

Wolf Pack Press

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PWHS Calendar

Monday 12/15	Tuesday 12/16	Wednesday 12/17	Thursday 12/18	Friday 12/19	Saturday 12/20
Basketball vs Buford	Swim Meet @ SwimMac Charlotte Latin The Worst Christmas Show - chorus/ band 6:30		Wrestling vs AL Brown/ East Mecklenburg	Student vs Faculty Basketball Game Basketball vs West Stanly Wrestling @ Mallard Creek High School	Indoor Track @ Metrolina Men's Basketball @ Union Academy Wrestling @ Mallard Creek High School

Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wed. 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
Dress code applies with the only exception being - Friday students are permitted to wear pajama pants.				
Hawaiian Sweater Day 	Seasonal Sock Day 	Color Wars Staff-Xmas colors Students - White out 	Christmas Character 	Christmas PJs (no onesies) 

Important information about parking included in this WPP. Any student (seniors, juniors, sophomores) who would like to purchase a parking pass needs to review ALL information carefully. All applications are due by 3:30 PM 12/19/2025.



Student Life

PARKING UPDATE

- The Parking Pass forms will be opened Monday 12/15/2025 by 8:00 AM.
- Any student needing parking through the end of the year must fill out [this form](#) in its entirety with all documents uploaded by 3:30 PM Friday, December 19, 2025. (Must be logged on to student Google account. MUST CLICK SUBMIT AT THE END)
- Late applications will only be addressed IF there are spots available.
- For an application to be considered completed IN FULL, you must:
 - Have application filled out in its entirety
 - Have all documents uploaded and current (up-to-date)
 - Have paid all fees (through PWHS and cafeteria) It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to confirm that all fees have been cleared in the student's InfiniteCampus account **and** with the cafeteria manager.
- A drawing will be held to select students at random on Thursday, January 8, at 4:00 PM via livestream from PWHS Media Center. (Students may attend, but attendance is not required.)
 - Parking spots will be assigned immediately following the drawing.
- \$50 parking permit fee must be paid by end of business day Friday, January 9, or the next student on the waiting list will be notified of availability.
- Parking pass selection will be made as follows:
 - ONLY students who have completed AND SUBMITTED application, all current documentation, all fees paid will be eligible for a parking permit.
 - Selections will be made according to the number of parking spaces available.
 - Any student who meets the criteria for a parking pass, but does not receive one, will be placed on a waiting list in the order selected randomly.



Student Life





New to the News

2025-2026 First Semester Final Exam Testing Schedule

- Any student who has an EOC and a CTE exam scheduled at the same time will be notified by our Career Development Coordinator to reschedule their CTE State exam.
- Students should bring their fully charged computer and their charger to their exams.
- Students who ride the bus in the morning, but do not have an exam until the afternoon, will report to the Student Center for independent study time prior to their afternoon exams.
- For morning exams, students should arrive by 8:10 AM or when the bus drops them off.
- Students will be provided room locations for morning exams.
- Afternoon exams will begin at 1:30. Students should arrive by 1:00 if not already on campus during morning exams.
- Afternoon exams will be located in regular assigned classrooms.
- If English 2 exams scores are returned, we will use Friday January 16 for retakes.

Friday, January 9th

8:30 AM	NC Math 1	NC Math 3	CTE State exams 1st block & 2nd block
1:30 PM	All FIRST BLOCK teacher-made exams		

Monday, January 12th

8:30 AM	Biology	CTE State exams 3rd block
1:30 PM	All SECOND BLOCK teacher-made exams	

Tuesday, January 13th

8:30 AM	English 2	CTE State exams 4th block
1:30 PM	All THIRD BLOCK teacher-made exams	

Wednesday, January 14th

8:30 AM	Retake Math 1	Retake Math 3
1:30 PM	All FOURTH BLOCK teacher-made exams	

Thursday, January 15th

8:30 AM	Retake Biology	Makeup teacher-made exams
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New to the News



SCHOOL WIDE RECYCLING PROJECT

Prospect Elementary is collecting plastic to build a bench for the school!

Send in plastic with your student- it can be dropped off in our collection bins or to Ms. Purcell



WHAT CAN WE COLLECT:

- Clean grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Ice bags
- Plastic shipping envelopes
- Clean ziploc bags
- Cereal bags
- Case overwrap
- Produce bags



All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue

There are still 375 Infinite Campus accounts still not claimed. Please ensure you claim your account to receive important information from the school! Communications may not continue after this WPP if parents don't claim the IC account.

ESPORTS COMPETITION

THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS ARE CALLED TO PARTICIPATE:



CHOOSE THE GAME
YOU
WANT TO PLAY!

SCAN THE
QR CODE
FOR THE
SURVEY -->



Use [this link](#) to nominate for the Teacher of the Month!
(Sponsored by PWHS Superintendent's Student Advisory Council)

Nominate your favorite UCPS teacher for the

\$500

Winter Break Bonus!

Use this link:
[Winter Break Bonus!](#)



Wolf Pack Athletics

WINTER SPORTS COACHES

Athletic Director	Rocky Richar	rocky.richar@ucps.k12.nc.us
Assistant AD	Catie Helms	catie.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us
Athletic Trainer	Zoe Gholson	zoe.gholson@atriumhealth.org
Cheer	Heather McWhorter	eather.mcwhorter@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Basketball	Chance Williams	chance.williams@ucps.k12.nc.us
Swimming/Diving	Susan Rhoads	susan.rhoads@ucps.k12.nc.us/
Women's Basketball	Jesse Boyce	jesse.boyce@ucps.k12.nc.us
Wrestling	Chris Linthicum	chris.linthicum@ucps.k12.nc.us
Winter/Indoor track	Deacon Harris	deacont.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us
	Astrid Weddle	astrid.weddle@ucps.k12.nc.us



[Click here for Athletics
Registration](#)



Use these links for Winter
sports schedules

COMING SOON

Basketball
Swimming
Wrestling
Winter Track

[For athletic event
tickets click here or
on the Go FAN
Icon](#)





Parkwood PTSO

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.**

- We hope all senior enjoyed their Hot Chocolate and cookies this week! The next PTSO sponsored senior event is in February.
- PTSO is hosting a holiday luncheon for our teachers and staff on Dec. 17th! If you would like donate a dessert please click here to sign up!
- Thank you Waxhaw's Musicians in Motion for donating gift cards to our students! We raffled them off and our two winners are: Josiah W. and Adriel M.!
- Thank you to our volunteers who helped with our Slice of Thanks event for our teachers before break!
- Sign up [here](#) to stay up to date with all PTSO news!

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





PWHS Counseling

Who is your counselor?

Troy Harris-9th grade
troy.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us

Stacey Sebastian -last names A - G
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Shari Davison (lead counselor) -last names H - N
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Adrian Atkinson -last names O - Z
adrian.atkinson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Ashlee Reynolds -Student Support
ashlee.reynolds@ucps.k12.nc.us

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.

Additional Support

Mrs. Robyn Mobley – School Social Worker
robyn.mobley@ucps.k12.nc.us

Nakita Brisbon - Behavioral Health Therapist
nakita.brisbon@ucps.k12.nc.us

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](#)



PWHS Counseling

Experience CAROLINA

with the Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs (CHEOP) Office at UNC-Chapel Hill

Have you ever wondered what a typical day on campus is like? Project Uplift and Uplift PLUS offer an opportunity to experience campus life at UNC-Chapel Hill. Led by current UNC students, we provide a warm and inviting space for you to experience Carolina.



PROJECT UPLIFT

2026 Dates : May 30, June 6, and June 13

Project Uplift (PU) is a one-day summer enrichment and college access program that provides students with exposure to life at Carolina.



UPLIFT PLUS

2026 Dates : June 27 - July 11

Uplift PLUS (UP) is an intensive, 2-week on-campus program providing an immersive and engaging experience to prepare the next generation of leaders.



- Enjoy a one-day immersive Carolina experience.
- Engage in an essay writing workshop.
- Get the inside scoop from current Tar Heels on what it's like to be a Carolina student!
- Learn about admissions, scholarships and student aid.



- Participate in academic, social, cultural and experiential learning activities.
- Complete an essay writing course in which you draft your college admissions essay.
- Receive one-on-one mentoring from current Carolina students.
- Gain exposure to campus resources and various schools and units at UNC-Chapel Hill.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Apply online at go.unc.edu/ProjectUpliftandUpliftPLUS. Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for Uplift PLUS.
2. Upload a PDF copy of your unofficial high school transcript.

DEADLINES

Application Opens: January 7, 2026
Application Deadline: March 1, 2026
Decision Notification: April 2026

We encourage you to start your application early!

LEARN MORE AT GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST
Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs



Descubre CAROLINA

con la Oficina de Programas de Oportunidades de Educación Superior de Carolina (CHEOP, por sus siglas en Inglés) en UNC-Chapel Hill

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado cómo es un día típico en el campus? Project Uplift y Uplift PLUS te ofrecen la oportunidad de experimentar la vida en el campus de la UNC-Chapel Hill. Dirigidos por estudiantes actuales de la UNC, te ofrecemos un espacio cálido y acogedor para que disfrutes de Carolina.



PROJECT UPLIFT

Fechas de 2026 : 30 de mayo, 6 de junio, y 13 de junio

Project Uplift (PU) es un programa de enriquecimiento que se centra en el acceso a la universidad. El programa ofrece a los estudiantes la oportunidad de conocer la vida en Carolina.



UPLIFT PLUS

Fechas de 2026 : 27 de junio - 11 de julio

Uplift PLUS (UP) es un programa residencial intensivo de dos semanas que ofrece una experiencia inmersiva para preparar a la próxima generación de líderes.



- Disfruta de una experiencia inmersiva de un día en Carolina.
- Participa en un taller de escritura de ensayos.
- ¡Descubre cómo es ser estudiante en Carolina directamente de estudiantes actuales!
- Aprende sobre admisiones, becas, y ayuda financiera para estudiantes.



- Participar en actividades académicas, sociales, culturales, y de aprendizaje experiencial.
- Toma un curso de escritura para escribir tu ensayo para admisión a la universidad.
- Recibe orientación y consejos personalizados de estudiantes actuales de Carolina.
- Aprende sobre los recursos del campus y las diferentes escuelas y unidades de UNC-Chapel Hill.

¿CÓMO APLICAR?

1. Aplica en línea en go.unc.edu/ProjectUpliftandUpliftPLUS. Indica en tu formulario si quieres ser considerado para Uplift PLUS.
2. Sube una copia PDF de tus calificaciones de la escuela secundaria.

FECHAS LÍMITE

La Aplicación Se Abre: 7 de enero de 2026
La Aplicación Se Cierra: 1 de marzo de 2026
La Notificación de la Decisión: abril de 2026

¡Le recomendamos que comience su aplicación con prontitud!

APRENDE MÁS EN GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST
Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs



Seniors share your scholarship offers with us using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/PWHS Scholarships26>

Share all offers received even if you are not going to accept the scholarship.

Seniors that share their offers will be rewarded with a Sweet Treat Celebration in May!





PWHS Counseling

Financial Aid for College

When to Apply - www.FAFSA.gov

- Seniors may begin applying using the **2026-2027 FAFSA**
- You and your parent/guardian can also prepare by applying by creating your studentaid.gov account or FSA ID at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. Your FSA ID enables both you and your parent/guardian to sign your FAFSA electronically.

Financial Aid Websites:

- www.fafsa.gov
- www.cfnc.org
- www.studentaid.gov
- <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>

ACT Information

National ACT Dates -

<https://www.act.org/>

- Registration fee \$68 for English, Math and reading sections. Add on fee \$4 for each Science and Writing
- 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.](#)

Next test dates:

02/14/2026

Regular registration- 01/09/2026

Late registration- 01/23/2026 (fee applies)

04/11/2026

Regular registration- 03/06/2026

Late registration- 03/24/2026 (fee applies)

SAT Information

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>

Next test dates:

03/14/2026

Regular registration- 02/27/2026

Late registration- 03/03/2026 (fee applies)

05/02/2026

Regular registration- 04/17/2026

Late registration- 04/21/2026 (fee applies)

Scholarships!

[Wolf Pack](#)

[Scholarship](#)

[Opportunities](#) – This list is in order by deadline date and is updated regularly with scholarships as we become aware of them.



From previous issues ...

School Nutrition/ Cafeteria Updates

Applications for Free and Reduced Meals must be renewed annually. School Nutrition Services provides a 30-day grace period at the beginning of each school year to those who were approved the previous year.

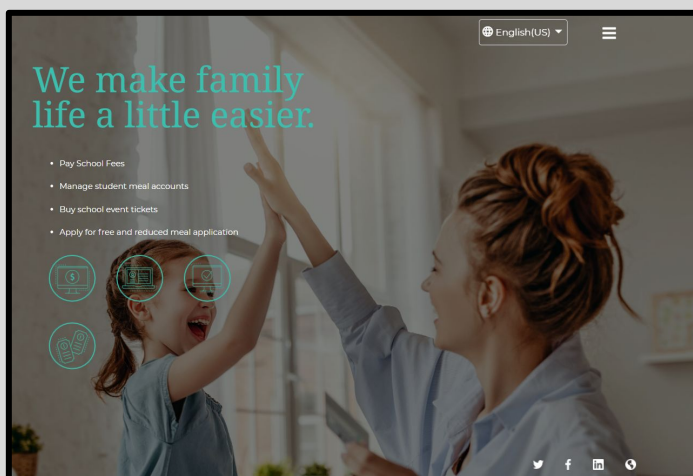
The grace period ended October 8, 2025. If applications are not renewed, meals will no longer be free starting October 9, 2025.

(<https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>)

[PaySchools Central](https://www.payschoolscentral.com/) 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.



From previous issues

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.

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>

Infinite Campus – Student Access



Link to tutorial [HERE](#).



From previous issues

Infinite Campus - student fees

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)



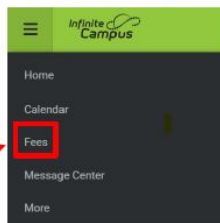
- If using the **smartphone app** type in: **Union County Public Schools** for District Name and **select North Carolina** for State. Click "Search District"
- Click the "NCEdCloud" button to get to the RapidIdentity login screen.

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

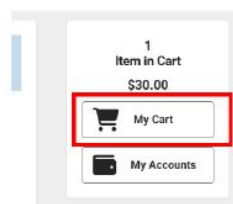
- You will be prompted after successful login if you want to "stay logged in". Choose "Yes" or "No".
- The Infinite Campus homepage has a quick link to your fees



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

- 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



Payment Method (Required)
No payment methods available
[Add Payment Method](#)

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS





In every issue ...

Major Clarity Career Plans

Career Plans

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

Required components of a Career Development Plan (CDP):

- Update to date Career Assessment
- Update to date Learning Assessment
- Pathway Selection

- Academic Course Planning

Other items that may be included:

- Resume, FAFSA Completion,
- Post Secondary Plans,

- Add activities, awards, credentials and test scores



In every issue ...



Student Parking

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.

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.**

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.

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.**

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



In every issue ...

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO UCPS ABSENCE REPORT FORM



Create your account:

Parent or guardian must create an account. The system will not accept submissions from student email account. PWHS will review accounts created to ensure that the email address used matches the parent email address in Infinite Campus.



Report Absences

Parent or gaurdian will submit all absences digitally via the absent 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.
- PWHS may only accept a max. of 5 absences per semester excused with a parent not. After 5 days, only a doctor's note will be accepted.



Report Absences

Once your account has been created, use this link to log in and begin reporting absences.



Are there any questions:

For quesiotns regarding attenance, please call the school.

[Submit an Absence Form](#)

[Presentar un formulario de ausencia](#)

GUÍA PASO A PASO PARA EL FORMULARIO DE AUSENCIA



Crea tu cuenta.

La cuenta debe ser creada solo por el padre o tutor del estudiante. La escuela de PWHS va a revisar y verificar que la cuenta corresponde al mismo correo electrónico que se tiene en el sistema de la escuela, por razones de seguridad.



Reporta la razón por la ausencia.

Los padres o tutor del estudiante debe documentar la razón por la ausencia. Esta documentación se hace de manera digital por medio de este formulario en Microsoft. En el mismo lugar donde usted creó su cuenta.



Tenga en cuenta.

Solo puede reportar un solo día de ausencia a la vez.

No puede reportar ausencias por adelantado. Debe adjuntar la documentación para la excusa. Parkwood High solo acepta el equivalente a 5 días escolares por medio de una excusa escrita por un padre o tutor del estudiante. Después de esos 5 días, solo se aceptarán notas de personal médico.



Reporte la razón por la que se faltó:

Después de crear su cuenta, use este link usando este código de QR para reportar la ausencia



Si todavía tiene preguntas.

Por favor comuníquese con la escuela al número de teléfono que está aquí abajo.



In every issue ...

[PWHS Student Handbook](#)
[UCPS BOE Student Handbook](#) (includes attendance and dress code information)

[Parents' Bill of Rights](#)

[Edulog](#) for Bus Transportation Zone

[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. Boyes between 12:00 - 2:00