Wolf Pack Press

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PWHS Calendar

Monday 03/09	Tuesday 03/10	Wednesday 03/11	Thursday 03/12	Friday 03/13	Saturday 03/14
Softball vs Porter Ridge Tennis vs Metrolina Soccer @ South Stanly	Soccer vs West Stanly Tennis vs Monroe Baseball @ Mt. Pleasant Golf @ Mt. Pleasant Softball @ Anson	Baseball vs Buford Tennis vs South Stanly	Golf @ Anson Tennis @ West Stanly Softball @ Porter Ridge Track @ RRC Soccer @ Anson	Optional Teacher Workday Baseball vs Mt. Pleasant	Track @ Sun Valley

Interested in serving as a buddy for elementary Field Day events? Fill out this Google Form: https://forms.gle/es7Xjy3Wshv7TUDp8

Attendance, grades, and behavior criteria apply

PROM Ticket Sales

Prom is May 2nd, 2026 from 8 – 11 pm. **You must have a photo ID to enter.**

Pricing and Dates:

(Please note, there will only be two ticket prices this year!!!)

Price of $50 per ticket March 23 – April 2nd: **(before spring break)**
Price of $75 per ticket April 13 – THURSDAY April 30th

NO tickets will be sold the day before Prom (May 1st, Friday) or the day of Prom.
Get your tickets EARLY!

Ticket Sale Information:

You must pay your fees before a ticket will be sold to you. Your guest must also have paid all of their fees to get a ticket. (See Mrs. Polzin in main office with fee questions)

- Ticket sales will begin online and in person, on Monday, March 23rd.
- **(Online sales on GoFan)** Students will only be able to purchase online if you have no cafeteria OR infinite campus fees listed, as of March 19th. Any students who have fees listed after March 19th will not have access online and **must purchase their tickets in person.**
- **(In person, cash and check ONLY)** Tickets will be sold in person by Mrs. Goltsch (ISS) during the mornings ONLY from 8:00 until 8:20. No tickets will be sold after 8:20 am.

OUTSIDE GUEST INFORMATION: Guest Ticket must be bought IN PERSON

- Guests who are not current Parkwood High school students must go through an approval process which takes about a week once the paper form has been submitted in person.
- We will be releasing the "Non-Parkwood Guest" Forms on Monday, March 16th in the front office. The requirements are very specific and must be followed. **Those forms must be turned back in before Friday, April 17th at 3:30pm** to be considered/go through the approval process.

New to the News

Registration Information

Registration for next year has begun. Students in 9th-11th grade received information in homeroom. Please ask your student to see the information received, which includes a registration form, graduation requirements and elective opportunities.

Here is the timeline for registration.

- March 16 – Parent can review final requests in Infinite Campus and approve online.

Registration Website: https://bit.ly/PWRegistration26-27

SPCC Career & College Promise

Interested in taking SPCC community college classes next year through the Career & College Promise Classes fill out the interest link: https://bit.ly/PWCCP26-27 (students must be logged into their school google account to access the form)

New to the News

HEART OF A CHAMPION DAY

Atrium Health

Free high school sports physicals for student-athletes entering grades 9 through 12.

Students must be enrolled at an Atrium Health partner high school to participate.

Saturday, May 2, 2026 • 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Schools will be assigned a specific time slot. Physical should take approximately one hour to complete

Atrium Health Union West
1000 Healing Way Matthews, NC 28104

Each student-athlete will receive the following free services from our team of expert providers:

- Review of medical history
- General wellness sports screening for North and South Carolina
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) - This is a heart screening for sudden cardiac death to detect health risks before they become issues
- Echocardiogram (ECHO) to be scheduled if needed
- Orthopedic screening (musculoskeletal exam)
- Vision exam
- Registered Dietitian
- Hands-Only CPR training

Please register using the link or QR code between February 2nd and April 10th:

REGISTER HERE

For registration questions, please email hocday@atriumhealth.org

Please note:
The exam is a screening for school sports — not a complete physical — and does not replace the need for an annual physical with your doctor

Click here to **LEARN MORE**
or visit **atriumhealth.org/heart-of-a-champion**

* Photo and video will be taken at each event and used for marketing purposes.

Atrium Health
OFFICIAL PARTNER OF THE CAROLINA PANTHERS

HEART OF A CHAMPION DAY

Atrium Health

Exámenes físicos gratuitos para deportes escolares
Para estudiantes-atletas que ingresan a los grados 9 a 12

Los estudiantes deben estar inscritos en una escuela secundaria asociada con Atrium Health para participar.

Sábado, 2 de mayo de 2026 • 8 a.m. a 2 p.m

Las escuelas tendrán un horario asignado. El examen físico tomará aproximadamente una hora

Atrium Health Union West
1000 Healing Way Matthews, NC 28104

Cada estudiante-atleta recibirá los siguientes servicios gratuitos con nuestro equipo de expertos:

- Revisión del historial médico
- Evaluación general de bienestar deportivo para Carolina del Norte y del Sur
- Electrocardiograma (ECG) — examen cardíaco para detectar riesgos antes de que se conviertan en problemas
- Ecocardiograma (ECHO) programado si es necesario
- Evaluación ortopédica (examen musculoesquelético)
- Examen de la vista
- Consulta con dietista registrado
- Entrenamiento en RCP (solo usando manos)

Regístrese usando el enlace o código QR entre el 2 de febrero y el 10 de abril

Regístrate aquí

Para preguntas sobre el registro, envíe un correo electrónico hocday@atriumhealth.org

Nota:
El examen es una evaluación para deportes escolares — no un examen físico completo — y no reemplaza la necesidad de un examen anual con su médico.

Haga clic aquí para **OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN**
o visite atriumhealth.org/heart-of-a-champion

* Se tomarán fotos y videos en cada evento para fines de marketing.

Atrium Health
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New to the News

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

Annual Parkwood Athletic Golf Tournament

Get ready to hit the greens and support a great cause at the 2026 Parkwood High School Athletics Golf Tournament! Hosted by Parkwood High School and sponsored by Jenkins and Lowery PLS, P.A., this exciting event will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Monroe Country Club.This captain's choice tournament will feature a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. and promises a fun and competitive day for golfers of all skill levels. Registration includes greens fees, cart fees, and breakfast, making it a great value for teams and individuals alike.

All proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit Parkwood High School's athletic programs, helping fund equipment, uniforms, and facility upgrades for student-athletes. Teams of four are encouraged to register, and hole sponsors are also welcomed to help make the event a success.

In addition to team prizes, participants can look forward to contests such as Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin, as well as a silent auction and other opportunities to win great prizes.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy a fantastic day of golf while supporting Parkwood student-athletes. Gather your team, become a sponsor, and join us for a memorable event on the course!

You can register here at:
https://students.arbitersports.com/programs/2026-parkwood-high-school-athletics-golf-tournament-sponsored-by-jenkins-and-lowery-pls-p-a?utm_source=ig&utm_medium=social&utm_content=link_in_bio

Wolf Pack Athletics

SPRING SPORTS COACHES

Spring Sports	Head Coach	Email
Baseball Varsity Head Coach	Chad Nichols	chad.nichols@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Golf Head Coach	Sam Mobley	samuel.mobley@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Tennis Head Coach	Kristy Erdelyi	kristy.erdelyi@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Track and Field Head Coach	Wyne McGriff	wynemcgriff4@gmail.com
Women's Track and Field Head Coach	Deacon Harris	deacont.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us
Softball Varsity Head Coach	Toby Ruth	tobyruth2000@yahoo.com
Women's Varsity Soccer Head Coach	Tori Lavoie	torilavoie11@gmail.com
Men's Volleyball Head Coach (club)	Kam Bowles	kamrynbowles@icloud.com
Cheer Stunt Head Coach (club)	Heather McWhorter	heather.mcwhorter@ucps.k12.nc.us

GO FAN
the TICKET TO HIGH SCHOOL

Click here for Athletics Registration

PARKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
WOLF PACK

For athletic event tickets click here or on the Go FAN Icon

WE ARE WOLF PACK

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.**

- Sign up here to stay up to date with all PTSO news!

- - Next PTSO Meeting is April 1st, No joking around-- See you there!
- - Next Senior event is March 17th- Nachos!! We are partnering with the Parkwood Senior Committee.
- - Thank you to the families that donated school supplies! Be on the lookout for pictures!
- - **PTSO is looking for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4th to 8th) Sponsors- If you are interested please email us at: parkwoodptso@gmail.com**
- - PTSO Senior Scholarship applications open! Apply here!

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

PTSO

Parent Teacher Student Organization

PWHS Counseling

Who is your counselor?

(Updated 02/23/2026)

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

Adrian Atkinson -last names C and O - Z
adrian.atkinson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Ashlee Reynolds -last names D - G and Student Support
ashlee.reynolds@ucps.k12.nc.us

Shari Davison (lead counselor) -last names A - B and H - N
shari.davison@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

R. Flake Shaw and N. B. Nicholson Scholarships

Union County Farm Bureau is now accepting applications fo
our annual scholarships, including the R. Flake Shaw and N. B. Nicholson awards.
These scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, and a dedicated interest in agriculture or agriculture-related fields. Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply and take advantage of this opportunity for financial support toward their education.
University and community college applications should be emailed to: ncb scholarship@ncfb.org

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

https://bit.ly/PWHSScholarships26

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:

04/11/2026
Regular registration- 03/06/2026
Late registration- 03/24/2026 (fee applies)

06/13/2026
Regular registration- 05/08/2026
Late registration- 05/29/2026 (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

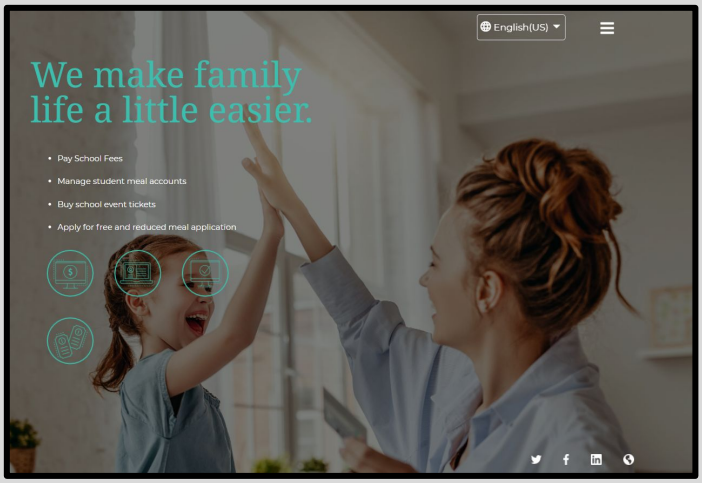
Applications for Free and Reduced Meals must be renewed annually. School Nutrition Services provides a 30-day grace period at the beginning of each school year to those who were approved the previous year.

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 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.

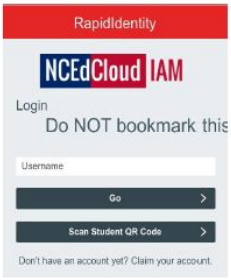
From previous issues
Infinite Campus - student fees

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.**

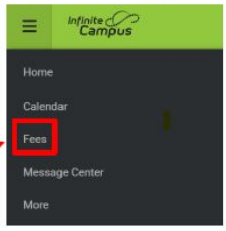


Type in your student number and password. This is the same information as you would have used for PowerSchool. After logging in, click the "NCSIS – PSU 900" link. (this is the replacement for PowerSchool).

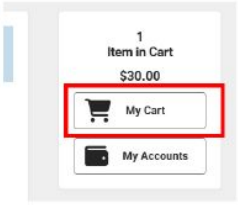
NCSIS - PSU 900
North Carolina Student Information System – PSU 900

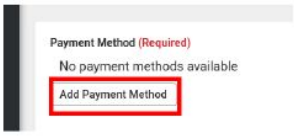
- You will be prompted after successful login if you want to "stay logged in". Choose "Yes" or "No".
- The Infinite Campus homepage has a quick link to your fees

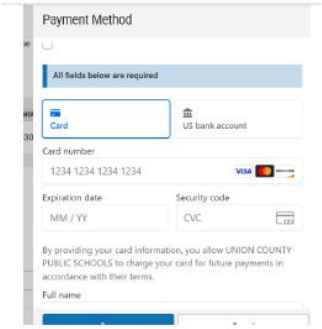
- There is also a "fees" menu on the left of the screen.



- 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!







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 InfiniteCampus, are identified as being in grades 10 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.

-Applicants **MUST** pay any outstanding student financial obligations. See Infinite Campus for any previous year's cafeteria fees and all technology and other school related fees. You must also verify with the cafeteria that you do not have any current balance. **Your parking pass will not be issued if you have any outstanding balance.**

-Please fill out the Student Parking Application Form: **Click HERE.**

Parking passes may be purchased through the School Store on Infinite Campus.

After completing your application and ensuring all fees are paid, you may see Mr. Moore for your parking pass.

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 digitallyh 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

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.

Presentar un formulario de ausencia

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