

Wolf Pack Press

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Good evening, Wolf Pack!

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Gooooooooo Wolf Pack!

Remember to follow us on social media:

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Wireless Devices

The Law

SESSION LAW 2025-38
HB 959

All **public school districts** in North Carolina are now **required to prohibit students from using, displaying, or having wireless communication devices turned on during instructional time.**

Definitions

Instructional Time: Any TIME classes are in session. Does not include lunch or transitions

Using, Having or Displaying: Devices **CANNOT BE ON or OUT**

Wireless Device: Phones, wireless earbuds/headphones, smart watches, smart glasses and the like.

Failure to meet this expectation will result in consequences based on UCPS Code of Student Conduct.



PWHS Calendar

Monday 9/8	Tuesday 9/9	Wednesday 9/10	Thursday 9/11	Friday 9/12	Saturday 9/13
4:00 Tennis vs Porter Ridge 5:00/6:00 Volleyball vs Buford 5:30 Soccer vs CATA	5:00/6:00 Volleyball vs CATA 4:00 Tennis @ W Stanly	5:30 Soccer at FHHS	Senior Information Night 5:30 Auditorium 6:30 JV Football vs Hickory Ridge 4:00 Tennis @ FHHS 5:00 Volleyball @ Monroe	7:00 Football @ Hickory Ridge	

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PWHS SEINOR NIGHT



SAVE THE DATE **PWHS SENIOR NIGHT**

For after High
School plans

Thursday, September 11, 2025
at 5:30pm
Auditorium





New to Parkwood?



SIGN UP HERE!



must be logged into
your Google account to
sign up

**NEW TO PARKWOOD FROM OUT OF
STATE/COUNTRY??
WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS??
THEN JOIN US FOR A MEET & GREET**

**Monday September 15th
during WIN block
Location: Media Center
Free Donuts and Juice!**



Start With Hello Week

hoi yassou hello	anyoung hola
nǐ hǎo habari	bonjour sveiki
hey privet ciao	namaste buna
swabona ahlan	hallo cześć
kon'nichiwa	kamusta hej
oi sziasztok hai	selam marhabaan



Creating an environment where all cultures are included.

www.sandyhookpromise.org/startwithhelloweek



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 high school 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) until these fees are paid.

The banner features a background image of a smiling woman and a young girl high-fiving. Overlaid on the left is a list of services and four circular icons. The top right corner has a language dropdown and a menu icon. The bottom right corner has social media icons.

English(US) ▾

We make family life a little easier.

- Pay School Fees
- Manage student meal accounts
- Buy school event tickets
- Apply for free and reduced meal application

Icons: 1. Dollar sign in a circle, 2. Document with a dollar sign, 3. Ticket, 4. Smartphone with a checkmark.

Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram



Absence Reminder

Reminder:

We will be exclusively using the new Student Absence Form designed to enhance our ability to accurately track and manage student attendance.

To use the form, you'll first have to create an account.

<https://ucpsapps.ucps.k12.nc.us/absence/index.php?val=high>



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



Start With Hello Week



SEPTEMBER 15-19, 2025

Monday is Meet-N-Greet Monday

At lunch, try sitting with someone new.

Tuesday is Upstander Tuesday

Show your appreciation by saying, "Thank you" to someone who reaches out and helps others.



Wednesday is Green Out!

Wear green today as a symbol of unity and solidarity with Sandy Hook Promise.

Trusted Adult Thursday

Thank a trusted adult.

Moving Forward Friday

During your lunch, receive a piece of candy and a compliment. Join "our pack" by signing the pledge poster to do our part to end social isolation and foster an inclusive community.





UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

P A R E N T

Checklist



INFINITE CAMPUS

- The State Board of Education has moved to a new Student Information System. Beginning this school year, Union County Public Schools will no longer use PowerSchool. [Infinite Campus](#) will be used to access grades, schedules, attendance, assignments and other important school information.
- Tech Fees can be accessed and paid through Infinite Campus.
- Parents must [claim their account](#) and complete the [annual update](#).
- If you have questions about how to claim your account, call your child's school or visit our Infinite Campus page.



SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES – MEAL PAY

- Beginning this school year, Union County Public Schools will begin using [PaySchools Central](#) for school meal payments. The district will no longer use K-12 Payment Center. Balances from K-12 Payment Center will transfer to the new system.
- To pay for school meals, parents should create an account via <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>
- Parents will need their child's Infinite Campus student ID number to register for PaySchools Central and complete a free and reduced meal application.
- To view school meals and menus, visit <https://myschoolmenus.com/organizations/3326>



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SCHOOL NUTRITION **SERVICES – MEAL CHARGES**

- At the August 5 meeting, the Board of Education voted to update its [Operations of School Nutrition Services Policy](#), which included changes to meal charges.
- Due to unpaid meal balances during the 2024-2025 school year, there is approximately \$300,000 in debt that must be paid by Union County Public Schools.
- With the new policy, changes have been made to address negative balances and alternate meals. Review the [School Nutrition Services Policy](#).
- This updated policy does not apply to the 17 Community Eligibility Schools (CEP) that are eligible for free breakfast and lunch meals.



TRANSPORTATION

- Download the [Edulog Parent Portal App](#) to get access to your child's bus schedule, routes and updates from the Transportation Department.
- Bus schedules will be available by August 18.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL **RESOURCES**

- Need information about calendars, bell schedules, transportation, open house schedules and more? Visit the [UCPS back-to-school webpage](#) to access important resources.

HAVE A SAFE AND
wonderful school year!



ESCUELAS PUBLICAS **CONDADO UNION**

LISTA DE VERIFICACIÓN

Para Los Padres



INFINITE **CAMPUS**

- La Junta de Educación del Estado se ha trasladado a un nuevo Sistema de Información Estudiantil. A partir de este año escolar, las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Union ya no usarán PowerSchool. Ahora se utilizará **Infinite Campus** para acceder a calificaciones, horarios, asistencia, tareas y otra información escolar importante.
- A través de Infinite Campus puede acceder y pagar las tarifas de tecnología.
- Los **padres deben obtener su cuenta** y completar la **actualización anual**.
- Si tiene preguntas sobre cómo obtener su cuenta, llame a la escuela de su hijo o visite nuestra página Infinite Campus.



SERVICIOS DE NUTRICION ESCOLAR - **PAGO DE COMIDAS**

- A partir de este año escolar, las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Union comenzarán a utilizar **PaySchools Central** para los pagos de las comidas. El distrito ya no utilizará el Centro de Pagos K-12. Los saldos del Centro de Pagos K-12 se transferirán al nuevo sistema.
- Para pagar las comidas, debe crear una cuenta a través de **<https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>**
- Los padres necesitarán el número de identificación del estudiante de Infinite Campus de su hijo para registrarse en PaySchools Central y completar una solicitud de comidas gratuitas o reducidas.
- Para ver las comidas y menús escolares, visite **<https://myschoolmenus.com/organizations/3326>**



LISTA DE VERIFICACIÓN *Para Los Padres*



SERVICIOS DE NUTRITION ESCOLAR – **COSTO DE COMIDAS**

- En la reunión del 5 de agosto, la Junta de Educación votó para actualizar su [Política de Operaciones](#) de los Servicios de Nutrición Escolar, que incluyó cambios en los cargos por comidas.
- Debido a los saldos no pagados durante el año escolar 2024-2025, hay aproximadamente \$300.000 en deuda que las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Union deben pagar.
- Con la nueva política, se han hecho cambios para abordar los saldos negativos y las comidas alternativas. Revisar [School Nutrition Services Policy](#).
- Esta política actualizada no aplica a las 17 Escuelas de Elegibilidad Comunitaria (CEP) que son elegibles para desayunos y el almuerzos gratis.



TRANSPORTACION

- Descargar la aplicación [Edulog Parent Portal App](#) para obtener acceso al horario, rutas y actualizaciones del autobús de su hijo desde el Departamento de Transporte.
- Los horarios de autobuses estarán disponibles a partir del 18 de agosto.



RECURSOS PARA **EL REGRESO A CLASES**

- Necesita información sobre calendarios, horarios de entrada-salida, transporte, horarios de casas abiertas y más? Visite [UCPS back-to-school webpage](#) para obtener información.

QUE TENGAS UN SEGURO
y maravilloso año escolar!

STAY CONNECTED



www.ucps.k12.nc.us



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.



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.

The Infinite Campus app home screen shows the 'Campus Student' section. It has a 'District Name (Required)' field with 'Union County Public Schools' entered. Below it is a 'State (Required)' dropdown menu with 'Select a state' and a 'Search District' button. There are also links for 'Back to Login' and 'Help'.

The search results screen shows 'Union County Public Schools' selected. A red box highlights the 'NCEdCloud' button. Below it are fields for 'Student Username (Required)' and 'Password (Required)', a 'Stay logged in' checkbox, and a 'Login' button.

The RapidIdentity login screen for NCEdCloud IAM. It says 'Login' and 'Do NOT bookmark this'. There is a 'Username' field, a 'Go' button, and a 'Scan Student QR Code' button. At the bottom, it says 'Don't have an account yet? Claim your account.'

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

The 'Quick Info' section on the homepage shows a 'Fees' link with a yellow triangle icon and an 'Unpaid Balance' link with a right arrow icon. A red arrow points from the 'Fees' link to the 'Fees' menu item in the sidebar.

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

The sidebar menu on the left of the screen shows options: Home, Calendar, Fees (highlighted with a red box), Message Center, and More.

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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

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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.



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





Information on CCP and Applying to College

Career & College Promise Program

Are you interested in taking classes at SPCC through dual enrollment this spring?

- College Transfer Pathways
- Career Technical Pathways
- Most classes count toward elective credit
- Juniors & Seniors must have a 2.8 unweighted GPA or Demonstrate college readiness on an approved assessment or placement test
- Freshman & Sophomores must meet certain academic requirements and may only take certain Career Technical Pathways.

Sign up at this link by September 12th to attend an interest meeting:

<https://bit.ly/PWHSCCPsp26> (must be logged into your school google account to access the form)

Information on Applying to College

Now is the time to start applying to college. Check out the links below based on your goals after high school.

[Senior College Planning Timeline](#)

[Steps for Apply to Four-Year Colleges](#)

[Applying to Community College](#)



Scholarship Information

Scholarships

Seniors need to be searching for scholarships all year long. Where to look:

- Website of all the colleges you are applying to
- Where your parents work, bank and community groups they are involved with
- Free search engines that can be found on our scholarship webpage:
<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4819>
- [Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities list](#) – This list is in order by deadline date and is updated regularly with scholarships as we become aware of them.

Scholarships with September deadlines:

Check the [Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities](#) link for specific details on the list below.

The Gates Scholarship

Deadline to apply: **September 15, 2025.**

***LEVINE SCHOLARSHIP-UNC CHARLOTTE**

**To apply, students must be endorsed by their school counselor or you may self-endorse.

DEADLINE TO [SUBMIT INTEREST FORM](#). TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHOOL

ENDORSEMENT: **September 25, 2025.**

Deadline for self endorsement consideration: **October 15, 2025.**

Deadline to submit UNCC admissions application: November 1, 2025; Levine Application:

November 15, 2025

Quest*Bridge: National College Match:

The application is free! **Deadline 9/30/25.**

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship

Due Date: **September 30th, 2025.**



Colleges Visiting PWHS

Students!

Sign up in SCOIR to Visit with Colleges

- Check in SCOIR to see who is scheduled to visit our campus during the week and sign up to attend by the deadline to participate.

COLLEGE VISITS

DURING WIN (10:00-10:25)

9/10 Davidson College

9/11 UNC Chapel Hill

9/16 Univ. of Alabama @ Birmingham

10/6 High Point University

10/15 Appalachian State Univ.

10/20 Univ. of NC @ Greensboro

10/29 Univ of Massachusetts (Amherst)



Sign up in SCOIR to attend the information session of the visiting colleges. Please check SCOIR frequently, as the list of visiting colleges changes as requests are made and approved. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Johnston in the Counseling Dept.



ACT and SAT Information

College Admissions Tests - ACT and SAT

- Used by many four year colleges and universities in the admission process. Students should check with the colleges they are interested in applying to see if required.
- Recommend juniors take both tests in the spring of Junior year.
- All juniors will take the ACT once for free during the school day in the spring as part of a statewide initiative.
- Seniors should have testing completed by early fall (October/November).
- All additional testing students must sign up to take on a Saturday for a fee. National test dates for 2025-2026 are listed below.

National ACT Dates - <https://www.act.org/>

- Registration fee \$68 for English, Math and reading sections. Science add on fee \$4. Writing add on fee 4.
- Students who receive or qualify for free or reduced lunch may see their counselor for a fee waiver.
- [For more information and to register click here.](#)

ACT Test Date*	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee)
Oct. 18, 2025	Sept. 12, 2025	Sept. 30, 2025
Dec. 13, 2025	Nov. 7, 2025	Nov. 24, 2025
Feb. 14, 2026	Jan. 9, 2026	Jan. 23, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	March 24, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
July 11, 2026	June 5, 2026	June 24, 2026

National SAT Dates - <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>

- Registration fee \$68.
- Students who receive or qualify for free or reduced lunch may see their counselor for a fee waiver.
- For more information and to register go to: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>.

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Sept. 13, 2025	Aug. 29, 2025	Sept. 2, 2025
Oct. 4, 2025	Sept. 19, 2025	Sept. 23, 2025
Nov. 8, 2025	Oct. 24, 2025	Oct. 28, 2025
Dec. 6, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025	Nov. 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	Feb. 27, 2026	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	Apr. 17, 2026	Apr. 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026



College Information

NC College Connect is a program that provides a simpler and faster way to get admitted to college in North Carolina. **s - College Applications NC College Connect**

If you're a senior at a North Carolina public high school with a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, **and you meet the NC College Connect requirements**, you are automatically admitted to select North Carolina colleges and universities. All you need to do is submit a form to accept your admission—it's easy!

Students will be matched to a select list of participating NC College Connect colleges and universities based on their weighted GPA and meeting NC College Connect requirements. While some students may be eligible for direct admission to all institutions, others will not.

Students will still need to pay the application fee if required for each college. Students are encouraged to submit their NC College Connect forms during College Application Week, October 20-26, 2025, to avoid application fees for most participating colleges. Students are encouraged to confirm the final list of College Application Week institutions on CFNC.org, at <https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/>

For more information on requirements and specifics on colleges participating go to this website <https://www.cfnc.org/nc-college-connect/>. If you have additional questions reach out to your counselor.





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.**

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****If you need a parking pass, please see Mr. Moore after completing the application, paying all fees including the parking pass fee****



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