order to receive their laptop and charger students must have:

- Their signed Chromebook Agreement Form ([English](#) and [Spanish](#))
- \$30 Technology Fee paid through **Infinite Campus**. When you go into Infinite Campus, you will click "Fees" to pay the annual Technology Fee.
- Students receiving free/reduced lunch should bring the free/reduced lunch notification received in the mail in place of paying the Technology Fee.





Yearly Required Forms

Please use the following links to digitally sign required 2025-2026 forms:

Photo/Video/News Release:

<https://forms.gle/Fa6bi1H5kcDW83WaA>

Secondary Chromebook **PARENT** Agreement:

<https://forms.gle/tmwBJHdVs52n5YoM8>

Secondary Chromebook **Student** Agreement:

<https://forms.gle/793xceSkiWii6QHm8>

UCPS Code of Student Conduct Acknowledgement FOR

STUDENTS <https://forms.gle/QvTgWVDVEiJzMeDV7>

UCPS Code of Student Conduct- **Parent** Acknowledgement:

<https://forms.gle/XjfhDmNQktUxiLqs6>

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO WITHHOLD CONSENT CONCERNING

REPRODUCTION: This form is only required if you would like to withhold consent for your child to participate

<https://forms.gle/dwwGkJnUC1JTYNZQ9>



Internet use and Parent Resources

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Union County Public Schools (UCPS) is increasing the use of technology in classrooms each year. Access to digital content is becoming an essential component in today's learning environment. In an effort to support students and parents, UCPS provides resources to educate students about online safety and ethical use of the Internet. We are dedicated to keeping students safe online as well as preventing cyber bullying and misuse of technology. UCPS is fully compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act and does not disclose student information to content providers without parental consent.

It is an important part of a student's education to learn skills needed to be responsible users of the Internet and Internet tools. The District will partner with parents to teach their students safe guidelines for Internet use. As part of that partnership, UCPS wants parents to know:

- All students are bound by the UCPS Acceptable Use Guidelines when using UCPS devices of the UCPS network. These guidelines are located on all school websites under the Technology tab. If you do not have access to the Internet, all information is available in print at your child's school.
- All UCPS Internet traffic is filtered for inappropriate content but always remember the best Internet filter for a child is their parent.
- Teachers who wish to have students access websites that require parental consent are responsible for notifying parents.
- Students will access the UCPS network through an individual account. There is no expectation that this account is a private one. Students should not share login credentials with other students.
- UCPS provides its computer system on an "as is, as available" basis and does not guarantee the availability of electronic information or files created on the system at any particular time.
- Parents may request to have their student's Internet access terminated by notifying the school in writing.

Regards,

UCPS

Technology Services



Honors Course Expectations

Students earning an Honors level credit receive an elevated number of Quality Points for their Grade Point Average. Students choosing the Honors level course should be aware that this Honors level course will include:

- Required extension opportunities that are directly related to the Standard Course of Study. This includes additional content beyond that which is covered in the College Preparatory Level.
- More challenging coursework and assessments. Students will be expected to demonstrate higher levels of understanding for grades.
- Projects and presentations will be more in depth.
- Students will have to focus and study regularly to master the content.
- The expectation that students can move through the coursework at an accelerated pace and students experiencing difficulty should quickly seek guidance from their teacher on how they can be more successful.

Acceleration

Progress through an educational program at rates faster or at ages younger than conventional. Accelerate learning for students who are mastering/or could master the content standard(s) at a faster pace.

Differentiation

Instruction and curriculum that offers students materials and work of varied levels of difficulty with different levels of assistance and may include various types of grouping, as well as classroom environment

Extension

Instruction designed to broaden the understanding of a particular standard by adding rigor, depth and complexity. Extend a curriculum standard in a subject area by providing a task that delves deeper and is more complex.

Enrichment

Learning opportunities that enhance a student's interests and talents through creative and academic exploration. Enrich a content standard by providing activities that appeal to student interests and social/emotional well-being.



Student Safety Video for 2025-2026 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you are enjoying a safe and restful summer. As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety and in compliance with North Carolina General Statute §143B-1209.100, all public-school students will be shown a safety awareness video. In compliance with the law, the student safety videos must be presented within the first five (5) days of the school year. Our school will be showing the videos in student safety meetings on the following dates:

- **9th grade students - Tuesday, August 26**
- **10th grade students - Friday, August 29**
- **11th grade students, Thursday, August 28**
- **12th grade students, Wednesday, August 27**

This video is designed to help students recognize, avoid, and report unsafe situations, with a particular focus on abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The videos were created by the North Carolina Center for Safer Schools and the content aligns with standards established by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

We strongly encourage parents and guardians to preview the videos and accompanying course guide prior to the start of the school year. This will help you better understand the material your child will be learning and support meaningful conversations at home about personal safety.

-  [[Briana's Story Video](#), [Alex's Story Video](#), and [Taylor's Story Video](#)]
-  [[Course Guide](#)]

While the video content primarily features school-based scenarios, the lessons are applicable to all areas of a student's life. We encourage open dialogue with your child about these important topics.

Please note:

- Allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurring **outside of school** are referred to the Department of Social Services (DSS).
- Allegations involving **school personnel** are addressed by school administration, including the Title IX Coordinator, and law enforcement as appropriate.

All reports are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly, with timely communication to parents/guardians regarding outcomes.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child viewing the video, please contact our counseling office at 704-296-0154 before the start of the 2025–2026 school year to discuss your concerns and explore alternative options if necessary.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our students safe and informed.



Infinite Campus

Accessing Your Student Account with Infinite Campus

- Download the Campus Student App (iOS and Android)
 - -OR-
- Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/ICstudentUCPS if using a web browser (works on computer or phone)



- **If using the smartphone app** type in: *Union County Public Schools* for District Name and **select North Carolina** for State. Click "Search District"
- Click the "NCEdCloud" button to get to the RapidIdentity login screen.

Type in your student number and password. This is the same information as you would have used for PowerSchool. After logging in, click the "NCSIS – PSU 900" link. (this is the replacement for PowerSchool).



NCSIS - PSU 900
North Carolina Student
Information System –
PSU 900

- You will be prompted after successful login if you want to "stay logged in". Choose "Yes" or "No".
- The Infinite Campus homepage has a quick link to your fees

- There is also a "fees" menu on the left of the screen.

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Infinite Campus

- In the fees menu, click “add to cart” on the \$30.00 technology fee. Click “My Cart,” then “add payment method.” You will have two choices – pay by card or pay by E-check. Click your choice of payment method and complete payment details.
- The system will ask for a valid email. Please use your **personal email** to receive receipt. Bring this email to show as **proof of payment** to our staff at Chromebook distribution.
- *Remember to look over the schedule and instructions for Chromebook distribution, come at the correct day and time, and to bring your completed Chromebook Agreement Form!

DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	FEE BALANCE	VIEW	ACTION
TECHNOLOGY FEE		30.00	Details	Add to Cart

1
Item in Cart

\$30.00

 [My Cart](#)

 [My Accounts](#)

Payment Method **(Required)**

No payment methods available

[Add Payment Method](#)

Payment Method

All fields below are required

Card

US bank account

Card number

1234 1234 1234 1234

 

Expiration date

MM / YY

Security code

CVC



By providing your card information, you allow UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS to charge your card for future payments in accordance with their terms.

Full name

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School Nutrition/Cafeteria Updates

[PaySchools Central](#) is the new source to pay for student meals as well as to complete the Free/Reduced meal application. PaySchool Central is also available as an app on iPhones and Android cellphones.

All families need to download this app and register for this service in order to have access to their student's lunch account.

Please note: UCPS no longer allows students to charge in excess of \$19.20.

Please note: Student cafeteria fees from 2024-2025 rolled into Infinite Campus. Student cafeteria fees from 2023-2024 are not included in Infinite Campus; however, students are still obligated to pay these fees. Students who have remaining balances will not be able to buy a parking pass or attend events that require payment (example: Homecoming Dance, Prom)

The banner features a background image of a smiling woman and a young girl high-fiving. Overlaid on this is a semi-transparent dark grey box containing the following elements:

- Language and Menu:** A dropdown menu set to "English(US)" and a hamburger menu icon in the top right corner.
- Headline:** "We make family life a little easier." in a large, teal-colored font.
- Feature List:**
 - Pay School Fees
 - Manage student meal accounts
 - Buy school event tickets
 - Apply for free and reduced meal application
- Icons:** Four circular icons with teal outlines representing a computer monitor with a dollar sign, a document with a checkmark, a smartphone, and a credit card.
- Social Media:** Small icons for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and a generic social media icon in the bottom right corner.



PTSO Information

The PWHS PTSO uses our monthly [newsletter](#) and social media as our primary sources of communication. **Please make sure you are following us on Facebook at [Parkwood HS PTSO](#) and on Instagram at [Parkwood PTSO](#) to stay up to date on all the latest events and information.**

GENERAL PTSO UPDATES:

If you have any questions about the PTSO, please feel free to send us an email at parkwoodptso@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board



FAFSA information for Seniors

SENIORS – Financial Aid For College

The 2025-2026 FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now open

Create your account at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) - takes 1 to 3 days to process account registration. If you have an account log in.

- Assists students with apply for community college, trade schools, and 4-year universities.
- Types of aid students may be eligible for:
 - Grants – free money, does not have to be paid back
 - Loans – borrowed money, must be paid back
 - Work Study – provides a job paid by the student aid program
- Apply in Senior year for 2025-2026 through <https://studentaid.gov/>.
- Parents who need assistance with FAFSA can sign up for virtual evening help at: <https://calendly.com/collegereadinessucps>
- CFNC FAFSA support: <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/fafsa-assistance/>
- Students who need assistance should fill out this link and a counselor will assist you: <https://bit.ly/PWCollegeAppAssistance25>

Have these documents on hand. Here are the main things students need to complete the FAFSA. (For a full list of items needed, [here's an easy, printable checklist](#)).

- Recommend parent & student are together when completing FAFSA form.
- Photo or copy of Social Security Card or Green Card (if applicable)
- 2023 Federal Tax Forms
- Personal email address

<https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/> is a great resource to assist with FAFSA.

If you have questions please reach out to your student's counselor.



Major Clarity

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 and revise 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.



Career and College Promise Information



**MEET WITH
YOUR SPCC
CAREER COACH**

MS. STURDIVANT

**MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
IN
LIBRARY**

**EMAIL NOW TO MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT:**

CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU



PWHS Counseling Department

The focus of the PWHS Counseling Center is to provide students with support in their academic, career, and personal/social development. The counselors assist students with scheduling, course selection, career exploration, college and scholarship advising, coping with peer pressure and stress, developing time management skills and more. To make an appointment with your counselor complete the [meeting request form](#), stop by the counseling center, email or call 704-296-0154.

Counseling Staff

- Mr. Troy Harris - 9th Grade
- Ms. Stacey Sebastian - 10th-12th (A-G)
- Mrs. Shari Davison - 10th-12th (H-N)
- Mr. Adrian Atkinson- 10th - 12th (O-Z)
- Ms. Ashlee Reynolds 9th-12th (Student Support)
- Mrs. Valerie Simmeth - Career Development Coordinator
- Mrs. Shawn Johnston – Counseling Center Administrative Assistant

Additional Support

- Mrs. Robyn Mobley – School Social Worker
- Ms. Emily Harrell - Mental Health Therapist





Quick Links

[PWHS Student Handbook](#)

[UCPS BOE Student Handbook](#)

(includes attendance and dress code information)

[Parents' Bill of Rights](#)

[Edulog](#) for Bus Transportation Zone

[Parking Pass Info](#)

- Student drivers: Students whose cars are on campus after the school day need to be mindful that they may need to move their cars - particularly if they park around the baseball field. This is to avoid damage caused by fly balls.

[See Something/Say Something Anonymous Reporting System](#)

Chromebook issues:

- New students report to media center to collect new computer
- Broken computers/computer issues, see Mr. Gaither between 12:00 - 4:00